

Commissioner's Order 03-83

Natural Resources

A Commissioner's Order requiring individuals to have a "Land Use Permit" within designated areas of the Mille Lacs Reservation.

WHEREAS, Band Statute 1032-MLC-1, Section 29 mandates that the Commissioner of Natural Resources shall protect and regulate all matters of land and water for Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, and;

WHEREAS, member of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa rely on the gathering of wild rice for food, and religious purposes, and;

WHEREAS, wild rice campsites were purchased for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indian to gather wild rice, and;

WHEREAS, traditional members of Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa regulated the harvesting of wild rice per lake or river, and;

WHEREAS, the land held in trust for the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians or any land under trust status of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe and under the jurisdiction of the Non-Removable Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa that can be utilized as an access to any lake or river requires regulation pursuant to Band Statute.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians under tribal law, I, Don Wedll, Commissioner of Natural Resources for the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians, hereby prescribe the following requirement that individuals have a "Land Use Permit" for designated areas of Mille Lacs Reservation.

A "Land Use Permit" will be required until further notice within those parts of Aitkin, Crow Wing, Mille Lacs, Otter tail and Pine Counties lying within the following described boundaries:

Aitkin County

Twp 45 N., R. 27 W., 4th PM.
Section 3, portions of Lot 1

Crow Wing County

Twp 136 N., R. 25 W., 4th PM.
Section 18, Lots 1 and 2

Mille Lacs County

Twp. 42 N., R. 27 W., 4th PM.
Section 7, Govt., Lots 1 and 2
Section 5, Govt., Lots 4, 5, and 6

Ottertail County

Twp 135 N., R. 41 W., 5th PM.
Section 15, E 1/2 Govt. Lot 3

Pine County

Twp 40 N., R. 20 W., 4th PM.
Section 35, NE 1/4 NE 1/4.

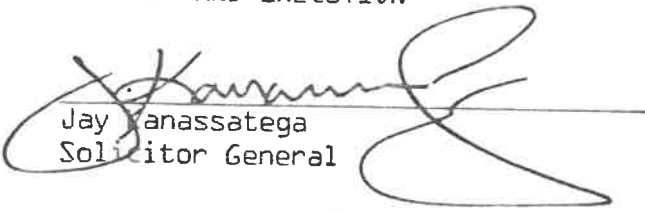
With such "Land Use Permits" being issued by the Mille Lacs Law Enforcement Department under the following guidelines:

1. All "Land Use Permits" will specify the activity and reason for the issuing of a permit.
2. All applicants will abide by appropriate Tribal Laws and Commissioner's Orders.
3. No permit will be issued which would be in violation of Tribal Law or Commissioner's Orders.
4. The issuance of permits will be limited so as not to deplete or oversee any given resource. Such limiting will be done with the consultation of the Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa Indians Spiritual Advisor and above said Commissioner.
5. Fees for said permits shall be established pursuant to Band Statute.

DATED, at Vineland, Minnesota this twenty-second day of August in the year one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three.


Don Wedli
Commissioner of Natural Resources

APPROVED AND NUMBERED AS TO
FORM AND EXECUTION


Jay Anassatega
Solicitor General

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