



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 136 [2003 Assembly Bill 284]	Fish Health Determinations
2003 Acts: www.legis.state.wi.us/2003/data/acts/	Act Memos: www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/act_memo/act_memo.htm

A person who operates a fish farm must register the fish farm annually with the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). [See s. 95.60, Stats.]

2003 Wisconsin Act 136 repeals the requirement in the former statute for a fish farm operator to obtain an annual health certificate from a veterinarian or from a person who has the qualifications specified by DATCP for issuing a fish health certificate. The fish health certificate under the former statute applied to fish eggs present on the fish farm or fish reared on the fish farm, with certain exceptions. In lieu of the requirement for an annual fish health certificate, Act 136 authorizes DATCP to promulgate rules that require any evidence of fish health that DATCP deems necessary.

Act 136 also deletes a requirement from the former statute for DATCP to consult with the Department of Natural Resources when it promulgates rules specifying the qualifications a person who is not a veterinarian must have in order to provide evidence of fish health.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.