

Minnesota Conservation Federation  
Annual Meeting

September 11, 2011

Deerwood, Minnesota

Resolution #1

Asian Carp Control

WHEREAS, environmental testing has found that a species of the invasive Asian carp likely is present in the St. Croix River and may be as far north as St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the state legislature provided \$16 million in bonding dollars for the rebuilding of the Coon Rapids Dam, and

WHEREAS, the rebuilding of the Coon Rapids dam will impede, but, most believe, not stop Asian Carp from invading central and northern Minnesota lakes and streams via the Mississippi River, and

WHEREAS, technical studies have shown that at regularly occurring high water levels, Asian Carp will get over the dam, and

WHEREAS, a more certain barrier to Asian Carp can be secured by closing the locks at the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam in Minneapolis and/or the Ford Lock and Dam in St. Paul, and

WHEREAS, the closing of one or both of these dams would prevent any bypassing of these barriers, even during high water levels, and

WHEREAS, the low levels of commercial utilization of these locks indicates that the economic costs will be modest, while the economic protection of the vital tourism and fisheries industries of the upper Mississippi will be more certain, and

WHEREAS, all Minnesota waters will suffer if Asian Carps invade our lakes and rivers, and

WHEREAS, protecting Minnesota rivers and lakes will protect Lake Superior, and

WHEREAS, a strong statewide defense is the best way to keep these invasive carp from Lake Superior;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnesota Conservation Federation at its annual meeting in Deerwood, Minnesota on September 11, 2011 encourage the state

legislature and Dayton Administration to use the strongest available methods to protect the lower St. Croix and the Minnesota Rivers from Asian Carp invasion, and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Minnesota Conservation Federation encourages the state to strongly consider closing either/or the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock & Dam or the Ford Lock & Dam as a front line strategy to stop the northern movement of Asian Carp up the Mississippi River into our northern lakes and streams.

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