

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: **Agenda Item #11**
DATE: July 30, 2025
SUBJECT: Lock and Dam #5 Invasive Carp Deterrent – Funding Release Request
PRESENTER: Carli Wagner, Invasive Carp Deterrent (LD5) Project Coordinator
 Kelly Pennington, DNR Invasive Species Unit Supervisor
 Grace Loppnow, Ph.D., DNR Invasive Fish Coordinator

Suggested Action/Motion:

Motion by Member XX to approve DNR's request to begin Activities 3 and 4 (design and permitting) as presented in the accomplishment plan and DNR Memo (dated July 23, 2025) for costs of up to \$3 million dollars.

Background:

The accomplishment plan for ML2024, Ch. 106, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 5(aa) – Protecting Upper Mississippi River from Invasive Carp includes a phased approach (Phase 1-4) that outlines the major components of building the invasive carp deterrent at Lock and Dam #5 on the Mississippi River. The Council requires the MNDNR to provide regular progress updates to the Council and the Council must approve the release of funds for each of the four phases. The MNDNR is requesting the release of \$3 million dollars to begin activities related to Phase 3 and 4 with the goal of having deterrent design completed by June 30, 2026. The MNDNR will request the release of funds for the balance of the project in 2026.

Suggested Procedure:

Councilmembers should review and discuss the request and ask questions of the MNDNR as needed.

Attachments:

- MNDNR Memo (dated July 23, 2025)
- Accomplishment Plan
- Carp Draft Plan
- Carp Timeline