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June 9, 2014

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Request from Ben Dodd, 2315 Park Avenue, Granger, to speak regarding Des Moines River Fishing restriction.

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CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mayor

City Clerk

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Rauh, Diane I.

From: website@dmgov.org
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 10:23 AM
To: CouncilSpeak
Cc: CityClerk
Subject: Request to Speak Before the City Council - form submission

First Name: Ben

Last Name: Dodd

Address: 2315 Park Ave

City: Granger

State: IA

Zip: 50109

Phone: 641-891-3795

Email: ben.dodd@dnr.iowa.gov

Speaker(s): Ben Dodd / Joe Larscheid

Meeting Date: Monday, June 09, 2014

Regarding: Des Moines River Fishing Restriction. We might be interested in providing a short power point presentation - will this room allow for this style of presentation? Please contact me to let us know. Thanks, Ben

Submitted: 5/28/2014 10:22:45 AM

City of Des Moines Fishing Restriction



City of Des Moines City Council Meeting, June 9th 2014

Chuck Gipp

Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Director

Cultural Heritage

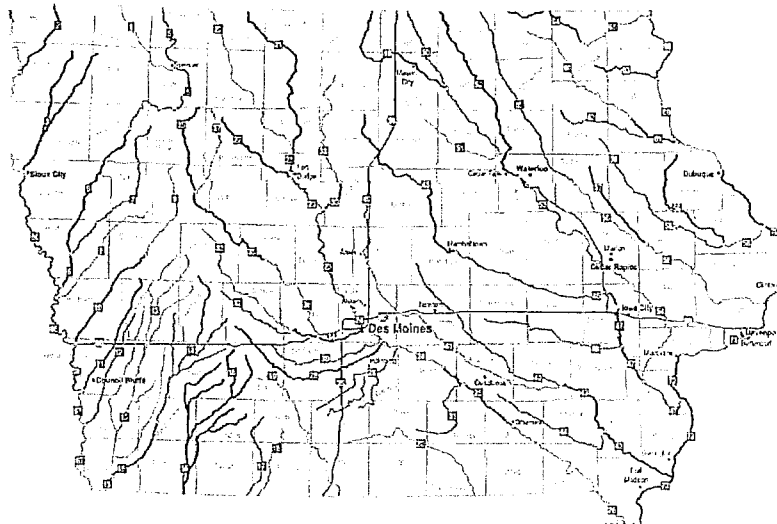
“A novice, if he knew how to bait a hook with a wriggling worm or a fat chub from Four Mile or Walnut Creek had no trouble catching a good string of the finest black bass, walleyed pike, pickerel, goggle eyes or the slow moving catfish ever placed in a frying pan.”





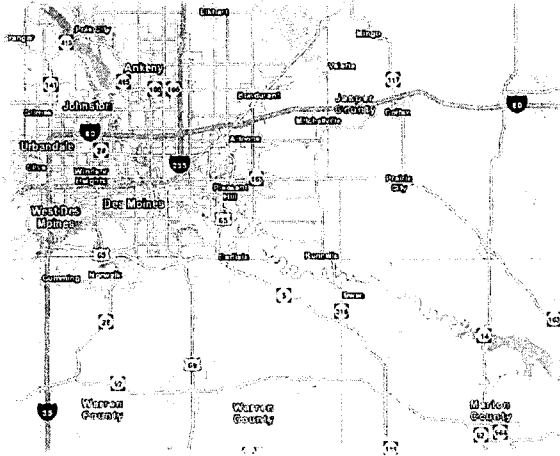
Rivers – An Economic Engine

- Iowa River Usage & Valuation Project (2009)
 - 73 river segments



Des Moines River (Saylorville to Red Rock)

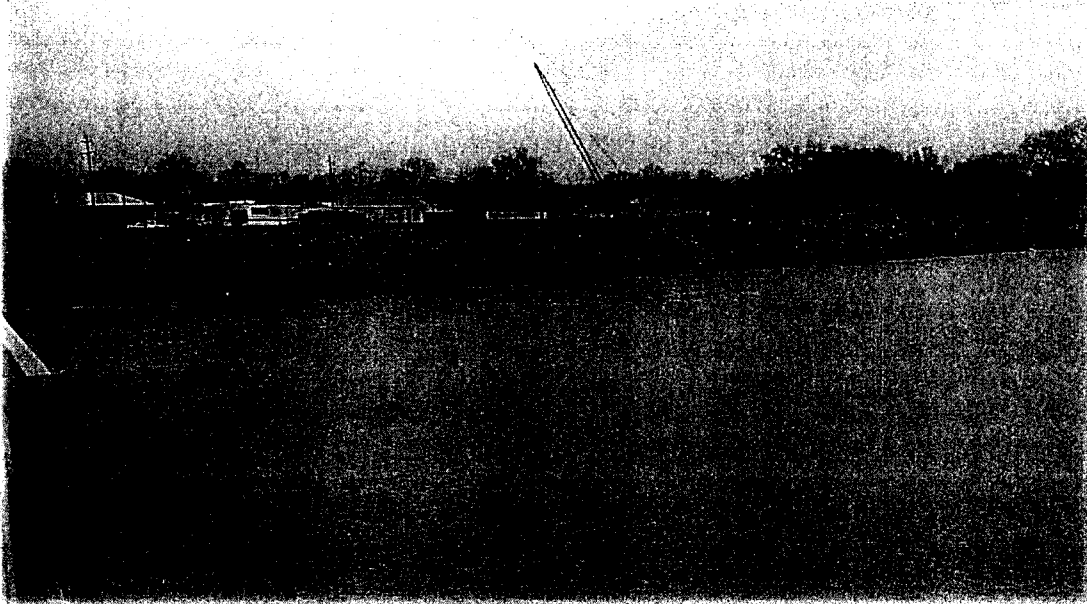
- #1 interior river segment
- 1.1 million annual trips
- 444,000 household trips
- \$47.8 million in spending
- Willingness to pay = \$18.89 / household trip
 - Nearly \$3 more than the 2nd ranked segment)



Angling Opportunities & Access is Important

- 2007 Des Moines Parks & Recreation Department Citizen Attitude and Interest Survey - Ward 2
 - 47% indicated a need for fishing piers/docks
 - 51% indicated a need for riverfront parks





Partnership

- The Iowa DNR Aquatic Education program & The City of Des Moines Parks & Rec Dept. have collaborated to educate youth about fishing and get kids outdoors.
- Fisheries Bureau and Watertrails Program would like to continue this partnership.



Better than before fishing

By Ryan Kronberg
Sports Editor



Sam Lynch and his friends used to have trouble fishing along the Cedar River in downtown Charles City. Since the recent changes — courtesy of the Riverfront Development Project — have been completed, Lynch and many others have found a whole new stretch of river opened to fishing. Those modifications have brought not only a lot more people fishing, but apparently quite a few fish as well, according to Lynch.

dam and the location of the former beauty dam, near the Charles City Public Library. In the past, that stretch of river was notorious for having very few game fish there. Now, it's become a hot spot for all sorts of game fish, including largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleyes and catfish as well. "A lot of people are figuring out it's good fishing," Lynch said. "It's a lot of older people due to the easier river access now. There's a lot of good places for people to get out there and go fish." The fish coming out of the river are not just babies

Fishing not the only draw to new riverfront project

Riverfront Fishing
There is a lot of excitement in the air as anglers flock to the new stretch of river opened up by the Riverfront Development Project. The area, which was once a dead end, is now a thriving fishing spot. Many people are reporting catches of largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleyes, and catfish. The project has also brought in a lot of new people to the area, including families and groups of friends. The fishing is just one of the many benefits of the project, which has also brought in new businesses and jobs to the area.

The riverfront project is not only beautiful...
The riverfront project in Charles City is a major development that has brought new life to the area. The project includes a new park, a new walking trail, and a new fishing pier. The area is now a beautiful and scenic spot that is perfect for a day of fishing or a walk in the park. The project has also brought in new businesses and jobs to the area, which is a great benefit for the community. The riverfront project is a true success story that has brought new life to the area.

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Request

- The proposed restriction is taking things in the wrong direction.
- Implement non-regulatory alternatives
 - Widen trail
 - Give education, trash receptacles and volunteer efforts a chance to work
- Do not to approve this proposal and instead work with us to improve access for all river users, not restrict it.

“And it was thus the fisherman of Des Moines who added another name to the “Anglers Club” which met at the river banks during many fishing seasons which followed, few of whom are now left to wet a line or tell a fishing story!”

- *Tacitus Hussey*

