

A bill for an act
relating to natural resources; creating the Coon Rapids Dam Commission;
providing appointment; appropriating money.

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 17 members as follows:

(1) two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
house;

(2) one member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate;

(3) the commissioner of natural resources;

(4) the commissioner of energy;

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

(6) one representative of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area,
appointed by the superintendent of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area;

(7) one representative of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, appointed by
the commander of the St. Paul District, United States Army Corps of Engineers;

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

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

(10) one representative from the Metropolitan Council, appointed by the council chair; and

(11) one representative from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, appointed by the regional director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

(d) Members of the commission shall serve a term of one year and may be reappointed for any successive number of terms.

(e) The Department of Natural Resources shall provide the commission with office space and staff and administrative services.

(f) Commission members shall be compensated as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The commission shall study options and make recommendations for the future of the Coon Rapids Dam, including its suitable public uses, governance, operation, and maintenance and financing of the dam and its operations. The commission shall consider economic, environmental, ecological, and other pertinent factors. The commission shall, by March 1, 2011, develop and present to the legislature and the governor an analysis and recommendations for the Coon Rapids Dam. The commission shall present its findings to the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions having jurisdiction over natural resources and energy policy.

Subd. 3. **Staff.** The commission may hire staff and contract with consultants to carry out the duties specified in subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. **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.

\$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to carry out the responsibilities of section 1.