

Clearinghouse Rule 09-083

Report to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse NR 25, Wis. Adm. Code Natural Resources Board Order No. FH-23-09

Wisconsin Statutory Authority

Sections 23.11(1), 29.014(1), 29.041, 29.519(lm)(b), and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Federal Authority

N/A

Court Decisions Directly Relevant

None

Analysis of the Rule – Rule Effect – Reason for the Rule

The rule increases the annual total allowable commercial harvest of lake whitefish from the three fishing zones in Lake Michigan. All harvest limits, and therefore all individual quotas, will be increased by 16.6 %. The overall lake-wide total allowable commercial harvest is increased by 410,000 pounds from 2,470,000 pounds to 2,880,000 pounds. For the three zones the increases are as follows: Zone 1 – 225,518 to 262,952 pounds, Zone 2 – 2,029,662 to 2,366,569 pounds, and Zone 3 – 214,820 to 250,479 pounds. The rule was initiated in response to requests from commercial fishers.

Agency Procedures for Promulgation

Public hearing, Natural Resources Board final adoption, followed by legislative review.

Description of any forms

None

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