AN ACT to create 29.630 and 29.709 (5) of the statutes; relating to: raffling lake sturgeon from state fish hatcheries.

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

SECTION 1. 29.630 of the statutes is created to read:

29.630 Raffling lake sturgeon from state fish hatcheries. (1) The organization known as Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Inc., may annually request that the department transfer not more than 15 carcasses of lake sturgeon from state fish hatcheries to be awarded as prizes in a raffle, subject to the requirements of subch. VIII of ch. 563.

(2) For any raffle conducted under sub. (1), the organization known as Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Inc., shall do all of the following:

(a) Preserve all sturgeon carcasses received from the department for taxidermy and mounting.

(b) Provide to each person who receives a sturgeon carcass a certificate of transfer furnished by the department, to be retained by the person receiving the sturgeon carcass.

(c) Use all proceeds from the raffle to promote sturgeon management, conduct sturgeon habitat management, promote sturgeon reintroduction, or further sturgeon research.

SECTION 2. 29.709 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

29.709 (5) Transfer the carcasses of lake sturgeon from state fish hatcheries as part of routine rearing practices to be used in raffles as provided in s. 29.630.