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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETIETH SESSION

H. F. No. 3373

03/05/2018 Authored by Nornes The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; imposing moratorium on muskellunge stocking in waters
1.3 in Otter Tail County.

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

1.5 Section 1. MORATORIUM ON STOCKING MUSKELLUNGE IN WATERS OF
1.6 OTTER TAIL COUNTY.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Moratorium. Until August 1, 2023, the commissioner of natural resources
1.8 must not stock muskellunge in waters wholly located in Otter Tail County.

1.9 Subd. 2. Stakeholder group. The commissioner of natural resources must convene a
1.10 stakeholder group to examine the effect of muskellunge on the environment, waters, and
1.11 native fish of Otter Tail County. The stakeholder group must examine existing scientific
1.12 research and determine whether additional research is necessary. If the stakeholder group
1.13 determines that muskellunge do not pose a threat to the environment, waters, or native fish
1.14 of Otter Tail County, the group may recommend that the legislature repeal or adjust the
1.15 moratorium imposed under subdivision 1.

1.16 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day after the Otter Tail County Board
1.17 of Commissioners and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance with
1.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.