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AN ACT *to create* 29.886 of the statutes; **relating to:** the management of double-crested cormorants and granting rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

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

Section 1. 29.886 of the statutes is created to read:

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- **29.886 Management of double-crested cormorants. (1)** In this section:
 - (a) "U.S. depredation order" means the depredation order for double-crested cormorants to protect public resources that was issued by the U.S. department of interior, fish and wildlife service, in 50 CFR 21.48, to reduce or minimize the wildlife damage caused by double-crested cormorants.
- 9 (b) "Wildlife damage" means adverse impacts on fish, including fish hatchery stock, wildlife, plants, and their habitats.

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(2) The department shall, in cooperation with federal agencies, administer a program in a manner that complies with the U.S. depredation order to control and manage double-crested cormorants in order to reduce wildlife damage caused by double-crested cormorants.

5 (END)