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## DNR reports first discovery of invasive silver carp in St. Croix River

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has confirmed the first capture of a silver carp on the St. Croix River. The invasive carp was caught by a commercial angler near Prescott, Wis., during proactive monitoring in partnership with the DNR.

“This news is disappointing but not unexpected,” said DNR invasive fish coordinator Nick Frohnauer. “The silver carp was captured within viewing distance of the St. Croix’s confluence with the Mississippi River. In 2014, two silver carp were found in the Mississippi only a short distance upstream from where the St. Croix and Mississippi meet.”

The silver carp caught on the St. Croix was 33 inches long and weighed 13 pounds.

One bighead carp was also caught by the commercial angler, who was working in conjunction with a DNR fisheries biologist. Bighead carp have previously been caught at this same location and further upstream on the St. Croix.

Frohnauer noted that while the DNR is concerned about the potential impacts of invasive carp in the St. Croix River, the individual fish that have been captured do not indicate reproduction or an established population of either bighead or silver carp in the St. Croix.

“The location where the carp were captured is a well-known over-wintering area for several species of fish,” Frohnauer said. “At this time, it is hard to predict if these individuals would have moved further upstream the St. Croix River, or back into the Mississippi River when water temperatures

warm up in the spring.”

Immediate follow-up sampling was not possible on the St. Croix, as colder weather led to the river icing up. Once the ice clears, DNR staff will work with commercial anglers to survey for additional invasive carp near Prescott.

Additionally, the DNR will sample at the King Power Plant near Bayport, Minn., where bighead carp have been caught in the



past. A commercial angler netting under the ice near the Bayport marina early in 2017 did not catch any invasive carp.

The DNR Invasive Species Program has built partnerships with state and federal agencies, conservation groups, university researchers and commercial businesses collaborating to prevent the spread of invasive carp:

The DNR is an active partner in the Upper Mississippi River invasive carp workgroup, which is working to limit the impact of invasive carp. The group includes representatives from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, and several federal agencies.

In partnership with the DNR, the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center at the University of

Minnesota is testing carp deterrents in Mississippi River locks and dams. They have installed acoustic speakers at Lock 8 and modeled flows through the gates at dams 2 and 8.

DNR fisheries leads a comprehensive sampling program to monitor population expansion, population changes, and impacts of management actions. As part of this partnership with the commercial fishing community, a DNR field biologist was on site when the commercial angler captured the silver carp and bighead carp on the St. Croix.

The deterrent testing and sampling programs have been funded by the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund with proceeds from the state lottery.

Invasive carp have been progressing upstream since escaping into the Mississippi River in the 1970s. These large fish compete with native species and pose a threat to rivers and lakes. While no breeding populations have been detected in Minnesota waters, individual fish have been caught in the Mississippi near the Twin Cities, the St. Croix River and the Minnesota River.

Invasive carp captures must be reported to the DNR immediately. Call 651-587-2781 or email [wmailto:invasivecarp.dnr@state.mn.us](mailto:wmailto:invasivecarp.dnr@state.mn.us). Take a photo and transport the carp to the nearest fisheries office or make arrangements for it to be picked up by a DNR official.

To learn more, visit [mndnr.gov/invasivecarp](http://mndnr.gov/invasivecarp), and attend the upcoming invasive carp stakeholder forum Wednesday, March 29, at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge visitor center in Bloomington from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For additional information about the forum, contact Nick Frohnauer, DNR invasive fish coordinator, 651-259-5670, [nick.frohnauer@state.mn.us](mailto:nick.frohnauer@state.mn.us).

## Club Calendar

April 27th ..... NUASF Club Meeting  
May 11th ..... NUASF Social Night at Club House  
May 25th ..... NUASF Club Meeting

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## From the President.....

By Jason Kuester

We will be awarding the **Stoney Award** at the March meeting. If you have someone you would like to nominate please nominate them by e-mailing me at jr@newulmtel.net or by nominating them at the meeting on March 31st. The Stoney award goes to the member who has volunteered his or her time to the club, and towards improving the quality of sport fishing in the New Ulm area.

Just an early reminder, we will be discussing our spring clean up projects at the next meeting. They are the: Club Grounds, and the Adopt the river Riverbank Clean Up. This is a great event for our club in preserving the cleanliness of our rivers and city. **The event will be scheduled for one Saturday in April at Riverside Park. We will be watching the weather and will send out a email before the date...** Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, trailers/pickups, and chainsaws. After we get done with the river cleanup we will head out to the club grounds. Thanks in advance for volunteering your time.

**We are always looking for new ideas.** Feel free to bring them to the next meeting. We will be discussing dates for upcoming events during the year. We will also talk about fundraising ideas for 2017. As everyone knows the club wants to remain very active in the community. If you can't make the next meeting please email or call me with your ideas....

I would also like to recognize the Studtmann family for putting together the 8th annual Willmar Studtmann Memorial Ice Fishing contest at Studtmann Pond. We didn't have much ice but everyone had a great time!! It was a great way to spend an afternoon with friends and family. We had around 25 members at the pond. Thank you to all who attended!!

Spring is in the air 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!!**

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## Hook, Line, and Sinker

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### The NUASF Board

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**NUASF Monthly Meeting** March 30, 2017 Members Present: 50+  
Minutes prepared by Tony Miller

### I. Secretary Report

A. Motion made by Scott Sparlin and seconded by Jim Liebl to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

### II. Treasury Report

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

### III. Old Business

A. Membership update

1. 163 Members w/ 36 Due

B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1. Devils Lake – Limit on Perch & some Walleye. Some Northern biggest was 44". 36" of ice.

C. Club House and Grounds Update.

1. Ready for cleanup. Date will be set next meeting.

2. Still working on the improvements above the clubhouse.

3. Possible will know by next meeting what the Nilson's will do our site. Sell to us yes or no.

### IV. Other Old Business

A. Still have some prizes from the ice fishing contest that have not been delivered. Please help to get the delivered.

### V. New Business

A. Presentation from Anglers for Habitat executive director Lance Ness

B. A petitions was passed around to the members to raise fishing licenses that would be sent off to our state representative.

C. Presentation from Pro Kinship for Kids rep Kari Beran.

D. Scott Sparlin Report

1. Has contacted the City Park and rec about setting up a class curriculum for Fishing One, Two, Three. The club should consider giving all kids involved a club T-shirt of fishing pool. Dates are set for June 13th, 20th, & 22nd. Will need volunteers.

2. MN River Congress (Redwood Falls) Meeting will be held 5/18th will need 2 people to go.

3. Water Action Day at the Capital. Held April 19th. Scott has arranged about 8 meeting and if anyone would like to come please do so.

4. River bank cleanup date will be set at the next meeting.

F. Presentation from MNDNR Fisheries Scott Mackenthun.

G. Jason Kuester – Club Projects

1. Ice House for next year.

2. Spoke about Hank Meyers/Brown County/NUASF Canoe Access on the KC Road.

H. Willmar Studtmann Club Ice Fishing contest. Great day was had bad ice but great turnout.

I. High Island Lake Fund Raiser will be held 4/1 @ the Backwoods Bar & Grill, New Auburn.

J. Stoney Award – Nominations Wyman Forbrook, Pat Roiger, Lloyd Havemeier. This year winner – Wyman Forbrook.

L. Food for next meeting will be supplied by Kim Olson.

### VI. Other New Business

A. If anyone would like to see the books see Jen or Jason.

B. Selling the old club generator if anyone is interested.

VII. Adjourn @ 9:55 PM

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