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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 245

01/11/2023 Authored by Jordan; Becker-Finn; Norris; Hansen, R.; Lee, F., and others
01/30/2023 The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy
Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for a report on rough fish.

1.3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.4 Section 1. NATIVE FISH CONSERVATION; APPROPRIATION.

1.5 (a) \$134,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$134,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from
1.6 the heritage enhancement account in the game and fish fund to the commissioner of natural
1.7 resources for native fish conservation and classification.

1.8 (b) By August 1, 2023, a written update on the progress of identifying necessary
1.9 protection and conservation measures for native fish currently defined as rough fish under
1.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 43, including buffalo, sucker, sheepshead,
1.11 bowfin, gar, goldeye, and bullhead, must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority
1.12 members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction
1.13 over the environment and natural resources.

1.14 (c) By December 15, 2023, a written report with recommendations for statutory and rule
1.15 changes to provide necessary protection and conservation measures and research needs for
1.16 native fish currently designated as rough fish must be submitted to the chairs and ranking
1.17 minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with
1.18 jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources. The report must include
1.19 recommendations for amending Minnesota Statutes to classify fish that are native to
1.20 Minnesota that are currently designated as rough fish and invasive fish currently designated
1.21 as rough fish separately. For the purposes of this paragraph, native fish include but are not
1.22 limited to bowfin (Amia calva), bigmouth buffalo (Ictiobus cyprinellus), smallmouth buffalo

- 2.1 (*Ictiobus bubalus*), burbot (*Lota lota*), longnose gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*), shortnose gar
- 2.2 (*Lepisosteus platostomus*), goldeye (*Hiodon alosoides*), mooneye (*Hiodon tergisus*), and
- 2.3 white sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*), and invasive fish include but are not limited to
- 2.4 bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*), grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), and
- 2.5 silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*).