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2300 Lake Elmo Drive
Billings, MT 59105

NOTICE OF DECISION

May 2, 2005

TO: Environmental Quality Council
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Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

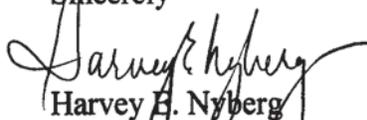
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks completed a Draft EA for introducing tiger muskies into Lake Elmo and Lake Josephine as a biological control on the sucker populations in these lakes, and to increase angling opportunities for tiger muskie in Region 5.

A Draft EA was completed for this proposal on March 24, 2005 and distributed for public comment until April 25, 2005. Five written comments, via e-mail, along with several verbal comments were received on this Draft EA. All comments were in favor of the proposed tiger muskie introduction.

Fish, Wildlife and Parks has decided to proceed with the proposed introduction, and will stock tiger muskies into Lake Elmo and Lake Josephine this summer if fish are available through our warmwater hatchery.

A final EA for this project is available by calling the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks office in Billings at (406) 247-2940 or writing to 2300 Lake Elmo Drive, Billings, MT 59105.

Sincerely



Harvey E. Nyberg
Regional Supervisor