

A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; requiring a shallow lakes management report.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **SHALLOW LAKES MANAGEMENT REPORT.**

By January 1, 2012, the commissioner of natural resources shall submit a report to the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions with jurisdiction over natural resources policy that includes:

(1) a summary of the science and ecology of shallow lakes;

(2) a summary of the significance of shallow lakes to continental and state waterfowl populations and Minnesota's waterfowl heritage;

(3) examples and documented results of previous temporary water-level management activities;

(4) a list of current statutes and rules applicable to shallow lakes including, but not limited to, water-level management of shallow lakes and drainage laws under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103E; and

(5) a list of any changes to statute necessary that would allow the commissioner of natural resources, through shallow lake management, to better achieve the state's wildlife habitat and clean water goals and address the threats of invasive species including carp and the use of fish barriers.