

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.48718 Establishment of closed season; spawning beds; notices; use of boat or floating device over spawning bed; opening waters out of season.**

Sec. 48718. The department may establish a closed season on any spawning bed when it appears that spawning or guarding does not coincide with the time of the closed season provided by law. Notices defining the closed areas must be posted not less than 5 days before taking effect. For the purpose of this part, a spawning bed means any section of a lake, river, pond, or other body of water where fish are known to congregate for the purpose of spawning. A person shall not operate any boat, floating device, or other contrivance propelled by or using as motive power steam, gas, naphtha, oil, gasoline, or electricity upon any spawning bed posted as provided in this part. The department may open to fishing at any time, for any species, in any manner, any waters in which an excessive mortality of fish occurs or is threatened.

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