

Attention: Tom Heisler

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St. Croix National Scenic Riverway

The Riverway is protected and administered by the National Park Service (NPS). The Totogatic River recently became part of National Scenic status. Currently hunting, fishing, and trapping are still allowed. The Totogatic flows into the Namekagon, which flows into the St. Croix.

In Wisconsin, trapping is not allowed on:

- * NPS-owned land or adjacent river areas (In Wisconsin, riverfront landowner maintains rights to the centerline of the channel.)
- * Privately-owned land or adjacent river areas (Unless permission is granted by the landowner).

Trapping in accordance to state law, is allowed on:

- * Public land along Namekagon and the Wisconsin portion of St. Croix not owned by NPS.
- * River area adjacent to public land not owned by NPS, the area of riverbed to center of channel.
- * River area adjacent to private land, with landowners permission, the area of riverbed to center of channel.

Proposal: Regain trapping rights on NPS-owned land along Namekagon, St. Croix, and tributaries. Have the new law read as follows:

Trapping in accordance to state law, is allowed on:

- * NPS-owned land or adjacent river areas (In Wisconsin, the riverfront landowner maintains rights to water use to the centerline of the channel).
- * Privately-owned land or the adjacent river area only when permission is granted by the landowner (private land boundaries are from the area of riverbed to centerline of the channel).
- * Public land (including state, county, USDA Forest Service land) along the Namekagon, the Wisconsin portion of the St. Croix and their tributaries, the area of the riverbed to the center of the channel.
- * All lands listed above, trapping shall be carried out in accordance with state law.

Do you favor legalizing trapping on the above mentioned proposal?

Yes _____ No _____

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