## DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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Certain of the instructions for this draft were somewhat vague. One instruction was to exempt net pens from fish farm registration. Under current law, not only must fish farms be registered but also persons who bring fish or fish eggs into the state for introduction into the waters of this state must have a permit. See s. 95.60 (2) (a), stats. I have assumed that you wanted the exemption to apply to both the registration and the permit requirements. Please let me know if my assumption is incorrect.

The instructions also indicated that the net pens should be exempt from DATCP fish health rules. Elsewhere, the instructions provided that fish placed into the net pen would have to meet DATCP health standards. These instructions seem to be contradictory. Consequently, the draft does not exempt fish that are placed in net pens from DATCP rules. Again, please let me know if this does not meet your intent.

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