

Pelican Lake Motorized Watercraft Restrictions in effect annually from March 15 to May 15

For the purposes of enhancing the use and value of Pelican Lake in Wright County (a Wildlife Management Lake designated pursuant to MS96A.101) for migratory waterfowl, and to limit the disturbance of migratory waterfowl that are feeding and resting during the spring migration particularly Lesser and Greater Scaup, Canvasbacks, Redheads, Ring necks, and Ruddy ducks the following watercraft restrictions are effective annually from March 15 thru May 15 as authorized by MS97A.101 subdivision 4 (b) and (c), that:

- 1. Portions of the surface waters of Pelican Lake in Wright County (DOW #86003100) are closed to all motorized watercraft every year from March 15 to May 15 except as otherwise provided by this notice or special permit. The closed zone is described as the portion of Pelican Lake located south and east of a line connecting UTM zone 15N Lat., Long 440466.288, 5007950.766 (NE point) and 439699.479, 5007035.266 (SW point), Wright County, Minnesota. This area consists of portions of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17 and 18 of Saint Michael Township 120N, Range 24W, and a small portion of Section 12 in Buffalo Township 120N, Range 25W.
- 2. All public access points on the lake will be posted and the restricted zone will be marked with buoys every year from March 15 through May 15.
- 3. Motorized watercraft use by agents of the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or local law enforcement agencies is authorized in the closed zone as described in #1, except that airboats used during non-emergency situations by agencies other than DNR must be authorized by a special permit from its director of the DNR Fish and Wildlife Division.
- 4. Special permits may be issued by the DNR to riparian resident landowners and their immediate family members or tenants to operate motorized watercraft in the closed zone.

Dated: May 5, 2015

Tom Landwehr, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Commissioner

Commissioner's Order: Motorized Watercraft Restrictions on Pelican Lake in Wright County

Effective Date: May 18, 2015

Statutory authority: Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.101, subd. 4 (b) and (c)