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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division

NOTICE OF HEARING

Proposed Amendments to Rules Governing Water Quality Standards – Use Classification 2, *Minnesota Rules*, chapter 7050; Revisor’s ID Number R-04692, OAH docket number 23-9003-37415

Overview. This notice is the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s (MPCA) legal notice of its intent to adopt amended water rules following a hearing. The purpose of these rules, known as the 2021-2022 Class 2 Use Designation Rule, is to update designated uses for some state waters to improve their restoration and protection. Assigning the appropriate beneficial use is an important first step in the process to assure the goals for each water body are attainable and can be protected.

This notice provides you the opportunity to submit your comments on this rule to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) **during the public comment period for this notice which ends at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2023**, orally at the hearing, and in writing after the hearing before the close of the hearing record. The [Subject of Rules](#) section provides further description of these proposed rules. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the MPCA encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Public Hearing. The MPCA intends to adopt rules after a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH), *Minnesota Rules* parts 1400.2200 to 1400.2240, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The MPCA will hold a virtual public hearing on the above-named rules, with the login and call-in information listed below. The hearing will be held on **Thursday, February 16, 2023, starting at 2:00 p.m.** The hearing continues until all parties present are heard. At the beginning of the hearing, the ALJ will give a presentation on the rulemaking process and the MPCA will give a presentation on the proposed rule amendments. Combined, these presentations are expected to take up to one hour, before the ALJ begins taking oral comment at the hearing.

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Administrative Law Judge. ALJ Suzanne Todnem will conduct the hearing. Judge Todnem’s Legal Assistant, Michelle Severson, can be reached at the OAH, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone 651-361-7874, and fax 651-539-0310. The rule hearing

procedure is governed by *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20, and by the rules of the OAH, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240. You should direct questions about the rule hearing procedure to the ALJ.

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The proposed rules do not change numeric or narrative water quality standards. The proposed rules make updates and corrections to Class 2 (Aquatic Life) beneficial use designations or classifications for streams. These updates fall into two groups: 1) reviewing streams for appropriate classification as cold or warm water habitats; and 2) reviewing streams under the tiered aquatic life use (TALU) framework. The TALU rules are a framework for classifying streams based on the aquatic life each supports or has the potential to support; it assigns streams to one of three tiers: Exceptional Use, General Use, and Modified Use; and builds upon existing water quality standards. Described below are the main parts of the rule amendments the MPCA is proposing. For more information about the proposed rules, please refer to the statement of need and reasonableness (SONAR) which is available as stated below.

1. Minn. R. 7050.0470. The proposed rules update the use designations for 232 stream reaches. The MPCA is updating the use designation tables incorporated by reference in Minn. R. 7050.0470 that list the specific use designations. The proposed changes to update these use designation tables, and a summary table of the Class 2 proposed use designations is available on the MPCA website for this rulemaking at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/use-designations-for-some-stream-reaches>.
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Statutory Authority. The proposed rules are authorized by *Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.03 and 115.44.*

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Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.



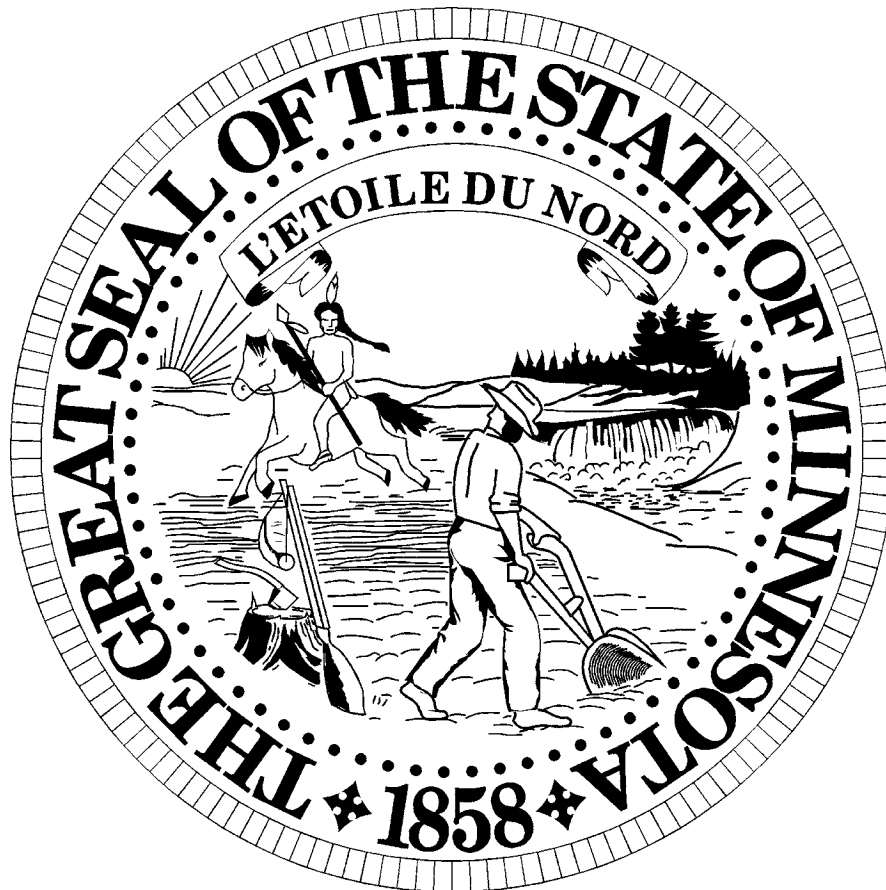
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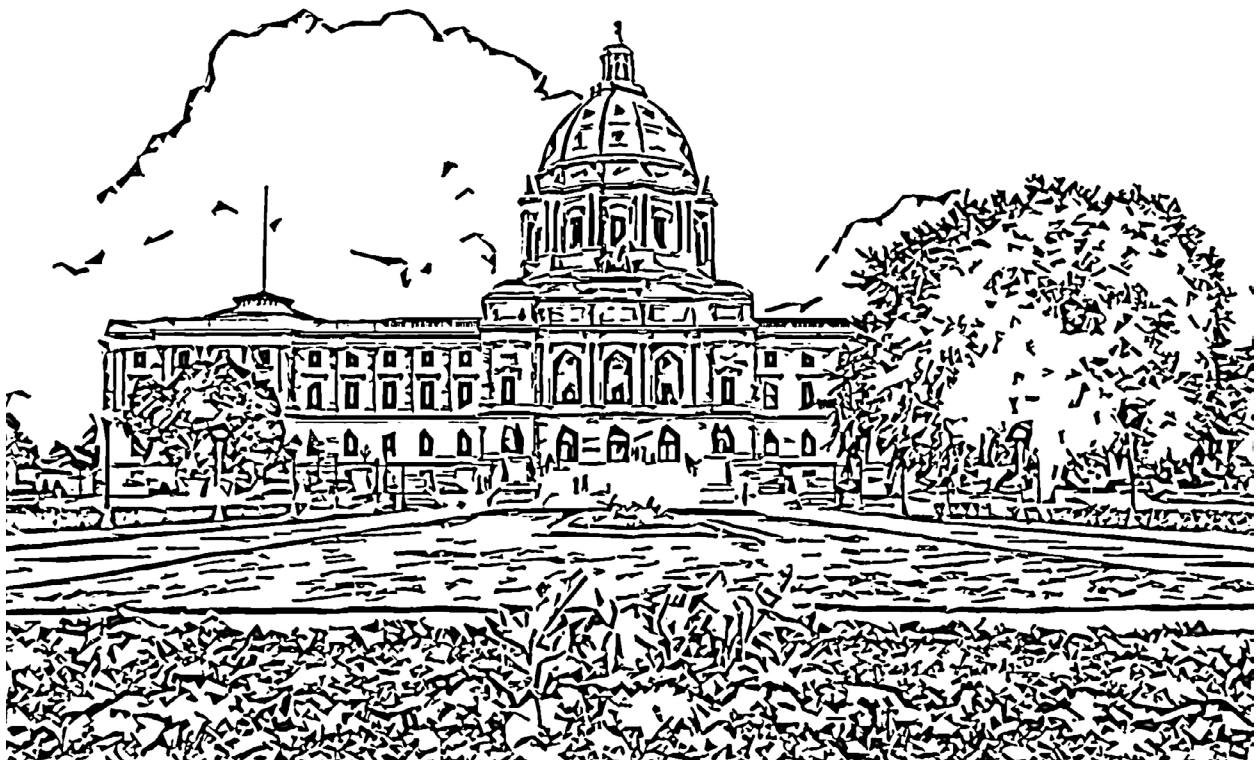
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When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the State Register as Adopted Rules. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety, but only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the State Register, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted.

The State Register features partial and cumulative listings of rules in this section on the following schedule: issues #1-26 inclusive (issue #26 cumulative for issues #1-26); issues #27-52 inclusive (issue #52, cumulative for issues #27-52 or #53 in some years). A subject matter index is updated weekly and is available upon request from the editor. For copies or subscriptions to the State Register, contact the editor at 651-201-3204 or email at sean.plemmons@state.mn.us

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Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing. After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Class 2 Waters Beneficial Use Designations; Notice of Hearing

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Date: November 29, 2022

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

7050.0470 CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SURFACE WATERS IN MAJOR DRAINAGE BASINS.

Subpart 1. **Lake Superior basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the Lake Superior basin listed in item A are found in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the Lake Superior basin are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

- (1) 04010101 Lake Superior - North (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
 - (2) 04010102 Lake Superior - South (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
 - (3) 04010201 St. Louis River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
 - (4) 04010202 Cloquet River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023); and
 - (5) 04010301 Nemadji River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023).
- [For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]*

Subp. 2. **Lake of the Woods basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major

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watersheds in the Lake of the Woods basin listed in item A are found in tables entitled “Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches” published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the Lake of the Woods basin are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency’s Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

(1) 09030001 Rainy River - Headwaters (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

(2) 09030002 Vermilion River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
[For text of subitem (3), see Minnesota Rules]

(4) 09030005 Little Fork River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
[For text of subitems (5) to (8), see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Red River of the North basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the Red River of the North basin listed in item A are found in tables entitled “Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches” published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the Red River of the North basin are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency’s Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see Minnesota Rules]

(3) 09020103 Otter Tail River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
[For text of subitems (4) to (6), see Minnesota Rules]

(7) 09020108 Wild Rice River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
[For text of subitem (8), see Minnesota Rules]

(9) 09020302 Upper/Lower Red Lake (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
[For text of subitems (10) and (11), see Minnesota Rules]

(12) 09020305 Clearwater River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
[For text of subitems (13) to (17), see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Upper Mississippi River basin (headwaters to the confluence with the St. Croix River).** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the upper Mississippi River basin from the headwaters to the confluence with the St. Croix River listed in item A are found in tables entitled “Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches” published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the upper Mississippi River basin from the headwaters to the confluence with the St. Croix River are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency’s Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

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A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

[For text of subitem (1), see Minnesota Rules]

(2) 07010102 Leech Lake River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

(3) 07010103 Mississippi River - Grand Rapids (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

(4) 07010104 Mississippi River - Brainerd (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

(5) 07010105 Pine River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

[For text of subitems (6) to (8), see Minnesota Rules]

(9) 07010201 Mississippi River - Sartell (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

(10) 07010202 Sauk River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

[For text of subitem (11), see Minnesota Rules]

(12) 07010204 North Fork Crow River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

[For text of subitems (13) to (15), see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. **Minnesota River basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the Minnesota River basin listed in item A are found in tables entitled “Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches” published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the Minnesota River basin are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency’s Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

[For text of subitem (1), see Minnesota Rules]

(2) 07020002 Pomme de Terre River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

[For text of subitems (3) to (5), see Minnesota Rules]

(6) 07020006 Redwood River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

(7) 07020007 Minnesota River - Mankato (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

(8) 07020008 Cottonwood River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

(9) 07020009 Blue Earth River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);

[For text of subitems (10) and (11), see Minnesota Rules]

(12) 07020012 Lower Minnesota River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023).

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. **Saint Croix River basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the Saint Croix River basin listed in item A are found in tables entitled “Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches” published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications

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for the other listed waters in the Saint Croix River basin are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

- (1) 07030001 Upper St. Croix River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
- (2) 07030003 Kettle River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
- (3) 07030004 Snake River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023); and
[For text of subitem (4), see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 7. **Lower Mississippi River basin (from the confluence with the St. Croix River to the Iowa border).** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the lower Mississippi River basin from the confluence with the Saint Croix River to the Iowa border listed in item A are found in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the lower Mississippi River basin from the confluence with the St. Croix River to the Iowa border are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

- [For text of subitems (1) to (3), see Minnesota Rules]
- (4) 07040004 Zumbro River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
- (5) 07040006 Mississippi River - La Crescent (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023);
[For text of subitem (6), see Minnesota Rules]
- (7) 07060001 Mississippi River - Reno (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023); and
- (8) 07060002 Upper Iowa River (~~August 9, 2016~~ March 2023).
[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 8 and 9, see Minnesota Rules]