THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

AN ACT

- Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 2
 - Statutes, further providing for regulations and for
- 3 threatened and endangered species.
- The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 4
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. The definitions of "endangered species" and
- "threatened species" in section 102 of Title 30 of the
- 8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
- § 102. Definitions. 9
- 10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
- 11 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
- 12 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
- 13 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
- 14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:
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- 16 "Endangered species." All species and subspecies of fish
- 17 which[:
- 18 (1)] have been declared by the Secretary of the United

- 1 States Department of the Interior to be threatened with
- 2 extinction and appear on the Endangered Species List or the
- 3 Native Endangered Species List published in the Federal
- 4 Register[; or
- 5 (2) have been declared by the executive director to be
- 6 threatened with extinction and appear on the Pennsylvania
- 7 Endangered Species List published in the Pennsylvania
- 8 Bulletin].
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- 10 "Threatened species." All species and subspecies of fish
- 11 which[:
- 12 (1)] have been declared by the Secretary of the United
- 13 States Department of the Interior to be in such small numbers
- 14 throughout their range that they may become endangered if
- their environment worsens and appear on a Threatened Species
- 16 List published in the Federal Register[; or
- 17 (2) have been declared by the executive director to be
- in such small numbers throughout their range that they may
- become endangered if their environment worsens and appear on
- the Pennsylvania Threatened Species List published in the
- 21 Pennsylvania Bulletin].
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- 23 Section 2. Sections 322 and 2305(a) of Title 30 are amended
- 24 to read:
- 25 § 322. Rules and regulations.
- 26 (a) Authority. -- The commission may promulgate rules and
- 27 regulations concerning:
- 28 (1) Fishing to aid in the better protection,
- 29 preservation and management of fish.
- 30 (2) Boating and the management and operation of boats.

- 1 (b) Procedure.--
- 2 (1) Proposed rulemaking, soliciting public comment and
- 3 <u>announcing a public hearing, must be published in the</u>
- 4 <u>Pennsylvania Bulletin.</u>
- 5 (2) A hearing must be held.
- 6 (3) The final promulgation may not take effect until at
- 7 least 30 days after publication of the proposed rulemaking.
- 8 § 2305. Threatened and endangered species.
- 9 (a) [Establishment and publication of lists.--The executive
- 10 director shall establish a Pennsylvania Threatened Species List
- 11 and a Pennsylvania Endangered Species List. The lists, and any
- 12 revisions thereto, shall be published in the Pennsylvania
- 13 Bulletin] (Reserved).
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- 15 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.