



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
ACT MEMO**

2009 Wisconsin Act 7 [2009 Senate Bill 6]	Brunsweler River Wild River Designation
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2009 Wisconsin Act 7 designates a portion of the Brunsweler River in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest in Ashland County as a state wild river. The Act specifies that this portion of the Brunsweler River shall be known as the “Martin Hanson Wild River.”

As part of the management of the designated portion of the Brunsweler River, the Act establishes the following:

- The U.S. Forest Service may maintain the dam that impounds Beaver Dam Lake and that is in place on April 29, 2009 (the effective date of this provision). If the U.S. Forest Service receives authorization from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to abandon the dam, the DNR may carry out restoration activities to restore the natural appearance of the lake and the river.
- The U.S. Forest Service may maintain or replace the boat landing on Mineral Lake that is in place on April 29, 2009.
- Any pier that is in place on the river on April 28, 2009 may be maintained or replaced, provided that a replacement pier:
 - May have no more boat slips than did the original pier; and
 - Shall either be limited to the dimensions of the original pier or the dimension requirements specified in s. 30.12 (1g) (f), Stats., whichever dimensions result in a smaller square area for the pier and any accompanying platform.

The maintenance and replacement activities described above are subject to applicable permitting or other requirements under chs. 30 and 31, Stats., relating to navigable waters, harbors and navigation; and regulation of dams and bridges and affecting navigable waters.

Effective Date: 2009 Wisconsin Act 7 takes effect on April 29, 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/>.