

**COMMISSIONERS ORDER NO. 244-97  
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 11 MLBSA Section 2003; 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 taking of Me-zii by Band members will not have any detrimental impact on the species; and
- WHEREAS: the taking of Me-zii is a traditional and cultural activity of the Mille Lacs Chippewa; and
- WHEREAS: the taking of Me-zii is done traditionally in late January and February; and
- WHEREAS: the taking of Me-zii was done to supplement the diet of Band members, and

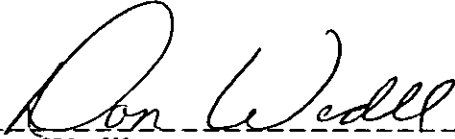
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians under tribal law, I, Don Wedll, Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, hereby prescribe the following regulations applicable for the taking of Me-zii by taking off 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 taking license.
2. No taking 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 harpoon. No other species of fish may be taken by harpoon. A harpoon is defined as a singled tined lance or spear.
4. A daily limit of 30 ( thirty) Me-zii may be taken by harpoon.
5. Taking of Me-zii will be limited to sunrise to sunset.
6. Me-zii season will open January 26 through February 15, 1990.
7. The hole size will not exceed a hole 2 square feet.

8. Area open to taking of Me-zii: Nay-ah-shing Point and Shaw-baush-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. (see attached map).

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

  
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Don Wedll  
Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED  
AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

  
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Jim Genia  
Solicitor General

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