

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 2354

REGULATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF FISH  
PACKER LICENSE AND FOR THE POSSESSION  
AND TRANSPORTATION OF FISH  
PACKED BY LICENSED FISH PACKERS.

Pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat.  
§§ 97A.475(39) and 97C.865 and other applicable law, I, Joseph N.  
Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, hereby prescribe  
the following regulations for the issuance of fish packer  
licenses and for the possession and transportation of fish packed  
by licensed fish packers.

Section 1. APPLICATION AND ISSUANCE.

(a) Any resident of Minnesota may apply to the  
commissioner for a fish packer license by submitting a fully  
completed application form obtainable from the commissioner or  
his agents.

(b) Such application shall be signed by the applicant  
and shall provide the following information concerning the  
applicant:

- (1) Name;
- (2) Residence address;
- (3) Date of birth;
- (4) Name of employer, if fish packing is to be  
done for an employer;

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(5) Place of business where fish packing will be conducted.

(c) Licenses shall be issued to any resident who has submitted a properly completed application. Licenses shall be numbered and shall be effective upon the date specified in the license and shall expire on the last day of February following the effective date. No license shall be issued for a period exceeding one year.

Sec. 2. LABELING AND PACKING.

All fish packed by a licensed fish packer shall be packed and labeled in accordance with the following rules:

(a) Fish may be packed either separately or in bulk. Fish need not be packed in such a way that they may be readily unpacked, unwrapped, separated, counted and examined. No package shall contain fish caught by more than one person.

(b) Dressed fish and fillets may be completely skinned.

(c) All undressed fish must have tails, fins and skin intact. Heads, entrails, gills and scales may be removed.

(d) Fish having length limits shall be packed undressed, with heads and tails attached, except that entrails and gills may be removed.

(e) Each package of fish shall be individually labeled by the licensed fish packer. The label shall be marked legibly

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in ink in the English language and shall contain the following information:

- (1) Name, address and license number of the person who caught the fish;
- (2) Name and address of consignee, if different from (1) above;
- (3) Name and license number of the fish packer who packed the fish;
- (4) Contents of package, including species, number of fish, and net weight; and
- (5) Date of packaging.

Sec. 3. POSSESSION AND TRANSPORTATION.

Fish possessed and transported in Minnesota are subject to the provisions of this order only if they have been packed and labeled by a licensed fish packer.

Sec. 4. RECORD KEEPING.

Licensed fish packers shall keep accurate and up-to-date records of all packages of fish packed. These records shall include for each package of fish all of the information required by Sec. 2(e) of this order. Such records shall be open to inspection by the commissioner or his agents at all times.

Sec. 5. VIOLATIONS.


(a) Violations of Sections 1, 2 or 4 of this order shall result in the immediate revocation of the fish packer's license in accordance with Minn. Stat. § 97A.421, subd. 1(3)(b).

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(b) Persons possessing or transporting fish properly packed and labeled by a licensed fish packer shall remain subject to all laws and commissioner's orders pertaining to the possession and transportation of fish, except that any provisions of commissioner's orders that are inconsistent with the provisions of this order shall not apply.

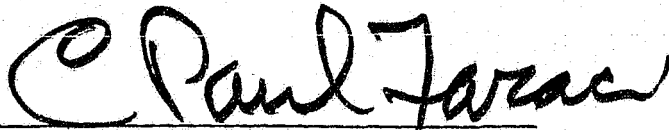
Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 29 day of

Aug, 1989.

  
JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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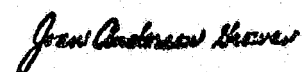
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