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**Hearing Set On Regulating
PCB Discharges In State**

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will hold a public meeting a 10 a.m., Aug. 28, in the State Office Building, 201 E. Washington Ave., on proposed rules for governing discharge of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) in state waters.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has set a tolerance level of five parts per million (ppm) in fish sold in interstate commerce. Rhesus monkeys fed a diet containing five ppm have developed liver disorders, skin lesions and and their young have been stillborn. Concentrations of the industrial chemical have exceeded the level in Lake Pepin, Lake Michigan and the Upper Fox River.

The FDA has told commercial fishermen on Lake Pepin they may resume limited commercial fishing for carp five pounds and under. Daryl Brown, chief of the FDA laboratory in Minneapolis, said carp in this weight class are more likely to meet the tolerance level, but it is not a guarantee that they will. He suggested fishermen have the fish tested before shipping them in interstate sale, and estimated fishermen could to ship 70 per cent of their catch under these guidelines. //