



Illinois Department of
Natural Resources **MEMORANDUM**

To: Director Wayne Rosenthal
From: Director Rafael Gutierrez, OLE *RG/ceb*
Date: 06/29/15
Subject: Conditions on the Vermillion River In LaSalle County

Conservation Police Sergeant Hank Frazier reported rising flood waters, dangerous currents, floating and submerged debris and rapids have created conditions significantly hazardous for navigation on the Vermillion River in LaSalle County. The conditions also make it treacherous for emergency response personnel who are called upon to respond to and rescue persons involved in boating mishaps. Oglesby and Utica Fire Departments concur with the assessment.

The Vermillion River at Leonore, IL is 13.9 feet with a discharge of 7,700 cfs at 5:45 a.m.

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. 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 the Vermillion River in LaSalle County be designated as a Restricted Boating Area effective June 29, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. If you approve, please sign below and the Conservation Police will coordinate the Restricted Boating Area with the local authorities.

Wayne Rosenthal *6/29/15*

Approved By Director Wayne Rosenthal Date