

Commission Request to Department "Blue Sheet"

Date of Request: 14 December 2019

Title of Request: Non-native Game Fish & Fisheries Policy

Commissioner: Thorburn

Request Due Date: End of 2020

Priority Level (put one check in each row):

Importance: High Medium Low

Urgency: High Medium Low

Knowledge or Action Being Requested (narrative). Describe what you want to know. Be specific. Non-native game fishes, including warm-water species such as bass, walleye, channel catfish and pan fishes as well as some trout species, provide popular fisheries. At the same time, they pose a threat to fragile native fish populations by depreddating juveniles and diminishing recruitment. Both the fisheries and threats have been recently managed somewhat non-systematically through harvest rules. This approach has created concerns among warm-water anglers about fisheries impacts. While protection and recovery of native fishes is our highest priority for harvest and other fisheries management, it could be useful to more systematically apply available science to what is known about non-native species depredation on vulnerable native species and attempt to fashion fisheries that meet the needs and interests of warm-water and other non-native game fish anglers where possible.

Output Requested (e.g., telephone call, memo, material from files, new report, presentation, other): Development of a policy document.

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