Assembly Bill 14

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CHAPTER 63, LAWS OF 1967

AN ACT to amend 29.33 (1) of the statutes, relating to limited entry for net and set hook fishing in the outlying waters of Lake Superior, and granting rule-making authority.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

29.33 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.33 (1) Any person desiring to conduct commercial fishing operations on any of the outlying waters shall first obtain a commercial fishing license. The conservation commission may limit the number of such licenses to be issued and designate the areas in the outlying waters of Lake Superior under the jurisdiction of this state where such licensees may conduct commercial fishing operations. These determinations shall be based on the available harvestable population of fish and in the wise use and conservation of such fish so as to prevent overexploitation. The commission may adopt rules defining the qualifications of licensees in the reasonable exercise of this authority, giving due consideration to residency, past record, fishing and navigation ability and quantity and quality of equipment possessed. The application for such license shall be made to the conservation commission on a blank provided for that purpose, accompanied by the fee specified in sub. (2). Such application shall state the name and residence of the applicant, the manner in which he proposes to fish, the name or number, over-all length, gross tonnage, and value of his boat, the name of the port from which the boat will operate, and the number and kind of nets and hooks or other gear he intends to use, the value of his real estate used in connection with commercial fishing and such other information as may be is required for statistical purposes. "Over-all length" means the minimum distance between the extreme outside end of the bow and the stern using the nearest whole number of feet. The license fee shall be based on the over-all length of the boat if a boat is used. Such license shall be issued, in accordance with s. 29.09, to any duly qualified applicant.

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