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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. F-34-82 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on November 17, 1982. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility #2 in the City of Madison, this 9th day of February, 1983.

Carroll D. Besadny
Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary

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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

AMENDING RULES

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IN THE MATTER of amending ss. NR 21.02(2) and .
22.02(2) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code .
relating to minimum size limits for commercially .
sold "dressed" catfish taken from the Mississippi .
River. .
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Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

The present minimum size limit for catfish taken commercially from the Mississippi River boundary waters is 15 inches. No minimum size limit is provided for "dressed" (head and viscera removed but the tail on) catfish. Many commercial fishers sell "dressed" catfish. It has been determined that the minimum size limit for a "dressed" catfish needs to be 12 inches if it was legally taken at the minimum 15-inch length. The adoption of this rule will enhance enforcement and provide better protection for this species.

Pursuant to authority vested in the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board by ss. 29.085, 29.174, 29.175, 227.014(2)(a) and 227.02(1)(e), Stats., the Natural Resources Board hereby amends rules interpreting ss. 29.01, 29.085 and 29.174, Stats., as follows:

SECTION 1. NR 21.02(2) is amended to read:

(2) Commercial fish include species of rough and detrimental fish as defined by this chapter, shovelnose (hackleback) sturgeon 25 inches and over in length taken only on setlines, catfish 15 inches or over in length or 12 inches and over dressed and bullheads ~~having a minimum length of 9 inches or over in length or 7 inches and over dressed with head off and tail on or 9 inches in the round~~, when taken with commercial fishing gear and all taken

while fishing under a commercial fishing license on the Mississippi river.

SECTION 2. NR 22.02(2) is amended to read:

(2) "Commercial fish" means species of rough and detrimental fish as defined in this chapter, shovelnose (hackleback) sturgeon 25 inches and over in length, catfish 15 inches or over in length or 12 inches or over dressed and bullheads ~~having-a-minimum-length-of~~ 9 inches or over in length or 7 inches and over dressed with-head-off-and-tail-on-or-9-inches-in-the-round when taken with commercial fishing gear under a commercial fishing license.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on November 17, 1982.

The rules contained herein shall take effect as provided in s. 227.026(1)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin February 9, 1983

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By Carroll D. Besadny
Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary

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