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Section

- 1 Northern pike experimental and special management waters.** Adds § 97C.007. Caps, at 60, the combined number of lakes designated for northern pike as experimental waters or special management waters (currently there is no limit). Requires the lakes to be selected from lakes already designated (in rules as of January 1, 2011) as experimental waters or special management waters as lakes with northern pike slot limits. Requires the designations to continue for at least ten years, at which time the commissioner must determine whether the designation should be discontinued based on scientific studies. (Currently, experimental waters or special management waters may be designated by the commissioner after public notice and comment. The commissioner may establish special regulations, such as seasons, methods, limits and other requirements for taking fish on these designated waters.)