



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations

Date: October 6th 2011

To: Council Vice President Robert Lilligren, Chair Committee
of the Whole

Subject: Update on State Asian Carp Task Force

Recommendation: Receive and File

Previous Directives: March 31st 2011 City Council Motion:

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Presenters in Committee:

Pierre Willette, Minneapolis Intergovernmental Relations

Tim Schlagenhaft, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

John Anfinson, U.S. National Parks Service.

Mike Christenson, Director Minneapolis Community Planning and Economic Development.

Supporting Information:

Governor Dayton's Action Plan

**Background research completed as part of the Above the Falls Policy review work
by CPED**

DNR Background power point on Minnesota Asian Carp Issue

City Council Motion of March 31, 2011:

**1) Request to State and Federal Governments and Amendments to Minneapolis'
State and Federal Legislative Agendas:**

The Minneapolis City Council urges the U.S. Congress to direct and allocate necessary funding to the appropriate federal agencies, and Minnesota Governor Dayton to direct the Department of Natural Resources, to make absolutely every effort to protect the upper Mississippi River at and downstream of Minneapolis from the spread of Asian carp species.

And further, that the City's state and federal agendas be amended to include such direction.

Specifically, the City Council requests that appropriate federal and state agencies take immediate action to:

Implement an ongoing monitoring and detection program to determine the extent of Asian carp breeding populations within the Mississippi, St. Croix and Minnesota Rivers.

Prevent movements of Asian carp populations into the upper Mississippi River by implementing strategies outlined in the Minnesota and National plans to control Asian carp species and to develop additional effective behavioral or other methods to stop the spread of Asian carps.

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2) The City Council requests that the State of Minnesota establish an Asian Carps Task Force for the Mississippi River and its watersheds and with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service formalize a plan for mitigating the impacts of potential Asian carp infestation of the Mississippi River in Minnesota.