



Illinois Department of
Natural Resources **MEMORANDUM**

To: Director Wayne Rosenthal
From: Director Rafael Gutierrez, OLE *RG/sek*
Date: June 29, 2015
Subject: Conditions on the Middle Fork (Vermilion River) in Vermilion County

Conservation Police District 19 Supervisor Sgt. John Williamson advises the conditions which prompted the Restricted Boating Area designation on the Middle Fork River in Vermilion County are no longer as significant. Vermilion County Emergency Management Agency concurs with the assessment.

The Middle Fork of the Vermilion River level above Oakwood, IL is 3.36 feet with a discharge of 1120 cubic feet per second at 5:45 a.m.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has authorization to lift Restricted Boating Areas designation when navigation is no longer significantly dangerous.

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. Recision 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 that Restricted Boating Area designation be lifted for the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River effective at 10:00 a.m. on June 29, 2015. If you approve, please sign below and the Conservation Police will coordinate the lifting of Restricted Boating Area designation with the local authorities.

Wayne Rosenthal
Approved By Director Wayne Rosenthal *6/29/15* Date