

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

### **Agenda Item Memo**

DATE December 13, 2011

SUBJECT: **Asian Carp Appropriation Recommendation**

### **Background**

The LSOHC's FY 13 Outdoor Heritage Fund recommendations include \$3 million to the DNR for the construction and of carp barriers on the Mississippi River system. The Governor's Asian Carp Summit has recommended a multi-pronged approach, including barrier redundancies, research, public education, and improved aquatic habitat to help prevent the spread of this invasive species. The total cost expected to be in excess of \$10 million. Several possibilities exist to fund the balance of this initiative, including state bonding, and federal transportation funds. However, the desire for immediate action and misalignment of appropriation years for some potential funding sources preclude tapping into those sources.

### **Discussion**

Should the LSOHC's FY 13 Outdoor Heritage Fund appropriation recommendations be changed to allow for more funds to be recommended to fight the spread of Asian carp?

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