A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; establishing the Coon Rapids Dam Commission; providing appointments; appropriating money for predesign and design of improvements to the Coon Rapids Dam.

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

Section 1. **COON RAPIDS DAM COMMISSION.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** (a) The Coon Rapids Dam Commission is established to perform the duties specified in subdivision 2.

(b) The commission consists of 15 voting members:

(1) two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house, with one member from the minority caucus;

(2) two members of the senate, appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration, with one member from the minority caucus;

(3) the commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner's designee;

(4) the commissioner of commerce or the commissioner's designee;

(5) two representatives of Three Rivers Park District, appointed by the Three Rivers Park District Board of Commissioners;

(6) one representative each from the counties of Anoka and Hennepin, appointed by the respective county boards;

(7) one representative each from the cities of Anoka, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, and Coon Rapids, appointed by the respective mayors; and

(8) one representative from the Metropolitan Council, appointed by the council chair.

(c) The commission shall elect a chair from among its members.

(d) Members of the commission shall serve a term ending February 1, 2012.

(e) The Three Rivers Park District shall provide the commission with office space and staff and administrative services.

(f) Commission members shall serve without compensation.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The commission shall, by February 1, 2012, develop and present to the legislature and the governor an analysis and recommendations for future governance, use of the dam for control of invasive species, and financing of the Coon Rapids Dam. The commission shall present its findings to the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over natural resources and energy policy.

Subd. 3. **Expiration.** This section expires upon presentation of the commission's analysis and recommendations according to subdivision 2.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

$440,000 in fiscal year 2012 is appropriated from the environment and natural resources trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for a grant to the Three Rivers Park District for predesign and design of the Coon Rapids Dam as an invasive species barrier and improvements. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2013.