

62.18 **ARTICLE 3**

62.19 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

62.20 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

62.21 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to the  
62.22 appropriations in Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, or appropriated to the  
62.23 agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the  
62.24 general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal year indicated for  
62.25 each purpose. The figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the addition  
62.26 to the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
62.27 2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second  
62.28 year" is fiscal year 2017. Appropriations for fiscal year 2016 are effective the day  
62.29 following final enactment.

62.30 **APPROPRIATIONS**  
62.31 **Available for the Year**  
62.32 **Ending June 30**  
62.33 **2016** **2017**

63.1	<b>Sec. 2. <u>POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY</u></b>		
63.2	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>-0-</u> \$ <u>2,620,000</u></b>
63.3	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
63.4		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
63.5	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,918,000</u>
63.6	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>702,000</u>
63.7	<b><u>Subd. 2. Water</u></b>		<b><u>-0-</u> <u>1,038,000</u></b>
63.8	<u>\$437,000 the second year is from the general</u>		
63.9	<u>fund and \$486,000 the second year is</u>		
63.10	<u>from the environmental fund to meet the</u>		
63.11	<u>increased demand for technical assistance</u>		
63.12	<u>and review of municipal water infrastructure</u>		
63.13	<u>projects that will be generated by increased</u>		
63.14	<u>grant funding through the Public Facilities</u>		
63.15	<u>Authority. This is a onetime appropriation</u>		
63.16	<u>and is available until June 30, 2019.</u>		
63.17	<u>\$115,000 the second year is for the working</u>		
63.18	<u>lands program feasibility study and program</u>		
63.19	<u>plan. This is a onetime appropriation and is</u>		
63.20	<u>available until June 30, 2018.</u>		
63.21	<b><u>Subd. 3. Land</u></b>		<b><u>-0-</u> <u>432,000</u></b>
63.22	<u>\$216,000 the second year is from the</u>		
63.23	<u>general fund and \$216,000 the second year</u>		
63.24	<u>is from the environmental fund to manage</u>		
63.25	<u>contaminated sediment projects at multiple</u>		
63.26	<u>sites identified in the St. Louis River</u>		
63.27	<u>remedial action plan to restore water quality</u>		
63.28	<u>in the St. Louis River area of concern. This</u>		
63.29	<u>amount is added to the base for fiscal years</u>		
63.30	<u>2018, 2019, and 2020 only.</u>		
63.31	<b><u>Subd. 4. Environmental Assistance and</u></b>		
63.32	<b><u>Cross-Media</u></b>		<b><u>-0-</u> <u>1,150,000</u></b>
63.33	<u>\$500,000 the second year is for SCORE</u>		
63.34	<u>block grants to counties. This amount is in</u>		



65.1 and education policy and finance on the  
 65.2 Department of Natural Resources' progress in  
 65.3 developing a valuation process, a description  
 65.4 of the process to identify representative  
 65.5 sample valuations, and the results of the  
 65.6 representative valuations of school trust  
 65.7 lands identified for compensation. This is a  
 65.8 onetime appropriation.

65.9 Subd. 3. **Ecological and Water Resources** -0- 612,000

65.10 \$187,000 the second year is for a grant to the  
 65.11 Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed  
 65.12 District to match equal funds from the North  
 65.13 Dakota State Water Commission and North  
 65.14 Dakota water boards to conduct hydraulic  
 65.15 modeling of alternative floodway options  
 65.16 for the reach including and upstream and  
 65.17 downstream of the Minnesota and North  
 65.18 Dakota agricultural levies in the vicinity  
 65.19 of Oslo, Minnesota. The modeling must  
 65.20 include evaluating removal of floodway  
 65.21 flow obstructions, channel obstructions,  
 65.22 transportation access, and equalization of  
 65.23 agricultural levy protection. The project must  
 65.24 be conducted in partnership with the border  
 65.25 township association group representing four  
 65.26 Minnesota townships and the city of Oslo  
 65.27 and the three adjacent townships in North  
 65.28 Dakota. This is a onetime appropriation and  
 65.29 is available until June 30, 2018.

65.30 \$200,000 the second year is for a grant to  
 65.31 the Koronis Lake Association for purposes  
 65.32 of removing and preventing aquatic invasive  
 65.33 species. This is a onetime appropriation.

65.34 \$225,000 the second year is from the water  
 65.35 management account in the natural resources

66.1 fund for water appropriation monitoring,  
 66.2 modeling, and reporting for the Cold Spring  
 66.3 Creek area as required under this act. This  
 66.4 is a onetime appropriation and is available  
 66.5 until June 30, 2022.

66.6 **Subd. 4. Forest Management** -0- 3,500,000

66.7 \$2,500,000 the second year is for private  
 66.8 forest management assistance. The agency  
 66.9 base is increased by \$2,000,000 in fiscal year  
 66.10 2018 and thereafter.

66.11 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the  
 66.12 forest management investment account in the  
 66.13 natural resources fund for reforestation on  
 66.14 state lands. This is a onetime appropriation.

66.15 **Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management** -0- 6,459,000

66.16	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
66.17	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
66.18	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,929,000</u>
66.19	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,530,000</u>

66.20 \$2,800,000 the second year is a onetime  
 66.21 appropriation.

66.22 \$2,300,000 the second year is from the state  
 66.23 parks account in the natural resources fund.

66.24 Of this amount, \$1,300,000 is onetime,  
 66.25 of which \$1,150,000 is for strategic park  
 66.26 acquisition.

66.27 \$20,000 the second year is from the natural  
 66.28 resources fund to design and erect signs  
 66.29 marking the David Dill trail designated in  
 66.30 this act. Of this amount, \$10,000 is from the  
 66.31 snowmobile trails and enforcement account  
 66.32 and \$10,000 is from the all-terrain vehicle  
 66.33 account. This is a onetime appropriation.

- 67.1 \$100,000 the second year is for the  
67.2 improvement of the infrastructure for  
67.3 sanitary sewer service at the Woodenfrog  
67.4 Campground in Kabetogama State Forest.  
67.5 This is a onetime appropriation.
- 67.6 \$29,000 the second year is for computer  
67.7 programming related to the transfer-on-death  
67.8 title changes for watercraft. This is a onetime  
67.9 appropriation.
- 67.10 \$210,000 the first year is from the water  
67.11 recreation account in the natural resources  
67.12 fund for implementation of Minnesota  
67.13 Statutes, section 86B.532, established in this  
67.14 act. This is a onetime appropriation. The  
67.15 commissioner of natural resources shall seek  
67.16 federal and other nonstate funds to reimburse  
67.17 the department for the initial costs of  
67.18 producing and distributing carbon monoxide  
67.19 boat warning labels. All amounts collected  
67.20 under this paragraph shall be deposited into  
67.21 the water recreation account.
- 67.22 \$1,000,000 the second year is from the  
67.23 natural resources fund for a grant to Lake  
67.24 County for construction, including bridges,  
67.25 of the Prospectors ATV Trail System  
67.26 linking the communities of Ely, Babbitt,  
67.27 Embarrass, and Tower; Bear Head Lake  
67.28 and Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground  
67.29 Mine State Parks; the Taconite State Trail;  
67.30 and the Lake County Regional ATV Trail  
67.31 System. Of this amount, \$900,000 is from  
67.32 the all-terrain vehicle account, \$50,000 is  
67.33 from the off-highway motorcycle account,  
67.34 and \$50,000 is from the off-road vehicle  
67.35 account. This is a onetime appropriation.

68.1	<b><u>Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management</u></b>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>50,000</u>
68.2	<u>\$50,000 the second year is from the game</u>		
68.3	<u>and fish fund for fish virus surveillance,</u>		
68.4	<u>including fish testing in high-risk waters used</u>		
68.5	<u>for bait production, to ensure the availability</u>		
68.6	<u>of safe bait. This is a onetime appropriation.</u>		
68.7	<b><u>Subd. 7. Enforcement</u></b>	<u>670,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
68.8	<u>\$670,000 the first year is from the game and</u>		
68.9	<u>fish fund for aviation services. This is a</u>		
68.10	<u>onetime appropriation.</u>		
68.11	<b><u>Subd. 8. Operations Support</u></b>	<u>1,599,000</u>	<u>3,611,000</u>
68.12	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
68.13		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
68.14	<u>General</u>	<u>1,599,000</u>	<u>3,551,000</u>
68.15	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>60,000</u>
68.16	<u>\$1,599,000 the first year and \$2,801,000</u>		
68.17	<u>the second year are for legal costs related</u>		
68.18	<u>to the NorthMet mining project. Of this</u>		
68.19	<u>amount, up to \$1,289,000 the second year</u>		
68.20	<u>may be transferred to other agencies for legal</u>		
68.21	<u>costs associated with the NorthMet mining</u>		
68.22	<u>project. This is a onetime appropriation and</u>		
68.23	<u>is available until June 30, 2019.</u>		
68.24	<u>\$750,000 the second year is for a grant to</u>		
68.25	<u>Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center</u>		
68.26	<u>to construct a new dormitory, renovate an old</u>		
68.27	<u>dormitory, construct a maintenance building,</u>		
68.28	<u>and construct a small classroom building</u>		
68.29	<u>with parking. The grant is not available</u>		
68.30	<u>until the commissioner of management</u>		
68.31	<u>and budget determines that an amount</u>		
68.32	<u>sufficient to complete the project is available</u>		
68.33	<u>from nonstate sources. This is a onetime</u>		

69.1 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
 69.2 2019.

69.3 \$60,000 the second year is from the  
 69.4 heritage enhancement account for the  
 69.5 department's Southeast Asian unit to  
 69.6 conduct outreach efforts to the Southeast  
 69.7 Asian community in Minnesota, including  
 69.8 outreach efforts to refugees from Burma, to  
 69.9 encourage participation in outdoor education  
 69.10 opportunities and activities. This is a onetime  
 69.11 appropriation.

69.12	<b>Sec. 4. <u>BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL</u></b>			
69.13	<b><u>RESOURCES</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 479,000</u></b>

69.14 \$479,000 the second year is for the  
 69.15 development of a detailed plan to implement  
 69.16 a working lands watershed restoration  
 69.17 program to incentivise the establishment and  
 69.18 maintenance of perennial crops that includes  
 69.19 the following:

69.20 (1) a process for selecting pilot watersheds  
 69.21 that are expected to result in the greatest  
 69.22 water quality improvements and exhibit  
 69.23 readiness to participate in the program;

69.24 (2) an assessment of the quantity of  
 69.25 agricultural land that is expected to be  
 69.26 eligible for the program in each watershed;

69.27 (3) an assessment of landowner interest in  
 69.28 participating in the program;

69.29 (4) an assessment of the contract terms and  
 69.30 any recommendations for changes to the  
 69.31 terms, including consideration of variable  
 69.32 payment rates for lands of different priority  
 69.33 or type;



70.1 (5) an assessment of the opportunity to  
70.2 leverage federal funds through the program  
70.3 and recommendations on how to maximize  
70.4 the use of federal funds for assistance to  
70.5 establish perennial crops;

70.6 (6) an assessment of how other state  
70.7 programs could complement the program;

70.8 (7) an estimate of water quality improvements  
70.9 expected to result from implementation in  
70.10 pilot watersheds;

70.11 (8) an assessment of how to best integrate  
70.12 program implementation with existing  
70.13 conservation requirements and develop  
70.14 recommendations on harvest practices and  
70.15 timing to benefit wildlife production;

70.16 (9) an assessment of the potential viability  
70.17 and water quality benefit of cover crops used  
70.18 in biomass processing facilities;

70.19 (10) a timeline for implementation,  
70.20 coordinated to the extent possible with  
70.21 proposed biomass processing facilities; and

70.22 (11) a projection of funding sources needed  
70.23 to complete implementation.

70.24 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
70.25 available until June 30, 2018.

70.26 The board shall coordinate development of  
70.27 the working lands watershed restoration plan  
70.28 with stakeholders and the commissioners  
70.29 of natural resources, agriculture, and the  
70.30 Pollution Control Agency. The board must  
70.31 submit an interim report by October 15,  
70.32 2017, and the feasibility study and program  
70.33 plan by February 1, 2018, to the chairs and  
70.34 ranking minority members of the legislative

71.1 committees and divisions with jurisdiction  
 71.2 over agriculture, natural resources, and  
 71.3 environment policy and finance and to the  
 71.4 Clean Water Council.

71.5 Sec. 5. **LEGISLATURE** \$ 25,000 \$ -0-

71.6 \$25,000 the first year is from the Minnesota  
 71.7 future resources fund to the Legislative  
 71.8 Coordinating Commission for the Aggregate  
 71.9 Resources Task Force established in this  
 71.10 act. This is a onetime appropriation and is  
 71.11 available until June 30, 2018.

71.12 Sec. 6. **ADMINISTRATION** \$ 250,000 \$ -0-

71.13 \$250,000 the first year is from the state forest  
 71.14 suspense account in the permanent school  
 71.15 fund for the school trust lands director to  
 71.16 initiate real estate development projects  
 71.17 on school trust lands as determined by the  
 71.18 school trust lands director. This is a onetime  
 71.19 appropriation.

71.20 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 17.4982, subdivision 18a, is amended to read:

71.21 Subd. 18a. **Nonindigenous species.** "Nonindigenous species" means a species of  
 71.22 fish or other aquatic life that is:

- 71.23 (1) not known to have been historically present in the state;
- 71.24 (2) not known to be naturally occurring in a particular part of the state; or
- 71.25 (3) listed designated by rule as a prohibited or regulated invasive species.

71.26 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84.027, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

71.27 Subd. 13. **Game and fish rules.** (a) The commissioner of natural resources may  
 71.28 adopt rules under sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459 and this subdivision that are authorized  
 71.29 under:

- 71.30 (1) chapters 97A, 97B, and 97C to set open seasons and areas, to close seasons and
- 71.31 areas, to select hunters for areas, to provide for tagging and registration of game and fish, to
- 71.32 prohibit or allow taking of wild animals to protect a species, to prevent or control wildlife

72.1 disease, to open or close bodies of water or portions of bodies of water for night bow  
72.2 fishing, and to prohibit or allow importation, transportation, or possession of a wild animal;

72.3 (2) sections 84.093, 84.15, and 84.152 to set seasons for harvesting wild ginseng  
72.4 roots and wild rice and to restrict or prohibit harvesting in designated areas; and

72.5 (3) section 84D.12 to ~~list~~ designate prohibited invasive species, regulated invasive  
72.6 species, and unregulated nonnative species; and to list infested waters.

72.7 (b) If conditions exist that do not allow the commissioner to comply with sections  
72.8 97A.0451 to 97A.0459, including the need to adjust season variables on an annual basis  
72.9 based upon current biological and harvest data, the commissioner may adopt a rule  
72.10 under this subdivision by submitting the rule to the attorney general for review under  
72.11 section 97A.0455, publishing a notice in the State Register and filing the rule with the  
72.12 secretary of state and the Legislative Coordinating Commission, and complying with  
72.13 section 97A.0459, and including a statement of the conditions and a copy of the rule in the  
72.14 notice. The conditions for opening a water body or portion of a water body for night bow  
72.15 fishing under this section may include the need to temporarily open the area to evaluate  
72.16 compatibility of the activity on that body of water prior to permanent rulemaking. The  
72.17 notice may be published after it is received from the attorney general or five business days  
72.18 after it is submitted to the attorney general, whichever is earlier.

72.19 (c) Rules adopted under paragraph (b) are effective upon publishing in the State  
72.20 Register and may be effective up to seven days before publishing and filing under  
72.21 paragraph (b), if:

72.22 (1) the commissioner of natural resources determines that an emergency exists;

72.23 (2) the attorney general approves the rule; and

72.24 (3) for a rule that affects more than three counties the commissioner publishes the  
72.25 rule once in a legal newspaper published in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, or for a  
72.26 rule that affects three or fewer counties the commissioner publishes the rule once in a legal  
72.27 newspaper in each of the affected counties.

72.28 (d) Except as provided in paragraph (e), a rule published under paragraph (c), clause  
72.29 (3), may not be effective earlier than seven days after publication.

72.30 (e) A rule published under paragraph (c), clause (3), may be effective the day the  
72.31 rule is published if the commissioner gives notice and holds a public hearing on the rule  
72.32 within 15 days before publication.

72.33 (f) The commissioner shall attempt to notify persons or groups of persons affected  
72.34 by rules adopted under paragraphs (b) and (c) by public announcements, posting, and  
72.35 other appropriate means as determined by the commissioner.

73.1 (g) Notwithstanding section 97A.0458, a rule adopted under this subdivision is  
73.2 effective for the period stated in the notice but not longer than 18 months after the rule is  
73.3 effective.

73.4 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 84.027, subdivision 13a, is  
73.5 amended to read:

73.6 Subd. 13a. **Game and fish expedited permanent rules.** (a) In addition to the  
73.7 authority granted in subdivision 13, the commissioner of natural resources may adopt rules  
73.8 under section 14.389 that are authorized under:

73.9 (1) chapters 97A, 97B, and 97C to describe zone or permit area boundaries, to  
73.10 designate fish spawning beds or fish preserves, to select hunters or anglers for areas,  
73.11 to provide for registration of game or fish, to prevent or control wildlife disease, or to  
73.12 correct errors or omissions in rules that do not have a substantive effect on the intent or  
73.13 application of the original rule; or

73.14 (2) section 84D.12 to ~~list~~ designate prohibited invasive species, regulated invasive  
73.15 species, and unregulated nonnative species.

73.16 (b) The commissioner of natural resources may adopt rules under section 14.389  
73.17 that are authorized under chapters 97A, 97B, and 97C, for purposes in addition to those  
73.18 listed in paragraph (a), clause (1), subject to the notice and public hearing provisions  
73.19 of section 14.389, subdivision 5.

73.20 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

73.21 Subd. 2. **License required; ~~exception~~ exemptions.** (a) Except as provided in  
73.22 ~~paragraph (b) this subdivision~~, a person may not harvest, buy, sell, transport, or possess  
73.23 aquatic plants without a license required under this chapter. A license shall be issued in  
73.24 the same manner as provided under the game and fish laws.

73.25 (b) A resident under the age of 18 years may harvest wild rice without a license, if  
73.26 accompanied by a person with a wild rice license.

73.27 (c) Tribal band members who possess a valid tribal identification card from a  
73.28 federally recognized tribe located in Minnesota are deemed to have a license to harvest  
73.29 wild rice under this section.

73.30 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84.798, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

73.31 Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** Registration is not required for an off-road vehicle that is:

73.32 (1) owned and used by the United States, an Indian tribal government, the state,  
73.33 another state, or a political subdivision; or

- 74.1 (2) registered in another state or country and has not been in this state for more than  
74.2 30 consecutive days; or  
74.3 (3) operated with a valid state trail pass according to section 84.8035.

74.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2017.

74.5 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84.8035, is amended to read:

74.6 **84.8035 NONRESIDENT OFF-ROAD VEHICLE STATE TRAIL PASS.**

74.7 Subdivision 1. **Pass required; fee.** (a) Except as provided under paragraph (c), a  
74.8 nonresident person may not operate an off-road vehicle on a state or grant-in-aid off-road  
74.9 vehicle trail or use area unless the vehicle displays a nonresident an off-road vehicle state  
74.10 trail pass sticker issued according to this section. The pass must be viewable by a peace  
74.11 officer, a conservation officer, or an employee designated under section 84.0835.

74.12 (b) ~~The fee for an annual pass is \$20. The pass is valid from January 1 through~~  
74.13 ~~December 31. The fee for a three-year pass is \$30.~~ The commissioner of natural resources  
74.14 shall issue a pass upon application and payment of the fee. Fees collected under this  
74.15 section, except for the issuing fee for licensing agents, shall be deposited in the state  
74.16 treasury and credited to the off-road vehicle account in the natural resources fund and,  
74.17 except for the electronic licensing system commission established by the commissioner  
74.18 under section 84.027, subdivision 15, must be used for grants-in-aid to counties and  
74.19 municipalities for off-road vehicle organizations to construct and maintain off-road  
74.20 vehicle trails and use areas.

74.21 (c) ~~A nonresident~~ An off-road vehicle state trail pass is not required for:

74.22 (1) an off-road vehicle that is owned and used by the United States, another state,  
74.23 or a political subdivision thereof that is exempt from registration under section 84.798,  
74.24 subdivision 2;

74.25 (2) a person operating an off-road vehicle only on the portion of a trail that is owned  
74.26 by the person or the person's spouse, child, or parent; or

74.27 (3) a nonresident person operating an off-road vehicle that is registered according  
74.28 to section 84.798.

74.29 (d) The fee for an annual nonresident off-road vehicle state trail pass is \$20. The  
74.30 nonresident pass is valid from January 1 through December 31. The fee for a nonresident  
74.31 three-year pass is \$30.

74.32 (e) The fee for a resident off-road vehicle state trail pass is \$20. The resident pass is  
74.33 valid for 30 consecutive days after the date of issuance.

75.1 Subd. 2. **License agents.** The commissioner may appoint agents to issue and  
75.2 sell ~~nonresident~~ off-road vehicle state trail passes. The commissioner may revoke the  
75.3 appointment of an agent at any time. The commissioner may adopt additional rules as  
75.4 provided in section 97A.485, subdivision 11. An agent shall observe all rules adopted  
75.5 by the commissioner for accounting and handling of passes pursuant to section 97A.485,  
75.6 subdivision 11. An agent shall promptly deposit and remit all money received from the  
75.7 sale of the passes, exclusive of the issuing fee, to the commissioner.

75.8 Subd. 3. **Issuance of passes.** The commissioner and agents shall issue and sell  
75.9 ~~nonresident~~ off-road vehicle state trail passes. The commissioner shall also make the  
75.10 passes available through the electronic licensing system established under section 84.027,  
75.11 subdivision 15.

75.12 Subd. 4. **Agent's fee.** In addition to the fee for a pass, an issuing fee of \$1 per pass  
75.13 shall be charged. The issuing fee may be retained by the seller of the pass. Issuing fees for  
75.14 passes issued by the commissioner shall be deposited in the off-road vehicle account in the  
75.15 natural resources fund and retained for the operation of the electronic licensing system.

75.16 Subd. 5. **Duplicate passes.** The commissioner and agents shall issue a duplicate  
75.17 pass to persons whose pass is lost or destroyed using the process established under section  
75.18 97A.405, subdivision 3, and rules adopted thereunder. The fee for a duplicate ~~nonresident~~  
75.19 off-road vehicle state trail pass is \$4, with an issuing fee of 50 cents.

75.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2017.

75.21 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84D.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

75.22 Subd. 2. **Aquatic macrophyte.** "Aquatic macrophyte" means macro algae or a  
75.23 macroscopic nonwoody plant, either a submerged, floating leafed, floating, or emergent  
75.24 plant that naturally grows in water.

75.25 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84D.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

75.26 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited activities.** A person may not possess, import, purchase,  
75.27 sell, propagate, transport, or introduce a prohibited invasive species, except:

75.28 (1) under a permit issued by the commissioner under section 84D.11;

75.29 (2) in the case of purple loosestrife, as provided by sections 18.75 to 18.88;

75.30 (3) under a restricted species permit issued under section 17.457;

75.31 (4) when being transported to the department, or another destination as the  
75.32 commissioner may direct, in a sealed container for purposes of identifying the species  
75.33 or reporting the presence of the species;

76.1 (5) when being transported for disposal as part of a harvest or control activity  
76.2 when specifically authorized under a permit issued by the commissioner according to  
76.3 section 103G.615, when being transported for disposal as specified under a commercial  
76.4 fishing license issued by the commissioner according to section 97A.418, 97C.801,  
76.5 97C.811, 97C.825, 97C.831, or 97C.835, or when being transported as specified by the  
76.6 commissioner;

76.7 ~~(6) when the specimen has been lawfully acquired dead and, in the case of plant~~  
76.8 ~~species, all seeds are removed or are otherwise secured in a sealed container;~~

76.9 ~~(7) in the form of herbaria or other preserved specimens;~~

76.10 ~~(8)~~ (6) when being removed from watercraft and equipment, or caught while angling,  
76.11 and immediately returned to the water from which they came; or

76.12 ~~(9)~~ (7) as the commissioner may otherwise prescribe by rule.

76.13 Sec. 15. [84D.075] NONNATIVE SPECIES, AQUATIC PLANTS, AND  
76.14 AQUATIC MACROPHYTES; PARTS AND LIFE STAGE.

76.15 A law relating to a nonnative species, aquatic plant, or aquatic macrophyte applies in  
76.16 the same manner to a part of a nonnative species, aquatic plant, or aquatic macrophyte,  
76.17 whether alive or dead, and to any life stage or form.

76.18 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84D.09, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

76.19 Subd. 2. **Exceptions.** Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a person may transport  
76.20 aquatic macrophytes:

76.21 (1) that are duckweeds in the family Lemnaceae;

76.22 (2) for purposes of constructing shooting or observation blinds in amounts sufficient  
76.23 for that purpose, provided that the aquatic macrophytes are emergent and cut above the  
76.24 waterline;

76.25 (3) when legally purchased or traded by or from commercial or hobbyist sources for  
76.26 aquarium, wetland or lakeshore restoration, or ornamental purposes;

76.27 (4) when harvested for personal or commercial use if in a motor vehicle;

76.28 (5) to the department, or another destination as the commissioner may direct, in a  
76.29 sealed container for purposes of identifying a species or reporting the presence of a species;

76.30 (6) that are wild rice harvested under section 84.091;

76.31 (7) in the form of fragments of emergent aquatic macrophytes incidentally transported  
76.32 in or on watercraft or decoys used for waterfowl hunting during the waterfowl season; or

76.33 (8) when removing water-related equipment from waters of the state for purposes of  
76.34 cleaning off aquatic macrophytes before leaving a water access site; or

77.1           (9) when being transported from riparian property to a legal disposal site that is at  
77.2 least 100 feet from any surface water, ditch, or seasonally flooded land, provided the  
77.3 aquatic macrophytes are in a covered commercial vehicle specifically designed and used  
77.4 for hauling trash.

77.5           Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84D.10, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

77.6           Subd. 4. **Persons transporting water-related equipment.** (a) When leaving  
77.7 ~~waters~~ a water of the state, a person must drain water-related equipment holding water  
77.8 and live wells and bilges by removing the drain plug before transporting the water-related  
77.9 equipment ~~off the water access site or riparian property.~~ For the purposes of this  
77.10 paragraph, "transporting" includes moving water-related equipment over land between  
77.11 connected or unconnected water bodies, but does not include moving water-related  
77.12 equipment within the immediate area required for loading and preparing the water-related  
77.13 equipment for transport over land.

77.14           (b) Drain plugs, bailers, valves, or other devices used to control the draining of water  
77.15 from ballast tanks, bilges, and live wells must be removed or opened while transporting  
77.16 water-related equipment.

77.17           (c) Emergency response vehicles and equipment may be transported on a public road  
77.18 with the drain plug or other similar device replaced only after all water has been drained  
77.19 from the equipment upon leaving the water body.

77.20           (d) Portable bait containers used by licensed aquatic farms, portable bait containers  
77.21 when fishing through the ice except on waters listed infested for viral hemorrhagic  
77.22 septicemia, and marine sanitary systems are exempt from this subdivision.

77.23           (e) A person must not dispose of bait in waters of the state.

77.24           (f) A boat lift, dock, swim raft, or associated equipment that has been removed  
77.25 from any water body may not be placed in another water body until a minimum of 21  
77.26 days have passed.

77.27           (g) A person who transports water that is appropriated from noninfested surface  
77.28 water bodies and that is transported by a commercial vehicle, excluding watercraft, or  
77.29 commercial trailer, which vehicle or trailer is specifically designed and used for water  
77.30 hauling, is exempt from paragraphs (a) and (b), provided that the person does not discharge  
77.31 the transported water to other surface waters or within 100 feet of a surface water body.

77.32           (h) A person transporting water from noninfested surface water bodies for  
77.33 firefighting or emergencies that threaten human safety or property is exempt from  
77.34 paragraphs (a) and (b).



78.1 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84D.108, is amended by adding a  
78.2 subdivision to read:

78.3 Subd. 2a. **Lake Minnetonka pilot study.** (a) The commissioner may issue an  
78.4 additional permit to service providers to return to Lake Minnetonka water-related  
78.5 equipment with zebra mussels attached after the equipment has been seasonally  
78.6 stored, serviced, or repaired. The permit must include verification and documentation  
78.7 requirements and any other conditions the commissioner deems necessary.

78.8 (b) Water-related equipment with zebra mussels attached may be returned only  
78.9 to Lake Minnetonka (DNR Division of Waters number 27-0133) by service providers  
78.10 permitted under subdivision 1.

78.11 (c) The service provider's place of business must be within the Lake Minnetonka  
78.12 Conservation District as established according to sections 103B.601 to 103B.645.

78.13 (d) A service provider applying for a permit under this subdivision must, if approved  
78.14 for a permit and before the permit is valid, furnish a corporate surety bond in favor of the  
78.15 state for \$50,000 payable upon violation of this chapter.

78.16 (e) This subdivision expires December 1, 2018.

78.17 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 84D.11, subdivision 1, is  
78.18 amended to read:

78.19 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited invasive species.** (a) The commissioner may issue a  
78.20 permit for the propagation, possession, importation, purchase, or transport of a prohibited  
78.21 invasive species for the purposes of disposal, decontamination, control, research, or  
78.22 education.

78.23 (b) The commissioner may issue a permit as provided under section 84D.108,  
78.24 subdivision 2a, to a service provider to allow water-related equipment to be placed back  
78.25 into the same body of water after being seasonally stored, serviced, or repaired by the  
78.26 service provider. This paragraph expires December 1, 2018.

78.27 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84D.13, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

78.28 Subd. 4. **Warnings; civil citations.** After appropriate training, conservation  
78.29 officers, other licensed peace officers, and other department personnel designated by the  
78.30 commissioner may issue warnings or citations to a person who:

78.31 (1) unlawfully transports prohibited invasive species or aquatic macrophytes;

78.32 (2) unlawfully places or attempts to place into waters of the state water-related  
78.33 equipment that has aquatic macrophytes or prohibited invasive species attached;

79.1 (3) intentionally damages, moves, removes, or sinks a buoy marking, as prescribed  
79.2 by rule, Eurasian watermilfoil;

79.3 (4) fails to remove plugs, open valves, and drain water from water-related equipment  
79.4 before leaving waters of the state or when transporting water-related equipment as  
79.5 provided in section 84D.10, subdivision 4; ~~or~~

79.6 (5) transports infested water, in violation of rule, off riparian property;

79.7 (6) fails to comply with a decontamination order when a decontamination unit  
79.8 is available on site;

79.9 (7) fails to complete decontamination of water-related equipment or to remove  
79.10 invasive species from water-related equipment by the date specified on a tagging notice  
79.11 and order; or

79.12 (8) fails to complete the aquatic invasive species offender training course required  
79.13 under section 86B.13.

79.14 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2015 Supplement, section 84D.13, subdivision 5, is  
79.15 amended to read:

79.16 Subd. 5. **Civil penalties.** (a) A civil citation issued under this section must impose  
79.17 the following penalty amounts:

79.18 (1) for transporting aquatic macrophytes in violation of section 84D.09, \$100;

79.19 (2) for placing or attempting to place into waters of the state water-related equipment  
79.20 that has aquatic macrophytes attached, \$200;

79.21 (3) for unlawfully possessing or transporting a prohibited invasive species other  
79.22 than an aquatic macrophyte, \$500;

79.23 (4) for placing or attempting to place into waters of the state water-related equipment  
79.24 that has prohibited invasive species attached when the waters are not listed by the  
79.25 commissioner as being infested with that invasive species, \$500;

79.26 (5) for intentionally damaging, moving, removing, or sinking a buoy marking, as  
79.27 prescribed by rule, Eurasian watermilfoil, \$100;

79.28 (6) for failing to have drain plugs or similar devices removed or opened while  
79.29 transporting water-related equipment or for failing to remove plugs, open valves, and  
79.30 drain water from water-related equipment, other than marine sanitary systems, before  
79.31 leaving waters of the state, \$100;

79.32 (7) for transporting infested water off riparian property without a permit as required  
79.33 by rule, \$200; ~~and~~

79.34 (8) for failing to have aquatic invasive species affirmation displayed or available for  
79.35 inspection as provided in sections 86B.401 and 97C.301, subdivision 2a, \$25;

80.1 (9) for failing to comply with a decontamination order when a decontamination unit  
80.2 is available on site, \$250;

80.3 (10) for failing to complete decontamination of water-related equipment or to  
80.4 remove invasive species from water-related equipment by the date specified on a tagging  
80.5 notice and order, \$250; and

80.6 (11) for failing to complete the aquatic invasive species offender training course  
80.7 required under section 86B.13, \$25.

80.8 (b) A civil citation that is issued to a person who has one or more prior convictions  
80.9 or final orders for violations of this chapter is subject to twice the penalty amounts listed  
80.10 in paragraph (a).

80.11 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.015, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

80.12 Subd. 13. **Arrowhead Region Trails, Cook, Lake, St. Louis, Pine, Carlton,**  
80.13 **Koochiching, and Itasca Counties.** (a)(1) The Taconite Trail shall originate at Ely in St.  
80.14 Louis County and extend southwesterly to Tower in St. Louis County, thence westerly to  
80.15 McCarthy Beach State Park in St. Louis County, thence southwesterly to Grand Rapids in  
80.16 Itasca County and there terminate;

80.17 (2) the C. J. Ramstad/Northshore Trail shall originate in Duluth in St. Louis County  
80.18 and extend northeasterly to Two Harbors in Lake County, thence northeasterly to Grand  
80.19 Marais in Cook County, thence northeasterly to the international boundary in the vicinity  
80.20 of the north shore of Lake Superior, and there terminate;

80.21 ~~(3) The Grand Marais to International Falls Trail shall originate in Grand Marais~~  
80.22 ~~in Cook County and extend northwesterly, outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area,~~  
80.23 ~~to Ely in St. Louis County, thence southwesterly along the route of the Taconite Trail to~~  
80.24 ~~Tower in St. Louis County, thence northwesterly through the Pelican Lake area in St.~~  
80.25 ~~Louis County to International Falls in Koochiching County, and there terminate~~ the David  
80.26 Dill/Arrowhead Trail shall originate at International Falls in Koochiching County and  
80.27 extend southeasterly through the Pelican Lake area in St. Louis County, intersecting with  
80.28 the Taconite Trail west of Tower; then the David Dill/Taconite Trail continues easterly  
80.29 to Ely in St. Louis County; then the David Dill/Tomahawk Trail extends southeasterly,  
80.30 outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, to the area of Little Marais in Lake County and  
80.31 there terminates at the intersection with the C. J. Ramstad/Northshore Trail; and

80.32 (4) the Matthew Lourey Trail shall originate in Duluth in St. Louis County and  
80.33 extend southerly to Chengwatana State Forest in Pine County.

80.34 (b) The trails shall be developed primarily for riding and hiking.

81.1 (c) In addition to the authority granted in subdivision 1, lands and interests in lands  
81.2 for the Arrowhead Region trails may be acquired by eminent domain. Before acquiring  
81.3 any land or interest in land by eminent domain the commissioner of administration shall  
81.4 obtain the approval of the governor. The governor shall consult with the Legislative  
81.5 Advisory Commission before granting approval. Recommendations of the Legislative  
81.6 Advisory Commission shall be advisory only. Failure or refusal of the commission to  
81.7 make a recommendation shall be deemed a negative recommendation.

81.8 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 86B.005, is amended by adding a  
81.9 subdivision to read:

81.10 Subd. 4a. **Enclosed accommodation compartment.** "Enclosed accommodation  
81.11 compartment" means one contiguous space, surrounded by boat structure that contains  
81.12 all of the following:

81.13 (1) designated sleeping accommodations;

81.14 (2) a galley area with sink; and

81.15 (3) a head compartment.

81.16 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 86B.005, is amended by adding a  
81.17 subdivision to read:

81.18 Subd. 4b. **Enclosed occupancy compartment.** "Enclosed occupancy compartment"  
81.19 means one contiguous enclosed space surrounded by boat structure that may be occupied  
81.20 by a person.

81.21 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 86B.005, is amended by adding a  
81.22 subdivision to read:

81.23 Subd. 8a. **Marine carbon monoxide detection system.** "Marine carbon monoxide  
81.24 detection system" means a device or system that meets the requirements of the American  
81.25 Boat and Yacht Council Standard A-24, July, 2015, for carbon monoxide detection systems.

81.26 Sec. 26. **[86B.532] CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION DEVICE**  
81.27 **REQUIREMENTS.**

81.28 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) No motorboat that has an enclosed  
81.29 accommodation compartment may be operated on any waters of the state unless the  
81.30 motorboat is equipped with a functioning marine carbon monoxide detection system  
81.31 installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

82.1 (b) After the effective date of this section, no new motorboat that has an enclosed  
82.2 accommodation compartment may be sold or offered for sale in Minnesota unless the  
82.3 motorboat is equipped with a new functioning marine carbon monoxide detection system  
82.4 installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

82.5 Subd. 2. **Boating safety courses.** All state-sponsored boating safety courses and all  
82.6 boating safety courses that require state approval by the commissioner must incorporate  
82.7 information about the dangers of being overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning while on  
82.8 or behind a motorboat and how to prevent that poisoning.

82.9 Subd. 3. **Carbon monoxide poisoning warning labels.** (a) No gasoline-powered  
82.10 motorboat that has an enclosed occupancy compartment may be operated on any waters  
82.11 of the state unless labels warning of carbon monoxide dangers are affixed in the vicinity  
82.12 of: the aft reboarding/stern area, the steering station, and in or at the entrance to any  
82.13 enclosed occupancy compartment.

82.14 (b) For a motorboat sold by a dealer, the dealer must ensure that specified warning  
82.15 labels have been affixed before completion of the transaction.

82.16 (c) Warning labels approved by the American Boat and Yacht Council, National  
82.17 Marine Manufacturers Association, or the commissioner satisfy the requirements of this  
82.18 section when installed as specified.

82.19 Subd. 4. **License agents; distribution.** The commissioner shall mail the  
82.20 information and labels to all owners of motorboats that are 19 feet and greater in length  
82.21 the first year. The commissioner must also provide license agents with informational  
82.22 brochures and warning labels about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning while  
82.23 boating. A license agent must make the brochure and labels available to motorboat owners  
82.24 and make efforts to inform new owners of the requirement. The commissioner shall  
82.25 highlight the new requirements on the watercraft renewal reminder postcard for three  
82.26 consecutive three-year license cycles and in the Minnesota Boating Guide. The brochure  
82.27 must instruct motorboat owners to place the labels according to subdivision 3, and inform  
82.28 motorboat owners of carbon monoxide dangers of gasoline-powered generators.

82.29 Subd. 5. **Safety warning.** A first violation of this section shall not result in a  
82.30 penalty, but is punishable only by a safety warning. A second or subsequent violation  
82.31 is a petty misdemeanor.

82.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, 2017.

82.33 Sec. 27. **[86B.841] TRANSFER-ON-DEATH TITLE TO WATERCRAFT.**

82.34 Subdivision 1. **Titled as transfer-on-death.** A natural person who is the owner of a  
82.35 watercraft may have the watercraft titled in transfer-on-death or TOD form by including in

83.1 the application for the certificate of title a designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries to  
83.2 whom the watercraft must be transferred on death of the owner or the last survivor of joint  
83.3 owners with rights of survivorship, subject to the rights of secured parties.

83.4 Subd. 2. **Designation of beneficiary.** A watercraft is registered in transfer-on-death  
83.5 form by designating on the certificate of title the name of the owner and the names  
83.6 of joint owners with identification of rights of survivorship, followed by the words  
83.7 "transfer-on-death to (name of beneficiary or beneficiaries)." The designation "TOD" may  
83.8 be used instead of "transfer-on-death." A title in transfer-on-death form is not required  
83.9 to be supported by consideration, and the certificate of title in which the designation  
83.10 is made is not required to be delivered to the beneficiary or beneficiaries in order for  
83.11 the designation to be effective.

83.12 Subd. 3. **Interest of beneficiary.** The transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries  
83.13 have no interest in the watercraft until the death of the owner or the last survivor of joint  
83.14 owners with rights of survivorship. A beneficiary designation may be changed at any time  
83.15 by the owner or by all joint owners with rights of survivorship, without the consent of the  
83.16 beneficiary or beneficiaries, by filing an application for a new certificate of title.

83.17 Subd. 4. **Vesting of ownership in beneficiary.** Ownership of a watercraft titled in  
83.18 transfer-on-death form vests in the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries on the death of  
83.19 the owner or the last of the joint owners with rights of survivorship, subject to the rights of  
83.20 secured parties. The transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries who survive the owner  
83.21 may apply for a new certificate of title to the watercraft upon submitting a certified death  
83.22 record of the owner of the watercraft. If no transfer-on-death beneficiary or beneficiaries  
83.23 survive the owner of a watercraft, the watercraft must be included in the probate estate  
83.24 of the deceased owner. A transfer of a watercraft to a transfer-on-death beneficiary or  
83.25 beneficiaries is not a testamentary transfer.

83.26 Subd. 5. **Rights of creditors.** (a) This section does not limit the rights of any  
83.27 secured party or creditor of the owner of a watercraft against a transfer-on-death  
83.28 beneficiary or beneficiaries.

83.29 (b) The state or a county agency with a claim or lien authorized by section 246.53,  
83.30 256B.15, 261.04, or 270C.63, is a creditor for purposes of this subdivision. A claim  
83.31 or lien under those sections continues to apply against the designated beneficiary or  
83.32 beneficiaries after the transfer under this section if other assets of the deceased owner's  
83.33 estate are insufficient to pay the amount of the claim. The claim or lien continues to apply  
83.34 to the watercraft until the designated beneficiary sells or transfers it to a person against  
83.35 whom the claim or lien does not apply and who did not have actual notice or knowledge  
83.36 of the claim or lien.

84.1 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 88.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
84.2 to read:

84.3 Subd. 28. **Prescribed burn.** "Prescribed burn" means a fire that is intentionally  
84.4 ignited, managed, and controlled by an entity meeting certification requirements established  
84.5 by the commissioner for the purpose of managing vegetation. A prescribed burn that has  
84.6 exceeded its prescribed boundaries and requires suppression action is considered a wildfire.

84.7 Sec. 29. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 88.22, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

84.8 Subdivision 1. **Imposition of restrictions.** (a) **Road closure.** When the  
84.9 commissioner of natural resources shall determine that conditions conducive to wildfire  
84.10 hazards exist in the wildfire areas of the state and that the presence of persons in the  
84.11 wildlife areas tends to aggravate wildfire hazards, render forest trails impassable by  
84.12 driving thereon during wet seasons and hampers the effective enforcement of state timber  
84.13 trespass and game laws, the commissioner may by written order, close any road or trail  
84.14 leading into any land used for any conservation purposes, to all modes of travel except  
84.15 that considered essential such as residents traveling to and from their homes or in other  
84.16 cases to be determined by the authorized forest officers assigned to guard the area.

84.17 (b) **Burning ban.** The commissioner may also, upon such determination, by written  
84.18 order, suspend the issuance of permits for open fires or prescribed burns, revoke or suspend  
84.19 the operation of a permit previously issued and, to the extent the commissioner deems  
84.20 necessary, prohibit the building of all or some kinds of open fires or prescribed burns in all  
84.21 or any part of a wildfire area regardless of whether a permit is otherwise required; and the  
84.22 commissioner also may, by written order, prohibit smoking except at places of habitation  
84.23 or automobiles or other enclosed vehicles properly equipped with an efficient ash tray.

84.24 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 89.0385, is amended to read:

84.25 **89.0385 FOREST MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT; COST**  
84.26 **CERTIFICATION.**

84.27 (a) The commissioner shall certify the total costs incurred for forest management,  
84.28 forest improvement, and road improvement on state-managed lands during each fiscal  
84.29 year. The commissioner shall distribute forest management receipts credited to various  
84.30 accounts according to this section.

84.31 (b) The amount of the certified costs incurred for forest management activities on  
84.32 state lands shall be transferred from the account where receipts are deposited to the forest  
84.33 management investment account in the natural resources fund, except for those costs  
84.34 certified under section 16A.125. Transfers may occur quarterly, based on quarterly cost and

85.1 revenue reports, throughout the fiscal year, with final certification and reconciliation after  
85.2 each fiscal year. Transfers in a fiscal year cannot exceed receipts credited to the account.

85.3 (c) The amount of the certified costs incurred for forest management activities  
85.4 on nonstate lands managed under a good neighbor or joint powers agreement must be  
85.5 transferred from the account where receipts are deposited to the forest management  
85.6 investment account in the natural resources fund. Transfers for costs incurred may occur  
85.7 after projects or timber permits are finalized.

85.8 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 93.0015, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

85.9 Subd. 3. **Expiration.** The committee expires June 30, ~~2016~~ 2026.

85.10 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 93.2236, is amended to read:

85.11 **93.2236 MINERALS MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT.**

85.12 (a) The minerals management account is created as an account in the natural  
85.13 resources fund. Interest earned on money in the account accrues to the account. Money in  
85.14 the account may be spent or distributed only as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c).

85.15 (b) If the balance in the minerals management account exceeds \$3,000,000 on March  
85.16 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31, the amount exceeding \$3,000,000 must  
85.17 be distributed to the permanent school fund, the permanent university fund, and taxing  
85.18 districts as provided in section 93.22, subdivision 1, paragraph (c). The amount distributed  
85.19 to each fund must be in the same proportion as the total mineral lease revenue received  
85.20 in the previous biennium from school trust lands, university lands, and lands held by the  
85.21 state in trust for taxing districts.

85.22 (c) Subject to appropriation by the legislature, money in the minerals management  
85.23 account may be spent by the commissioner of natural resources for mineral resource  
85.24 management and projects to enhance future mineral income and promote new mineral  
85.25 resource opportunities.

85.26 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 94.3495, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

85.27 Subd. 2. **Classes of land; definitions.** (a) The classes of public land that may be  
85.28 involved in an expedited exchange under this section are:

85.29 (1) Class 1 land, which for the purpose of this section is Class A land as defined in  
85.30 section 94.342, subdivision 1, ~~except for:~~

85.31 ~~(i) school trust land as defined in section 92.025; and~~

85.32 ~~(ii) university land granted to the state by acts of Congress;~~



86.1 (2) Class 2 land, which for the purpose of this section is Class B land as defined in  
86.2 section 94.342, subdivision 2; and

86.3 (3) Class 3 land, which for the purpose of this section is all land owned in fee by  
86.4 a governmental subdivision of the state.

86.5 (b) "School trust land" has the meaning given in section 92.025.

86.6 (c) "University land" means land granted to the state by acts of Congress for  
86.7 university purposes.

86.8 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 94.3495, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

86.9 Subd. 3. **Valuation of land.** (a) In an exchange of Class 1 land for Class 2 or 3 land,  
86.10 the value of all the land shall be determined by the commissioner of natural resources,  
86.11 but the county board must approve the value determined for the Class 2 land, and the  
86.12 governmental subdivision of the state must approve the value determined for the Class 3  
86.13 land. In an exchange of Class 2 land for Class 3 land, the value of all the land shall be  
86.14 determined by the county board of the county in which the land lies, but the governmental  
86.15 subdivision of the state must approve the value determined for the Class 3 land.

86.16 (b) To determine the value of the land, the parties to the exchange may either (1)  
86.17 cause the land to be appraised, utilize the valuation process provided under section  
86.18 84.0272, subdivision 3, or obtain a market analysis from a qualified real estate broker or  
86.19 (2) determine the value for each 40-acre tract or lot, or a portion thereof, using the most  
86.20 current township or county assessment schedules for similar land types from the county  
86.21 assessor of the county in which the lands are located. Merchantable timber value ~~must~~  
86.22 should be determined and considered in finalizing valuation of the lands.

86.23 ~~(b) All~~ (c) Except for school trust lands and university lands, the lands exchanged  
86.24 under this section shall be exchanged only for lands of at least substantially equal value.  
86.25 For the purposes of this subdivision, "substantially equal value" has the meaning given  
86.26 under section 94.343, subdivision 3, paragraph (b). No payment is due either party if the  
86.27 lands, other than school trust lands or university lands, are of substantially equal value but  
86.28 are not of the same value.

86.29 (d) School trust lands and university lands exchanged under this section must be  
86.30 exchanged only for lands of equal or greater value.

86.31 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 94.3495, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

86.32 Subd. 7. **Reversionary interest; Mineral and water power rights and other**  
86.33 **reservations.** (a) ~~All deeds conveying land given in an expedited land exchange under~~

87.1 ~~this section shall include a reverter that provides that title to the land automatically reverts~~  
87.2 ~~to the conveying governmental unit if:~~

87.3 ~~(1) the receiving governmental unit sells, exchanges, or otherwise transfers title of~~  
87.4 ~~the land within 40 years of the date of the deed conveying ownership; and~~

87.5 ~~(2) there is no prior written approval for the transfer from the conveying~~  
87.6 ~~governmental unit. The authority for granting approval is the commissioner of natural~~  
87.7 ~~resources for former Class 1 land, the county board for former Class 2 land, and the~~  
87.8 ~~governing body for former Class 3 land.~~

87.9 ~~(b) Class 1 land given in exchange is subject to the reservation provisions of section~~  
87.10 ~~94.343, subdivision 4. Class 2 land given in exchange is subject to the reservation~~  
87.11 ~~provisions of section 94.344, subdivision 4. County fee land given in exchange is subject~~  
87.12 ~~to the reservation provisions of section 373.01, subdivision 1, paragraph (g).~~

87.13 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.075, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

87.14 Subd. 7. **Wolf licenses; account established.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision,  
87.15 "wolf license" means a license or permit issued under section 97A.475, subdivision 2,  
87.16 clause (20); 3, paragraph (a), clause (16); or 20, paragraph (b).

87.17 (b) A wolf management and monitoring account is created in the game and fish fund.  
87.18 Revenue from wolf licenses must be credited to the wolf management and monitoring  
87.19 account and is appropriated to the commissioner only for wolf management, research,  
87.20 damage control, enforcement, and education. Notwithstanding any other law to the  
87.21 contrary, money credited to the account may not be used to pay indirect costs or agency  
87.22 shared services.

87.23 Sec. 37. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.405, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

87.24 Subd. 2. **Personal possession.** (a) A person acting under a license or traveling from  
87.25 an area where a licensed activity was performed must have in personal possession either:  
87.26 (1) the proper license, if the license has been issued to and received by the person; (2) a  
87.27 driver's license or Minnesota identification card that bears a valid designation of the proper  
87.28 lifetime license, as provided under section 171.07, subdivision 19; or (2) (3) the proper  
87.29 license identification number or stamp validation, if the license has been sold to the person  
87.30 by electronic means but the actual license has not been issued and received.

87.31 (b) If possession of a license or a license identification number is required, a person  
87.32 must exhibit, as requested by a conservation officer or peace officer, either: (1) the  
87.33 proper license if the license has been issued to and received by the person; (2) a driver's  
87.34 license or Minnesota identification card that bears a valid designation of the proper

88.1 lifetime license, as provided under section 171.07, subdivision 19; or (2) (3) the proper  
88.2 license identification number or stamp validation and a valid state driver's license, state  
88.3 identification card, or other form of identification provided by the commissioner, if the  
88.4 license has been sold to the person by electronic means but the actual license has not been  
88.5 issued and received. A person charged with violating the license possession requirement  
88.6 shall not be convicted if the person produces in court or the office of the arresting officer,  
88.7 the actual license previously issued to that person, which was valid at the time of arrest,  
88.8 or satisfactory proof that at the time of the arrest the person was validly licensed. Upon  
88.9 request of a conservation officer or peace officer, a licensee shall write the licensee's name  
88.10 in the presence of the officer to determine the identity of the licensee.

88.11 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (a), clause (2), if the actual license has been  
88.12 issued and received, a receipt for license fees, a copy of a license, or evidence showing the  
88.13 issuance of a license, including the license identification number or stamp validation, does  
88.14 not entitle a licensee to exercise the rights or privileges conferred by a license.

88.15 (d) A license issued electronically and not immediately provided to the licensee shall  
88.16 be mailed to the licensee within 30 days of purchase of the license. A pictorial migratory  
88.17 waterfowl, pheasant, trout and salmon, or walleye stamp shall be provided to the licensee  
88.18 after purchase of a stamp validation only if the licensee pays an additional fee that covers  
88.19 the costs of producing and mailing a pictorial stamp. A pictorial turkey stamp may be  
88.20 purchased for a fee that covers the costs of producing and mailing the pictorial stamp.  
88.21 Notwithstanding section 16A.1283, the commissioner may, by written order published in  
88.22 the State Register, establish fees for providing the pictorial stamps. The fees must be set in  
88.23 an amount that does not recover significantly more or less than the cost of producing and  
88.24 mailing the stamps. The fees are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14,  
88.25 and section 14.386 does not apply.

88.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018, or on the date  
88.27 the Department of Public Safety implements the Minnesota Licensing and Registration  
88.28 System (MNLARS), whichever occurs first.

88.29 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.465, is amended by adding a  
88.30 subdivision to read:

88.31 **Subd. 8. Nonresident active members of National Guard.** A nonresident that is  
88.32 an active member of the state's National Guard may obtain a resident license to take fish or  
88.33 game. This subdivision does not apply to the taking of moose or elk.

89.1 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 171.07, is amended by adding a subdivision  
89.2 to read:

89.3 Subd. 19. Resident lifetime game and fish license. (a) The department shall  
89.4 maintain in its records information transmitted electronically from the commissioner of  
89.5 natural resources identifying each person to whom the commissioner has issued a resident  
89.6 lifetime license under section 97A.473. The records transmitted from the Department of  
89.7 Natural Resources must contain:

89.8 (1) the full name and date of birth as required for the driver's license or identification  
89.9 card;

89.10 (2) the person's driver's license or identification card number;

89.11 (3) the category of lifetime license issued under section 97A.473; and

89.12 (4) the Department of Natural Resources customer identification number.

89.13 (b) The department may delete records described in paragraph (a) if they have not  
89.14 been matched to a driver's license or identification card record within seven years after  
89.15 transmission to the department.

89.16 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the department shall include, on all drivers'  
89.17 licenses or Minnesota identification cards issued to a person who holds a lifetime license,  
89.18 a graphic or written designation of the lifetime license, and the category of the lifetime  
89.19 license.

89.20 (d) If a person with a lifetime license under section 97A.473 applies for a driver's  
89.21 license or Minnesota identification card before that information has been transmitted to the  
89.22 department, the department may accept a copy of the license issued under section 97A.473  
89.23 as proof of its issuance and shall then follow the procedures in paragraph (c).

89.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2018, or on the date  
89.25 the Department of Public Safety implements the Minnesota Licensing and Registration  
89.26 System (MNLARS), whichever occurs first.

89.27 Sec. 40. Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 12, section 6, subdivision 5, as amended by  
89.28 Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 3, section 11, is amended to read:

89.29 **Subd. 5. Fish and Wildlife**  
89.30 **Management**

-0- 2,412,000

89.31 \$3,000 in 2015 is from the heritage  
89.32 enhancement account in the game and fish  
89.33 fund for a report on aquatic plant management  
89.34 permitting policies for the management

90.1 of narrow-leaved and hybrid cattail in a  
90.2 range of basin types across the state. The  
90.3 report shall be submitted to the chairs and  
90.4 ranking minority members of the house of  
90.5 representatives and senate committees with  
90.6 jurisdiction over environment and natural  
90.7 resources by December 15, 2014, and include  
90.8 recommendations for any necessary changes  
90.9 in statutes, rules, or permitting procedures.

90.10 This is a onetime appropriation.

90.11 \$9,000 in 2015 is from the game and fish  
90.12 fund for the commissioner, in consultation  
90.13 with interested parties, agencies, and other  
90.14 states, to develop a detailed restoration plan  
90.15 to recover the historical native population of  
90.16 bobwhite quail in Minnesota for its ecological  
90.17 and recreational benefits to the citizens of the  
90.18 state. The commissioner shall conduct public  
90.19 meetings in developing the plan. No later  
90.20 than January 15, 2015, the commissioner  
90.21 must report on the plan's progress to the  
90.22 legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
90.23 environment and natural resources policy  
90.24 and finance. This is a onetime appropriation.

90.25 \$2,000,000 in 2015 is from the game and  
90.26 fish fund for shooting sports facility grants  
90.27 under Minnesota Statutes, section 87A.10.  
90.28 The commissioner may spend up to \$50,000  
90.29 of this appropriation to administer the grant.  
90.30 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
90.31 available until June 30, 2017.

90.32 \$400,000 in 2015 is from the heritage  
90.33 enhancement account in the game and fish  
90.34 fund for hunter and angler recruitment  
90.35 and retention activities and grants to local

91.1 chapters of Let's Go Fishing of Minnesota  
 91.2 to provide community outreach to senior  
 91.3 citizens, youth, and veterans and for the costs  
 91.4 associated with establishing and recruiting  
 91.5 new chapters. The grants must be matched  
 91.6 with cash or in-kind contributions from  
 91.7 nonstate sources. Of this amount, \$25,000  
 91.8 is for Asian ~~Outdoor Heritage~~ for youth  
 91.9 fishing recruitment efforts and outreach in  
 91.10 the metropolitan area. The commissioner  
 91.11 shall establish a grant application process  
 91.12 that includes a standard for ownership  
 91.13 of equipment purchased under the grant  
 91.14 program and contract requirements that  
 91.15 cover the disposition of purchased equipment  
 91.16 if the grantee no longer exists. Any  
 91.17 equipment purchased with state grant money  
 91.18 must be specified on the grant application  
 91.19 and approved by the commissioner. The  
 91.20 commissioner may spend up to three percent  
 91.21 of the appropriation to administer the grant.  
 91.22 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
 91.23 available until June 30, ~~2016~~ 2017.

91.24 Sec. 41. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 3, section 3, subdivision 2,  
 91.25 is amended to read:

91.26 Subd. 2. **Land and Mineral Resources**  
 91.27 **Management** 6,461,000 5,521,000

91.28 Appropriations by Fund			
		91.29 2016	91.29 2017
91.30	General	1,585,000	1,585,000
91.31	Natural Resources	3,332,000	3,392,000
91.32	Game and Fish	344,000	344,000
91.33	Remediation	1,000,000	-0-
91.34	Permanent School	200,000	200,000

91.35 \$68,000 the first year and \$68,000 the  
 91.36 second year are for minerals cooperative

92.1 environmental research, ~~of which \$34,000~~  
92.2 ~~the first year and \$34,000 the second year are~~  
92.3 ~~available only as matched by \$1 of nonstate~~  
92.4 ~~money for each \$1 of state money. The~~  
92.5 ~~match may be cash or in-kind.~~

92.6 \$251,000 the first year and \$251,000 the  
92.7 second year are for iron ore cooperative  
92.8 research. Of this amount, \$200,000 each year  
92.9 is from the minerals management account  
92.10 in the natural resources fund. ~~\$175,000 the~~  
92.11 ~~first year and \$175,000 the second year are~~  
92.12 ~~available only as matched by \$1 of nonstate~~  
92.13 ~~money for each \$1 of state money. The match~~  
92.14 ~~may be cash or in-kind.~~ Any unencumbered  
92.15 balance from the first year does not cancel  
92.16 and is available in the second year.

92.17 \$2,755,000 the first year and \$2,815,000  
92.18 the second year are from the minerals  
92.19 management account in the natural resources  
92.20 fund for use as provided in Minnesota  
92.21 Statutes, section 93.2236, paragraph (c),  
92.22 for mineral resource management, projects  
92.23 to enhance future mineral income, and  
92.24 projects to promote new mineral resource  
92.25 opportunities.

92.26 \$200,000 the first year and \$200,000 the  
92.27 second year are from the state forest suspense  
92.28 account in the permanent school fund to  
92.29 accelerate land exchanges, land sales, and  
92.30 commercial leasing of school trust lands and  
92.31 to identify, evaluate, and lease construction  
92.32 aggregate located on school trust lands. This  
92.33 appropriation is to be used for securing  
92.34 long-term economic return from the  
92.35 school trust lands consistent with fiduciary

93.1 responsibilities and sound natural resources  
 93.2 conservation and management principles.  
 93.3 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
 93.4 115B.20, \$1,000,000 the first year is from  
 93.5 the dedicated account within the remediation  
 93.6 fund for the purposes of Minnesota Statutes,  
 93.7 section 115B.20, subdivision 2, clause (4),  
 93.8 to acquire salt lands as described under  
 93.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 92.05, within  
 93.10 Bear Head Lake State Park. This is a onetime  
 93.11 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
 93.12 2018.

93.13 Sec. 42. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 3, section 3, subdivision 5,  
 93.14 is amended to read:

93.15 **Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management** 74,064,000 73,650,000

93.16	Appropriations by Fund		
93.17		2016	2017
93.18	General	24,967,000	24,427,000
93.19	Natural Resources	46,831,000	46,950,000
93.20	Game and Fish	2,266,000	2,273,000

93.21 \$1,075,000 the first year and \$1,075,000 the  
 93.22 second year are from the water recreation  
 93.23 account in the natural resources fund for  
 93.24 enhancing public water access facilities.

93.25 \$5,740,000 the first year and \$5,740,000 the  
 93.26 second year are from the natural resources  
 93.27 fund for state trail, park, and recreation area  
 93.28 operations. This appropriation is from the  
 93.29 revenue deposited in the natural resources  
 93.30 fund under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 93.31 297A.94, paragraph (e), clause (2).

93.32 \$1,005,000 the first year and \$1,005,000 the  
 93.33 second year are from the natural resources  
 93.34 fund for park and trail grants to local units of



94.1 government on land to be maintained for at  
94.2 least 20 years for the purposes of the grants.  
94.3 This appropriation is from the revenue  
94.4 deposited in the natural resources fund  
94.5 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,  
94.6 paragraph (e), clause (4). Any unencumbered  
94.7 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
94.8 year and is available for the second year. Up  
94.9 to 2.5 percent of this appropriation may be  
94.10 used to administer the grants.

94.11 \$8,424,000 the first year and \$8,424,000  
94.12 the second year are from the snowmobile  
94.13 trails and enforcement account in the  
94.14 natural resources fund for the snowmobile  
94.15 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered  
94.16 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
94.17 year and is available for the second year.

94.18 \$1,360,000 the first year and \$1,360,000  
94.19 the second year are from the natural  
94.20 resources fund for the off-highway vehicle  
94.21 grants-in-aid program. Of this amount,  
94.22 \$1,210,000 each year is from the all-terrain  
94.23 vehicle account; and \$150,000 each year is  
94.24 from the off-highway motorcycle account.  
94.25 Any unencumbered balance does not cancel  
94.26 at the end of the first year and is available for  
94.27 the second year.

94.28 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second  
94.29 year are from the cross-country ski account  
94.30 in the natural resources fund for grooming  
94.31 and maintaining cross-country ski trails in  
94.32 state parks, trails, and recreation areas.

94.33 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
94.34 second year are from the state land and  
94.35 water conservation account (LAWCON)

95.1 in the natural resources fund for priorities  
95.2 established by the commissioner for eligible  
95.3 state projects and administrative and  
95.4 planning activities consistent with Minnesota  
95.5 Statutes, section 84.0264, and the federal  
95.6 Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.  
95.7 Any unencumbered balance does not cancel  
95.8 at the end of the first year and is available for  
95.9 the second year.

95.10 \$968,000 the first year and \$968,000 the  
95.11 second year are from the off-road vehicle  
95.12 account in the natural resources fund. Of  
95.13 this amount, \$568,000 each year is for parks  
95.14 and trails management for off-road vehicle  
95.15 purposes; \$325,000 each year is for the  
95.16 off-road vehicle grant in aid program; and  
95.17 \$75,000 each year is for a new full-time  
95.18 employee position or contract in northern  
95.19 Minnesota to work in conjunction with the  
95.20 Minnesota Four-Wheel Drive Association  
95.21 to address off-road vehicle touring routes  
95.22 and other issues related to off-road vehicle  
95.23 activities. Of this appropriation, the \$325,000  
95.24 each year is onetime.

95.25 \$65,000 the first year is from the water  
95.26 recreation account in the natural resources  
95.27 fund to cooperate with local units of  
95.28 government in marking routes and  
95.29 designating river accesses and campsites  
95.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.32.  
95.31 This is a onetime appropriation and is  
95.32 available until June 30, 2019.

95.33 \$190,000 the first year is for a grant to the  
95.34 city of Virginia for the additional cost of  
95.35 supporting a trail due to the rerouting of

96.1 U.S. Highway No. 53. This is a onetime  
96.2 appropriation and is available until June 30,  
96.3 2019.

96.4 \$50,000 the first year is for development of  
96.5 a master plan for the Mississippi Blufflands  
96.6 Trail, including work on possible extensions  
96.7 or connections to other state or regional  
96.8 trails. This is a onetime appropriation that is  
96.9 available until June 30, 2017.

96.10 \$61,000 from the natural resources fund the  
96.11 first year is for a grant to the city of East  
96.12 Grand Forks for payment under a reciprocity  
96.13 agreement for the Red River State Recreation  
96.14 Area.

96.15 \$500,000 the first year is for restoration or  
96.16 replacement of a historic trestle bridge in  
96.17 Blackduck. This is a onetime appropriation  
96.18 and is available until June 30, 2019.

96.19 The base for parks and trails operations in  
96.20 the natural resources fund in fiscal year 2018  
96.21 and thereafter is \$46,450,000.

96.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

96.23 Sec. 43. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 131, is amended  
96.24 to read:

96.25 Sec. 131. **SURPLUS STATE LAND SALES.**

96.26 The school trust lands director shall identify, in consultation with the commissioner  
96.27 of natural resources, at least \$5,000,000 in state-owned lands suitable for sale or exchange  
96.28 with school trust lands. The lands identified shall not be within a unit of the outdoor  
96.29 recreation system under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, an administrative site, or  
96.30 trust land. The commissioner shall sell or exchange at least \$3,000,000 worth of lands  
96.31 identified under this section by June 30, 2017. Land exchanged under this section may  
96.32 be exchanged in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 94.3495. The value of  
96.33 the surplus land exchanged shall serve as compensation to the permanent school fund

97.1 as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 18, paragraph (b).  
97.2 Notwithstanding the restrictions on sale of riparian land and the public sale provisions  
97.3 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.45, 94.09, and 94.10, the commissioner may  
97.4 offer the surplus land, including land bordering public water, for public or private sale.  
97.5 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 94.16, subdivision 3, or any other law to the  
97.6 contrary, ~~the amount~~ an amount equal to 90 percent of the proceeds from the sale of lands  
97.7 that exceeds the actual expenses of selling the lands must be deposited in the school trust  
97.8 lands account and used to extinguish the school trust interest as provided under Minnesota  
97.9 Statutes, section 92.83, on school trust lands that have public water access sites or old  
97.10 growth forests located on them. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 92.83, the  
97.11 remaining ten percent of the proceeds must be used to fund transactional and legal work  
97.12 associated with the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness land exchange and sale  
97.13 projects under Minnesota Statutes, sections 92.80 and 92.82.

97.14 Sec. 44. **COLD SPRING WATER APPROPRIATION PERMITS; REPORT.**

97.15 (a) The commissioner of natural resources shall amend the city of Cold Spring's  
97.16 water appropriation permit to allow an increase in the city's water withdrawal of 100  
97.17 million gallons per year from city wells 4, 5, and 6, provided a combined reduction of  
97.18 ten million gallons per year is made from city well 3 or water appropriations under any  
97.19 permits held by brewing companies in the Cold Spring Creek area. The city and any other  
97.20 permit holder with permit modifications made under this section must comply with all  
97.21 existing reporting requirements and demonstrate that increased pumping does not result in  
97.22 violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The increases under this section are available  
97.23 on an interim basis, not to exceed five years, to allow the city to establish a long-term  
97.24 water supply solution for the city and area businesses.

97.25 (b) The commissioner must conduct necessary monitoring of stream flow and water  
97.26 levels and develop a groundwater model to determine the amount of water that can be  
97.27 sustainably pumped in the area of Cold Spring Creek for area businesses, agriculture, and  
97.28 city needs. Beginning July 1, 2017, the commissioner must submit an annual progress  
97.29 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and  
97.30 senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources.  
97.31 The commissioner must submit a final report by January 15, 2022.

97.32 Sec. 45. **MARINE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS; REPORT.**

97.33 The commissioner of natural resources shall submit a report to the legislature  
97.34 by November 1, 2017. The report must outline any issues encountered relating

98.1 to implementation of Minnesota Statutes, section 86B.532, any changes to marine  
98.2 manufacturing industry standards relating to carbon monoxide, the availability of plug-in  
98.3 or battery-powered marine certified carbon monoxide detectors, and best practices in  
98.4 preventing carbon monoxide poisoning relating to motorboat operation, including the  
98.5 feasibility of requiring carbon monoxide detectors that are more sensitive in measuring  
98.6 carbon monoxide than required in this act.

98.7 **Sec. 46. PRESCRIBED BURN REQUIREMENTS; REPORT.**

98.8 The commissioner of natural resources, in cooperation with prescribed burning  
98.9 professionals, nongovernmental organizations, and local and federal governments, must  
98.10 develop criteria for certifying an entity to conduct a prescribed burn under a general  
98.11 permit. The certification requirements must include training, equipment, and experience  
98.12 requirements and include an apprentice program to allow entities without experience to  
98.13 become certified. The commissioner must establish provisions for decertifying entities.  
98.14 The commissioner must not require additional certification or requirements for burns  
98.15 conducted as part of normal agricultural practices not currently subject to prescribed burn  
98.16 specifications. The commissioner must submit a report with recommendations and any  
98.17 legislative changes needed to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of  
98.18 representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment  
98.19 and natural resources by January 15, 2017.

98.20 **Sec. 47. SAND DUNES STATE FOREST; REPORT.**

98.21 (a) Until July 1, 2017, the commissioner of natural resources shall not log, enter into  
98.22 a logging contract, or otherwise remove trees for purposes of creating oak savanna in the  
98.23 Sand Dunes State Forest. This paragraph does not prohibit work done under contracts  
98.24 entered into before the effective date of this section or work on school trust lands.

98.25 (b) By January 15, 2017, the commissioner must submit a report, prepared by  
98.26 the Division of Forestry, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of  
98.27 representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment  
98.28 and natural resources with the Division of Forestry's progress on collaborating with local  
98.29 citizens and other stakeholders over the past year when making decisions that impact  
98.30 the landscape, including forest conversions and other clear-cutting activities, and the  
98.31 division's progress on other citizen engagement activities.

98.32 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

98.33 **Sec. 48. LAKE SERVICE PROVIDER FEASIBILITY REPORT.**

99.1 The commissioner of natural resources shall report to the chairs of the house of  
99.2 representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over natural resources by January  
99.3 15, 2019, regarding the feasibility of expanding permitting to service providers as  
99.4 described in Minnesota Statutes, section 84D.108, subdivision 2a, to other water bodies in  
99.5 the state. The report must:

99.6 (1) include recommendations for state and local resources needed to implement the  
99.7 program;

99.8 (2) assess local government inspection roles under Minnesota Statutes, section  
99.9 84D.105, subdivision 2, paragraph (g); and

99.10 (3) assess whether mechanisms to ensure that water-related equipment placed back  
99.11 into the same body of water from which it was removed can adequately protect other  
99.12 water bodies.

99.13 Sec. 49. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR VOLUNTEERS; REPORT.**

99.14 By January 15, 2017, the commissioner of natural resources, in coordination with  
99.15 the commissioner of labor and industry and the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council,  
99.16 shall make recommendations to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate  
99.17 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources on  
99.18 how to clarify the state's liability for workers' compensation in relation to volunteers of  
99.19 nonprofit organizations assisting with providing public services on lands administered  
99.20 by the commissioner of natural resources subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 175.007,  
99.21 subdivision 2.

99.22 Sec. 50. **AGGREGATE RESOURCES TASK FORCE.**

99.23 Subdivision 1. **Creation; membership.** (a) The Aggregate Resources Task Force  
99.24 consists of eight members appointed as follows:

99.25 (1) the speaker of the house shall appoint four members of the house of representatives  
99.26 to include two members of the majority party and two members of the minority party, with  
99.27 one member being the chair of the committee with jurisdiction over aggregate mining; and

99.28 (2) the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and  
99.29 Administration shall appoint four members of the senate to include two members of the  
99.30 majority party and two members of the minority party, with one member being the chair of  
99.31 the committee or division with jurisdiction over natural resources finance.

99.32 (b) The appointing authorities must make their respective appointments no later  
99.33 than July 15, 2016.

100.1 (c) The first meeting of the task force must be convened by the chairs of the house  
100.2 of representatives and senate committees specified in paragraph (a) who will serve as  
100.3 cochairs of the task force.

100.4 Subd. 2. **Duties.** The task force must study and provide recommendations on:

100.5 (1) the Department of Natural Resources' and Metropolitan Council's aggregate  
100.6 mapping progress and needs;

100.7 (2) the effectiveness of recent aggregate tax legislation and the use of the revenues  
100.8 collected by counties;

100.9 (3) the use of state funds to preserve aggregate reserves; and

100.10 (4) local land use and permitting issues, environmental review requirements, and the  
100.11 impacts of other state regulations on aggregate reserves.

100.12 Subd. 3. **Report.** No later than January 15, 2018, the task force shall submit a  
100.13 report to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions  
100.14 with jurisdiction over aggregate mining and natural resources finance containing the  
100.15 findings of the study.

100.16 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** The Aggregate Resources Task Force expires 45 days after  
100.17 the report and recommendations are delivered to the legislature or on June 30, 2018,  
100.18 whichever date is earlier.

100.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

100.20 Sec. 51. **APPROPRIATION REALLOCATION.**

100.21 Notwithstanding Laws 2013, chapter 137, article 3, section 4, paragraph (o), and  
100.22 Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 3, section 4, paragraph (b), the  
100.23 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board may allocate its share of the distribution of fiscal  
100.24 years 2016 and 2017 funds under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.53, subdivision 3, to the  
100.25 Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, Mississippi Gorge, Above the Falls, and Central Mississippi  
100.26 Riverfront Regional Parks in accordance with the most recent priority rankings that the  
100.27 Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has submitted to the Metropolitan Council. This  
100.28 reallocation of funds is anticipated to result in \$500,000 in federal funds to match extant  
100.29 parks and trails fund appropriations.

100.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

100.31 Sec. 52. **CITATION.**

100.32 Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, and 45 may be known and cited as "Sophia's Law."

101.1 Sec. 53. **REPEALER.**

101.2 Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116P.13, is repealed.

101.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2018, and any funds remaining

101.4 in the Minnesota future resources fund on July 1, 2018, are transferred to the general fund.