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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy

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A bill for an act
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relating to game and fish; imposing moratorium on muskellunge stocking in certain
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waters of the state; appropriating money.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **MORATORIUM ON STOCKING MUSKELLUNGE.**
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Until August 1, 2025, the commissioner of natural resources must not stock muskellunge
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in waters wholly located in Otter Tail County or in Gull Lake, Upper Gull Lake, Nisswa
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Lake, Roy Lake, Margaret Lake, Spider Lake, Love Lake, Round Lake, and Bass Lake in
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Cass and Crow Wing Counties.
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Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; SOCIOECONOMIC EFFECTS OF STOCKING**
- 1.11

**MUSKELLUNGE.**
- 1.12

\$50,000 in fiscal year 2021 is appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Regents
- 1.13

of the University of Minnesota to study the socioeconomic effects of stocking muskellunge
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in Otter Tail, Cass, and Crow Wing Counties. By January 15, 2021, the board must submit
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the study to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and
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divisions with jurisdiction over natural resources policy.