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CHAPTER 218

AN ACT to amend 29.545 of the statutes, relating to removal of aquatic plants from waters.

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

29.545 of the statutes is amended to read:

29.545 No person shall cut, harvest or remove wild rice, wild celery, sago or other aquatic plants of any variety whatsoever from Lakes Partridge, Partridge Crop, Poygan, Winneconne, Big Lake Butte des Morts, and the Wolf river from the mouth of the Rat river to its outlet from Big Lake Butte des Morts, * * * and * * * the Fox river from its junction with the Wolf river to where it empties into Lake Winnebago * * * except that such growth of aquatic plants of any variety may be cut, removed or controlled in any portion of the above named waters on authorization from the conservation commission if the state board of health determines that they constitute a menace to public health, or by authorization from the conservation commission to such extent and during such periods of the time as the conservation commission may, * * * *with or without* public hearing, determine that any such aquatic plants either are not reasonably necessary for propagation of fish or wildlife or that property or esthetic values are unreasonably impaired, provided that such cutting or other con-

trol activities are conducted in compliance with the rules * * * of the public service commission so as not to create an obstacle or hazard to navigation. *Such cutting, removing, controlling or harvesting of aquatic plants in the above named waters shall be done only by persons after obtaining from the conservation commission a written permit therefor, which shall be issued without charge.*

Approved July 31, 1963.
