



To: Director Natalie Phelps-Finnie

From: Captain J. Mooi

Date: 04/17/2024

Subject: Conditions on the Fox River

Northeast Zone Commander Joshua Mooi, Joe Keller of the Fox Waterway Agency, District 3 Sergeant Dave Wollgast advise that water levels on the Fox River have begun receding and is projected to recede further over the coming days.


The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has authorization to designate Restricted Boating Areas when navigation is significantly dangerous, as well as rescinding such closures when it is safe to do so.

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I recommend a the Restricted Boating Area (no recreational boating) be rescinded on the Fox River from the mouth of the Fox River at Pistakee Lake, south to the Bridge Street Bridge (Millington) effective at 4:00 pm on 04/17/2024. If you approve, please sign below and the Office of Law Enforcement will coordinate the cancellation of the Restricted Boating Area designation with the United States Coast Guard and local authorities.


Approved By Director Natalie Phelps-Finnie


Date