

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Proposed Amendments to
The Rules for Lower St. Croix
Water Surface Use 6105.0300 - .0350

STATEMENT OF
NEED AND
EVIDENCE

The authority of the Commissioner of Natural Resources to promulgate rules regarding surface water use zoning is found in Minnesota Statutes, Section 361.26. The rules currently in effect on the Lower St. Croix River are identified as Minnesota Rules 6105.0300 - .0350.

This amendment was originally proposed in S.R. 8 1674 (Jan. 16, 1984) but was automatically withdrawn after 180 days (as required by M.S. § 14.26), since the State of Wisconsin had failed to adopt an identical amendment.


The Washington County board and Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission have both requested that Section 6105.0340, Subd. 3 of these rules be amended to prohibit waterskiing after noon on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays from May 15 through September 15, instead of Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Commissioner of Natural Resources proposes to amend these rules to accommodate this request because of the following:

1. According to the Boundary Area commission and law enforcement authorities, there is significant recreational use of this portion of the river before Memorial Day after Labor Day. Use which was not foreseen at the time the original rule was adopted (1977). Since the idea of restricting waterskiing during heavier use periods was to eliminate conflicts, the enforcement authorities have recommended that the restriction dates to changed.

2. The state of Wisconsin did adopt an identical rule amendment, on December 1, 1984 and they share responsibility with the State of Minnesota and the National Park Service for recreational boating on St. Croix.

It is hoped that this amendment will eliminate potential problems in this river zone.

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