ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD AMENDING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board adopts an order to amend NR 20.20(73)(j)1.a. and 3.a. relating to sport fishing for yellow perch in Green Bay and its major tributaries and NR 25.06(2)(b)1. relating to commercial fishing for yellow perch in Green Bay.

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Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

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

SECTION 1 of the order reduces the sport fishing daily bag limit for yellow perch caught in Green Bay and its tributaries to 10. Currently the daily bag limit is 25 in total for panfish, including yellow perch. The reduced daily bag limit for yellow perch will expire June 30, 2004. The daily bag limit will then revert to the current daily bag limit.

SECTION 2 of the order reduces the annual total allowable commercial harvest of yellow perch from zone 1 (Green Bay) from 200,000 pounds to 20,000 pounds. The reduced annual total allowable commercial harvest will expire June 30, 2004. The annual total allowable commercial harvest will then return to the current 200,000 pounds.

SECTION 1. NR 20.20(73)(j)1.a., as affected by Clearinghouse Rule 01-12 (Natural Resources Board order number FM-08-01), and 3.a. are amended to read:

| COUNTY AND SPECIES | WATERS | AUTHORIZED METHODS | OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive) | DAILY BAG LIMIT | MINIMUM LENGTH OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES) |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| (j) Panfish | 1. Green Bay and major Green Bay tributaries | a. Hook and line | Continuous, but the open season for yellow perch is May 20 to March 15 | 25 in total <u>but</u> <u>from the</u> <u>effective date</u> <u>of this rule</u> [Revisor insert <u>date] to June</u> <u>30, 2004, only</u> <u>10 may be</u> <u>yellow perch</u> | None |
| | 3. All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to | a. Hook and Line | Continuous, but the open season for yellow perch is May 20 to March 15 | 25 in total <u>but</u> from the effective date of this rule [Revisor insert | None |

NR 20.20(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

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

NR 25.06(2)(b)1. The total allowable commercial harvest in zone 1 for any license year may not exceed 200,000 pounds, except that from the effective date of this rule ... [Revisor insert date] to June 30, 2004, the total allowable commercial harvest in zone 1 for any license year may not exceed 20,000 pounds.

The foregoing rules were approved by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on October 24, 2001.

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 _____.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Darrell Bazzell, Secretary

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