State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Secretary

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Wisconsin Wholesale Fish Dealers

Gentlemen:

Re: PCB Residue in Fish

The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will step up its sampling and testing of fish obtained at wholesale and retail for polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) residues in fish. The present tolerance permitted by the Food and Drug Administration is 5 parts per million.

The sampling will be on all species of fish with special emphasis on lake trout that are presently being offered for sale. Holding orders will be issued where product is found contaminated in violation of the Wisconsin food law.

We are recommending that you very carefully screen your source of fish to be sure they do not include products that are contaminated. Under Chapter 97 of the Wisconsin Statutes, persons selling adulterated food can be fined up to $200 for the first offense or up to six months of imprisonment.

We hope that by working together any residue problems that are present can be eliminated.

Sincerely yours,

N. E. Kirschbaum

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WE WILL PASS ALONG ANY FINES OR LOSES DUE TO PCB TO THE MONSANTO CORP.

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