



May 7, 2013

Subject: Wild Bait Harvest Permits

Dear Wild Bait Harvester:

This letter is just a reminder that in order to harvest wild minnows on a stream, river or lake, your wild bait harvest permit must list the specific waterbody where you will be collecting. The information you provide must allow us to identify the exact location of a waterbody.

**Waterbody Identification**

If the waterbody is clearly named, you only need to supply the name of the waterbody, county, township, and range from which you will be harvesting. However, many waters are not clearly named, therefore, you must additionally specify a section within the township and range which that water either flows through or is located within.

Remember that a permit for a waterbody in a Township and Range **DOES NOT** authorize you to harvest from all waters included in that area (including its tributaries). Harvesting on waters for which you do not have a permit may lead to seizure of your collected minnows and/or other enforcement actions.

If you need assistance finding the name of a water or the township and range of a location, you can use any number of commercial maps or the DNR webview which can be found at:

<http://dnrmaps.wisconsin.gov/imf/imf.jsp?site=webview>

or by typing "web view" into the text search box on <http://dnr.wi.gov/>

**Record Keeping**

Also, you must keep daily records of every species you catch from each waterbody, identifiable by Township, Range and Section numbers. This form may be found at

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/documents/vhs/BaitRecordsForm.pdf>

or call or write the Wild Bait Harvest Coordinator.

If you have any questions on this or any other aspects of bait harvest, please contact:

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