

The following resolution was passed by unanimous vote by member counties of the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board at its regular meeting November 1, 2012.

Postponement of the Revision of Shoreland Rules in Light of Emergency of Aquatic Invasive Species

WHEREAS Aquatic Invasive Species are identified as grave threats to the integrity of Minnesota waters, causing economic and environmental harm and harm to human health; and,

WHEREAS these Aquatic Invasive Species include Zebra Mussels in dozens of Minnesota lakes in nearly 20 counties; and,

WHEREAS Eurasian Watermilfoil has invaded hundreds of lakes in 35 counties; and

WHEREAS spiny waterfleas are now found in dozens of lakes in six northern Minnesota counties; and,

WHEREAS the invasion of the Asian Carp has been recorded in the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers and is expected to invade other Minnesota waters; and

WHEREAS other Aquatic Invasive Species are currently threatening waters and health and include the bighead and silver carp, the brittle naiad, the faucet snail and flowering rush and other invasives; and

WHEREAS Minnesota's Shoreland Rules have been reviewed for update twice in the last five years; and,

WHEREAS the members of Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board support continued and increased efforts to address Aquatic Invasive Species;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northern Counties Land Use Coordinating Board does not support investment in revision of Minnesota Shoreland Rules until the emergency in Aquatic Invasive Species has been resolved.