

COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. 54-87
NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS: the Commissioner of Natural Resources has the power to regulate the opening and closing of season to take fish within the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians through Band Statute 1001-MLC-1, Section 7.04; and

WHEREAS: the Spiritual Advisor and the Commissioner of Natural Resources concur that the season and regulations for the spearing of Me-zii (eelpout) should occur; and

WHEREAS: the spearing of Me-zii shall not have any serious impact on the species; and

WHEREAS: the taking of Me-zii is a traditional and cultural activity of the Mille Lacs Chippewas; and

WHEREAS: the spearing of Me-zii is done traditionally in late January and February; and

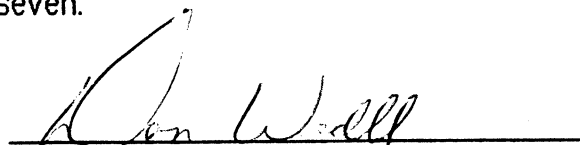
WHEREAS: the spearing of Me-zii was done to supplement the diet of Band members, and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians under tribal law, I, Don Wedll, Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, hereby prescribe the following regulations applicable for the taking of Me-zii by spearing off of particular identified tribal lands.

REGULATION
License Requirement

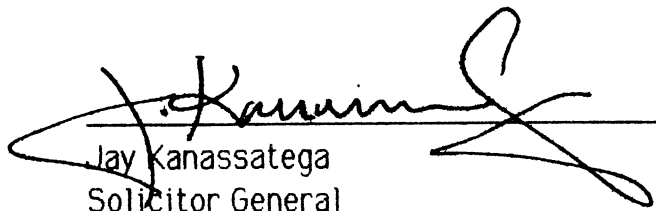
1. Any Band member must have in their possession both an identification card and a valid Me-zii spearing license.
2. No spearing of Me-zii can be done in waters three feet deep (i.e. from the bottom of the lake to the bottom of the ice).
3. Only Me-zii are allowed to be taken by spear. No other species of fish may be taken by spearing.
4. A daily limit of 20 (twenty) Me-zii may be taken by spearing.
5. Spearing of Me-zii will be limited to sunrise to sunset.
6. Me-zii spearing season will open January 24, 1986 to February 24, 1986.
7. Spearing hole will not exceed a hole 2 square feet.
8. Area open to spearing: Nay-ah-shing Point and Sha-bosh-kung Point, starting at the eastern most part of each point and running west along each side a distance of 1/4 of a mile , and mouth of the Rum river.(see attached map).

DATED at Vineland, Minnesota, this twenty-third day of January in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty seven.



Don Wedll
Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED
AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION



Jay Kanassatega
Solicitor General

OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE BAND