MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY
Division of Water Quality
June 24, 1975

Resolution

WHEREAS, *the Agency is charged with the administration and enforcement of all laws relating to the pollution of any waters of the state as given in Minnesota statutes of 1971, Chapter 115.03, and;*

WHEREAS, *no sewage, industrial waste or other wastes shall be discharged into any of the interstate or intrastate waters classified as fisheries and recreation so as to cause any material change in any other substances or characteristics which may impair the quality of interstate or intrastate waters or the aquatic biota in any manner render them unsuitable or objectionable for fishing, fish culture or recreational uses as per Minnesota Pollution Control Agency regulations WPC 14 and 15, (1973 Supplement), and;*

WHEREAS, *significant concentrations of persistent organic compounds known as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) have been identified within the Mississippi River near the border areas of Minnesota-Wisconsin known as Lake Pepin, and;*

WHEREAS, *the United States Food and Drug Administration has enforced the "Action Limit" of five (5) parts per million total PCBs on several shipments of commercially caught rough fish from the Lake Pepin area resulting in voluntary disposal of the fish by the industry, and;*

WHEREAS, *as a result of the above, commercial fishing operations have temporarily been ceased in the Lake Pepin area, and;*

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WHEREAS, *on May 27, 1975 Dr. Warren R. Lawson, Minnesota Commissioner of Health advised the public to limit consumption to no more than one meal per week of fish taken from the Mississippi River from the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area and lower Lake Pepin, and;*

WHEREAS, *and as a result of the above actions significant environmental effects on the aquatic life and economics of commercial and sports fisheries as well as tourism have occurred, and;*

WHEREAS, *the Great Lakes Environmental Contaminant Survey (GLECS) conducted yearly by Michigan's Departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration - Detroit Region, and the Great Lakes Fishery Laboratory has determined that Lake Superior lake trout collected near Isle Royale are showing a pattern of elevated PCB residues similar to Lake Michigan.*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Board hereby supports a ban on the sale and use of PCBs, except in those cases where its use is judged by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the states to be essential.*

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