

~~WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2008, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE HARVEST RESTRICTIONS FOR YELLOW PERCH UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THE CONDITIONS OR CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE YELLOW PERCH RESTRICTIONS MAY BE REPEALED~~

4-215.2.

(A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT:

(1) PROVIDE A MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR YELLOW PERCH THAT ENABLES YELLOW PERCH TO MIGRATE TO HISTORICAL SPAWNING RIVERS AND STREAMS BEFORE SPAWNING; AND

(2) EQUITABLY ALLOCATE HARVESTS OF YELLOW PERCH BETWEEN RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL HARVESTERS.

(B) THE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE BASED ON OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES THAT ARE DEVELOPED IN CONSULTATION WITH STAKEHOLDER ORGANIZATIONS AND THE ADVISORY COMMISSIONS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-204 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCORPORATE THE OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION INTO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR YELLOW PERCH ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-215 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with interested stakeholders, shall:

(1) analyze and develop findings regarding new funding mechanisms to help:

(i) underwrite the cost to the Department of researching, developing, managing, and enforcing the fishery policies of the State; and