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Resolution of Support for the Use of Certified Veterinarians by the DNR

Whereas Wisconsin has developed a fish health program that emphasizes risk analysis, science and unquestionable integrity and,

Whereas Wisconsin fish farmers are not permitted to conduct sample collection, sample submission, and fish disease testing on the fish they raise and,

Whereas Wisconsin fish farmers are required to use DATCP-certified aquaculture veterinarians and,

Whereas currently DNR staff collect, submit, and test fish raised on DNR fish hatcheries and,

Whereas the use of private veterinarians, properly certified, for regulatory testing is standard in U.S. animal health programs,

Therefore be it resolved that the Wisconsin Aquaculture Industry Advisory Council (WAIAC) at it's meeting held September 19, 2003 in Downsville, Wisconsin request that beginning in 2004 the DNR use DATCP-certified veterinarians for all sample collection, sample submission, and fish health testing of all fish from DNR fish hatcheries, and co-op facilities that must meet Wisconsin fish health standards detailed in ATCP chapters 10 and 11.

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