

HOUSE BILL No. 5802

April 30, 1992, Introduced by Reps. Van Singel, Alley, Middaugh, Gnodtke, Bodem, Gernaat, McBryde and Ostling and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to provide for river management plans on certain rivers when alteration of a dam is proposed; to provide for public hearings; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. (1) Prior to making a recommendation to the federal
2 government on the proposed construction or removal of a dam, or
3 licensure of a dam, the department of natural resources shall
4 prepare a comprehensive river management plan for the portion of
5 the river that will be affected by the proposed action. The
6 river management plan shall include consideration of all of the
7 following as these items are or may be affected by the proposed
8 action:

9 (a) Biodiversity of native fish stocks.

1 (b) Threatened or endangered species.

2 (c) Inland fish and wildlife as they are impacted by
3 contaminants carried by anadromous fish.

4 (d) Land management impacts of anadromous fish runs.

5 (e) Recreational impacts of anadromous fish runs.

6 (f) Managing impoundment and stream segments for native or
7 naturalized fish as opposed to anadromous species.

8 (g) Regional recreation and tourism.

9 (h) If the dam contains hydroelectric generation capabili-
10 ties, all of the following:

11 (i) Benefits to electricity ratepayers.

12 (ii) Tax benefits to the state and local units of
13 government.

14 (iii) Environmental benefits associated with the dam.

15 (2) Prior to preparing the comprehensive river management
16 plan required under section (1), the department of natural
17 resources shall hold a public hearing to provide an opportunity
18 for citizen input regarding the contents of the river management
19 plan.