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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-26-00 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on September 27, 2000. 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 ______ day of November, 2000

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 25.02(25) and 25.05(1)(d) relating to commercial fishing for chubs on Lake Michigan

FH-26-00

Analysis Prepared by 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.

SECTION 1 of the order expands the area of Lake Michigan open to chub fishing by amending the definition of the "southern chub fishing zone". By revising the definition, it allows chub fishing during the winter periods in water 60 fathoms deep or deeper north of the current southern chub fishing zone but south of a line extending east of the entrance of Algoma harbor.

SECTION 2 of the order permanently opens waters of the northern chub fishing zone shallower than 60 fathoms but deeper than 55 fathoms to chub fishing during the winter period. Under current rules, fishing in the 55 to 60 fathom depth was allowed only during the current and previous license years. Without this amendment, the rule will revert on July 1, 2000 to the former restriction that no commercial chub fishing may occur at depths less than 60 fathoms during the winter fishing period, January 16 through the end of February.

SECTION 1. NR 25.02(25) is amended to read:

NR 25.02(25) "Southern chub fishing zone" means those waters of Lake Michigan lying south of a line extending east from the entrance of Kewaunee harbor to its intersection with the 45 fathom (270 feet) depth contour, then proceeding northerly along the 45 fathom depth contour to its intersection with 44°32' north latitude, then proceeding east along 44°32' north latitude a line extending east from the entrance of Algoma harbor, then proceeding east along a line from the entrance of Algoma harbor to its intersection with the Wisconsin-Michigan state line except that, from January 16 to the end of February during the 1998-1999 and 1999-2000 license years, "southern chub fishing zone" means those waters of Lake Michigan lying south of a line extending east from the entrance of Kewaunee harbor to its intersection with the 45 fathom (270).

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SECTION 2. NR 25.05(1)(d) is amended to read:

	Species	A Green Bay	B Lake Michigan	C Lake Superior
(d)	Chubs	No open season	In the northern and southern chub fishing zones from March 1 to January 15	At all times
			In the northern and southern chub fishing zones from January 16 to the end of	
			February in water 60 fathoms deep or deeper subject to ss. NR 25.06(2)(a),	
			25.07(2)(a) and 25.09. From January 16 to the end of February in the 1998-	
			1999 and 1999-2000 license-years, a) in the northern chub fishing zone in	
			waters 55 fathoms deep or deeper and b) in the southern chub fishing zone in	
			water 60 fathoms deep or deeper.	

The foregoing rules were approved by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on September 27, 2000.

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 ______

November 10, 2000

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November 8, 2000

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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-26-00. 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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