Fish fry fans might have to swallow higher prices

But end nears in De Pere

Teletech bill OK’d; it’s off to governor

House panel OKs universal health care

Study may hit mills with PCBs damages
Damage

Sensible 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."