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

March 18, 2008

Committee Recommendation and Adoption of Report:

To Pass as Amended

Read Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; modifying invasive species provisions; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 84D.10, subdivision 2; 84D.13, subdivision 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84D.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. Exceptions. Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a person may place into
1.7 the waters of the state a watercraft or trailer with aquatic macrophytes:

1.8 (1) that are duckweeds in the family Lemnaceae;

1.9 (2) for purposes of shooting or observation blinds attached in or on watercraft in
1.10 amounts sufficient for that purpose, if the aquatic macrophytes are emergent and cut
1.11 above the waterline;

1.12 (3) that are wild rice harvested under section 84.091; or

1.13 (4) in the form of fragments of emergent aquatic macrophytes incidentally
1.14 transported in or on watercraft or decoys used for waterfowl hunting during the waterfowl
1.15 season.

1.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84D.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.17 Subd. 4. Warnings; civil citations. After appropriate training, conservation
1.18 officers, other licensed peace officers, and other department personnel designated by the
1.19 commissioner may issue warnings or citations to a person who:

1.20 (1) unlawfully transports prohibited invasive species or aquatic macrophytes;

1.21 (2) unlawfully places or attempts to place into waters of the state a trailer, a
1.22 watercraft, or plant harvesting equipment that has aquatic macrophytes or prohibited
1.23 invasive species attached;

- 2.1 (3) intentionally damages, moves, removes, or sinks a buoy marking, as prescribed
2.2 by rule, Eurasian water milfoil;
- 2.3 (4) fails to drain water, as required by rule, from watercraft and equipment before
2.4 leaving designated zebra mussel, spiny water flea, or other invasive plankton infested
2.5 waters; or
- 2.6 (5) transports infested water, in violation of rule, off riparian property.