COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 206-95
Natural Resources

A Commissioner's Order to regulate the opening and closing of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians' Wild Rice Gathering Season for the year 1995.

WHEREAS: the Commissioner of Natural Resources has the power to open and close wild rice gathering within the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, through Band Statute 1162-MLC-50, Section 3, and;

WHEREAS: members of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians rely on the gathering of wild rice for food and religious purposes, and;

WHEREAS: the taking of wild rice should be done with the preservation of the rice bed foremost, and;

WHEREAS: the harvesting of ripe rice is essential to the preservation of the rice bed.

NOW THEREFORE, by 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 opening and closing dates for harvesting wild rice within the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians:

Ricing hours will be between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on lakes open to ricing.

Lake	Opening	Closing
Ogechie Lake	Sept. 1,3,5,7-	September 30, 1995
Onamia Lake	Be Determine	September 30, 1995
Shakopee Lake	Be Determine	September 30, 1995
Whitefish Lake	Sept. 1,3,5,7-	September 30, 1995

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Mallard Lake	Be Determine	September 30, 1995
Dean Lake	Be Determine	September 30, 1995
Sandy Lake	August 27-	September 30, 1995
Deer Lake	Be Determine	September 30, 1995
Minnewawa Lake	August 27-	September 30, 1995
Swamp Lake	Closed	

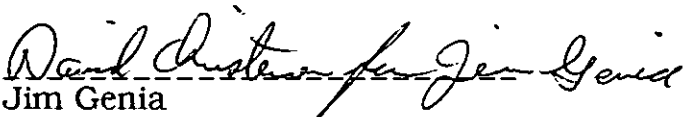All lakes that are posted closed will remain closed until they are opened.

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DATED at Vineland, Minnesota this 23th day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.

Don Wedll
Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED AS TO
FORM AND EXECUTION

Jim Genia
Solicitor General

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