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Sandra Jensen  
Natural Resources Commission  
Indiana Government Center North, Room N501  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Ms. Jensen:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 12-381 and proposed by the Natural Resources Commission ("NRC"). The proposed rule adds or amends various portions of 312 IAC 9 concerning commercial fishing.

The economic impact statement prepared by the NRC indicates that 10 fishing guides, 320 inland commercial fishing license holders, 19 Ohio commercial fishing license holders, 30 roe harvesters, and 5 roe dealers are classified as small businesses and subject to the proposed rule. The NRC also states that the changes included in the proposed rule are necessary in order to comply with state statute. The most significant economic impact relates to the cost of the new roe harvester and roe dealer licenses, at an annual cost of \$2,200 and \$5,000, respectively. These annual license fees do not appear to be substantially different than the minimum set by statute. Also, according to the NRC, it has set the required statutory limit on the number of licenses at a level such that no current harvester or dealer would be precluded from continuing to engage in this business so long as they purchase the new license.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or [eshields@iedc.in.gov](mailto:eshields@iedc.in.gov).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Shields".

Eric P. Shields  
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