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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, George E. Meyer, 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. FH-5-99 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on February 23, 1999. 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 the Natural Resources Building in the City of Madison, this 12 th day of April, 1999.

George E. Meyer, Secretary

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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AMENDING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board adopts an order to amend NR 25.06(2)(e)2. and 25.09 (2)(b)2.a., relating to commercial fishing for whitefish in Green Bay and Lake Michigan

FH-5-99

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.041, 29.014(1), 29.519(1)(b) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats. Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.041, 29.014(1) and 29.519(1)(b), Stats.

The order affects Green Bay and Lake Michigan commercial fishing rules. It increases the annual total allowable commercial harvest of whitefish from zones 1, 2, and 3 from 1,770,000 pounds to 2,470,000 pounds, or about 40%, with proportional increases in each of the 3 zones. In addition, for the period from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2003, the rule increases the maximum allowable depth at which trap nets and pound nets may be used from 78 feet to 90 feet.

SECTION 1. NR 25.06(2)(e)2. is amended to read:

NR 25.06(2)(e)2. The total allowable commercial harvest of whitefish in Lake Michigan and Green Bay may not exceed 1,770,000 2,470,000 pounds in any license year, with no more than 161,606 225,518 pounds to be taken from zone 1, 1,454,454 2,029,662 pounds from zone 2 and 153,940 214,820 pounds from zone 3.

SECTION 2. NR 25.09(2)(b)2.a. is amended to read:

NR 25.09(2)(b)2.a. Only when the pot or crib is set, placed or operated in water not more than 78 feet (13 fathoms) deep, except that from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2003, the pot or crib may be set, placed or operated in water not more than 90 feet (15 fathoms) deep.

The foregoing rules were approved by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on February 23, 1999.

The rules contained herein 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.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin

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April 12, 1999

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Dear Mr. Poulson

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. FH-5-99. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Environmental Resources and Campaign Finance Reform pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats. Summaries of the final regulatory flexibility analysis and comments of the legislative review committees are also enclosed.

You will note that this order takes effect following publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code accordingly.

Sincerely,

George E. Meyer Secretary

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