




Illinois Department of  
**Natural Resources** **MEMORANDUM**

to: Acting Director Flood

from: Director Rafael Gutierrez, OLE  #332

date: 07/17/08

subject: Conditions on the Kishwaukee River in Winnebago County

Conservation Police Supervisor Sergeant Hank Frazier has reported that the conditions which prompted the Restricted Boating Area designation on the Kishwaukee River in Winnebago County are no longer as significant. Winnebago County Sheriff and Emergency Management Coordinator Richard Meyers and Cherry Valley Fire Chief Craig Wilt concur with the assessment.

River stage on the Kishwaukee River near Perryville, IL is 7.49 feet at 10:30 a.m.

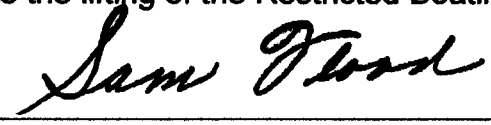
The Department of Natural Resources has authorization to designate restricted Boating Areas when navigation is significantly dangerous.

**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 the Restricted Boating Area be lifted for the Kishwaukee River from the County Line Road to the confluence of the Kishwaukee River and from the Kishwaukee River from Shaw Road to the confluence of the Rock River effective at 12:00 p.m. on 07/17/08. If you approve, please sign below and the Office of Law Enforcement will coordinate the lifting of the Restricted Boating Area designation with the local authorities.

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Approved By Acting Director Flood Date