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10. Herons

Recommended Actions:

Locate and protect the current heron rookery and manage public lands in the AOC to ensure that appropriate habitat exists for at least one Great Blue Heron rookery.

- (1) WDNR should investigate reports of a new rookery on Dwight's Point.
- (2) Once located, MDNR or WDNR should initiate appropriate management protection.
- (3) Superior should manage appropriate areas in the Superior Municipal Forest to provide trees and structure required for rookeries.
- (4) Superior should, through special designation, protect natural values of the Municipal Forest.

Implementors:

Superior Municipal Forest Committee, Superior City Council, MDNR and WDNR.

Actions Taken:

8/95: MDNR summary report in file.

1997: WDNR designates part of the Superior Municipal Forest a State Natural Area. (Natural area in City of Superior that includes Dwight's Point.)

4/98: Follow up letters sent to MDNR, WDNR, and City of Superior.

9/00: To date, no one has looked for new rookery that may have replaced one lost because of a housing development. No known heron rookeries on Dwight's Point or in Superior Municipal Forest.

11/00: Letter sent to MDNR. CAC is working with USFW Service and UWS on a feasibility study for creating an area with structures for a new rookery.

3/01: Intern from UWS assigned to project.

Project Status:

A course of action has been established. It will be implemented at a future date.