

**Public Participation Plan for
Proposed Amendments to
Rule 391-4-3-.06 Pertaining to Size Limits,
Rule 391-4-3-.13 Pertaining to Fishing Methods, and
Rule 391-4-3-.14 Pertaining to Catch and Release Fishing**

Proposed amendments to Department of Natural Resources Rules 391-4-3-.06 (pertaining to size limits), 391-4-3-.13 (pertaining to fishing methods) and Rules 391-4-3-.14 (pertaining to catch and release fishing) are being considered. The proposed amendments are reflective of customer desires related to trout fishing. Public input is an important component of the decision-making process. The plan for receiving and considering public input includes publicly noticing the proposed rules, holding a virtual public hearing through WRD's Facebook page, and the acceptance of written, verbal, and electronic comments.

WRD staff will brief the Board of Natural Resources on the proposed amendments in draft form in June. The proposed amendments will then be publicly noticed as required under the Administrative Procedures Act, O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-33-4. At least 30 days prior to Board action, the public notice will be forwarded to legislative counsel and mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on the mailing list and have tendered the actual cost of such mailing. All interested people will be given an opportunity to submit written comments to WRD by mail, telephone, or electronically. Following the public comment process, the Board of Natural Resources will consider the proposed rule and any comments received on August 22, 2023 at 9:00 A.M. at 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Schedule for Public Participation on Proposed Amendments to
Rules 391-4-3-.06, 391-4-3-.13, and 391-4-3-.14**

Description of Action	Action Date
Present proposed amendments to Board's Wildlife Resources' Committee	June 27, 2023
APA notice distributed, posted on website and provided to legislative counsel and Office of State Administrative Hearings	June 29, 2023
Virtual Public Hearing (live via WRD's Facebook page at 7:00 P.M.)	July 20, 2023
Deadline for submitting comments on proposed amendment	July 28, 2023
Final approval by Board of Natural Resources	August 22, 2023