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The Minnesota Aquaculture Association (MAA) wishes to thank the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM) for their efforts in improving our chances of gaining approvals for aquaculture drugs. MAA feels that all of the provisions in the "Proposal to increase the Availability fo Approved Animal Drugs for Minor Species" (Docket no. 97N-0217) should be pursued right away, regardless of whether they are Congressional, FDA, or CVM. There is a tremendous need in our industry to amend the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to reduce the effort needed to get approval for use on walleyes, largemouth bass, sunfishes, yellow perch, and other farmed coolwater fish. Removing disincentives, and offering incentives, to pharmaceutical firms will encourage more sponsors of minor use supplemental new animal drug applications. We completely endorse all the proposals by CVM to increase the availability of drugs for aquaculture.

Sincerely.....Ronald N Johnson....Pres.... Minnesota Aquaculture Association

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