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Frisbee golf
De Pere couple takes island to Badger State Games-C-1

Fish fry fans might have to swallow higher prices

A board approved stricter limits on perch from the bay
By Scott Hildebrand
Fishes are scarce in southern Green Bay, commercial fishermen say, and prices for the fish are expected to rise.

The board, meeting in Stevens Point, took its action after hearing pleas from commercial fishermen that reduce the allowable commercial harvest of yellow perch from 200,000 pounds to 100,000 pounds.

The Department of Natural Resources withdrew an emergency order planned for commercial and sport fishing harvests on Lake Michigan. That order would have cut the sport fishing daily limit on the lake to 20 from 30.

The DNR said the harvest limits will reduce the income of 27 commercial fishermen with quotas for southern Green Bay. Marquette said he will "muddle along" under the new rules but the increase will be the big loss.

The DNR recommended the new fishing restrictions because of over-reproduction by yellow perch in Green Bay and Lake Michigan. Unless catch restrictions are made immediately, weak perch stocks may be depleted quickly, the DNR said.

Commercial fishermen from Kellon Bay, said the DNR and Natural Resources Board overreacted to the scarcity of perch stocks.

But end nears in De Pere

The widening of North Broadway should be finished in late July

After nearly two months of mud and inconvenience, the end is in sight for residents along De Pere North Broadway. The widening project on South Broadway should start pouring concrete Monday.



Construction seems never-ending

When it's done we're still not going to want this. We'll want to cry at the expense of concrete. Broadway resident

Almost done in De Pere: In top photo, the dusty and noisy part of the North Broadway widening project in De Pere nears an end. Concrete is slated to be poured Monday.

Teletch bill OK'd; it's off to governor

Information superhighway legislation eases the rules

MADISON, Wis. — Legislation easing the rules for selling information superhighway services emerged from a state Assembly and Senate committee with a package of changes.

The Legislature finished work on the bill Thursday and introduced it to Gov. Tompasetti's office. He had convened the Legislature in special session to consider the bill, and promised to sign it into law.

The bill is designed to help communications companies to provide services over telephone and TV lines to plug into government agencies, libraries and other services.

House panel OKs universal health care

It's the second committee to endorse Clinton's goal

By Susan Lee and David Hanson
The House Education and Labor Committee approved a health bill providing insurance for everyone Thursday, becoming the second congressional panel to endorse President Clinton's key health-care goal.

Study may hit mills with PCBs damages

Two local paper mills identified in Fox River, Bay study

By Terry Anderson
Polluters are starting up the poll of the Fox River. Over the objection of some area steel makers, the federal government is launching a study that may put a price tag on the damage some chemicals have done to the Fox River and Green Bay.

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Two local paper mills identified in Fox River, Bay study. The Department of Interior has instructed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to develop a national resource damage assessment for the Fox River and Green Bay.

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Damage

sponsible parties) are named, our voluntary, 'no fault' effort will be reduced to an adversarial situation which will likely result in the dissolution of the coalition."

Fort Howard spokesman Cliff Bowers this morning expressed disappointment in the federal agency's action and fear that the coalition's voluntary efforts would be disrupted.

"Progress was being made and this action to some degree may threaten that," Bowers said.

Officials at U.S. Paper Mills were not available for comment.

Janet Smith, field supervisor for the Green Bay office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the coalition's work complements the course being pursued by her agency.

Besides identifying parties that may be responsible for the damage, the study also calculates who has suffered loss. The Fish and Wildlife

Service has invited the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Oneida Tribe of Indians, Menominee Tribe and Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe to join as co-trustees.

The DNR favors the approach being taken by the coalition. The three tribes have not indicated whether they will join as co-trustees.

After hearing from the five mills, the Fish and Wildlife Service will develop a draft assessment for public comments, said Allen.

A formal damage assessment, including who is responsible and plans for restoration, then will be developed.

If the damage assessment process leads to a claim for damages, liability can be resolved through negotiations or litigation.

"The department's interest is restoration," Allen stressed. "Who gets the money and who does it is less important than just getting it done."