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Article from Des Moines Register , Oct 4, 2012 by Writer Perry Beeman

Minnesota tells Iowa carp to leap elsewhere

Construction has begun on an electric barrier to keep leaping Asian carp out of the Iowa Great Lakes, thanks in part to Minnesota providing the final piece of financing.

Iowa's neighbor doesn't want dangerous silver carp to use the Okoboji-area lakes as a watery highway to several southwest Minnesota lakes that are part of the same watershed, said Ryan Doorenbos, Windom-based area supervisor for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "We certainly don't want Asian carp coming into southwest Minnesota" through the Little Sioux River watershed that includes the Iowa Great Lakes, Doorenbos said. Southwest Minnesota has no reports of Asian carp so far, Doorenbos added. Minnesota's DNR ponied up the final \$261,000 for the electrical barrier atop the Lower Gar Lake dam that outlets to Mill Creek, which dumps into the Little Sioux.

"This is really good news," Iowa DNR fisheries biologist Mike Hawkins said. "It really does solidify our methodology on

how to prevent these fish from getting a foothold."

A third of the Iowa Great Lakes' watershed is in Minnesota.

The Iowa Great Lakes in Dickinson County are home to a \$213 million tourism industry. A commercial fishing company in April found dozens of silver carp in East Okoboji Lake and a couple more were spotted in Big Spirit Lake. The discovery sent local leaders scrambling to block any more of the invasive fish from entering Iowa waters.

The carp have been known to injure boaters and skiers in other states by leaping in front of them or by jumping into boats when startled. There have been no reports of such injuries at the Iowa Great Lakes.

While early preparations were under way Wednesday, heavy machinery should be at the site next week, Hawkins said.

The contract has been awarded to Christensen Construction Co. of Estherville for \$843,000. The rest of the money will help pay the \$118,000 in early design work, engineering, and construction oversight by Iowa DNR, Hawkins said.

Iowa DNR provided \$300,000 and a variety of lake associations, local governments and private donors, \$400,000, said Hawkins. State lawmakers declined to provide additional funding last session.

Many studies suggest the Asian carp won't reproduce in lakes. So the hope is the commercial fishing crews removed all of them.

The fish swam up from the Missouri River during floods last year, biologists said.

In June, workers installed a temporary barrier, a series of non-electric wires, at a cost of \$17,000.

The permanent structure should be in place by mid-December. The barrier will transmit electrical currents that cause fish to swim away. It will stun them if they get too close. The structure should not change the dam's hydrology significantly, Hawkins said.

For map of area and more info go to:
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=2012310040071&adjusted=1>

Club Calendar

November 29th NUASF Club Meeting

December 13th. Social Night at the Club House

December 20th. NUASF Club Meeting



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From the President

By Jason Kuester

We will be holding elections at the next meeting. We are asking that everyone attend this meeting to make your vote count. The term is up for one of the board members. If you would like to run for this position please bring it up at the meeting, or call me at 507-381-2041 or email at jr@newulmtel.net

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 14, we have 23 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.

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. The date for the contest is going to be February 10th 2012. We are asking that everyone please try to sell at least one book of tickets. If you are unable to sell your tickets please send them back, bring them to a meeting, or drop them off at the Ice Fishing Contest. This event is our largest fund raiser for the club. Additional tickets are always available at each meeting or by contacting Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765. We will have signup sheets at the next meeting for collecting prizes for this event.

Fall is here (maybe winter) 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!!

Have a great day!!!

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The NUASF Board

President - Jason Kuester (381-2041); Vice-President - Gary Sprenger (359-9358); Secretary - Ross Nelson (507-766-0765) Treasurer - Tony Miller (354-2457); Board Members: Ron Ludewig (507-276-6093), Mike Buechner (354-2739 s), Ken Sutherland (507-276-1534).

Monthly Meeting Oct 25th, 2012 - Members Present: 30+

I. Secretary Report

- A) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded Dave Meck to except report as read.
Passed unanimously.

II. Treasury Report

- A) Balance
B) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Jim Hulke to except report as read.
Passed unanimously.

- C) Picture taken by Ron Bolduan was shown.

III. Old Business

- A) Membership update.
1) Membership stands at 187 with 29 due - Jim Hulke 3 new members
B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.
1) Hanska - Walleye and crappies on a slow troll
C) Club House and Grounds Update.
1) Clubhouse cleanup set on Nov 11th @ 4PM.
2) Tony Miller said he will start coming out after the meetings to clean up.
3) Thanks to Dave Mecklenburg for replacing the lights outside the clubhouse.
4) Dick Petermann club fishing contest update. 12th annual event, held Sept 15th, 8 members
Attended. Mike Deinken won the contest w/ an 8.7oz carp. Dick presented Dave M. \$150
For the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship Fund.

IV) Other Old Business

- A) Ice Fishing Contest Update
1) Tickets have been printed and were sent out to each member
2) Ice House tickets are available from Jason Kuester, Ken Sutherland, and Ross Nelson
3) Members should ask around to see where we can set the Fish House and sell tickets.
4) Posters will be available by the next meeting.
5) Free club jackets will be given to the members who sells the most contest tickets and fish house tickets
6) Pat Roiger volunteered to be the prize collection coordinator.
7) Tom Simonson has applied for the food license.
B) Winter club ice fishing trip at Dixon Lake set - Feb 14-17
1) Leaving Running's parking lot at 6:00AM. 26 members are signed up
C) Club Jackets
1) Only 8 members have signed up for jackets
2) Order will be placed after the Nov. meeting.
3) If you wish to add you name to jacket it will cost an additional \$4.00
D) Thank you was read from Mary Sehr, wife of past great club member Ed.
V) New Business
A) Food for next meeting will be provided by Jim Hulke and mark Dauer.
B) Tony Miller is arranging a field trip to become more educated about the Asian Carp invasion.
Contact Tony if you would like to go.

VI) Other New Business

- A) None

VII) Adjourn 8:32 PM

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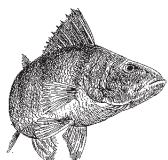
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