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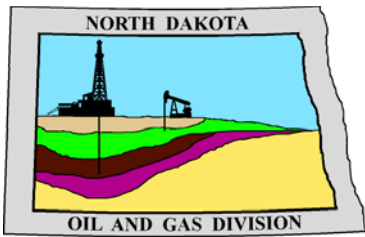
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Ordinary High Water Mark Update

BISMARCK- Department of Mineral Resources Director Lynn Helms stated, "Because questions have arisen about the court's ruling on Monday, it is important to clarify how the process for implementing the statute will proceed from here. In fact, the judge rejected nearly all the requests made by the plaintiffs. After stating that he did not believe the plaintiffs ultimately are likely to be successful, the judge denied their broad request to enjoin the statute and only ruled that certain funds which may have been collected prior to April 21, 2017, cannot be distributed, for now. Thus, the court's ruling does not affect the Industrial Commission's obligation to finish the survey of the ordinary high water mark or the comment period relating to that survey."

The Oil and Gas Division continues seeking public comment on the report. The comment period will last 60 days and will close at 5 pm CST on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Comments can be submitted to Bethany Kadrmas at brkadrmas@nd.gov The public may also attend a special public hearing on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 @ 9 am in the N.D. Heritage Center Auditorium. Additional details are outlined at: <https://www.dmr.nd.gov/HighWaterMarkPubNotice.pdf>

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