



Illinois Department of
Natural Resources **MEMORANDUM**

to: Acting Director Flood
from: Gary R. Clark *GRC*
date: April 28, 2008
subject: Conditions on the Fox River between Stratton Dam and Montgomery Dam

The conditions which prompted the Restricted Boating Area designation on the Fox River between Stratton Dam and Montgomery Dam are no longer as significant. Flows have decreased along with river velocities. Sergeant Brett Scroggins has surveyed the river and believes conditions are significantly less hazardous. Don Bryant, Kane County Emergency Management Director, and Commander Marvin, McHenry County Marine Safety Unit, concur with Sergeant Scroggins assessment.

Flows on the Fox River at Stratton Dam are 2275 cfs with a tailwater stage of 3.87.

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 Fox River between Stratton Dam and Montgomery Dam effective 10 A.M. on April 28, 2008. If you approve, please sign below and this Office will coordinate the lifting of Restricted Boating Area designation with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Gary R. Clark

Approved By Acting Director Flood Date

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