



1           WHEREAS, with continued siltation and evaporation of the water during drought  
2 conditions, the lakes are beginning to silt in and degrade even further; and

3           WHEREAS, inhabitation by non-native species such as the vitruvian duck, or  
4 mexican whistler, may lead to further degradation of the already fragile habitat of Capitol  
5 Lake; and

6           WHEREAS, preventing inhabitation by these non-native species has become a state  
7 priority, as evidenced by recent actions of the speaker of the House of Representatives to  
8 authorize himself and one other member of the House of Representatives to take their legal  
9 limit of such ducks from Capitol Lake during the course of one calendar day per year, during  
10 the legal hunting season, provided that such ducks are not prepared for human consumption.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to report to the legislature what  
13 actions and resources would be required to remediate Capitol Lake and to make the water  
14 quality appropriate as a freshwater habitat for native species.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Environmental Quality may  
16 make use of the expertise of other state agencies, particularly the Department of Wildlife and  
17 Fisheries, the Department of Natural Resources, and the State Land Office, and that these  
18 state agencies shall lend their expertise to the Department of Environmental Quality for this  
19 report.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report be submitted to the House Committee  
21 on Natural Resources and Environment, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate  
22 Committee on Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Finance no later than March  
23 1, 2023.

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**DIGEST**

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Requests that the Dept. of Environmental Quality submit a written report to the legislature regarding actions and resources required to remediate Capitol Lake and to make the water quality appropriate as a freshwater habitat for native species.

Requires that the report be submitted to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, and the Senate Committee on Finance no later than March 1, 2023.