

March 29, 2012

The Honorable Bill Ingebrigtsen, Chair
Senate Environment and Natural
Resources Committee
303 State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Denny McNamara, Chair
House Environment, Energy, & Natural
Resources Policy and Finance Committee
375 State Office Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Senator Ingebrigtsen and Representative McNamara:

Minnesota Statutes (Chapter 84D.02, Subd,6) require the Department of Natural Resources to prepare and submit an annual report on invasive species of aquatic plants and wild animals to the Environment and Natural Resource Committee in the Senate and the House each year. A copy of the recently completed report for the 2011 calendar year is provided. The comprehensive report includes a description of Minnesota DNR's Invasive Species Program, progress in management of several species, education activities, watercraft inspections, regulations, enforcement activities, and expenditures.

Please let us know if you would like copies of the full report for committee members.

Department of Natural Resources staff would be glad to answer any questions you may have about the report.

Sincerely,

/s/Tom Landwehr

Tom Landwehr
Commissioner

cc: Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner
Steve Hirsch, Director, Division of Ecological and Water Resources
Luke Skinner, Supervisor, Invasive Species Program