



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 155

April 15, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives WEININGER, POPE, MASON, BALLWEG, KAUFERT, OHNSTAD, BROOKS, BIES, RINGHAND, A. OTT, CLARK and SINICKI, cosponsored by Senators COWLES, GUDEX, LASEE, RISSER, LEHMAN, WIRCH, LASSA, TIFFANY and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 20.370 (4) (ku) and 29.2285 (2) (e); and *to create* 23.22 (2) (d)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** a sea lamprey control program.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) administers programs to control certain invasive species in this state. This bill authorizes DNR to spend up to a certain amount each fiscal year for sea lamprey control activities. This bill requires DNR to give priority to spending certain amounts to match federal funding obtained for specific sea lamprey control activities, including constructing or improving sea lamprey barriers and conducting surveys of sea lamprey larvae.

Under current law, DNR must spend 50 percent of the amounts it receives from the sale of resident and nonresident two-day sports fishing licenses and all moneys it receives from the sale of Great Lakes trout and salmon stamps to fund the trout and salmon rearing and stocking program for outlying waters and to administer the issuance of Great Lakes trout and salmon stamps. This bill requires DNR to use these funds for sea lamprey control activities as well.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 20.370 (4) (ku) of the statutes is amended to read:
4 20.370 (4) (ku) *Great Lakes trout and salmon.* All moneys received under ss.
5 29.219 (3) (c), 29.228 (7) (c), and 29.2285 (2) to provide additional funding for the

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1 trout and salmon rearing and stocking program for outlying waters and, to
2 administer s. 29.2285 (2), and for sea lamprey control activities under s. 23.22 (2) (d).

3 **SECTION 2.** 23.22 (2) (d) of the statutes is created to read:

4 23.22 (2) (d) (intro.) Under the program established under par. (a), the
5 department may expend an amount, not to exceed \$564,500 in each fiscal year, from
6 the appropriation under s. 20.370 (4) (ku) to carry out sea lamprey control activities.
7 The department shall give the highest priority to providing funding to match any
8 federal funding received for any of the following activities:

9 1. Improving the sea lamprey barrier on the Kewaunee River at the Besadny
10 Anadromous Fish Facility. The department may expend an amount not to exceed
11 \$42,000 to match federal funds received for this activity.

12 2. Constructing a sea lamprey barrier on the Nemadji River. The department
13 may expend an amount not to exceed \$262,500 to match federal funds received for
14 this activity.

15 3. Conducting surveys of sea lamprey larvae on any inland lakes, tributaries
16 of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior, or harbors of Lake Michigan or Lake Superior.
17 The department may expend an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to match federal funds
18 received for this activity.

19 **SECTION 3.** 29.2285 (2) (e) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 29.2285 (2) (e) *Use of fees.* The department shall expend the receipts from the
21 sale of Great Lakes trout and salmon stamps to supplement and enhance the existing
22 trout and salmon rearing and stocking program for outlying waters and, to
23 administer this subsection, and for sea lamprey control activities under s. 23.22 (2)
24 (d).

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