

2009 ASSEMBLY BILL 43

February 17, 2009 – Introduced by Representatives MILROY, HRAYCHUCK, HUBLER, BLACK, SHERMAN, SOLETSKI, BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, SPANBAUER, MASON and DANOU, cosponsored by Senators JAUCH, LASSA, HANSEN, KEDZIE, LEHMAN, RISSER and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1 **AN ACT** *to renumber and amend* 30.26 (2); *to repeal and recreate* 30.26 (4)
2 (title); and *to create* 30.26 (2) (a) 3. and 30.26 (5) of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 designating portions of the Totogatic River as a wild river.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the legislature may designate rivers as part of the state's wild river system. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers the system to preserve, protect, and enhance a river's natural beauty and unique recreational value. This bill adds to the wild river system portions of the Totogatic River. The bill also specifically allows DNR to authorize the removal of natural obstructions in the river if needed for the growth of wild rice and allows for the maintenance and replacement of piers and certain bridges and water crossings that currently are in place on the designated portions of the river.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** 30.26 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 30.26 (2) (a) (intro.) and
5 amended to read:

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1 30.26 (2) (a) (intro.) The following rivers, or portions of rivers, are designated
2 as wild rivers:

3 1. The Pike River in Marinette County, and the,

4 2. The Pine River and its tributary Popple River in Florence and Forest
5 counties are designated as wild rivers and,

6 (b) The rivers designated under par. (a) shall receive special management to
7 assure their preservation, protection and enhancement of their natural beauty, and
8 their unique recreational and other inherent values in accordance with guidelines
9 outlined in this section.

10 **SECTION 2.** 30.26 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

11 30.26 (2) (a) 3. Portions of the Totogatic River as follows:

12 a. From the outlet of Totogatic Lake located in Bayfield County to the upstream
13 end of Nelson Lake at the Southern edge of the walleye spawning refuge located in
14 Sawyer County.

15 b. From a point 500 feet below the dam in the Totogatic Wildlife Area located
16 in Washburn County to the upstream end of the Colton Flowage located in Washburn
17 County.

18 c. From a point 500 feet below the dam that forms the Colton Flowage located
19 in Washburn County to the point where the river crosses the Washburn–Douglas
20 County line immediately above the upstream end of the Minong Flowage.

21 d. From the bridge on CTH “I” that crosses the river located in Washburn
22 County to the confluence of the river with the Namekagon River located in Burnett
23 County.

24 **SECTION 3.** 30.26 (4) (title) of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

25 30.26 (4) (title) SNOWMOBILES AND ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES.

