STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 2375

EXPERIMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR THE TAKING AND POSSESSION OF SMALLMOUTH BASS IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, SHERBURNE AND WRIGHT COUNTIES, AND THE RUM RIVER, MILLE LACS COUNTY

Pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. § 97C.001, and other applicable law, I, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, hereby prescribe the following experimental regulations for the taking and possession of smallmouth bass in the Mississippi River in Sherburne and Wright Counties and the Rum River in Mille Lacs County.

Section 1. The provisions of this order shall apply only to the Mississippi River, Sherburne and Wright Counties, Townships 32 and 121 North, Range 23 West, Sections 10 and 14, from the upstream side of the bridge at Highway 101 in Elk River upstream to the downstream side of the bridge at Highway 24 near Clearwater Township 134 North, Range 30 West, Sections 22 and 23, Main Branch Rum River from the downstream side of the Minnesota Highway 27 Bridge near Onamia in Township 41 North, Range 26 West, Section 6, Mille Lacs County, downstream to the rock dam in Princeton in Township 36 North, Range 26 West, Section 33, Mille Lacs County, and that portion of the West Branch Rum River, from the downstream side of U. S. Highway 169 bridge in Princeton in Township 36 North, Range 26 West, Section 36, Mille Lacs County,

downstream to its confluence with the Main Branch Rum River in the same section.

- Sec. 2. On the above-described section of the Mississippi River, the following experimental regulations shall apply:
- (a) The daily and possession limit of smallmouth bass is three (3);
- (b) Any smallmouth bass over 12 inches but less than 20 inches in length as measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail when fully extended must be immediately returned to the water; and
- (c) Only one (1) smallmouth bass over 20 inches in length may be possessed.
- Sec. 3. On the above-described section of the Rum River, the following experimental regulations shall apply:
- (a) The daily and possession limit of smallmouth bass is three (3);
- (b) Any smallmouth bass over 10 inches and less than 18 inches in length as measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail when fully extended must be immediately returned to the water; and
- (c) Only one (1) smallmouth bass over 18 inches in length may be possessed.
- Sec. 4. No person shall be in possession of any smallmouth bass while angling in the above-described sections of the Mississippi River and the Rum River unless allowed under

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Secs. 2 and 3 above. No fillets of smallmouth bass may be possessed while on the above-described waters.

Sec. 5. The provisions of this order shall not be construed to supersede the provisions of any other order of the commissioner, except insofar as such other orders may be inconsistent with the provisions of this order.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 18th day of

, 1990.

JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissione

Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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