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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Boating Restricted on the Fox River within
Kane County Effective Immediately
Monday, August 20, 2007**

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has issued a boating restriction for the Fox River between the Algonquin (River Mile 83) and Montgomery (River Mile 46) Dams. This restriction is due to extremely hazardous river conditions resulting from the heavy rains that fell over the southern McHenry and northern Kane County region over the weekend.

Unusually high water flows have produced strong, swift currents in the Fox River especially near bridges and dams. The high river level also increases the hazard to boaters from large amounts of damaging debris and threatens public safety personnel who are called to respond to boating mishaps.

The National Weather Service is predicting additional rainfall over the Fox River watershed throughout the week. The ground is already saturated so any additional rainfall will contribute to the large volumes of runoff presently being experienced.

This designation will remain in effect until the Director of the Department of Natural Resources determines that navigation on the Kane County section of the Fox River is no longer dangerous to the public.

For the current boating status on the Fox River the public can go to the OEM web site at www.kcoem.org.

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