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Dear Mr. Manson;

I remember our previous correspondence on fishing tournaments so you probably won't be completely satisfied with my information but I did ask the staff to look into the matter with the following results.

The tournament occurred in Pools 9 & 10. As I'm sure you know Pool 9 is located in the waters of MN, WI & IA; Pool 10 is located in WI & IA. A permit for a fishing tournament in the waters of Iowa is required. Surprisingly since Cabela's has held properly permitted tournaments in the past they overlooked getting a permit for this one. The matter has been turned over for investigation to the Law Enforcement Bureau.

The Department does normally permit bow fishing tournaments, unless review of the application results in an obvious incompatible use conflict. The reason for this is that all fish populations benefit from the harvest of rough fish. Tournaments not only directly harvest rough fish but encourage recreational bow hunters to harvest the fish, legally, outside of the tournaments. The permitting process in addition to allowing a review for conflicts also allows the posting of the event on the IDNR website so users wishing to avoid tournaments can make a quick check before going and choose a different location if they wish to avoid the tournament.

Thank you for bringing this unpermitted tournament to our attention so the matter can be dealt with and future conflicts avoided.

Kim Francisco

Commissioner & Secretary INRC

From: Timothy Mason [timwmason@outlook.com]

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Subject: Fw: Madness on our Refuge!

Folks, the following has to do with the totally out of control Cabala's sponsored commercial World Champion Bow Fishing Tournament held on the Upper River for several nights back in July. Out of control huge redneck airboats with aircraft landing lights, five man teams, unbelievably loud, resource damaging and other user disturbing all night long behavior. peace,
Tim