



Illinois Department of
Natural Resources **MEMORANDUM**

To: Director Wayne Rosenthal

From: Director Rafael Gutierrez, OLE  #332

Date: July 2, 2015

Subject: AMENDED-Conditions on the Illinois River from the confluence of the Mississippi River to river mile marker 187).

Region 4, District 9 Conservation Police Sergeant Mark Wagner reports record flooding, saturated levees, dangerous currents and floating and submerged debris have created conditions significantly hazardous for navigation on the Illinois River from the confluence to the Mississippi River to river mile marker 187. The conditions also make it treacherous for emergency response personnel who are called upon to respond to and rescue persons involved in boating mishaps.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has authorization to designate Restricted Boating Areas during hazardous conditions as cited in the following:

Section 2030.80 Hazardous Navigation Conditions - Designated Restricted Boating Areas

In the event that the Department of Natural Resources determines the presence of conditions that make navigation of a body of water significantly dangerous to the public, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources may, in coordination with the federal government, designate Restricted Boating Areas on any affected body of water within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois. This designation shall be made by public announcement in local media and by posting at local public boat launches and marinas, and the restricted area shall be physically marked by buoys, signs, manned watercraft or yellow police tape. This designation will remain in effect until the Director of the Department of Natural Resources determines that navigation is no longer significantly dangerous to the public, but in no case shall the designation remain in effect longer than 90 days. Rescission of the Restricted Boating Area designation shall be publicly announced in local media and posted at local public boat launches and marinas and any markings shall be removed.

(Source: Added at 29 Ill. Reg. 15550, effective September 27, 2005)

I recommend the Illinois River from river mile markers 0 to 187 be designated as a Restricted Boating Area (Recreational Boats Restriction Only) effective July 2, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. If you approve, please sign below and the Conservation Police will coordinate the Restricted Boating Area with the United States Coast Guard and local authorities.

 7/2/15
Approved By Director Wayne Rosenthal Date