

**COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 269-97
NATURAL RESOURCES**

A Commissioner's order to regulate the opening and closing of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa taking of Whitefish, Tullibee and Herring.

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Natural Resources has the power to open and close taking of Whitefish, Tullibee and Herring within the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, through Mille Lacs Band Statute Annotated Title II Section 2002; and

WHEREAS: The Spiritual Advisor and the Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians concur that the seasons should be open; and

WHEREAS: The taking of Whitefish, Tullibee and Herring should be done with preservation of species foremost; and

WHEREAS: The taking of Whitefish, Tullibee and Herring because of a special need is allowed with a special permit.

NOW THEREFORE, with the concurrence of the Spiritual Advisor, the following seasons is effective for 1997.

October 28, 1997

November 18, 1997

IT IS THEREFORE AND FINALLY ORDERED THAT:

Regulations for the taking by members of whitefish, tullibee and herring by netting for private use.

Section 1 The bodies of water opened to netting are Mille Lacs Lake in Mille Lacs County and Big Sandy Lake in Aitkin County.

Section 2 That no net or any part thereof shall be set in any water deeper than six feet. This is measured from the lake bottom to the top surface of the water or ice.

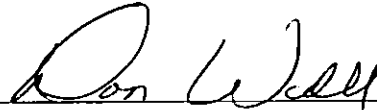
Section 3 No net shall be set after sunset or raised before sunrise. Each net must be checked daily.

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Section 4 Any species of fish that are not permitted to be taken shall be returned to the water immediately, except that any rough fish may be retained. All dead game fish must be turned in to the Mille Lacs Reservation Enforcement Office. These fish will be given to the Elderly Nutrition Program.

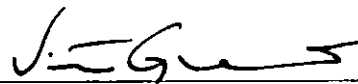
Section 5 No person shall use more than one net or any net exceeding 100 feet in length or four feet in depth with a (bar) mesh of 1-3/4 or 2 inches. Each net shall be marked with the name and address of the licensee. This shall be securely attached to the net. Nets shall only be set off of tribal lands.

DATED at Vineland, Minnesota this 28th day of October 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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