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Ordinance No 663 of the Minister for the Environment of 02.09.2014,
The order shall be issued on the basis of paragraph 19(3) of the Law on fishing.

At the 38 th session of the Fisheries Commission established under the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Estonia and the Government of the Russian Federation on cooperation for the conservation and exploitation of fishery resources in lakes Peipsi, Lämmi and Pihkva, held in Petroskoi from 16 to 20 June 2014, it was agreed that a minimum size of 25 cm (from the apex of the nose to the beginning of the average caudal rays) or 30 cm (from the apex of the nose to the end of the caudal fin) could be fished from 1 September. Because of the biology of the site, the fish reaches its main growth rate in the second half of the summer. Due to the very low water temperatures and the relatively low food table at the beginning of summer 2014, this year only began to grow in the second half of August. Studies carried out in the second and fourth weeks of August have shown that the majority of the 2012 generation of the Lake Peipsi has not reached that length and therefore groundseine e must be discarded when fishing with mutants, turning seines and traps. Not more than one third of the area found in the abovementioned catches of fishing gear must be discarded and these fish may die unnecessarily. Based on the advice of the scientists of the Estonian Institute of Marine Affairs, until the majority of the places have reached the agreed minimum size, it is possible to continue fishing with gillnets only beyond 1 km from the shore in Lake Peipsi and beyond 500 m from the shore in Lake Läm and Pihkva.

On the basis of the above

let me decide:

1. Prohibit fishing for bottom seines, turning seines in lakes of Peipsi, Läm and Pihkva from 5 September to 15 September 2014 in
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2. Prohibit fishing with traps in lakes Peipsi, Lämmi and Pihkva during the period from 6 September to 15 September 2014 in the
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3. A decree to be published in the official publication Ametlikud Teadaanded and on the internet on the website of the Ministry of the Environment
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