

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL
AND AREA ORDER NO. 35

AMENDING COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC
AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 30,
ESTABLISHING THE PINE AND CURRY
ISLAND SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 10, 1986, regarding proposed changes in the management of the Pine and Curry Island Scientific and Natural Area; and

WHEREAS, following the hearing, the hearing officer made a report containing findings of fact, conclusions and a recommendation; and

WHEREAS, upon reviewing the record and the report of the hearing officer, I concur with his conclusions, findings and recommendations, to wit:

1. Changes in the official designation order to:
 - a. provide an additional shorelunch area near the south end of Pine Island;
 - b. provide for legal winter crossings of the island by snowmobiles and motorized vehicles at specified locations;
 - c. permit waterfowl hunting during the open waterfowl season; and
 - d. establish sanctuary areas on the SNA based on nesting locations,
- will provide for better management and protection of the SNA's rare resources (Piping Plover, Common Tern, Bald Eagles and the

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plant community) and greater public support for protection of the SNA's resources.

2. These changes are supported by an official management plan for the SNA which was developed in consultation with persons knowledgeable in the management of the rare and endangered species found on the SNA.

3. The Management Subcommittee of the Commissioner's Advisory Committee on SNA's has recommended approval of the management plan containing the proposed changes.

4. The management plan was circulated for public review and comment and public comments support the changes proposed.

5. The Scientific and Natural Areas Program has concluded that the proposed changes will provide for greater protection and support for protection of the SNA's plant community and Piping Plover, Common Tern, and Bald Eagle populations by minimizing human activity in bird sanctuary areas and by permitting certain uses during the winter at a time when there is no direct conflict between management objectives of the SNA and users.

6. The record indicates that the Pine and Curry Island SNA fully meets the criteria of M.S. 86A.05, subd. 5, in that it provides breeding habitat for the state endangered Piping Plover, state threatened Bald Eagle, state special concern Common Tern, as well as one rare Sand Beach natural plant community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby


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amend Commissioner's Scientific and Natural Area Order No. 30 by adding the following special use provisions:

1. Sanctuary areas prohibiting all public use shall be established based on bird nesting locations and suitably posted;
2. Waterfowl hunting during the open waterfowl season is permitted subject to all applicable laws and regulations;
3. Winter crossings of the island by snowmobiles and motorized vehicles is permitted at specified locations; and
4. An additional shorelunch area near the south end of Pine Island shall be established and suitably posted.

Except as provided in this order, all provisions of Commissioner's Scientific and Natural Area Order No. 30 shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 18 day of Sept,
1986.


JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, COMMISSIONER
Department of Natural Resources

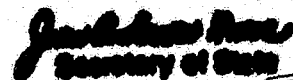
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