17.4998 VIOLATIONS; PENALTY.

Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor.** Unless a different penalty is prescribed, a violation of a provision of sections 17.4981 to 17.4997 or a rule of the commissioner governing the operation of an aquatic farm, private fish hatchery, or quarantine facility is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. **Petty misdemeanor.** A first and second violation, within a three-year period, of sections 17.4981 to 17.4997 or a rule of the commissioner governing the operation of an aquatic farm, private fish hatchery, or quarantine facility is a petty misdemeanor if it does not involve intentionally falsifying records and does not put public waters or other fish hatchery facilities at risk from harmful nonindigenous species, nonindigenous strains, or emergency fish diseases.

Subd. 3. **License void.** The license of a person convicted of a violation of sections 17.4981 to 17.4997 or a rule of the commissioner governing the operation of an aquatic farm, private fish hatchery, or quarantine facility is void for a period of one year after the conviction if the person is convicted of two or more misdemeanors within a three-year period. If the commissioner determines that the public welfare will not be injured, the commissioner may reinstate a license voided under this subdivision.

History: *1993 c 226 s 14; 1997 c 226 s 5*