

## REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 20.02(1)(d)1, Wis. Adm. Code  
Sport fishing for coho salmon on Lake Michigan and Green Bay

Board Order No. FM-42-94  
Clearinghouse Rule No. 94-192

### Statement of Need

The rule will set a temporary (April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996) daily sport fishing bag limit of 3 for coho salmon caught in Lake Michigan or Green Bay. Under current rules, anglers may catch 5 salmon and trout, in total, of which no more than 2 may be lake trout. Under this rule, anglers could catch 5 salmon or trout, in total, of which no more than 3 could be coho salmon and no more than 2 could be lake trout. This is needed to help assure that the number of adult coho salmon returning to the Platte River, Michigan, in the fall of 1995 is sufficient to provide enough eggs to meet future stocking needs.

The coho salmon fishery on Lake Michigan relies on the capture of feral fish for propagation of successive generations. Adult coho salmon planted as fingerlings or yearlings in the Platte River in Michigan, and in the Root and Kewaunee Rivers in Wisconsin, return to those rivers as adults and provide the eggs from which the next generation is produced.

Survival of coho salmon during rearing has been poor in recent years. The poor survival of salmon in hatcheries reflects a phenomenon referred to as drop-out syndrome, in which salmon fry die at around the time they stop relying on stored food and begin feeding. As a result of high mortality associated with drop-out syndrome, the numbers of coho salmon stocked in 1994 for return to spawning weirs in 1995 was far below desired levels.

### Modifications as a Result of Public Hearing

This proposal is different from the proposal that was taken to public hearings in September. The original proposal called for reduced bag limits for each of the salmon and trout species, except lake trout; this proposal calls for a reduced bag limit only for coho salmon.

### Appearances at the Public Hearing and Their Position

September 15, 1994 - Green Bay

In support:

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In opposition:

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September 16, 1994 - Sheboygan

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As interest may appear - none

September 16, 1994 - Racine

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Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

No comments or recommendations were made.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The proposed rule changes will not directly affect small businesses. The rules will apply only to sport fishers using Lake Michigan, but will indirectly affect charter fishing businesses and associated businesses. No additional compliance or reporting requirements will be imposed as a result of these proposed rule changes.

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