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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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### CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 11-049

#### Comments

**[NOTE]:** All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the **Administrative Rules Procedures Manual**, prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated November 2011.

#### **2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code**

a. The rule summary should contain all 13 headings listed in s. 1.02 (2), Manual. If there is no information under a particular heading, the heading is to be included and the text should state that there is no information. Therefore, heading #11 should be included, along with a statement that there is no information. Also, information on the agency contact person should be included in heading #12. Finally, a heading #13 should be added to identify the location and deadline for submission of comments regarding the proposed rule.

b. The effective date language in SECTION 2 should be changed to the following: “This rule shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.” [s. 1.02 (4), Manual.]

#### **5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language**

a. The first two paragraphs of the plain language analysis would be clearer if rewritten as follows:

SECTION 1 of the order adds 6 days to the commercial harvest season for whitefish from Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

The Natural Resources Board approved an emergency rule (FH-22-11E) in October 2011 to extend the whitefish season on Lake Michigan and Green Bay for an additional 6 days so that the season ends on October 31 instead of October

25. This change was made for the benefit of Wisconsin commercial fishing businesses. This proposed rule would make permanent the extension of the season to October 31.

b. In SECTION 1, the title "OPEN SEASONS." should be inserted after the "(1)" in the text of s. NR 25.05 (1) (c). Also, as shown in the current Administrative Code provision, the letters "A", "B", and "C" should be inserted, respectively, directly above "Green Bay", "Lake Michigan", and "Lake Superior". Also, there appears to be a typographical error in the opening date for the whitefish season for Lake Superior. The emergency rule referenced above did not change the opening date of November 28 for the Lake Superior whitefish season as shown in the current Administrative Code provision. However, this proposed rule shows that date as November 26.