## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## DEPARTMEN'T OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 53 SAVAGE FEN SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, certain lands in Scott County, Minnesota, described as:

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section Seventeen (17), Township One Hundred Fifteen North (115N), Range Twenty—one West (21W), EXCEPT the West 329.43 feet (as measured along the north and south lines thereof).

are under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain high quality mesic blacksoil prairie and calcareous fen communities that contain the following rare, threatened or endangered plant species: whorled nut-rush (Scleria verticil lata), valerian (Valeriana edulis), sterile sedge (Carex sterilis), twig rush (Cladium mariscoides), false asphodel (Tofieldia glutinosa); and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, and other applicable law, do hereby designate the above-described lands as Savage Fen

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Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the Savage Fen Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, open to the public for nature observation and general educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Minn. Rules pts. 6135.4500 through 6135.5000 shall apply to the abovedesignated area.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 16 day of

Mar. 1989.

Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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