



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: March 31, 2011
To: Council Member Robert Lilligren, Chair, Committee of the Whole
Subject: Presentation on invasive Asian carp in the Mississippi River
Recommendation: Receive and File

Department Information

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Presenters in Committee:

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John Anfinson, U.S. National Park Service

Jay Rendall, MN Department of Natural Resources

Supporting Information

Since escaping aquaculture ponds, Asian carps (bighead, silver, grass and black) have expanded their range in the Mississippi River and its tributaries, including the Ohio, Illinois and Missouri rivers. At present, there are no known reproducing populations in Minnesota, but all four species will continue to expand freely, unless a control plan is implemented.

Asian carps threaten to negatively impact navigation, recreation and natural systems of the upper Mississippi River, its tributaries and interconnected lakes.

John Anfinson, PhD, Chief of Resource Management at the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area National Park and Jay Rendall, Invasive Species Prevention Coordinator from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will provide an overview of the Asian carps issue including potential state and federal plans for addressing the northward spread of these invasive fish.