

Potential draft appropriation language for Invasive Carp barrier appropriation:

Section ? **Protecting Upper Mississippi River from Invasive Carp**

\$x,xxx,000 in the second year is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources, to fund activities to protect the Upper Mississippi River from invasive carp. Activities include agreements with federal partners such as the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, to complete a site-specific evaluation of deterrent effectiveness and feasibility and, if warranted based on the outcome of that evaluation, to design, construct, and begin the operation and maintenance of a temporary structural deterrent for invasive carp at Lock & Dam #5 on the Mississippi River to protect Minnesota's aquatic habitat through an adaptive management approach. Funds may also be used to supplement invasive carp tagging, tracking, netting, and commercial capture activities, as well as testing technologies to support the future effectiveness of a deterrent within the Mississippi River. A detailed accomplishment plan must be submitted to and approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council prior to release of funds. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2029.