DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

January 14, 2000

1. In accordance with the draft language provided with the instructions for this draft, this draft identifies the types of rules that the department of natural resources may promulgate concerning fishing tournaments. There is always a risk, when setting out a list of possible rules such as the one in this draft, that this language could be interpreted to imply that these are the only rules that the department may promulgate concerning fishing tournaments. For this reason, you may wish to consider having this draft redrafted so that the language simply gives the department general authority to promulgate rules regulating fishing tournaments. This would give the department authority to promulgate the kinds of rules identified in the draft but would not limit the department to the promulgation of rules regulating only certain conduct or activities.

2. As with other applicants for approvals issued by DNR, under this draft, an applicant for a fishing tournament permit must provide his or her social security number under s. 29.024 (2g) for the purpose of determining if the applicant is delinquent in making child support payments. The draft does not require, however, that the applicant provide a social security number or federal employer identification number as is required for certain approvals under s. 29.024 (2r) for the purpose of determining if the applicant is liable for delinquent taxes. If you intended to include this requirement for applicants for fishing tournament permits, please let me know and I will re–draft accordingly.

3. The draft language provided for this proposal included a penalty of, among others, a forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 for violating the fishing tournament statutes or rules or the conditions of a particular permit. Because s. 29.971 (1) (a) provides for such a forfeiture for a violation of any requirement of ch. 29 relating to fishing or fish dealing, I did not draft separate language for this penalty.

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