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Dear Fish Farmer,

The Department will again supply a list of “unmet needs” to the Wisconsin Aquaculture Association to gain assistance with meeting stocking goals for the 2009-2010 production cycle. The list identifies shortfalls in the DNR fish production system where fish stocking permits can be issued to help meet an identified need for stocked fish. This list represents an opportunity for private fish farms to work with local groups and individuals to buy fish from private fish farmers to complete the stocking of DNR approved fish stocking quotas.

We have made some changes to the bid system that was piloted in 2007. In previous years the Department provided green eggs and received fingerlings for stocking that originated from the supplied green eggs. You may still follow this bid process but in addition you may request a different species of eggs and provide fingerlings from your own broodstock to the Department for stocking. Please see the bid form that we are attaching to this document for details. We are offering green muskellunge, green northern pike, or green walleye eggs in exchange for fingerlings or fry that you will be able to produce and stock for the Department. Fish originating from the green eggs provided by the Department become the property of the fish farmer after the Department’s fish are stocked. There is no monetary payment for fish in these contracts, payment is the green eggs provided by the Department.

To participate in this process, a willing private fish farmer will have to identify which quotas they would like to bid on, choosing from the 2009-2010 list of deferred and/or unmet needs, decide on the number and species of green eggs they will need to produce the fish to meet the DNR quota, cover the cost of marking fish (if a mark is requested) and stocking the fish; as well as a number of fish beyond the quota to cover their expenses. Bids will be evaluated on the basis of a complete bid submission (complete bid form) and the lowest number of green eggs requested for each individual quota. Bids requesting green eggs that we will receive back as fish will be ranked first. Bid forms that request a different species than we need stocked will rank second. While the Department would prefer bids for full quotas, we will consider bids for partial quotas, but only after full quota bids are evaluated. The requested information should be completely filled out on the **Cooperative Fish Rearing and Stocking Bid Form** and mailed by the due date to the address listed. **Sample Cooperative Fish Rearing and Stocking Contracts** have been attached so that the bidder is aware of all of the contract conditions.

Please feel free to contact David Giebtrock with any questions by phone at (608) 266-8229 or via email at David.Giebtrock@wisconsin.gov.

We will begin processing bid submissions on March 20th, 2009 and will accept bids throughout the spawning season.

Best wishes for a successful fish production year!

Mike Staggs

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