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Subject: Use of commercially produced products as crayfish bait

Dear Crayfish Harvester:

The purpose of this letter is to authorize the use of commercially produced meat/food products for use as bait when trapping crayfish in Wisconsin waters. The products authorized include: canned fish, canned cat food, commercially produced crayfish bait and food. We acknowledge that some of these products may contain fish parts and/or fish meal which is prohibited for use as crayfish bait in the changes to emergency rule NR 19.27(4) (a) 2. a. We believe that there is a very low risk of Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) being spread by the use of commercially produced food products in that they are not likely to contain fish infected with VHS and most products are heated at some point in the process to levels that will kill the VHS virus. It is because of these reasons that we approve the use of the aforementioned materials for use as crayfish bait. If you have any questions regarding this permission, please call Ted Treska at (608)-267-7659. Keep a copy of this letter with you during all crayfish harvesting operations.

Thank you for your cooperation in our effort to control the spread of this detrimental virus.

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