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REPEAL COMMERCIAL FISHING SUNSET

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House Bill 5763

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5763 AS INTRODUCED 5-16-90

A provision of the Commercial Fishing Law prohibits commercial fishers from harvesting any fish with a gill, pound, or trap net in Lake Erie, Lake Michigan and Lake Huron and waterways connecting these lakes south of the 45th parallel line from April 15 to September 15. The provision does not apply to commercial fisher license or permit holders who received their permits or licenses to harvest fish in the restricted areas prior to September 15, 1984. In addition, the provision allows the Department of Natural Resources to issue a license or permit authorizing a commercial fisher license or permit holder to harvest chubs with a gill, pound, or trap net in the restricted areas at depths exceeding 240 feet and in certain areas of Lake Michigan at depths exceeding 180 feet. The provision was due to expire December 31, 1986. However, the attorney general has ruled that the expiration date was not effective, and thus the provision is still in force. House Bill 5763 repeals the provision.

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