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## **38. Habitat Plan**

### **Recommended Actions:**

Design and implement a coordinated comprehensive plan for the protection and furtherance of biodiversity and ecological diversity within the AOC, without seeking to restore the estuary to its presettlement condition, through the creation, restoration, reclamation, enhancement, and management of a desired mix of ecosystems and habitat.

- (1) The CAC should support and participate in a citizen-based process to develop a biodiversity plan for the AOC, and to identify an institutional structure, based on citizen participation, to work for implementation of the plan.
- (2) State DNRs, federal and local governments should actively participate in the plan.
- (3) Superior, WDNR, and NWRPC should develop a Port Plan for the Superior side of the harbor.

### **Implementors:**

MDNR, WDNR, cities of Duluth and Superior, Douglas County, St. Louis County, St. Louis River CAC, and federal government.

### **Actions Taken:**

9/94: Funding proposal rejected by GLNPO.

4/98: Follow up letters sent to City of Duluth, City of Superior, and WDNR.

5/99: CAC receives \$50,000 in USEPA funds to implement this recommendation and is in process with TNC, NSTW, CGIS.

### **Project Status:**

A course of action has been established. It will be implemented at a future date.