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#### **GOVERNOR DAYTON'S ACTION PLAN**

# **Stop the Spread of Asian Carp into Minnesota Waters**

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#### THE ISSUE

Whereas Asian carp have had a destructive impact on the ecology and fisheries in other states:

Whereas Asian carp pose an imminent threat to Minnesota's lakes and rivers, because they are advancing northward in the Mississippi River at an alarming rate and are poised to enter southern Minnesota from Iowa lakes and streams; and

Whereas Minnesota's local economies and cultures depend on the health of its aquatic resources;

Therefore, Governor Dayton empowers his executive agencies to pursue the following actions:

#### THE ACTIONS

- 1) Support a cooperative approach among state and federal agencies to limit the spread of Asian carp in Minnesota and its border waters;
- 2) Recognize that the Asian carp invasion is an urgent issue requiring immediate action and work together to obtain necessary funding and authority to sup-



port efforts to limit the spread of Asian carp in Minnesota and its border waters;

- 3) Formally charter a multi-organizational Asian Carp Task Force to facilitate strategic discussions, conduct collaborative problem solving, and provide recommendations to state and federal agencies on how to limit the spread of Asian carp into Minnesota;
- 4) Support immediate congressional action to give the Army Corps of Engineers emergency authority to close the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock, and Lock and Dam #1, if Asian carp are

detected nearby;

- 5) Support immediate congressional action to fund a feasibility study that examines the economic, ecological, recreational, legal, and operational impacts of making Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock a permanent fish barrier, and
- 6) Support long-term actions recommended by the ad hoc Asian Carp Task Force:
- a. Enhance information on Asian carp population size and movement;
- b. Evaluate and if feasible install deterrent barriers at strategic locations to slow Asian carp movement, such as a "bubble barrier" at the mouth of the St. Croix River:
- c. Accelerate research on fish behavior control and remove technologies;
  - d. Improve habitat for native species.
- 7) Continue to be involved in future discussions addressing the threat of Asian carp in Minnesota.

### Club Calendar

Thursday, September 29th......General Meeting at the Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 1st.....Club Fall Contest at Petermann's,

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### From the President .....

### By Jason Kuester

First I would like to remind everyone about the **Petermann's Fall Fishing Contest**. The date is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, starts at noon and goes until the last man is standing. It is on the Minnesota River off of the bottom road by Hwy 4 (watch for the signs). All proceeds go to the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

I would like to thank everyone who showed up to help paint the Club Ice Houses! Thanks!!!

Todd and Karen from the Dixon Lake Resort, are very excited to have our club back at their resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the fishing contest we will have in February. The date for the trip is February 16, we have 18 people signed up already!! I need to have conformation and your \$50.00 down payment to them after the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel,net. The total for the trip is \$120.00 per person for three nights, there will be a \$10.00 per day per person charge for angling houses and \$30.00 per day for the spearing houses. They have room for 24 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need to pay your\$50.00 down payment send it to Jason Kuester 56554-446th Street New Ulm, Mn 56073.

Remember fall is a great time to get out and do some fishing. If you don't have a boat and need one, the club has two boats for its members to use. All we ask is that you bring them back clean and pay for the fuel you use. If you would like to use a boat, they are parked down by Ron Ludewig's shop on Front Street behind New Ulm Glass. You can reach Ron at 507-276-6093.

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. We will be looking for someone take charge of the prize committees this year. In the past Dave and Ruth Mecklenburg have kept track of prizes and made up the prize boards for on the lake. Thanks Dave and Ruth!!! Posters, tickets, and sponsors also need to be decided upon at the meeting.

Fall is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

### MEETING NOTES from August 30th

\*Members present: 30+

- \*Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were read and accepted unanimously.
- \*Membership Update: Membership stands at 192 with 3 due; Pat R. has 4 new members.
- \* Area Lakes and Rivers Report: Minnesota River walleyes near creeks, and some catfish: Lake Hanska - some small walleyes; Clear Lake - 9-9 1/2" Crappies, fat and getting bigger.
- \*Clubhouse and Grounds Update: Thanks to Ross N. for mowing and weed whipping; . continued on page 3

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couldn't get trimmer started. Jim H. will service; Jim H. cleaned out the refrigerator, says members should take their old Tupperware home and have a party.

\*Other Old Business: None\*New Business: Ice Castle Raffle Report – Will need volunteers to sell tickets at Riverblast: do not allow people to go inside of ice castle; logos will be applied by then; Printwear Graphics is making banner for advertising raffle; last car/motorcycle event at Dave's Place, Sept. 9th—will take ice castle there and sell raffle tickets; when selling, be sure to mention all the other great prizes on the ticket; additional sponsors can be added later; Jason K. talked about all the options and extras on the ice castle.

\*Scott Sparlin, Riverblast Update: Volunteers still needed and always appreciated; setup Thursday from 4:00 p.m.; Camping–Scott working on where campers will be able to go, possibly on the street if it's too flooded or too muddy in the park; motion was made and seconded and passed to make a monetary donation to Riverblast sponsoring organization, CCMR.

\*Kids' Fishing Contest Update: Great event! Where were 153 kids registered and 125 fish caught; Mark D. gave a report on the day and has the final expense and donation figures; many area businesses and concerns donated prizes for the event; Tony M. will put some sort of acknowledgement in the newspaper; every kid got a prize; any old fishing rods that could be used at the kids' fishing contest should be brought to the Clubhouse for storage for next season; also, Wyman F. knows someone who can repair broken rods and reels.

- \* Jason did a nice, long interview-ad on KNUJ; Donation-bucket was used more this year by parents and non-contestants to pay for their food; Orv R. said that he heard people talking about about great things our club does way over by Mountain Lake; date of the contest will be permanently changed to August; please thank any and all sponsors when you see them out and about.
- \* Tires for club boat-trailer: discussion arose after one of the tires on the club boat-trailer blew out; it was decided to buy two new tires and rims; club members are asked to keep any eye out for useful tools to keep with the boat-trailer.
- \*Club Ice Fishing Trip-: Date set for February 16, 2012.
- \*Club Fall Fishing Contest at Petermann's on the Minnesota River, Saturday, October 1st.
- \* Other New Business: Ice Fishing houses still need to be painted; date for that set for September 15th social night; Jim H. and Mark D. will check if any of the houses need repairs, and Jason K., Tom A., and Pat R. will tow the houses out to the grounds; Scott S. thanked the club for the honor of his life-time membership; a donation bucket will be placed on the front desk at the clubhouse for anyone wishing to donate cash to dear club member Charlie Zangl.
- \* Food for the next meeting: Pot Luck. \* Please ask your wait staff for the price of our seasonal delicacy, Asian Flying Carp Sushi. \* And just think how much fun it's going to be spearing and bow-hunting this invasive species!— carp or carp-shoot?
- \* Enjoy this most lovely time of the year!

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