**Section 860.10 Implementation**

a) The Director or his or her designee shall implement aquatic life salvage operations under authority granted to the Director by Section 1-150 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code [515 ILCS 5] (Code) for a specific area and specific time for which an emergency situation exists.

b) An emergency situation exists when a field investigation by a Department fishery biologist provides information to the Director indicating there is imminent danger of loss of that aquatic life population by natural or man-made causes.

c) The Director or his or her designee may authorize the relocation of aquatic life in imminent threat of injury or death due to human disturbances under authority granted to the Director by Section 1-50 of the Code.

d) Department regulatory staff shall review proposed construction projects that occur in aquatic environs (rivers, streams and lakes). In certain situations, aquatic life must be moved away from those construction project sites to avoid unnecessary harm. Aquatic life relocation by the project contractor or designee is authorized by this subsection (d) and shall be conducted in accordance with Section 860.20.

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