DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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This redraft amends current law to add a reference to a "bolt" in ch. 29 wherever both the term "crossbow" and "bow and arrow" are used in the same provision of the statutes. I did not limit that change to only those statutes that concern fishing for rough fish because of the potential for confusion if some statutes refer to a "crossbow" and others refer to a "crossbow and bolt." Historically, I think that the reason that "bow and arrow" is used in the statutes, rather than simply "bow," is to distinguish hunting with a "traditional" bow from hunting with a crossbow. If so, you may want to consider whether the addition of the reference to a bolt is necessary in any of these statutes unless you are trying to limit the type of projectile that can be shot from a crossbow.

Please also note that in amending the definition of "rough fish" under s. 29.001 (74), I added "asian carp" rather that "all species of asian carp" as requested. This is because the definition of rough fish under current law includes specific fish, rather than "all species" of those fish. If the definition of "rough fish" is amended to include "all species of asian carp," then this implies that the other listed fish in the definition do not include "all species" of those listed fish. For the same reason, I did not incorporate the additional language specifying the species that are "included" in the term "asian carp." Please let me know if this does not accomplish your objective.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions with regard to this draft.

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