

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 252-97

Natural Resources

A Commissioners Order to regulate the opening and closing of the taking of fish by angling off of tribal land.

WHEREAS: the Commissioner of Natural Resources is authorized to regulate the taking of fish through 11 MLBSA § 2002 and,

WHEREAS: the taking of fish should be done with preservation of species foremost and,

WHEREAS: the taking of fish will require a license or permit.

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 fish by angling off of tribal lands.

REGULATIONS

LICENSE REQUIREMENT

- All Band members who are over the age of sixteen (16) years of age must have a Band license while angling off of tribal land.
- All Band members who are under sixteen (16) years of age are not required to have a license but need to register at the Mille Lacs Natural Resources Office or with a Mille Lacs Natural Resources Officer annually.
- A Head of household can receive a fishing license that will include a license for their spouse.

GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

IT IS A VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER:

1. To possess more than one legal limit of each fish species. Fish are in possession of an angler whether on hand, in cold storage, in transit or elsewhere.
2. To transport or export fish unless the species can be identified, the number of fish can be counted and the length of fish can be determined where size limits apply, unless prepared by fish packer.
3. To be on board water craft without a readily accessible personal flotation device approved by the U.S.Coast Guard.

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4. To deposit any refuse, poisonous substances, or chemical injurious to fish life in any waters under the jurisdiction of the Band.
5. To buy or sell game fish, except smelt and fish taken under a commercial or private hatchery license.
6. To stock fish or fish eggs in any water or transfer fish or fish eggs, except the eggs of trout or salmon used as bait, from one body of water to another without written permit from the Mille Lacs Commissioner of Natural Resources.
7. To take minnows from designated trout waters, except under special permit.
8. To drive a motor boat through a posted spawning bed or fish preserve. (Note – Riparian landowners or lessees adjacent to such areas may use a route doing least damage to vegetation to and from their property through such areas, provided they operate their motors at the slowest possible speed.)
9. To drag boat anchors or other weights with a motor propelled boat through aquatic vegetation.
10. To fish in designated trout waters except during the trout season.
11. To tag fish without a permit from the Mille Lacs Commissioner of Natural Resources. Tagging is permitted for scientific purposes only.
12. To deposit garbage, rubbish, offal, in public waters, on ice, or on public lands.
13. To take fish by angling with a set or unattended line.
14. To use game fish, including perch, as bait.
15. To conduct a fishing contest where entry fees are over \$10 or prizes over \$2,000 without a permit.
16. To apply any chemical to waters under the jurisdiction of the Band to control vegetation without a permit from the Mille Lacs Commissioner of Natural Resources.

SEASONS AND LIMITS

<u>Species</u>	<u>Open Season</u>	<u>Possession Limits</u>
Walleye	May 10 - March 15, 1998	6
Northern Pike	May 10- March 15, 1998	3
Muskellunge	May 15 - March 15, 1998	1
Catfish	May 10- March 15, 1998	8
Sturgeon	June 29 - October 31, 1997	1
Largemouth & Smallmouth	May 31- March 15, 1998	4
Black Bass	May 31 - March 15, 1998	4
Trout	May 31- September 17, 1997	5
Sunfish	Continuous	30
Crappies	Continuous	15
Perch	Continuous	30
White Bass	Continuous	No limit
Bullheads	Continuous	No limit

Unprotected fish:

Carp, Suckers, Redhorse,
buffalofish, Burbot (mee zii),
Gar, Sheephead, Dogfish and
Quillback

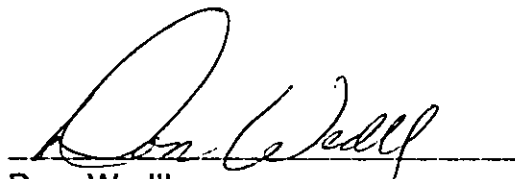
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Additional Provisions:

- Tip-ups may be used for ice fishing and shall be deemed unattended if the owner is more than 80 feet from tip-up.
- Minnows may not be possessed or used as bait on designated trout lakes, except in a dried or pickled condition.
- No line shall contain more than one hook; except that three artificial flies may be used in angling for black bass, trout, crappies, sunfish or rock bass; and except that a single artificial lure may contain more than one hook. A treble hook is considered as 3 hooks.
- No more than one line may be used for angling, except that two lines may be used through the ice.
- Fishing hours for trout on all inland waters are from one hour before sunrise to 11:00 p.m.
- Mille Lacs Lake walleye size limit of not more than one walleye over 20" in length from tip of nose to tip of tail applies or any walleyes under 15" in length.
- The commercial gathering of minnows and leeches on tribal land shall require a license.

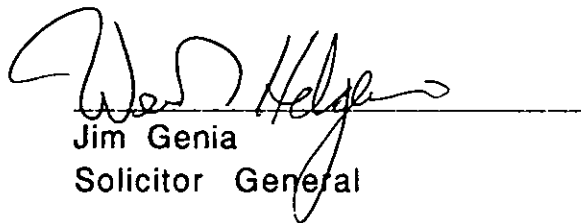
DATED at Vineland, Minnesota, this ninth day of May in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.



Don Wedll

Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED AS TO
FORM AND EXECUTION



Jim Genia

Solicitor General

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