

Subject Rough Fish
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Summary

This bill would appropriate an unspecified amount to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to evaluate fish that are designated as rough fish to determine if fish are properly designated and if there are any rough fish that need additional protections. It also requires the DNR to determine any research needs. The DNR is required to submit a report to the legislature by June 30, 2025, with the results of the evaluation and any recommendations.

Currently, designated rough fish include carp, buffalo, sucker, sheepshead, bowfin, gar, goldeye, and bullhead. Fish designated as rough fish are generally not subject to as restrictive possession limits, seasons, and other regulations as game fish (e.g., walleye).