

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Highway 40 bridge over Lac qui Parle lake is a popular angling spot and is quite congested at certain times of the year, and;

Whereas there is confusion on the part of the angling public both on the bridge deck and on the water as to where angling is allowed and where boating is allowed, and;

Whereas this confusion has led to confrontations ranging from tangled lines to minnows being dumped on anglers to other degrading acts, and;

Whereas the pursuit of angling should be as peaceful and relaxing as possible for the enjoyment of the largest number of people, and;

Whereas, this confusion could be resolved with an ordinance defining a boat passage on the surface of the water and a place for angling above;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Lac qui Parle county commissioners adopt ~~an ordinance~~^a ordinance declaring the western 25% of the bridge over Lac qui Parle lake be a "Slow, No Wake, No Anchoring" boating zone and that the corresponding zone be marked "No Fishing" from the bridge deck. Anyone boating where not permitted or angling where not permitted shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars.

*Adopted.
9/19/96*

TO: Agencies Affected by Proposed Water Surface Use Ordinance

FROM: Pat Joyce, Conservation Officer

DATE: Aug. 7, 1996

SUBJECT: Water Surface Use Ordinance Lac qui Parle lake

Attached is proposed ordinance regarding Lac qui Parle lake. As per instructions from Dept. of Natural Resources Boat and Water section, you are hereby notified of proposed changes. The Lac qui Parle County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing regarding this proposal tentatively scheduled for Sept. 19, 1996 during the commissioner's regular meeting. It will be announced by radio and newspaper in the area.

If you have comments regarding this, please contact Lac qui Parle Commissioner LeRoy Jans, RR 04., Box 163, Montevideo, MN 56265; Commissioner Ivey VonDerhaar, 304 Western Ave., Madison, MN 56256; or Pat Joyce, Conservation Officer, P.O. Box 141 Madison, MN 56256

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PHONE NO.



FILE NO.

TO: Lac qui Parle County Commissioners

FROM: Pat Joyce, Conservation Officer

DATE: July 6, 1996

SUBJECT: Lac qui Parle Lake Angling Conflict

This past opening fishing season [May 1996] resulted in some anglers having a frustrated time on the water. What happened [according to second hand accounts] was that some boat anglers anchored in what traditionally has been the boat passage on the west side of the lake under the highway 40 bridge. This caused boating anglers to swerve around these anchored anglers and operate boats under the overhanging lines of anglers on the bridge deck. The result was tangled lines, buckets of water [some with minnows, some without] being dumped from above onto the boaters below for a perceived violation of the deck people's fishing space. According to Jane Randall, proprietor of Milan Beach Resort, one boater realized that he had snagged a line in his motor, came over to the fishing pier to untangle the line, the owner of the line ran down from the bridge and punched the angler in the face.

Angling shouldn't be so complicated, personally, the fewer regulations the better, however, in the interests of resolving this annual problem, a resolution defining areas may take care of the problem. It is ironic that the public's behavior always seems peaceful when a uniformed officer is around but deteriorates after the officer leaves.

Signs put up across lakes to mark closing of lower 1/2 of lake from Sept. 20 - Dec. 1 inclusive.

Area Affected by proposed ordinance

