ORDINANCE FOR WATER SKIING RESTRICTIONS WITH RECOMMENDATION FOR PWC OPERATORS

TOWN OF TREGO WASHBURN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Town Board of the Town of Trego do ordain as follows:

Section I. Applicability and Enforcement

- (a) The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to the waters of Trego Lake/Trego Flowage. This ordinance shall be in force for a two-year period and reviewed at the 1998 Annual Trego Town meeting.
- (b) This chapter shall be enforced by the officers of the Washburn County Sheriff's department.

Section II. Intent

The intent of this ordinance is to provide safe and healthful conditions for the enjoyment of aquatic recreation consistent with public rights and interests, and the capability of the water resources.

Section III. State Boating and Safety Laws Adopted

State boating laws as found in ss. 30.50 to 30.71 are adopted by reference.

Section IV. Definitions

- (a) Water ski means a boat towing a person using water skis, an aquaplane or similar device.
- (b) "PWC" means personal watercraft which is a motorboat that uses an inboard motor powering a water jet pump or a caged propeller as its primary source of motive power and that is designed to be operated by a person standing on, kneeling on, or sitting astride the watercraft.

Section V. <u>Water Skiing</u>

No person shall water ski or operate any motorboat towing a person engaged in water skiing or similar activity during the hours of 7 P.M. to 10 A.M. local time seven days a week on the waters of Trego Lake/Trego Flowage.

Section VI. **Recommendation:**

The Town Board of Trego recommends to all boaters operating personal water craft that they also comply with the hour restriction on water skiing.

Section VII. Posting Requirements

Duty, the Town of Trego shall place and maintain signs in such waters as shall (a) be appropriate to advise the public of the provisions of this chapter and post and maintain a copy of this Section at all public access points within the jurisdiction of the Township.

Section VIII. Penalties

Wisconsin state boating penalties as found in ss. 30.80 are adopted by reference.

Section IX. Severability

The provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed severable and it is expressly declared that the Town Board would have passed the other provisions of this Ordinance irrespective of whether or not one or more provisions may be declared invalid. If any of this ordinance or the application to any person or circumstances in held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance and the application of such provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

Section X. **Effective Date**

This section will become effective upon passage and the day after publication.

Passed this 9th day of April, 1996

Chairman, Town of Trego

CONDITION REPORT

This ordinance is necessary to reduce user conflict. The chances of a boating accident are greater with out the ordinance.

At the present time, fishermen, canoeists, water skiers, are all out on the water creating an unsafe boating environment. This ordinance would protect public rights, interests and the capability of the water resource.

If this ordinance is not adopted, the impact on public health, safety or welfare could be great, creating a condition where the prospect of a boating accident is great.

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AMENDMENT **BOATING ORDINANCE TOWN OF TREGO** WASHBURN COUNTY, WISCONSIN

The Slow-No Wake ordinance adopted by the Town of Trego for a two-year period on April 12, 1994 was reviewed at the Annual Meeting on April 9, 1996.

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The Town Board decided to keep the ordinance in force for another two-year period, to be reviewed again at the 1998 Annual Town of Trego meeting.

Cary Compbell 4-9-96 Chairman, Town of Trego