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## NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

### MINUTES

A special meeting of the Natural Resources Board was held via teleconference on Wednesday, September 28, 2009 in Room G813, State Natural Resources Building (GEF 2), Madison, Wisconsin. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. for action on items 1-2. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Organizational Matters

1.A. Calling the roll

David Clausen – present  
Jonathan Ela – absent  
John Welter – present  
Jane Wiley – present

Preston Cole – present  
Gary Rohde – present  
Christine Thomas – present

2.A. Land Management, Recreation, and Fisheries/Wildlife

2.A.1 Request Ratification of Authorization for Public Hearing on Board Order FH-23-09 to amend Ch. NR 25 relating to the total allowable commercial harvest of whitefish in Lake Michigan

Note: Previously considered at August 12, 2009 meeting

**Bill Horns**, Great Lakes Fisheries Coordinator apologized to all concerned for failing to file the scope statement on time which necessitated this special meeting today. He thanked the Board for their time. He stated this rule increases the annual total allowable commercial harvest of lake whitefish from three fishing zones in Lake Michigan. All harvest limit, and therefore all individual quotas, will be increased by 16.6%. The overall total allowable commercial harvest is increased from 2,470,000 pounds to 2,880,000 pounds. For the three zones the increases are as follows: Zone 1 – 225,518 to 262,952 pounds; Zone 2 – 2,029,662 to 2,366,569 pounds, and Zone 3 – 214,820 to 250,479 pounds. He requested the Board approve the ratification of Board Order FH-23-09.

**Dr. Clausen MOVED approval, seconded by Ms. Wiley. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Rohde** stated his preference would be that the increase in all zones allocated be split equally among all zones instead of on a percentage basis.

**Mr. Welter MOVED approval, seconded by Mr. Cole to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

\*\*\*The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.\*\*\*

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