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26. Water Birds

Recommended Actions:

WDNR should coordinate information available on birds affected by toxic contaminants and assess the feasibility of using birds to identify toxic hot spots and monitor uptake of chemical contaminants in the food web of the AOC.

(1) WDNR should consolidate and assess data.

(2) WDNR, with Minnesota/federal agencies should explore resampling gull and tern contaminant levels (Niemi et al.) to compare current and historical levels.

(3) Based on results in (2), these agencies should develop and implement a monitoring program for periodic resampling and assessment of bird contaminant levels.

(4) These agencies should explore a monitoring program to assess uptake of chemical contaminants by birds, including dose-response relationships.

Implementors:

WDNR.

Actions Taken:

4/98: Follow up letters sent to MPCA and WDNR.

01/01: No additional studies have been conducted. If money were available, this would be a good research project.

Project Status:

The CAC office is in the process of researching the status of this recommendation.