

## **AGENDA ITEM #4**

### **Consideration of recommendation for approval of a new nonrule policy document to establish Free Fishing Days for the years of 2009 and 2010; Administrative Cause No. 08-162D**

A copy of a draft nonrule policy document is attached. The Division of Fish and Wildlife requests the Advisory Council to recommend the document to the Natural Resources Commission for approval.

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Free Fishing Days  
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**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide the dates for Free Fishing Days in the years of 2009 and 2010, as authorized in IC 14-22-18-1. These days are the first full weekend of National Fishing and Boating week sponsored by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation.

**2. Background**

According to IC 14-22-18-1, the DNR Director, with the approval of the Natural Resources Commission, may designate two (2) days a year for free sport fishing days. They can be any days of the year and be consecutive or nonconsecutive. The DNR usually designates these dates as the first full weekend in June when people are starting vacations and school is out. Free Fishing Days have traditionally been designated as consecutive days on a single weekend and associated with the first full weekend of National Fishing and Boating Week, sponsored by the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation. ([www.rbff.org](http://www.rbff.org)).

**IC 14-22-18-1**

**Designation of free sport fishing days**

Sec. 1. The director may, with the approval of the commission, designate not more than two (2) days in each year as free sport fishing days. If the director designates two (2) days in a year as free sport fishing days, the days may be consecutive or nonconsecutive.  
*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.*

**3. Dates**

The Free Fishing Days for the years of 2009 and 2010 are as follows:

June 6 and 7, 2009  
June 5 and 6, 2010