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| 02/13/2020 | 4748 | Introduction and first reading |
| | | Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance |
| 02/20/2020 | | Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance |

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund;

1.3 modifying previous appropriations; amending Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1,

1.4 section 2, subdivision 3; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1,

1.5 section 2, subdivision 5.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATIONS.

1.8 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies

1.9 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage

1.10 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in

1.11 this act mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year

1.12 ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020.

1.13 "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021. These

1.14 are onetime appropriations.

| | <u>APPROPRIATIONS</u> | |
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| | <u>Available for the Year</u> | |
| | <u>Ending June 30</u> | |
| | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> |

1.19 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

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| 1.20 <u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>-0-</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>137,500,000</u> |
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1.21 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage

1.22 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

1.23 purpose are specified in the following

1.24 subdivisions.

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| 2.1 | <u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u> | -0- | <u>41,803,000</u> |
| 2.2 | <u>(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and</u> | | |
| 2.3 | <u>Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase</u> | | |
| 2.4 | <u>XII</u> | | |
| 2.5 | <u>\$2,410,000 the second year is to the</u> | | |
| 2.6 | <u>commissioner of natural resources to acquire</u> | | |
| 2.7 | <u>in fee and restore and enhance lands for</u> | | |
| 2.8 | <u>wildlife management under Minnesota</u> | | |
| 2.9 | <u>Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and</u> | | |
| 2.10 | <u>to acquire lands in fee for scientific and natural</u> | | |
| 2.11 | <u>areas under Minnesota Statutes, section</u> | | |
| 2.12 | <u>86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation</u> | | |
| 2.13 | <u>criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,</u> | | |
| 2.14 | <u>priority must be given to acquiring lands that</u> | | |
| 2.15 | <u>are eligible for the native prairie bank under</u> | | |
| 2.16 | <u>Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands</u> | | |
| 2.17 | <u>adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of</u> | | |
| 2.18 | <u>proposed land acquisitions must be provided</u> | | |
| 2.19 | <u>as part of the required accomplishment plan.</u> | | |
| 2.20 | <u>(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area</u> | | |
| 2.21 | <u>Program - Phase XII</u> | | |
| 2.22 | <u>\$3,876,000 the second year is to the</u> | | |
| 2.23 | <u>commissioner of natural resources for an</u> | | |
| 2.24 | <u>agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire</u> | | |
| 2.25 | <u>in fee and restore and enhance lands for</u> | | |
| 2.26 | <u>wildlife management under Minnesota</u> | | |
| 2.27 | <u>Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.</u> | | |
| 2.28 | <u>Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota</u> | | |
| 2.29 | <u>Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given</u> | | |
| 2.30 | <u>to acquiring lands that are eligible for the</u> | | |
| 2.31 | <u>native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,</u> | | |
| 2.32 | <u>section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected</u> | | |
| 2.33 | <u>native prairie. A list of proposed land</u> | | |
| 2.34 | <u>acquisitions must be provided as part of the</u> | | |
| 2.35 | <u>required accomplishment plan.</u> | | |

3.1 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
3.2 **X**

3.3 \$3,926,000 the second year is to the
3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.5 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
3.6 acquire lands in fee and to restore and enhance
3.7 native prairies, grasslands, wetlands, and
3.8 savannas. Subject to evaluation criteria in
3.9 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
3.10 must be given to acquiring lands that are
3.11 eligible for the native prairie bank under
3.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
3.13 adjacent to protected native prairie. No later
3.14 than 180 days after The Nature Conservancy's
3.15 fiscal year ends, The Nature Conservancy must
3.16 submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
3.17 Council annual income statements and balance
3.18 sheets for income and expenses from land
3.19 acquired with this appropriation. A list of
3.20 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
3.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan,
3.22 and the acquisitions must be consistent with
3.23 the priorities identified in *Minnesota Prairie*
3.24 *Conservation Plan*.

3.25 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
3.26 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase XI**

3.27 \$2,677,000 the second year is to the
3.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.29 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in
3.30 cooperation with the United States Fish and
3.31 Wildlife Service, to acquire lands in fee or
3.32 permanent conservation easements and to
3.33 restore and enhance lands in the Northern
3.34 Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in
3.35 western Minnesota for addition to the Northern
3.36 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

4.1 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
4.2 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
4.3 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
4.4 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
4.5 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
4.6 native prairie. A list of proposed land
4.7 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
4.8 required accomplishment plan, and the
4.9 acquisitions must be consistent with the
4.10 priorities in *Minnesota Prairie Conservation*
4.11 *Plan.*

4.12 **(e) Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat**
4.13 **Restoration - Phase III**

4.14 \$2,203,000 the second year is to acquire land
4.15 in permanent conservation easement and to
4.16 restore river and related habitat in the Wild
4.17 Rice River corridor. Of this amount, \$173,000
4.18 is to the commissioner of natural resources for
4.19 an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
4.20 District and \$2,030,000 is to the Board of
4.21 Water and Soil Resources. The Board of Water
4.22 and Soil Resources may use up to \$91,000 for
4.23 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
4.24 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
4.25 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
4.26 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
4.27 acquisitions must be included as part of the
4.28 required accomplishment plan.

4.29 **(f) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition -**
4.30 **Phase IV**

4.31 \$2,785,000 the second year is to the
4.32 commissioner of natural resources for
4.33 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore
4.34 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,
4.35 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin
4.36 County for wildlife management under

5.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
5.2 subdivision 8. Of this amount, \$2,063,000 is
5.3 to Fox Lake Conservation League Inc.,
5.4 \$618,000 is to Ducks Unlimited, and \$104,000
5.5 is to The Conservation Fund. A list of
5.6 proposed acquisitions must be provided as part
5.7 of the required accomplishment plan.

5.8 **(g) RIM Grasslands Reserve - Phase II**
5.9 \$3,772,000 the second year is to the Board of
5.10 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
5.11 permanent conservation easements and to
5.12 restore and enhance grassland habitat under
5.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501 to
5.14 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$65,000 is
5.15 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
5.16 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
5.17 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
5.19 conservation easements must be provided as
5.20 part of the final report.

5.21 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
5.22 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase VI**
5.23 \$2,025,000 the second year is to the
5.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
5.26 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
5.27 Chicken Society, to acquire lands in fee and
5.28 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red
5.29 River valley for wildlife management under
5.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
5.31 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
5.32 managed as waterfowl production areas in
5.33 Minnesota in cooperation with the United
5.34 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
5.35 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part

6.1 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
 6.2 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
 6.3 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
 6.4 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
 6.5 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be
 6.6 provided as part of the required
 6.7 accomplishment plan.

6.8 **(i) Heron Lake Area Conservation Partnership**

6.9 \$5,242,000 the second year is to the
 6.10 commissioner of natural resources for
 6.11 agreements to acquire land in fee for wildlife
 6.12 management under Minnesota Statutes, section
 6.13 86A.05, subdivision 8, or to be designated and
 6.14 managed as waterfowl production areas in
 6.15 Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
 6.16 States Fish and Wildlife Service; to acquire
 6.17 land in permanent conservation easement; and
 6.18 to restore and enhance wildlife habitat within
 6.19 the Heron Lake Watershed as follows:
 6.20 \$1,863,000 is to Ducks Unlimited; \$1,517,000
 6.21 is to Pheasants Forever; \$801,000 is to the
 6.22 Heron Lake Watershed District; and
 6.23 \$1,061,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust, of
 6.24 which up to \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust
 6.25 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement
 6.26 funds as approved in the accomplishment plan
 6.27 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 6.28 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 6.29 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 6.30 required accomplishment plan.

6.31 **(j) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex**
 6.32 **- Phase IX**

6.33 \$1,339,000 the second year is to the
 6.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
 6.35 agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in

7.1 cooperation with Great River Greening, to
7.2 acquire lands in fee in the Cannon River
7.3 watershed for wildlife management under
7.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
7.5 subdivision 8; to acquire lands in fee for
7.6 aquatic management areas under Minnesota
7.7 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14; to
7.8 acquire lands in fee for scientific and natural
7.9 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
7.10 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire lands in fee
7.11 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,
7.12 section 86A.05, subdivision 7; and to restore
7.13 and enhance lands in the Cannon River
7.14 watershed. Of this amount, \$1,035,000 is to
7.15 The Trust for Public Land and \$304,000 is to
7.16 Great River Greening. Subject to evaluation
7.17 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
7.18 priority must be given to acquiring lands that
7.19 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
7.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
7.21 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
7.22 proposed land acquisitions and restorations
7.23 must be provided as part of the required
7.24 accomplishment plan.

7.25 **(k) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**
7.26 **Conservation Easement Program - Phase II**

7.27 \$3,718,000 the second year is to the
7.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.29 agreement with Ducks Unlimited, in
7.30 cooperation with Pheasants Forever and the
7.31 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to
7.32 acquire permanent conservation working lands
7.33 easements and to restore wetlands and prairie
7.34 grasslands. Of this amount, \$2,623,000 is to
7.35 Ducks Unlimited and \$1,095,000 is to
7.36 Pheasants Forever. A list of proposed

8.1 acquisitions and restorations must be provided
8.2 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

8.3 **(l) DNR Grassland Enhancement - Phase XII**

8.4 \$5,170,000 the second year is to the
8.5 commissioner of natural resources to
8.6 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
8.7 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife
8.8 management areas, in scientific and natural
8.9 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands
8.10 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on
8.11 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,
8.12 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge
8.13 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife
8.14 Service. A list of proposed land restorations
8.15 and enhancements must be provided as part
8.16 of the required accomplishment plan.

8.17 **(m) Enhanced Public Land: Grasslands - Phase**
8.18 **IV**

8.19 \$2,660,000 the second year is to the
8.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.21 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
8.22 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on
8.23 public lands. A list of proposed land
8.24 restorations and enhancements must be
8.25 provided as part of the required
8.26 accomplishment plan.

8.27 **Subd. 3. Forests**

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15,946,000

8.28 **(a) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB**
8.29 **Protection Program - Phase VIII**

8.30 \$3,164,000 the second year is to the Board of
8.31 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with
8.32 the Morrison County Soil and Water
8.33 Conservation District, to acquire permanent
8.34 conservation easements and restore and
8.35 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the

9.1 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard
9.2 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army
9.3 Compatible Use Buffer. Of this amount, up to
9.4 \$163,000 is to establish a monitoring and
9.5 enforcement fund as approved in the
9.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
9.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
9.8 list of permanent conservation easements must
9.9 be provided as part of the final report.

9.10 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
9.11 **Restoration - Phase VIII**

9.12 \$3,155,000 the second year is to the
9.13 commissioner of natural resources for
9.14 agreements as follows:

9.15 (1) \$1,335,000 to The Nature Conservancy to
9.16 acquire lands in fee for wildlife management
9.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.18 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas
9.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.20 subdivision 5; for state forests under
9.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.22 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management
9.23 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.24 86A.05, subdivision 14, and to restore and
9.25 enhance wildlife habitat;

9.26 (2) \$930,000 to The Trust for Public Land to
9.27 acquire lands in fee for wildlife management
9.28 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.29 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas
9.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.31 subdivision 5; for state forests under
9.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
9.33 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management
9.34 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.35 86A.05, subdivision 14; and

10.1 (3) \$890,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to
10.2 acquire permanent conservation easements
10.3 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat, of
10.4 which \$96,000 is to establish a monitoring and
10.5 enforcement fund as approved in the
10.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
10.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.8 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be
10.9 provided as part of the required
10.10 accomplishment plan.

10.11 **(c) Northern Forest Habitat Conservation**

10.12 \$4,905,000 the second year is to the
10.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.14 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
10.15 acquire forest land in fee to be permanently
10.16 protected and managed by St. Louis County
10.17 as county forest lands. A list of proposed land
10.18 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
10.19 required accomplishment plan.

10.20 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement**

10.21 \$2,068,000 the second year is to the
10.22 commissioner of natural resources to restore
10.23 and enhance wildlife habitat in the northern
10.24 forest region in wildlife management areas,
10.25 scientific and natural areas, aquatic
10.26 management areas, and state forests. A list of
10.27 proposed land restorations and enhancements
10.28 must be provided as part of the required
10.29 accomplishment plan.

10.30 **(e) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement -**
10.31 **Phase II**

10.32 \$1,167,000 the second year is to the
10.33 commissioner of natural resources to restore
10.34 and enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.

11.1 A list of proposed land enhancements must be
 11.2 provided as part of the required
 11.3 accomplishment plan.

11.4 **(f) Young Forest Conservation - Phase III**

11.5 \$1,487,000 the second year is to the
 11.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
 11.7 agreement with the American Bird
 11.8 Conservancy to enhance publicly owned,
 11.9 permanently protected forest lands for wildlife
 11.10 management. A list of proposed forest land
 11.11 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 11.12 required accomplishment plan.

11.13 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

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14,729,000

11.14 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**
 11.15 **Acquisition - Phase XII**

11.16 \$4,268,000 the second year is to the
 11.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
 11.18 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
 11.19 cooperation with the United States Fish and
 11.20 Wildlife Service, to acquire lands in fee and
 11.21 to restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands
 11.22 to be designated and managed as waterfowl
 11.23 production areas in Minnesota. A list of
 11.24 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 11.25 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

11.26 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**
 11.27 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

11.28 \$5,376,000 the second year is to the
 11.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
 11.30 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 11.31 lands in fee for wildlife management under
 11.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 11.33 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance
 11.34 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering
 11.35 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions

12.1 must be provided as part of the required
12.2 accomplishment plan.

12.3 **(c) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase**
12.4 **V**

12.5 \$3,130,000 the second year is to the
12.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
12.7 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
12.8 acquire permanent conservation easements
12.9 and to restore and enhance prairie, wetland,
12.10 and other habitat on permanently protected
12.11 conservation easements in high-priority
12.12 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and
12.13 forest/prairie transition regions. Of this
12.14 amount, up to \$288,000 is to establish a
12.15 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
12.16 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
12.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
12.18 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
12.19 conservation easement acquisitions,
12.20 restorations, and enhancements must be
12.21 provided as part of the required
12.22 accomplishment plan.

12.23 **(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
12.24 **Enhancement - Phase XII**

12.25 \$1,955,000 the second year is to the
12.26 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
12.27 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
12.28 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
12.29 and enhancements must be provided as part
12.30 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.31 **Subd. 5. Habitats** -0- 64,662,000

12.32 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**
12.33 **Minnesota's North Shore**

12.34 \$2,110,000 the second year is to the
12.35 commissioner of natural resources for an

- 13.1 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
13.2 acquire permanent conservation easements
13.3 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in
13.4 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.
13.5 Of this amount, up to \$192,000 is to establish
13.6 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
13.7 approved in the accomplishment plan and
13.8 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
13.10 conservation easement acquisitions,
13.11 restorations, and enhancements must be
13.12 provided as part of the required
13.13 accomplishment plan.
- 13.14 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase X**
- 13.15 \$7,551,000 the second year is to the
13.16 commissioner of natural resources for
13.17 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
13.18 permanent conservation easements and to
13.19 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
13.20 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
13.21 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
13.22 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,
13.23 \$800,000 is to Minnesota Valley National
13.24 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000 is to
13.25 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$366,000 is
13.26 to Great River Greening, \$4,485,000 is to The
13.27 Trust for Public Land, and \$1,600,000 is to
13.28 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to
13.29 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
13.30 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
13.31 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
13.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
13.33 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
13.34 acquisitions and permanent conservation

14.1 easements must be provided as part of the
14.2 required accomplishment plan.

14.3 **(c) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout**

14.4 \$2,643,000 the second year is to the
14.5 commissioner of natural resources for
14.6 agreements to acquire land in fee and
14.7 permanent conservation easements and to
14.8 restore and enhance habitat in targeted
14.9 watersheds of southeast Minnesota to improve
14.10 heritage brook trout and coldwater
14.11 communities. Of this amount, \$408,000 is to
14.12 The Nature Conservancy, \$300,000 is to Trout
14.13 Unlimited, \$1,000,000 is to The Trust for
14.14 Public Land, and \$935,000 is to Minnesota
14.15 Land Trust. Up to \$96,000 to Minnesota Land
14.16 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
14.17 enforcement fund as approved in the
14.18 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
14.19 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
14.20 list of proposed land acquisitions and
14.21 permanent conservation easements must be
14.22 provided as part of the required
14.23 accomplishment plan.

14.24 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
14.25 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VI**

14.26 \$3,283,000 the second year is to the
14.27 commissioner of natural resources for
14.28 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
14.29 permanent conservation easements and to
14.30 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
14.31 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
14.32 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
14.33 Counties. Of this amount, \$1,030,000 is to
14.34 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$2,253,000
14.35 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000

15.1 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
 15.2 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 15.3 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 15.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 15.5 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be
 15.6 provided as part of the required
 15.7 accomplishment plan.

15.8 **(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
 15.9 **Southwest Minnesota**

15.10 \$3,551,000 the second year is to the
 15.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
 15.12 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 15.13 acquire permanent conservation easements
 15.14 and to restore and enhance high-quality
 15.15 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
 15.16 this amount, up to \$192,000 is to establish a
 15.17 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 15.18 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 15.19 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 15.20 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 15.21 conservation easement acquisitions,
 15.22 restorations, and enhancements must be
 15.23 provided as part of the required
 15.24 accomplishment plan.

15.25 **(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**
 15.26 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds**
 15.27 **- Phase I**

15.28 \$2,868,000 the second year is to the Board of
 15.29 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and
 15.30 restore permanent conservation easements of
 15.31 high-quality forest, wetland, and shoreline
 15.32 habitat. Of this amount, \$164,000 is for an
 15.33 agreement with the Crow Wing County Soil
 15.34 and Water Conservation District. Up to
 15.35 \$156,000 of the total amount is for
 15.36 establishing a monitoring and enforcement

16.1 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
16.2 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
16.3 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
16.4 acquisitions must be included as part of the
16.5 required accomplishment plan.

16.6 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
16.7 **Project - Phase V**

16.8 \$4,310,000 the second year is to acquire lands
16.9 in fee and restore wildlife habitat in the
16.10 Mississippi headwaters as follows:

16.11 (1) \$2,522,000 is to the commissioner of
16.12 natural resources for agreements as follows:
16.13 \$76,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board
16.14 and \$2,446,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
16.15 and

16.16 (2) \$1,788,000 is to the Board of Water and
16.17 Soil Resources, of which up to \$188,000 is
16.18 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
16.19 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
16.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
16.21 97A.056, subdivision 17.

16.22 A list of proposed acquisitions must be
16.23 included as part of the required
16.24 accomplishment plan.

16.25 **(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**
16.26 **Program - Phase II**

16.27 \$3,681,000 the second year is to the
16.28 commissioner of natural resources for
16.29 agreements with Hennepin County, in
16.30 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
16.31 acquire permanent conservation easements
16.32 and to restore and enhance habitats in
16.33 Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to
16.34 Hennepin County and \$3,235,000 to
16.35 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$336,000 to

17.1 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a
17.2 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
17.3 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
17.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
17.5 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent
17.6 conservation easements, restorations, and
17.7 enhancements must be provided as part of the
17.8 required accomplishment plan.

17.9 **(i) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
17.10 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
17.11 **XII**

17.12 \$1,719,000 the second year is to the
17.13 commissioner of natural resources for an
17.14 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
17.15 to restore and enhance habitat for trout and
17.16 other species in and along coldwater rivers,
17.17 lakes, and streams in Minnesota. A list of
17.18 proposed land acquisitions, restorations, and
17.19 enhancements must be provided as part of the
17.20 required accomplishment plan.

17.21 **(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
17.22 **Enhancement - Phase III**

17.23 \$4,421,000 the second year is to the
17.24 commissioner of natural resources to restore
17.25 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
17.26 streams and aquatic management areas and to
17.27 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
17.28 restorations and enhancements must be
17.29 provided as part of the required
17.30 accomplishment plan.

17.31 **(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**
17.32 **VII**

17.33 \$2,660,000 the second year is to the
17.34 commissioner of natural resources to restore
17.35 priority aquatic and riparian habitats in the St.
17.36 Louis River estuary. A list of proposed

18.1 restorations must be provided as part of the
18.2 required accomplishment plan.

18.3 **(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**
18.4 **V**

18.5 \$817,000 the second year is to the
18.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.7 agreement with Zeitgeist, a nonprofit
18.8 corporation, in cooperation with the Lake
18.9 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and
18.10 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River
18.11 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements
18.12 must be provided as part of the required
18.13 accomplishment plan.

18.14 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
18.15 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

18.16 \$2,237,000 the second year is to the
18.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.18 agreement with the Shell Rock River
18.19 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and
18.20 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the
18.21 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
18.22 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
18.23 must be provided as part of the required
18.24 accomplishment plan.

18.25 **(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat**
18.26 **Enhancement Using Bioengineered Bank**
18.27 **Stabilization**

18.28 \$952,000 the second year is to the
18.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
18.30 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and
18.31 Water Conservation District to restore and
18.32 enhance riverine habitat in the Rum River
18.33 using eco-sensitive, habitat-building, and
18.34 bioengineering approaches. A list of proposed
18.35 enhancements must be provided as part of the
18.36 required accomplishment plan.

19.1 **(o) Roseau River Habitat Restoration**

19.2 \$3,542,000 the second year is to the
19.3 commissioner of natural resources for an
19.4 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
19.5 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat
19.6 in the Roseau River and the Roseau River
19.7 Wildlife Management Area.

19.8 **(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
19.9 **and Restoration - Phase II**

19.10 \$4,580,000 the second year is to the
19.11 commissioner of natural resources for
19.12 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
19.13 permanent conservation easements and to
19.14 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
19.15 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$500,000
19.16 to the Sauk River Watershed District,
19.17 \$2,419,000 to Pheasants Forever, and
19.18 \$1,661,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
19.19 \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
19.20 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
19.21 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
19.22 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
19.23 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions
19.24 must be provided as part of the required
19.25 accomplishment plan.

19.26 **(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration**

19.27 \$1,576,000 the second year is to the
19.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
19.29 agreement with the city of Mankato to acquire
19.30 land in fee in the city of Mankato for wetland
19.31 and grassland restoration. A list of acquisitions
19.32 must be provided as part of the required
19.33 accomplishment plan.

20.1 **(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
20.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**
20.3 **XII**

20.4 \$12,161,000 the second year is to the
20.5 commissioner of natural resources for a
20.6 program to provide competitive matching
20.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
20.8 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
20.9 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
20.10 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
20.11 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least
20.12 \$3,900,000 is for grants in the seven-county
20.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population
20.14 of 50,000 or more. Grants must not be made
20.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
20.16 owners of lands subject to conservation
20.17 easements. Grants must not be made from the
20.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
20.19 that have a total project cost exceeding
20.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000
20.21 may be spent for personnel costs and other
20.22 direct and necessary administrative costs.

20.23 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.
20.24 Easements must be permanent. Grants may
20.25 not be used to establish easement stewardship
20.26 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open
20.27 to hunting and fishing during the open season
20.28 unless otherwise provided by law. The
20.29 program must require a match of at least ten
20.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
20.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
20.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the
20.33 commissioner must provide a separate,
20.34 simplified application process. Subject to
20.35 Minnesota statutes, the commissioner of
20.36 natural resources must, when evaluating

21.1 projects of equal value, give priority to
21.2 organizations that have a history of receiving,
21.3 or a charter to receive, private contributions
21.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. For
21.5 grant requests to acquire land in fee or a
21.6 conservation easement, the commissioner must
21.7 give priority to projects associated with or
21.8 within one mile of existing wildlife
21.9 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
21.10 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and
21.11 natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
21.12 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or
21.13 aquatic management areas under Minnesota
21.14 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and
21.15 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement
21.16 projects must be on land permanently
21.17 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
21.18 perpetual maintenance and protection of
21.19 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
21.20 conservation easement or public ownership or
21.21 in public waters as defined in Minnesota
21.22 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
21.23 Priority must be given to restoration and
21.24 enhancement projects on public lands.
21.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
21.26 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
21.27 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
21.28 available until June 30, 2023. No less than five
21.29 percent of the amount of each grant must be
21.30 held back from reimbursement until the grant
21.31 recipient has completed a grant
21.32 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
21.33 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
21.34 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
21.35 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
21.36 program in the summary of game and fish law

22.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
22.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.

22.3 **Subd. 6. Administration** -0- 360,000

22.4 **(a) Contract Management**

22.5 \$210,000 the second year is to the
22.6 commissioner of natural resources for contract
22.7 management duties assigned in this section.

22.8 The commissioner must provide an
22.9 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
22.10 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
22.11 on expending this appropriation. The
22.12 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
22.13 the grant contract template and reimbursement
22.14 manual. No money may be expended before
22.15 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
22.16 approves the accomplishment plan.

22.17 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

22.18 \$150,000 the second year is to the
22.19 commissioner of natural resources for a
22.20 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25
22.21 restoration and enhancement evaluations under
22.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
22.23 subdivision 10.

22.24 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

22.25 Money appropriated in this section may not
22.26 be spent on activities unless they are directly
22.27 related to and necessary for a specific
22.28 appropriation and are specified in the
22.29 accomplishment plan approved by the
22.30 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

22.31 Money appropriated in this section must not
22.32 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
22.33 overhead charges that are not directly related
22.34 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

23.1 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in
23.2 this section are available until June 30, 2023.
23.3 For acquisition of real property, the amounts
23.4 in this section are available until June 30,
23.5 2024, if a binding agreement with a landowner
23.6 or purchase agreement is entered into by June
23.7 30, 2023, and closed no later than June 30,
23.8 2024. Funds for restoration or enhancement
23.9 are available until June 30, 2025, or five years
23.10 after acquisition, whichever is later, in order
23.11 to complete initial restoration or enhancement
23.12 work. If a project receives at least 15 percent
23.13 of its funding from federal funds, the time of
23.14 the appropriation may be extended to equal
23.15 the availability of federal funding to a
23.16 maximum of six years if the federal funding
23.17 was confirmed and included in the original
23.18 approved draft accomplishment plan. Funds
23.19 appropriated for fee title acquisition of land
23.20 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide
23.21 for public use of the land acquired with the
23.22 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have
23.23 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

23.24 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
23.25 **Equipment Expenditures**

23.26 All agreements referred to in this section must
23.27 be administered on a reimbursement basis
23.28 unless otherwise provided in this section.
23.29 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
23.30 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
23.31 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
23.32 1, 2020, or the date of accomplishment plan
23.33 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
23.34 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
23.35 this section. For the purposes of administering
23.36 appropriations and legislatively authorized

24.1 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
24.2 fund, an expense must be considered
24.3 reimbursable by the administering agency
24.4 when the recipient presents the agency with
24.5 an invoice, or a binding agreement with the
24.6 landowner, and the recipient attests that the
24.7 goods have been received or the landowner
24.8 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
24.9 must be made upon receiving documentation
24.10 that the items articulated in the
24.11 accomplishment plan approved by the
24.12 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
24.13 been achieved, including partial achievements
24.14 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
24.15 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
24.16 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
24.17 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,
24.18 support future management of acquired lands,
24.19 or match a federal share. The advances must
24.20 be approved as part of the accomplishment
24.21 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
24.22 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized
24.23 in and approved as part of the accomplishment
24.24 plan.

24.25 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.26 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
24.27 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
24.28 grant awarded according to this section, must
24.29 provide geographic information to the
24.30 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
24.31 mapping any lands acquired in fee with funds
24.32 appropriated in this section and open to public
24.33 taking of fish and game. The commissioner
24.34 of natural resources must include the lands
24.35 acquired in fee with money appropriated in

25.1 this section on maps showing public
 25.2 recreational opportunities. Maps must include
 25.3 information on and acknowledgment of the
 25.4 outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of
 25.5 any restrictions.

25.6 **Subd. 10. Carryforwards**

25.7 (a) The availability of the appropriation in
 25.8 Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2,
 25.9 subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Roseau Lake
 25.10 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2022.

25.11 (b) The availability of the appropriation in
 25.12 Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2,
 25.13 subdivision 2, paragraph (f), Accelerated
 25.14 Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VI, is
 25.15 extended to June 30, 2022.

25.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 10 is effective the day following final enactment.

25.17 Sec. 3. Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

25.18 **Subd. 3. Forests** 16,824,000 -0-

25.19 **(a) Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor**

25.20 \$2,458,000 the first year is to the
 25.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
 25.22 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 25.23 acquire permanent conservation easements in
 25.24 Washington County. Of this amount, up to
 25.25 ~~\$30,000~~ \$120,000 is for establishing a
 25.26 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
 25.27 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
 25.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
 25.29 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent
 25.30 conservation easements must be provided as
 25.31 part of the required accomplishment plan. This
 25.32 appropriation is available until June 30, 2022.

25.33 **(b) Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat**
 25.34 **Project**

26.1 \$2,400,000 the first year is to the
26.2 commissioner of natural resources for
26.3 agreements with the Minnesota Deer Hunters
26.4 Association in cooperation with The
26.5 Conservation Fund and St. Louis County to
26.6 acquire land in fee to be transferred to St.
26.7 Louis County for wildlife habitat purposes.
26.8 The amount is for agreements as follows:
26.9 \$2,292,000 to the Minnesota Deer Hunter
26.10 Association and \$108,000 to The Conservation
26.11 Fund. A list of proposed land acquisitions
26.12 must be provided as part of the required
26.13 accomplishment plan.

26.14 **(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
26.15 **Restoration - Phase V**

26.16 \$2,375,000 the first year is to the
26.17 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
26.18 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
26.19 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
26.20 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for
26.21 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
26.22 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to
26.23 acquire land in fee for state forest purposes
26.24 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
26.25 subdivision 7; to acquire permanent
26.26 conservation easements; and to restore and
26.27 enhance prairie, grassland, forest, and savanna.
26.28 The amount is for agreements as follows:
26.29 \$1,000,000 to The Nature Conservancy,
26.30 \$675,000 to The Trust for Public Land, and
26.31 \$700,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
26.32 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
26.33 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
26.34 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
26.35 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
26.36 97A.056, subdivision 17. No later than 180

27.1 days after the The Nature Conservancy's fiscal
27.2 year ends, The Nature Conservancy must
27.3 submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
27.4 Council annual income statements and balance
27.5 sheets for income and expenses from land
27.6 acquired in fee with this appropriation and not
27.7 transferred to the state or a local governmental
27.8 unit. A list of proposed land acquisitions must
27.9 be provided as part of the required
27.10 accomplishment plan.

27.11 **(d) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase V**

27.12 \$2,291,000 the first year is to the
27.13 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
27.14 easements for forest, wetland, and shoreline
27.15 habitat through working forest permanent
27.16 conservation easements under the Minnesota
27.17 forests for the future program pursuant to
27.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A
27.19 conservation easement acquired with money
27.20 appropriated under this paragraph must
27.21 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
27.22 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment
27.23 plan must include an easement monitoring and
27.24 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to
27.25 \$72,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
27.26 enforcement fund as approved in the
27.27 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
27.28 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
27.29 list of permanent conservation easements must
27.30 be provided as part of the final report.

27.31 **(e) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase IV**

27.32 \$1,000,000 the first year is to the
27.33 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
27.34 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes in
27.35 the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood

28.1 State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section
28.2 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land
28.3 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
28.4 required accomplishment plan.

28.5 **(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
28.6 **Phase IV**

28.7 \$1,700,000 the first year is to the
28.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
28.9 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
28.10 acquire permanent conservation easements
28.11 along rivers and lakes in the northern forest
28.12 region. Of this amount, up to \$120,000 is for
28.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
28.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
28.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
28.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
28.17 permanent conservation easements must be
28.18 provided as part of the required
28.19 accomplishment plan.

28.20 **(g) Bushmen Lake**

28.21 \$4,600,000 the first year is to the
28.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
28.23 agreement with The Conservation Fund in
28.24 cooperation with the United States Forest
28.25 Service to acquire lands in fee adjacent to
28.26 Bushmen Lake in St. Louis County to be
28.27 managed for wildlife habitat purposes. A list
28.28 of proposed land acquisitions must be
28.29 provided as part of the required
28.30 accomplishment plan.

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

29.1 Sec. 4. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is
29.2 amended to read:

29.3 Subd. 5. **Habitats** 50,119,000 -0-

29.4 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**
29.5 **Restoration - Phase I**

29.6 \$3,751,000 the first year is to the
29.7 commissioner of natural resources for
29.8 agreements as follows:

29.9 (1) \$2,209,000 to The Trust for Public Land
29.10 to acquire land in fee and to acquire permanent
29.11 conservation stream easements in the St. Croix
29.12 River watershed using the payment method
29.13 prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section
29.14 84.0272, subdivision 2; Of this amount, up
29.15 to \$20,000 is to the commissioner of natural
29.16 resources to deposit in the natural resources
29.17 conservation easement stewardship account
29.18 established under Minnesota Statutes, section
29.19 84.69, as approved in the accomplishment plan
29.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
29.21 97A.056, subdivision 17;

29.22 (2) \$1,377,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to
29.23 acquire permanent conservation easements
29.24 and to restore and enhance natural habitat
29.25 systems in the St. Croix River watershed. Of
29.26 this amount, up to \$168,000 to Minnesota
29.27 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and
29.28 enforcement fund as approved in the
29.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
29.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17; and

29.31 (3) \$165,000 to the St. Croix River
29.32 Association to coordinate and administer the
29.33 program under this paragraph.

30.1 A list of proposed land acquisitions and
30.2 permanent conservation easements must be
30.3 provided as part of the required
30.4 accomplishment plan.

30.5 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase IX**

30.6 \$4,163,000 the first year is to the
30.7 commissioner of natural resources for
30.8 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
30.9 permanent conservation easements and to
30.10 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
30.11 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
30.12 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
30.13 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,
30.14 \$820,000 is to Minnesota Valley National
30.15 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$532,000 is to
30.16 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$1,061,000
30.17 is to Great River Greening, and \$1,750,000 is
30.18 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to
30.19 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
30.20 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
30.21 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
30.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
30.23 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
30.24 acquisitions and permanent conservation
30.25 easements must be provided as part of the
30.26 required accomplishment plan.

30.27 **(c) Dakota County Habitat**
30.28 **Protection/Restoration - Phase VII**

30.29 \$3,516,000 the first year is to the
30.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
30.31 agreement with Dakota County to acquire
30.32 permanent conservation easements and land
30.33 in fee and to restore and enhance riparian and
30.34 other habitats in Dakota County. A list of
30.35 proposed land acquisitions and restorations

31.1 and enhancements must be provided as part
31.2 of the required accomplishment plan.

31.3 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
31.4 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase V**

31.5 \$3,365,000 the first year is to the
31.6 commissioner of natural resources for
31.7 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
31.8 permanent conservation easements and to
31.9 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
31.10 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
31.11 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
31.12 Counties. Of this amount, \$841,000 is to
31.13 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$2,524,000
31.14 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000
31.15 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
31.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
31.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
31.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
31.19 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be
31.20 provided as part of the required
31.21 accomplishment plan.

31.22 **(e) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
31.23 **and Restoration**

31.24 \$2,946,000 the first year is to the
31.25 commissioner of natural resources for
31.26 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
31.27 permanent conservation easements and restore
31.28 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River
31.29 watershed as follows: \$440,000 to Sauk River
31.30 Watershed District, \$590,000 to Pheasants
31.31 Forever, and \$1,916,000 to Minnesota Land
31.32 Trust. Up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land
31.33 Trust is to establish a monitoring and
31.34 enforcement fund as approved in the
31.35 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
31.36 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A

32.1 list of acquisitions must be provided as part
32.2 of the required accomplishment plan.

32.3 **(f) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat**
32.4 **Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI**

32.5 \$2,359,000 the first year is to the
32.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
32.7 agreement with Trout Unlimited to acquire
32.8 permanent conservation stream easements
32.9 using the payment method prescribed in
32.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0272,
32.11 subdivision 2, and to restore and enhance
32.12 habitat for trout and other species in and along
32.13 coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams in
32.14 Minnesota. Up to \$40,000 is to establish a
32.15 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
32.16 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
32.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
32.18 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
32.19 acquisitions and restorations and
32.20 enhancements must be provided as part of the
32.21 required accomplishment plan.

32.22 **(g) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
32.23 **Enhancement - Phase II**

32.24 \$3,208,000 the first year is to the
32.25 commissioner of natural resources to restore
32.26 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
32.27 streams and aquatic management areas and to
32.28 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
32.29 restorations and enhancements must be
32.30 provided as part of the required
32.31 accomplishment plan.

32.32 **(h) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**
32.33 **VI**

32.34 \$3,777,000 the first year is to the
32.35 commissioner of natural resources to restore

33.1 aquatic and riparian habitats in the St. Louis
33.2 River estuary. Of this appropriation, up to
33.3 \$2,182,000 is for an agreement with
33.4 Minnesota Land Trust. A list of proposed
33.5 restorations must be provided as part of the
33.6 required accomplishment plan.

33.7 **(i) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**
33.8 **IV**

33.9 \$891,000 the first year is to the commissioner
33.10 of natural resources for an agreement with
33.11 Zeitgeist, in cooperation with the Lake
33.12 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and
33.13 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River
33.14 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements
33.15 must be provided as part of the required
33.16 accomplishment plan.

33.17 **(j) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
33.18 **Restoration Program - Phase VIII**

33.19 \$2,046,000 the first year is to the
33.20 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.21 agreement with the Shell Rock River
33.22 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and
33.23 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the
33.24 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
33.25 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
33.26 must be provided as part of the required
33.27 accomplishment plan.

33.28 **(k) Pine River Fish Passage Project**

33.29 \$1,246,000 the first year is to the
33.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
33.31 agreement with the Crow Wing Soil and Water
33.32 Conservation District to restore and enhance
33.33 riverine habitat in the Pine River and provide
33.34 fish passage by removing dams and modifying
33.35 and installing structures.

34.1 **(l) Sauk River Dam Fish Passage**

34.2 \$737,000 the first year is to the commissioner
34.3 of natural resources for an agreement with the
34.4 Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation
34.5 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat
34.6 in the Sauk River and provide fish passage by
34.7 removing the dam and modifying and
34.8 installing structures at the Melrose dam site.

34.9 **(m) Restoring Norway Brook Connectivity to**
34.10 **the Pine River**

34.11 \$2,267,000 the first year is to the
34.12 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.13 agreement with the city of Pine River to
34.14 restore and enhance riverine habitat in the Pine
34.15 River and provide fish passage by removing
34.16 the dam and modifying and installing
34.17 structures at the Norway Lake dam site.

34.18 **(n) Pig's Eye Lake Islands Habitat Restoration**
34.19 **and Enhancement**

34.20 \$4,337,000 the first year is to the
34.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
34.22 agreement with Ramsey County to restore and
34.23 enhance wildlife habitat in Pig's Eye Lake, to
34.24 include constructing islands.

34.25 **(o) Restoring Upper Mississippi River at Lake**
34.26 **Pepin**

34.27 \$750,000 the first year is to the commissioner
34.28 of natural resources for an agreement with the
34.29 Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance to restore and
34.30 enhance wildlife habitat on public lands in
34.31 Lake Pepin and the adjacent floodplain. A list
34.32 of proposed restorations and enhancements
34.33 must be provided as part of the required
34.34 accomplishment plan.

35.1 **(p) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
35.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**
35.3 **XI**

35.4 \$10,760,000 the first year is to the
35.5 commissioner of natural resources for a
35.6 program to provide competitive matching
35.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
35.8 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
35.9 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
35.10 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
35.11 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least
35.12 \$3,000,000 is for grants in the seven-county
35.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population
35.14 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made
35.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
35.16 owners of lands subject to conservation
35.17 easements. Grants must not be made from the
35.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
35.19 that have a total project cost exceeding
35.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$445,000
35.21 may be spent for personnel costs and other
35.22 direct and necessary administrative costs.
35.23 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.
35.24 Easements must be permanent. Grants may
35.25 not be used to establish easement stewardship
35.26 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open
35.27 to hunting and fishing during the open season
35.28 unless otherwise provided by law. The
35.29 program must require a match of at least ten
35.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
35.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
35.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the
35.33 commissioner must provide a separate,
35.34 simplified application process. Subject to
35.35 Minnesota statutes, the commissioner of
35.36 natural resources must, when evaluating

36.1 projects of equal value, give priority to
36.2 organizations that have a history of receiving,
36.3 or a charter to receive, private contributions
36.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
36.5 acquiring land in fee or a conservation
36.6 easement, priority must be given to projects
36.7 associated with or within one mile of existing
36.8 wildlife management areas under Minnesota
36.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;
36.10 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
36.11 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,
36.12 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas
36.13 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,
36.14 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or
36.15 enhancement projects must be on land
36.16 permanently protected by a permanent
36.17 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and
36.18 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,
36.19 by a conservation easement or public
36.20 ownership or in public waters as defined in
36.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,
36.22 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to
36.23 restoration and enhancement projects on public
36.24 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
36.25 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
36.26 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
36.27 available until June 30, 2023. No less than five
36.28 percent of the amount of each grant must be
36.29 held back from reimbursement until the grant
36.30 recipient has completed a grant
36.31 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
36.32 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
36.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
36.34 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
36.35 program in the summary of game and fish law

37.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section

37.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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