



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2013 Assembly Bill 155**

**Assembly Substitute  
Amendment 1**

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**2013 Assembly Bill 155** allows the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to spend up to \$564,500 each fiscal year for sea lamprey control activities under the statewide program to control invasive species. Under the bill, this funding would come from fees paid for two-day sport fishing licenses and Great Lakes trout and salmon stamps. The bill requires the DNR to give priority to spending certain amounts to match federal funding obtained for specific sea lamprey control activities, including:

- Improving the sea lamprey barrier on the Kewaunee River at the Besadny Anadromous Fish Facility (up to \$42,000).
- Constructing a sea lamprey barrier on the Nemadji River (up to \$262,500).
- Conducting surveys of sea lamprey larvae on any inland lakes, tributaries of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior, or harbors of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior (up to \$60,000).

**Assembly Substitute Amendment 1** also authorizes the DNR to use funds from fees paid for two-day sport fishing licenses and Great Lakes trout and salmon stamps to fund sea lamprey control activities. The substitute amendment requires the DNR to set aside \$42,000 during fiscal year 2013-14 to be used for a project to improve the sea lamprey barrier on the Kewaunee River at the Besadny Anadromous Fish Facility, and to release this amount on receipt or commitment of \$78,000 for the project from one or more other governmental unit. The substitute amendment also requires the DNR to set aside \$262,500 during fiscal year 2013-14 to be used for a project to construct a sea lamprey barrier on the Nemadji River, and to release this amount on receipt or commitment of \$487,500 for the project from one or more other governmental unit.

The substitute amendment also provides for a general fund continuing appropriation of \$520,000 in fiscal year 2013-14 for sea lamprey control projects. Up to \$400,000 of this amount may be expended for sea lamprey control projects and up to \$120,000 may be expended to conduct surveys of sea lamprey larvae on any inland lakes, tributaries of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior, or harbors of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior. Money from this appropriation may not be encumbered after June 30, 2016.

**Bill History**

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was offered by Representative Weininger. On August 14, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage recommended adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of Assembly Bill 155, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 12; Noes, 0.

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