COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 172-93 NATURAL RESOURCES

A Commissioner's Order to regulate the use of search lights (sky trackers) on lands under the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Natural Resources has authority to regulate

land use within the jurisdiction of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa

Indians, through Band Statute 1162-MLC-50, Section 3; and

WHEREAS: The Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of

Chippewa Indians conducted a review of effects of search lights; and

WHEREAS: The review identified concerns about the use of said lights; and

WHEREAS: The review included public notice and public hearing; and

WHEREAS: The information and concerns received identified both positive and

negative aspects of said lights, and;

WHEREAS: The Mille Lacs Band does not have established regulations on the

use of such lights.

NOW THEREFORE: based on information gathered from the public comment

period, public hearing, and community input, I hearby establish the

following policy regulating the use of said lights.

Regulations on use of Search Lights (Sky Trackers)

Definition:

<u>Search light (Sky Tracker)</u> Shall mean any focused light shining skyward and visible in the night sky with the purpose of advertising or promotion of an economic enterprise.

Regulation:

- 1. The hours of operation will be limited from dusk to 1 a.m. two days per week.
- 2. The lights may be used a maximum of 20 additional nights per year from (dusk to 1 a.m.) for special promotions or events.
- 3. The Department of Natural Resources will conduct a six month review of this policy.

DATED at Vineland, Minnesota this $24^{\mbox{th}}$ day of June in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three.

Don Wedll

Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM, EXECUTION AND NUMBERING

James F. Pence Solicitor General

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