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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1393**

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Committee: Natural Resources

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-201,  
2 Revised Statutes Supplement, 1999; to require the  
3 eradication of white perch; to state intent; to provide  
4 duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the  
5 original section.  
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
2 1999, is amended to read:

3           37-201. Sections 37-201 to 37-811 and sections 2 and 3  
4 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Game Law.

5           Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
6 non-native fish species Morone americana, commonly known as the  
7 white perch, which has been identified as being a species of fish  
8 which is harmful and injurious to wildlife and wildlife resources  
9 of the state, be eliminated and eradicated from Nebraska lakes and  
10 streams.

11           Sec. 3. For the purpose of protecting Nebraska lakes  
12 from existing infestations of Morone americana, commonly known as  
13 the white perch, and preventing the further spread of such  
14 infestations, the commission shall:

15                 (1) Identify Nebraska lakes which suffer from such  
16 infestations;

17                 (2) Provide for the application of appropriate chemical  
18 compounds to destroy such infestations;

19                 (3) Remove the dead fish;

20                 (4) Restock the lakes with mature, adult members of  
21 native game fish species; and

22                 (5) Conduct a four-year monitoring and maintenance  
23 program on treated lakes to insure the successful eradication of  
24 the infestation and, if necessary, provide for the supplemental  
25 restocking of additional mature, adult members of native game fish  
26 species as required.

27           Sec. 4. Original section 37-201, Revised Statutes  
28 Supplement, 1999, is repealed.

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