United States of America THE STATE OF WISCONSIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION



To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:

I, L. P. Voigt

Inly 2, 1964 11:15 am

WCD 19.090

Director of the Conservation Commission of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Conservation Commission Order

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has been compared by me with the original order in my custody and

on file in the office of the Conservation Commission at Madison, Wisconsin, and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original order; that said order was duly passed and published as set forth therein.

> In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State Conservation Commission of Wisconsin at the State Office Building in the City of Madison, this<u>lst</u>

19 64 day of July **Conservation Director**

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

'IN THE MATTER OF repealing and ' recreating section WCD 19.09 of ' 'the Wisconsin Administrative ' 'Code relating to the harvesting ' 'and gathering of wild rice '

Order No. WR-985

ORDER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMPLESION OF WISCONSIN ADOPTING, AFENDING OR REPEALING FULLES

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State Conservation Coundssion of Wisconsin by section 29.544, Wis. Stats., the said State Conservation Commission of Wisconsin hereby adopts rules as follows:

Section 1. Section WCD 19.09 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is repealed and recreated to read:

WCD 19.09 Wild Rice conservation. (1) A closed season is established for the harvesting or gathering of wild rice in the following described areas at all times except as hereinafter provided and it is unlawful for any person to harvest or gather wild rice in any manner or at any time during such closed season.

(2) The conservation director is authorized and directed, after determining by investigation and study that the wild rice is ripe, to designate the open season for harvesting or gathering wild rice in each of the hereinafter following described areas. Such open season in any such area to begin not earlier than August 15 and to continue in effect for not more than 60 days. Such open season in any such area as designated by the conservation director pursuant to this subsection shall be put into effect by posting of proper notice of such open season on the shores of, and at places of public access to, the lakes and streams in which such open season is effective at least 46 hours before the beginning of such open season.

(a) ASHLAND COUNTY. All waters north of Highway 2 including outlying waters.

(b) BAYFIELD COUNTY. Namekagon River from Namekagon Lake downstream to the town road in section 9, T43N, R6W, Totogatic Lake. Order No. WR-985

(c) BURNETT COUNTY. Bashaw Lake, Big Clam Lake, Briggs Lake, Gaslyn Lake, Long Lake, Loon Lake, Fud Hen Lake, Rice Lake, Yellow River from Rice Lake downstream to the Highway 35 bridge, Yellow River Flowage on Yellow River from Yellow Lake downstream to the Danbury dam in section 33, T41N, R17W.

(d) DOUGLAS COUNTY. Allouez Bay in the City of Superior, Big Pokegama River from the Highway 105 bridge downstream to the St. Louis River, Lower Ox Lake, Mulligan Lake, Minong Flowage, St. Croix Flowage on the St. Croix River from St. Croix Lake downstream to the dam at Cordon in section 36, T44N, R13W, St. Louis River waters including connected bays, bayous, sloughs and backwaters from the Highway 23 bridge downstream to Lake Superior, Totogatic River from Smith's bridge in section 32, T43N, R12W to Rice Creek.

(e) FOREST COUNTY. Riley Lake, Big Rice Lake and Wabigon Lake.

(f) LINCOLN COUNTY. Pine Creek Flowage.

(E) MARINETTE COUNTY. Noquebay Lake.

(h) ONEIDA COUNTY. Wolf River in the towns of Schoepke and Monico, Wisconsin River from the bridge at McNaughton downstream to the dam at Rhinelander, Cary Lake, Spur Lake.

(i) POLK COUNTY. Balsam Branch, Glenton Lake, Little Butternut Lake, Rice Lake, Rice Bed Creek in the Town of Johnstown, Straight River from the Highway 48 bridge downstream to Big Round Lake.

(j) PRICE COUNTY. Squaw Creek from the west Oneida County line downstream to Pike Lake.

(k) SAWYER COUNTY. Billy Boy Flowage from Little Lac Court Oreilles on the Couderay River downstream to the Billy Boy dam in section 19, T39N, R8W, west fork of Chippewa River from Cattail Lake downstream to Moose Lake including Meadow and Partridge Crop Lakes, Misky Bay located in sections 10 and 11, T39N, R9W on Big Lac Court Oreilles Lake, Pac-wa-wong Flowage on the Namekagon River from the south Bayfield County line downstream to Chech dam in section 3, T42N, R8W, Phipps Flowage on the Namekagon River from the Highway 63 bridge downstream to the Phipps Dam in section 6, T41N, R8W.

(1) VILAS COUNTY, Allequash Lake, Little Rice Lake, Nixon Lake, Irving Lake, Aurora Lake, West Plum Lake, Devine Lake, West Ellerson Lake, Micheys Mid Lake, Frost Lake, Rice Lake, Sand Lake, Sugar Bush Chain.

(m) WASHBURN COUNTY. Boyer Creek in the Town of Sarona, Gilmore Lake, Long Lake, Mud Lake, Rice Lake, Spring Lake, Tranus Lake.

There is no closed season for the harvesting or gathering of wild rice in any other area of the State of Wisconsin not herein described.

(3) It is unlawful for any person to harvest or gather any wild rice in any area of the State of Wisconsin between the hours of 4:00 p.m. Central Standard Time and the following 9:00 a.m.

(4) It is unlawful for any person to harvest or gather any wild rice in any area in the State of Wisconsin by the use of any machine or mechanical device of any kind other than smooth, rounded rods or sticks not more than 38 inches in length and held and operated by hand.

(5) It is unlawful for any person to harvest or gather any wild rice in any area in the State of Wisconsin by the use of any boat longer than 16 feet or greater than 38 inches in width or by the use of any boat propelled by other than muscular power.

(6) All licensed wild rice dealers shall file reports pursuant to section 29.544 (5), Wis. Stats., on forms furnished by the Wisconsin Conservation Department covering the license period, with the Wisconsin Conservation Department, Box 450, Madison 1, Wisconsin, prior to obtaining a wild rice dealer's license for the following effective period. Such reports shall summarize the book records required under said section and shall include the total number of transactions and the total amount of wild rice bought, sold or processed by him during the period covered by his license.

(7) Nothing in the provisions of this section shall prohibit authorized agents of the Wisconsin Conservation Department from harvesting or gathering wild rice in the performance of their official duties.

(8) This section is adopted pursuant to section 29.544, Wis. Stats.

Section 2. The rules herein contained shall take effect on August 1, 1964.

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Dated: June 30, 1964

By

Conservation Director