



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2009 Wisconsin Act 32
[2009 Assembly Bill 43]

**Totogatic River Wild River
Designation**

2009 Wisconsin Act 32 designates portions of the Totogatic River as state wild rivers.

As part of the management of the designated portions of the Totogatic River, the Act establishes the following:

- The Department of Natural Resources may authorize the removal of natural obstructions from the designated portion of the river from the outlet of Totogatic Lake located in Bayfield County to the upstream end of Nelson Lake at the southern edge of the walleye spawning refuge located in Sawyer County, if needed for the protection or growth of wild rice.
- Any pier that is in place on the river on July 25, 2009, may be maintained or replaced, provided that the replacement pier:
 - May have no more boat slips than did the original pier and may not have a loading platform; and
 - Must either be limited to the dimensions of the original pier or the dimension requirements specified in 30.12 (1g) (g), Stats., whichever dimensions result in a smaller square area for the pier.
- Any bridge or water crossing that is used for recreational or forestry purposes and that is in place on the river on July 25, 2009 may be maintained, modified, or replaced to the extent necessary to ensure public safety. Any maintenance, modification, or replacement must be performed in a manner that results in the least impact on the beauty and the natural condition of the river.

The maintenance, modification, and replacement activities described above must comply with any applicable permitting or other requirements under ch. 30, Stats.

Effective Date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 32 takes effect on July 25, 2009.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.