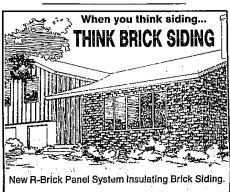
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Gov. James J. Blanchard has amounced a plan to combat toxic pollution and provent future water diversion of the Great Laken. In a recent speech to the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the governor said defense of the lakes is entitled to the marshaling of full resources of Michigan and neighboring states and provinces, which, he said, must initiate protection measures rather than wait for the federal government to act. He labeled the Great Lakes as a commodity that cannot be bought or sold.

"We can set out on two overriding courses of action—to develop a campaign that will eradication to the control of the con

THE GOVERNOR said he is asking for swift approval by the legislature of a short-term ban on major diversion of Great Lakes water, which would be succeeded by a larger water policy by 1987 for conserving, managing and using the water. Blanchard said that would be part of building a legal case that diverting water would be unreasonable, contrary to conservation and detrimental to public welfare.

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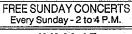
HE ASKED the Department of Public Health to renew research on the bealth efforts of cating con-taminated fish, while the Natural Resources Com-mission is to recommend a program to test and analyze fish as a barometer of contamination trends.

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The governor said he is directing environmental agencies to place a priority on identifying point sources of total discharges and gather evidence if they are in violation of existing laws or permits so the attorney separal may take action.

To continue development of the lakes as an ecomple and recreational resources, the governor said the DNR would coordinate more varied its plantings, and target funds on specific species with the best chance of permanent reproduction.

Hoyt is executive director of the Michigan Press Association.



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