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State of Wisconsin  
Department of Natural Resources

**NOTICE TO PRESIDING OFFICERS  
OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

Pursuant to s. 227.19, Stats., notice is hereby given that final draft rules are being submitted to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature. The rules being submitted are:

Natural Resources Board Order No. FH-30-01

Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Number 01-115

Subject of Rules Commercial fishing in Lake Superior and Lake Michigan

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Date of Transmittal to Presiding Officers January 8, 2002

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An electronic copy of the proposed rule may be obtained by contacting Ms. Turner

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE

NR 25, Wis. Adm. Code  
Commercial fishing in Lake Superior and Lake Michigan

Board Order No. FH-30-01  
Clearinghouse Rule No. 01-115

Statement of Need

The two substantive rule changes proposed would encourage the use of trap nets in the commercial whitefish fishery. One would increase the maximum allowable depth for trap nets from 90 feet to 150 feet. The other would allow trap nets to be set in Whitefish Bay. These changes should increase commercial fishing efficiency, and could also lead to reductions in the incidental kill of chinook salmon and lake trout in the whitefish fishery by encouraging increased use of trap nets. Since the late 1980's the incidental kill of trout and salmon has been reduced by over 50% in the whitefish fishery, in part because of the increased use of trap nets and decreased use of large-mesh gill nets. By increasing opportunities for the use of trap nets, we hope that these rules will allow this favorable trend to continue.

The other provisions of the proposed rule are housekeeping changes needed to correctly express the intent of orders previously adopted by the Department.

Modifications as a Result of Public Hearing

No modifications were made as a result of the public hearings.

Appearances at the Public Hearings and Their Position

November 15, 2001 – Sturgeon Bay

In support:

Rick Johnson, 850 Hwy. 42, Ellison Bay, WI 54210  
Jeff Weborg, 12695 Hwy. 42, Ellison Bay, WI 54210  
Neil F. Teskie, 12266 Hwy. 42, Ellison Bay, WI 54210  
Mary Kay Shumway, BerryBest Foods & Fish, 11108 Hillcrest Road, Sister Bay, WI 54234  
Jeremy Brisson, BerryBest Foods & Fish, 527A Country Walk Lane, Sister Bay, WI 54234

In opposition – none

As interest may appear:

Paul & Dina Saunders, 12001 Little Lane, Ellison Bay, WI 54210  
Lynn Frederick, Lynn's Charter Fishing, 10309 Old Stage Road, Sister Bay, WI 54234

November 15, 2001 – Sheboygan

In support – none

In opposition:

Robert J. Dumovich, 627 Huron Avenue, Sheboygan, WI 53081

As interest may appear - none

Response to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse Report

No comments were made on the proposed rule.

Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

No additional compliance or reporting requirements will be imposed as a result of these rule changes. No additional skills are required.

ORDER OF  
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD  
REPEALING, AMENDING AND CREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board adopts an order to repeal NR 25.06(2)(c)2. and 25.10(2)(e), amend NR 25.05(1)(d), 25.09(2)(b)2.a. and e. and 25.10(2)(b) and create NR 25.09(1)(b)10., relating to commercial fishing in Lake Superior and Lake Michigan

FH-30-01

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 Great Lakes commercial fishing rules.

SECTIONS 1., 2., 3. and 5., respectively, are housekeeping corrections needed to correctly express the intent of FH-26-00, adopted in 2000; to remove language that became irrelevant with the adoption of FM-18-94 in 1995; to restore language inadvertently repealed in 1997 with the adoption of FM-51-96; and to correctly express the rule's intent.

SECTION 4. increases the maximum allowable depth at which trap nets and pound nets may be used in Lake Michigan and Green Bay from 90 feet to 150 feet, and, along with SECTION 6., opens Whitefish Bay, on the eastern shore of Door County, to commercial trap nets

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

Species	A Green Bay	B Lake Michigan	C Lake Superior
(d) Chubs	No open season	<del>In the northern and southern chub fishing zones from March 1 to January 15.</del> From March 1 to January 15, a) in the northern chub fishing zone and b) in the southern chub fishing zone south of 44°32' north latitude. From January 16 to the end of February, 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.	At all times

SECTION 2. NR 25.06(2)(c)2. is repealed.

SECTION 3. NR 25.09(1)(b)10. is created to read:

NR 25.09(1)(b)10. May not be placed or operated within 1 mile of a designated trout stream.

SECTION 4. NR 25.09(2)(b)2.a. and e. are 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~~ 150 feet (25 fathoms) deep.

e. May be used to take fish in the waters of Lake Michigan lying south of a line extending from the Lake Michigan shoreline along 44°55'50" 44° 52'30" north latitude only during the period including the day after Labor Day to June 28. Unless the department has granted an extension of time, the webbing shall be removed from the water by June 28 and may not be reinstalled until the day after Labor Day. If adverse weather conditions or unanticipated equipment problems prevent removal of the webbing by June 28, a licensee may request and the department may grant a brief extension of time sufficient to allow safe removal.

SECTION 5. NR 25.10(2)(b) is amended to read:

NR 25.10(2)(b) No commercial fishing gear of any kind except entrapping nets authorized by permit issued under sub. (4) for the taking of rough or detrimental fish, perch, whitefish or menominee may be used, set, placed or operated in the waters of Lake Michigan lying south of a line extending from mid-channel marker buoy of Baileys Harbor on a 135° bearing, ~~or~~ and north of a line extending east from the entrance of Kewaunee harbor to its intersection with a line that follows a the 45 fathom (270 feet) depth contour, then proceeding north along the 45 fathom (270 feet) depth contour to its intersection with 44° 32' north latitude, then proceeding east along 44° 32' north latitude to the Wisconsin-Michigan state line, except as provided under pars. (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g).

SECTION 6. NR 25.10(2)(e) is repealed.

The foregoing rules were approved by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on December 5, 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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Darrell Bazzell, Secretary

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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE

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### CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT TO AGENCY

[THIS REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED PURSUANT TO S. 227.15, STATS. THIS IS A REPORT ON A RULE AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY THE AGENCY; THE REPORT MAY NOT REFLECT THE FINAL CONTENT OF THE RULE IN FINAL DRAFT FORM AS IT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE LEGISLATURE. THIS REPORT CONSTITUTES A REVIEW OF, BUT NOT APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF, THE SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT AND TECHNICAL ACCURACY OF THE RULE.]

### CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 01-115

AN ORDER to repeal NR 25.06 (2) (c) 2.; to amend NR 25.05 (1) (d), 25.09 (2) (b) 2. a. and 25.10 (2) (b) and (e); and to create NR 25.09 (1) (b) 10., relating to commercial fishing in Lake Superior and Lake Michigan.

Submitted by **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

10-04-01 RECEIVED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

10-23-01 REPORT SENT TO AGENCY.

RS:DLS:jal

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RULES CLEARINGHOUSE REPORT**

This rule has been reviewed by the Rules Clearinghouse. Based on that review, comments are reported as noted below:

1. STATUTORY AUTHORITY [s. 227.15 (2) (a)]

Comment Attached      YES       NO

2. FORM, STYLE AND PLACEMENT IN ADMINISTRATIVE CODE [s. 227.15 (2) (c)]

Comment Attached      YES       NO

3. CONFLICT WITH OR DUPLICATION OF EXISTING RULES [s. 227.15 (2) (d)]

Comment Attached      YES       NO

4. ADEQUACY OF REFERENCES TO RELATED STATUTES, RULES AND FORMS  
[s. 227.15 (2) (e)]

Comment Attached      YES       NO

5. CLARITY, GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND USE OF PLAIN LANGUAGE [s. 227.15 (2) (f)]

Comment Attached      YES       NO

6. POTENTIAL CONFLICTS WITH, AND COMPARABILITY TO, RELATED FEDERAL  
REGULATIONS [s. 227.15 (2) (g)]

Comment Attached      YES       NO

7. COMPLIANCE WITH PERMIT ACTION DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS [s. 227.15 (2) (h)]

Comment Attached      YES       NO

### Fiscal Estimate — 2001 Session

- Original       Updated  
 Corrected       Supplemental

LRB Number	Amendment Number if Applicable
Bill Number	Administrative Rule Number FH-30-01

Subject  
 Commercial fishing - outlying waters (Ch. NR 25)

**Fiscal Effect**

State:  No State Fiscal Effect

Check columns below only if bill makes a direct appropriation or affects a sum sufficient appropriation.

- Increase Existing Appropriation       Increase Existing Revenues  
 Decrease Existing Appropriation       Decrease Existing Revenues  
 Create New Appropriation

Increase Costs — May be possible to absorb within agency's budget.  
 Yes     No

Decrease Costs

Local:  No Local Government Costs

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenues<br><input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory |

5. Types of Local Governmental Units Affected:  
 Towns     Villages     Cities  
 Counties     Others  
 School Districts     WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected  
 GPR     FED     PRO     PRS     SEG     SEG-S

Affected Chapter 20 Appropriations


**Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Summary of Rule: This rule will increase the maximum allowable depth of trap nets used by commercial fishers to harvest lake whitefish from Lake Michigan. It will also allow trap nets to be used in Whitefish Bay of Lake Michigan.

Fiscal Impact: none

**Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

none

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**08/29/2001**      **Clearinghouse Rule 01-038**  
Relating to issuance of licenses and approvals.

Submitted by the Department of Natural Resources.

**08/29/2001**      **Clearinghouse Rule 01-053**  
Relating to safe drinking water loan program financial assistance.

Submitted by the Department of Natural Resources.

**01/11/2002**      **Clearinghouse Rule 01-115**  
Relating to commercial fishing in Lake Superior and Lake Michigan.

Submitted by the Department of Natural Resources.