

Assembly Bill 673

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CHAPTER 363

AN ACT to create 30.26 of the statutes, relating to designating the Pine, Pike and Popple rivers as wild rivers.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 30.26 of the statutes is created to read:

30.26 WILD RIVERS. (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT. In order to afford the people of this state an opportunity to enjoy natural streams, to attract out-of-state visitors and assure the well-being of our tourist industry, it is in the interest of this state to preserve some rivers in a free flowing condition and to protect them from development; and for this purpose a system of wild rivers is established, but no river shall be designated as wild without legislative act.

(2) The Pike river in Marinette county, and the Pine river and its tributary Popple river in Florence and Forest counties are designated as wild rivers and shall receive special management to assure their preservation, protection and enhancement of their natural beauty, unique recreational and other inherent values in accordance with guidelines outlined in this section.

(3) The conservation commission in connection with wild rivers shall:

(a) Provide active leadership in the development of a practical management policy.

(b) Consult other state agencies and planning committees.

(c) Collaborate with county and town boards and local development committees or boards in producing a mutually acceptable program for the preservation, protection and enhancement of the rivers.

(d) Administer the management program.

(e) Seek the co-operation of the U.S. forest service, timber companies, county foresters and private landowners in implementing land use practices to accomplish the objectives of the management policy.

(f) Act as co-ordinator under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This bill is declared to be an emergency bill, recommended by the joint committee on finance, in accordance with the requirements of section 16.47 (2) of the statutes.

Approved November 5, 1965.