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H. F. No. 3128

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division
02/17/2020 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Legacy Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund;
1.3 modifying provisions of Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; modifying
1.4 provisions for motorized vehicles in wildlife management areas; modifying previous
1.5 appropriations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections 97A.056, subdivisions
1.6 5, 7; 97A.137, subdivision 3; Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2, subdivision
1.7 3; Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5.

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

1.9 Section 1. OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATIONS.

1.10 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.11 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage
1.12 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2020" and "2021" used in
1.13 this act mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year
1.14 ending June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2021, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2020.
1.15 "The second year" is fiscal year 2021. "The biennium" is fiscal years 2020 and 2021. These
1.16 are onetime appropriations.

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1.21 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.22 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ -0- \$ 137,500,000

1.23 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
1.24 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

2.1 purpose are specified in the following  
2.2 subdivisions.

2.3 Subd. 2. Prairies -0- 41,803,000

2.4 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**  
2.5 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**  
2.6 **XII**

2.7 \$2,410,000 the second year is to the  
2.8 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
2.9 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
2.10 wildlife management under Minnesota  
2.11 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and  
2.12 to acquire lands in fee for scientific and natural  
2.13 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.14 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation  
2.15 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
2.16 priority must be given to acquiring lands that  
2.17 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
2.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
2.19 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
2.20 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
2.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

2.22 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**  
2.23 **Program - Phase XII**

2.24 \$3,876,000 the second year is to the  
2.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
2.26 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
2.27 in fee and restore and enhance lands for  
2.28 wildlife management under Minnesota  
2.29 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.  
2.30 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
2.31 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
2.32 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
2.33 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.34 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
2.35 native prairie. A list of proposed land

3.1 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
3.2 required accomplishment plan.

3.3 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
3.4 **X**

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

3.27 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
3.28 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase XI**

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

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

4.14 **(e) Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat**  
4.15 **Restoration - Phase III**

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

4.31 **(f) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition -**  
4.32 **Phase IV**

4.33 \$2,785,000 the second year is to the  
4.34 commissioner of natural resources for  
4.35 agreements to acquire lands in fee and restore  
4.36 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,

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

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

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

6.1 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
6.2 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
6.3 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
6.4 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
6.5 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
6.6 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
6.7 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
6.8 provided as part of the required  
6.9 accomplishment plan.

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

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

6.33 **(j) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex**  
6.34 **- Phase IX**

7.1 \$1,339,000 the second year is to the  
7.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.3 agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in  
7.4 cooperation with Great River Greening, to  
7.5 acquire lands in fee in the Cannon River  
7.6 watershed for wildlife management under  
7.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
7.8 subdivision 8; to acquire lands in fee for  
7.9 aquatic management areas under Minnesota  
7.10 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14; to  
7.11 acquire lands in fee for scientific and natural  
7.12 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.13 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire lands in fee  
7.14 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,  
7.15 section 86A.05, subdivision 7; and to restore  
7.16 and enhance lands in the Cannon River  
7.17 watershed. Of this amount, \$1,035,000 is to  
7.18 The Trust for Public Land and \$304,000 is to  
7.19 Great River Greening. Subject to evaluation  
7.20 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,  
7.21 priority must be given to acquiring lands that  
7.22 are eligible for the native prairie bank under  
7.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
7.24 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
7.25 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
7.26 must be provided as part of the required  
7.27 accomplishment plan.

7.28 **(k) Accelerating the USFWS Habitat**  
7.29 **Conservation Easement Program - Phase II**

7.30 \$3,718,000 the second year is to the  
7.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.32 agreement with Ducks Unlimited, in  
7.33 cooperation with Pheasants Forever and the  
7.34 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to  
7.35 acquire permanent conservation working lands  
7.36 easements and to restore wetlands and prairie

8.1 grasslands. Of this amount, \$2,623,000 is to  
 8.2 Ducks Unlimited and \$1,095,000 is to  
 8.3 Pheasants Forever. A list of proposed  
 8.4 acquisitions and restorations must be provided  
 8.5 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

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

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

8.20 **(m) Enhanced Public Land: Grasslands - Phase**  
 8.21 **IV**

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

8.30 Subd. 3. Forests -0- 15,946,000

8.31 **(a) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB**  
 8.32 **Protection Program - Phase VIII**

8.33 \$3,164,000 the second year is to the Board of  
 8.34 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
 8.35 the Morrison County Soil and Water

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

9.13 **(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
9.14 **Restoration - Phase VIII**

9.15 \$3,155,000 the second year is to the  
9.16 commissioner of natural resources for  
9.17 agreements as follows:

9.18 (1) \$1,335,000 to The Nature Conservancy to  
9.19 acquire lands in fee for wildlife management  
9.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
9.21 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas  
9.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
9.23 subdivision 5; for state forests under  
9.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
9.25 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management  
9.26 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
9.27 86A.05, subdivision 14, and to restore and  
9.28 enhance wildlife habitat;

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

10.1 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management  
10.2 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.3 86A.05, subdivision 14; and  
10.4 (3) \$890,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to  
10.5 acquire permanent conservation easements  
10.6 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat, of  
10.7 which \$96,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
10.8 enforcement fund as approved in the  
10.9 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
10.10 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

10.11 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
10.12 provided as part of the required  
10.13 accomplishment plan.

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

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

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

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

10.33 **(e) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement -**  
10.34 **Phase II**

11.1 \$1,167,000 the second year is to the  
 11.2 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 11.3 and enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota.  
 11.4 A list of proposed land enhancements must be  
 11.5 provided as part of the required  
 11.6 accomplishment plan.

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

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

11.16 **Subd. 4. Wetlands** -0- 14,729,000

11.17 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**  
 11.18 **Acquisition - Phase XII**

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

11.29 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**  
 11.30 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

11.31 \$5,376,000 the second year is to the  
 11.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.33 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
 11.34 lands in fee for wildlife management under  
 11.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

12.1 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance  
12.2 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering  
12.3 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions  
12.4 must be provided as part of the required  
12.5 accomplishment plan.

12.6 **(c) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase**  
12.7 **V**

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

12.26 **(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
12.27 **Enhancement - Phase XII**

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

13.1 Subd. 5. Habitats -0- 64,662,000

13.2 (a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on

13.3 Minnesota's North Shore

13.4 \$2,110,000 the second year is to the

13.5 commissioner of natural resources for an

13.6 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to

13.7 acquire permanent conservation easements

13.8 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in

13.9 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.

13.10 Of this amount, up to \$192,000 is to establish

13.11 a monitoring and enforcement fund as

13.12 approved in the accomplishment plan and

13.13 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

13.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

13.15 conservation easement acquisitions,

13.16 restorations, and enhancements must be

13.17 provided as part of the required

13.18 accomplishment plan.

13.19 (b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase X

13.20 \$7,551,000 the second year is to the

13.21 commissioner of natural resources for

13.22 agreements to acquire lands in fee and

13.23 permanent conservation easements and to

13.24 restore and enhance natural habitat systems

13.25 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,

13.26 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in

13.27 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,

13.28 \$800,000 is to Minnesota Valley National

13.29 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000 is to

13.30 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$366,000 is

13.31 to Great River Greening, \$4,485,000 is to The

13.32 Trust for Public Land, and \$1,600,000 is to

13.33 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to

13.34 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a

13.35 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved

- 14.1 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
14.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
14.3 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
14.4 acquisitions and permanent conservation  
14.5 easements must be provided as part of the  
14.6 required accomplishment plan.
- 14.7 **(c) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout**
- 14.8 \$2,643,000 the second year is to the  
14.9 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.10 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
14.11 permanent conservation easements and to  
14.12 restore and enhance habitat in targeted  
14.13 watersheds of southeast Minnesota to improve  
14.14 heritage brook trout and coldwater  
14.15 communities. Of this amount, \$408,000 is to  
14.16 The Nature Conservancy, \$300,000 is to Trout  
14.17 Unlimited, \$1,000,000 is to The Trust for  
14.18 Public Land, and \$935,000 is to Minnesota  
14.19 Land Trust. Up to \$96,000 to Minnesota Land  
14.20 Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
14.21 enforcement fund as approved in the  
14.22 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
14.23 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
14.24 list of proposed land acquisitions and  
14.25 permanent conservation easements must be  
14.26 provided as part of the required  
14.27 accomplishment plan.
- 14.28 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
14.29 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VI**
- 14.30 \$3,283,000 the second year is to the  
14.31 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.32 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
14.33 permanent conservation easements and to  
14.34 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
14.35 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in

15.1 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
15.2 Counties. Of this amount, \$1,030,000 is to  
15.3 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$2,253,000  
15.4 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000  
15.5 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
15.6 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
15.7 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
15.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
15.9 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
15.10 provided as part of the required  
15.11 accomplishment plan.

15.12 **(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**  
15.13 **Southwest Minnesota**

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

15.29 **(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**  
15.30 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds**  
15.31 **- Phase I**

15.32 \$2,868,000 the second year is to the Board of  
15.33 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and  
15.34 restore permanent conservation easements of  
15.35 high-quality forest, wetland, and shoreline  
15.36 habitat. Of this amount, \$164,000 is for an

16.1 agreement with the Crow Wing County Soil  
16.2 and Water Conservation District. Up to  
16.3 \$156,000 of the total amount is for  
16.4 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
16.5 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
16.6 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
16.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
16.8 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
16.9 required accomplishment plan.

16.10 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
16.11 **Project - Phase V**

16.12 \$4,310,000 the second year is to acquire lands  
16.13 in fee and restore wildlife habitat in the  
16.14 Mississippi headwaters as follows:  
16.15 (1) \$2,522,000 is to the commissioner of  
16.16 natural resources for agreements as follows:  
16.17 \$76,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board  
16.18 and \$2,446,000 to The Trust for Public Land;  
16.19 and  
16.20 (2) \$1,788,000 is to the Board of Water and  
16.21 Soil Resources, of which up to \$188,000 is  
16.22 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
16.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
16.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
16.25 97A.056, subdivision 17.

16.26 A list of proposed acquisitions must be  
16.27 included as part of the required  
16.28 accomplishment plan.

16.29 **(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**  
16.30 **Program - Phase II**

16.31 \$3,681,000 the second year is to the  
16.32 commissioner of natural resources for  
16.33 agreements with Hennepin County, in  
16.34 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to  
16.35 acquire permanent conservation easements

17.1 and to restore and enhance habitats in  
17.2 Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to  
17.3 Hennepin County and \$3,235,000 to  
17.4 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$336,000 to  
17.5 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a  
17.6 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
17.7 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
17.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
17.9 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent  
17.10 conservation easements, restorations, and  
17.11 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
17.12 required accomplishment plan.

17.13 **(i) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
17.14 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**  
17.15 **XII**

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

17.25 **(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
17.26 **Enhancement - Phase III**

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

17.35 **(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**  
17.36 **VII**

18.1 \$2,660,000 the second year is to the  
18.2 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
18.3 priority aquatic and riparian habitats in the St.  
18.4 Louis River estuary. A list of proposed  
18.5 restorations must be provided as part of the  
18.6 required accomplishment plan.

18.7 **(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**  
18.8 **V**

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

18.18 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
18.19 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

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

18.29 **(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat**  
18.30 **Enhancement Using Bioengineered Bank**  
18.31 **Stabilization**

18.32 \$952,000 the second year is to the  
18.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
18.34 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and  
18.35 Water Conservation District to restore and  
18.36 enhance riverine habitat in the Rum River

19.1 using eco-sensitive, habitat-building, and  
19.2 bioengineering approaches. A list of proposed  
19.3 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
19.4 required accomplishment plan.

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

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

19.12 **(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
19.13 **and Restoration - Phase II**

19.14 \$4,580,000 the second year is to the  
19.15 commissioner of natural resources for  
19.16 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
19.17 permanent conservation easements and to  
19.18 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the  
19.19 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$500,000  
19.20 to the Sauk River Watershed District,  
19.21 \$2,419,000 to Pheasants Forever, and  
19.22 \$1,661,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
19.23 \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
19.24 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
19.25 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
19.26 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
19.27 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions  
19.28 must be provided as part of the required  
19.29 accomplishment plan.

19.30 **(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration**

19.31 \$1,576,000 the second year is to the  
19.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.33 agreement with the city of Mankato to acquire  
19.34 land in fee in the city of Mankato for wetland  
19.35 and grassland restoration. A list of acquisitions

20.1 must be provided as part of the required  
20.2 accomplishment plan.

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

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

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

21.1 Minnesota statutes, the commissioner of  
 21.2 natural resources must, when evaluating  
 21.3 projects of equal value, give priority to  
 21.4 organizations that have a history of receiving,  
 21.5 or a charter to receive, private contributions  
 21.6 for local conservation or habitat projects. All  
 21.7 restoration or enhancement projects must be  
 21.8 on land permanently protected by a permanent  
 21.9 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
 21.10 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
 21.11 by a conservation easement or public  
 21.12 ownership or in public waters as defined in  
 21.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,  
 21.14 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to  
 21.15 restoration and enhancement projects on public  
 21.16 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 21.17 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
 21.18 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
 21.19 available until June 30, 2023. No less than five  
 21.20 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
 21.21 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
 21.22 recipient has completed a grant  
 21.23 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
 21.24 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
 21.25 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
 21.26 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
 21.27 program in the summary of game and fish law  
 21.28 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 21.29 97A.051, subdivision 2.

21.30 **Subd. 6. Administration**

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360,000

21.31 **(a) Contract Management**

21.32 \$210,000 the second year is to the  
 21.33 commissioner of natural resources for contract  
 21.34 management duties assigned in this section.  
 21.35 The commissioner must provide an

22.1 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
22.2 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
22.3 on expending this appropriation. The  
22.4 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
22.5 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
22.6 manual. No money may be expended before  
22.7 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
22.8 approves the accomplishment plan.

22.9 **(b) Technical Evaluation Panel**

22.10 \$150,000 the second year is to the  
22.11 commissioner of natural resources for a  
22.12 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to 25  
22.13 restoration and enhancement evaluations under  
22.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
22.15 subdivision 10.

22.16 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

22.17 Money appropriated in this section may not  
22.18 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
22.19 related to and necessary for a specific  
22.20 appropriation and are specified in the  
22.21 accomplishment plan approved by the  
22.22 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

22.23 Money appropriated in this section must not  
22.24 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional  
22.25 overhead charges that are not directly related  
22.26 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

22.27 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in  
22.28 this section are available until June 30, 2023.

22.29 For acquisition of real property, the amounts  
22.30 in this section are available until June 30,  
22.31 2024, if a binding agreement with a landowner  
22.32 or purchase agreement is entered into by June  
22.33 30, 2023, and closed no later than June 30,  
22.34 2024. Funds for restoration or enhancement  
22.35 are available until June 30, 2025, or five years

23.1 after acquisition, whichever is later, in order  
23.2 to complete initial restoration or enhancement  
23.3 work. If a project receives at least 15 percent  
23.4 of its funding from federal funds, the time of  
23.5 the appropriation may be extended to equal  
23.6 the availability of federal funding to a  
23.7 maximum of six years if the federal funding  
23.8 was confirmed and included in the original  
23.9 approved draft accomplishment plan. Funds  
23.10 appropriated for fee title acquisition of land  
23.11 may be used to restore, enhance, and provide  
23.12 for public use of the land acquired with the  
23.13 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have  
23.14 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

23.15 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
23.16 **Equipment Expenditures**

23.17 All agreements referred to in this section must  
23.18 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
23.19 unless otherwise provided in this section.  
23.20 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
23.21 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
23.22 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
23.23 1, 2020, or the date of accomplishment plan  
23.24 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
23.25 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
23.26 this section. For the purposes of administering  
23.27 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
23.28 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage  
23.29 fund, an expense must be considered  
23.30 reimbursable by the administering agency  
23.31 when the recipient presents the agency with  
23.32 an invoice, or a binding agreement with the  
23.33 landowner, and the recipient attests that the  
23.34 goods have been received or the landowner  
23.35 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
23.36 must be made upon receiving documentation

24.1 that the items articulated in the  
24.2 accomplishment plan approved by the  
24.3 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
24.4 been achieved, including partial achievements  
24.5 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
24.6 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
24.7 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
24.8 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
24.9 support future management of acquired lands,  
24.10 or match a federal share. The advances must  
24.11 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
24.12 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
24.13 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized  
24.14 in and approved as part of the accomplishment  
24.15 plan.

24.16 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

24.17 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
24.18 in this section, as well as each recipient of a  
24.19 grant awarded according to this section, must  
24.20 provide geographic information to the  
24.21 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for  
24.22 mapping any lands acquired in fee with funds  
24.23 appropriated in this section and open to public  
24.24 taking of fish and game. The commissioner  
24.25 of natural resources must include the lands  
24.26 acquired in fee with money appropriated in  
24.27 this section on maps showing public  
24.28 recreational opportunities. Maps must include  
24.29 information on and acknowledgment of the  
24.30 outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of  
24.31 any restrictions.

24.32 **Subd. 10. Carryforwards**

24.33 (a) The availability of the appropriation in  
24.34 Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2,

25.1 subdivision 5, paragraph (j), Roseau Lake

25.2 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2022.

25.3 (b) The availability of the appropriation in

25.4 Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2,

25.5 subdivision 2, paragraph (f), Accelerated

25.6 Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VI, is

25.7 extended to June 30, 2022.

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

25.9 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97A.056, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

25.10 Subd. 5. **Open meetings.** (a) Meetings of the council and other groups the council may  
25.11 establish are subject to chapter 13D. Except where prohibited by law, the council shall  
25.12 establish additional processes to broaden public involvement in all aspects of its deliberations,  
25.13 including recording meetings, video conferencing, and publishing minutes. For the purposes  
25.14 of this subdivision, a meeting occurs when a quorum is present and the members receive  
25.15 information or take action on any matter relating to the duties of the council. The quorum  
25.16 requirement for the council shall be seven members.

25.17 (b) Travel to and from scheduled and publicly noticed site visits by council members  
25.18 for the purposes of receiving information is not a violation of paragraph (a). Any decision  
25.19 or agreement to make a decision during the travel is a violation of paragraph (a).

25.20 (c) For legislative members of the council, enforcement of this subdivision is governed  
25.21 by section 3.055, subdivision 2. For nonlegislative members of the council, enforcement of  
25.22 this subdivision is governed by section 13D.06, subdivisions 1 and 2.

25.23 (d) Unless held at a location outside of the Capitol complex, meetings of the council  
25.24 must be made available on a website for live video streaming and be archived on a website  
25.25 for playback at a later time. For meetings of the council held at a location outside of the  
25.26 Capitol complex, the council must make meetings available via live video stream and archive  
25.27 the video to the extent practical.

25.28 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97A.056, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

25.29 Subd. 7. **Legislative oversight.** The senate and house of representatives chairs of the  
25.30 committees and divisions with jurisdiction over ~~the~~ environment and natural resources  
25.31 ~~budget shall~~ finance and the outdoor heritage fund must convene a joint hearing to review

26.1 the activities and evaluate the effectiveness of the council and to receive reports on the  
 26.2 council from the legislative auditor no later than June 30, ~~2014~~ 2021.

26.3 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 97A.137, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

26.4 Subd. 3. **Use of motorized vehicles by disabled hunters with physical disability.** ~~The~~  
 26.5 ~~commissioner may issue a special permit, without a fee, authorizing a hunter~~ A person with  
 26.6 ~~a permanent~~ physical disability ~~to~~ may use a snowmobile, highway-licensed vehicle,  
 26.7 all-terrain vehicle, or motor boat in wildlife management areas. ~~To qualify for a permit~~  
 26.8 ~~under this subdivision,~~ The disabled person with a physical disability must possess:

26.9 (1) the required hunting licenses; and

26.10 (2) ~~a permit to shoot from a stationary vehicle under section 97B.055, subdivision 3~~ a  
 26.11 valid disability parking certificate authorized by section 169.345 or valid license plates  
 26.12 issued under section 168.021.

26.13 Sec. 6. Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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

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

26.16 \$2,458,000 the first year is to the  
 26.17 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 26.18 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 26.19 acquire permanent conservation easements in  
 26.20 Washington County. Of this amount, up to  
 26.21 ~~\$30,000~~ \$120,000 is for establishing a  
 26.22 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 26.23 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 26.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 26.25 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent  
 26.26 conservation easements must be provided as  
 26.27 part of the required accomplishment plan. This  
 26.28 appropriation is available until June 30, 2022.

26.29 **(b) Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat**  
 26.30 **Project**

26.31 \$2,400,000 the first year is to the  
 26.32 commissioner of natural resources for  
 26.33 agreements with the Minnesota Deer Hunters

27.1 Association in cooperation with The  
27.2 Conservation Fund and St. Louis County to  
27.3 acquire land in fee to be transferred to St.  
27.4 Louis County for wildlife habitat purposes.  
27.5 The amount is for agreements as follows:  
27.6 \$2,292,000 to the Minnesota Deer Hunter  
27.7 Association and \$108,000 to The Conservation  
27.8 Fund. A list of proposed land acquisitions  
27.9 must be provided as part of the required  
27.10 accomplishment plan.

27.11 **(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
27.12 **Restoration - Phase V**

27.13 \$2,375,000 the first year is to the  
27.14 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
27.15 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
27.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
27.17 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for  
27.18 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
27.19 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to  
27.20 acquire land in fee for state forest purposes  
27.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
27.22 subdivision 7; to acquire permanent  
27.23 conservation easements; and to restore and  
27.24 enhance prairie, grassland, forest, and savanna.  
27.25 The amount is for agreements as follows:  
27.26 \$1,000,000 to The Nature Conservancy,  
27.27 \$675,000 to The Trust for Public Land, and  
27.28 \$700,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
27.29 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
27.30 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
27.31 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
27.32 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
27.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. No later than 180  
27.34 days after the The Nature Conservancy's fiscal  
27.35 year ends, The Nature Conservancy must  
27.36 submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage

28.1 Council annual income statements and balance  
28.2 sheets for income and expenses from land  
28.3 acquired in fee with this appropriation and not  
28.4 transferred to the state or a local governmental  
28.5 unit. A list of proposed land acquisitions must  
28.6 be provided as part of the required  
28.7 accomplishment plan.

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

28.9 \$2,291,000 the first year is to the  
28.10 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
28.11 easements for forest, wetland, and shoreline  
28.12 habitat through working forest permanent  
28.13 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
28.14 forests for the future program pursuant to  
28.15 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A  
28.16 conservation easement acquired with money  
28.17 appropriated under this paragraph must  
28.18 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.19 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment  
28.20 plan must include an easement monitoring and  
28.21 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to  
28.22 \$72,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
28.23 enforcement fund as approved in the  
28.24 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
28.25 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
28.26 list of permanent conservation easements must  
28.27 be provided as part of the final report.

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

28.29 \$1,000,000 the first year is to the  
28.30 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
28.31 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes in  
28.32 the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood  
28.33 State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section  
28.34 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land

29.1 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
 29.2 required accomplishment plan.

29.3 **(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**  
 29.4 **Phase IV**

29.5 \$1,700,000 the first year is to the  
 29.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 29.7 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 29.8 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 29.9 along rivers and lakes in the northern forest  
 29.10 region. Of this amount, up to \$120,000 is for  
 29.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 29.12 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 29.13 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 29.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 29.15 permanent conservation easements must be  
 29.16 provided as part of the required  
 29.17 accomplishment plan.

29.18 **(g) Bushmen Lake**

29.19 \$4,600,000 the first year is to the  
 29.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 29.21 agreement with The Conservation Fund in  
 29.22 cooperation with the United States Forest  
 29.23 Service to acquire lands in fee adjacent to  
 29.24 Bushmen Lake in St. Louis County to be  
 29.25 managed for wildlife habitat purposes. A list  
 29.26 of proposed land acquisitions must be  
 29.27 provided as part of the required  
 29.28 accomplishment plan.

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

29.30 Sec. 7. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is  
 29.31 amended to read:

29.32 Subd. 5. <b>Habitats</b>	50,119,000	-0-
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29.33 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
 29.34 **Restoration - Phase I**

30.1 \$3,751,000 the first year is to the  
30.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
30.3 agreements as follows:

30.4 (1) \$2,209,000 to The Trust for Public Land  
30.5 to acquire land in fee and to acquire permanent  
30.6 conservation stream easements in the St. Croix  
30.7 River watershed using the payment method  
30.8 prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section  
30.9 84.0272, subdivision 2; Of this amount, up  
30.10 to \$20,000 is to the commissioner of natural  
30.11 resources to deposit in the natural resources  
30.12 conservation easement stewardship account  
30.13 established under Minnesota Statutes, section  
30.14 84.69, as approved in the accomplishment plan  
30.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
30.16 97A.056, subdivision 17;

30.17 (2) \$1,377,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to  
30.18 acquire permanent conservation easements  
30.19 and to restore and enhance natural habitat  
30.20 systems in the St. Croix River watershed. Of  
30.21 this amount, up to \$168,000 to Minnesota  
30.22 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
30.23 enforcement fund as approved in the  
30.24 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
30.25 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17; and

30.26 (3) \$165,000 to the St. Croix River  
30.27 Association to coordinate and administer the  
30.28 program under this paragraph.

30.29 A list of proposed land acquisitions and  
30.30 permanent conservation easements must be  
30.31 provided as part of the required  
30.32 accomplishment plan.

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

31.1 \$4,163,000 the first year is to the  
31.2 commissioner of natural resources for  
31.3 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
31.4 permanent conservation easements and to  
31.5 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
31.6 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
31.7 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
31.8 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,  
31.9 \$820,000 is to Minnesota Valley National  
31.10 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$532,000 is to  
31.11 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$1,061,000  
31.12 is to Great River Greening, and \$1,750,000 is  
31.13 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to  
31.14 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
31.15 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
31.16 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
31.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
31.18 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
31.19 acquisitions and permanent conservation  
31.20 easements must be provided as part of the  
31.21 required accomplishment plan.

31.22 **(c) Dakota County Habitat**  
31.23 **Protection/Restoration - Phase VII**

31.24 \$3,516,000 the first year is to the  
31.25 commissioner of natural resources for an  
31.26 agreement with Dakota County to acquire  
31.27 permanent conservation easements and land  
31.28 in fee and to restore and enhance riparian and  
31.29 other habitats in Dakota County. A list of  
31.30 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
31.31 and enhancements must be provided as part  
31.32 of the required accomplishment plan.

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

31.35 \$3,365,000 the first year is to the  
31.36 commissioner of natural resources for

32.1 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
 32.2 permanent conservation easements and to  
 32.3 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
 32.4 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
 32.5 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
 32.6 Counties. Of this amount, \$841,000 is to  
 32.7 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$2,524,000  
 32.8 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000  
 32.9 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
 32.10 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 32.11 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 32.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 32.13 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
 32.14 provided as part of the required  
 32.15 accomplishment plan.

32.16 **(e) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
 32.17 **and Restoration**

32.18 \$2,946,000 the first year is to the  
 32.19 commissioner of natural resources for  
 32.20 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
 32.21 permanent conservation easements and restore  
 32.22 and enhance wildlife habitat in the Sauk River  
 32.23 watershed as follows: \$440,000 to Sauk River  
 32.24 Watershed District, \$590,000 to Pheasants  
 32.25 Forever, and \$1,916,000 to Minnesota Land  
 32.26 Trust. Up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land  
 32.27 Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
 32.28 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 32.29 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 32.30 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 32.31 list of acquisitions must be provided as part  
 32.32 of the required accomplishment plan.

32.33 **(f) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat**  
 32.34 **Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XI**

32.35 \$2,359,000 the first year is to the  
 32.36 commissioner of natural resources for an

33.1 agreement with Trout Unlimited to acquire  
33.2 permanent conservation stream easements  
33.3 using the payment method prescribed in  
33.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.0272,  
33.5 subdivision 2, and to restore and enhance  
33.6 habitat for trout and other species in and along  
33.7 coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams in  
33.8 Minnesota. Up to \$40,000 is to establish a  
33.9 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
33.10 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
33.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
33.12 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
33.13 acquisitions and restorations and  
33.14 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
33.15 required accomplishment plan.

33.16 **(g) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
33.17 **Enhancement - Phase II**

33.18 \$3,208,000 the first year is to the  
33.19 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
33.20 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
33.21 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
33.22 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
33.23 restorations and enhancements must be  
33.24 provided as part of the required  
33.25 accomplishment plan.

33.26 **(h) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**  
33.27 **VI**

33.28 \$3,777,000 the first year is to the  
33.29 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
33.30 aquatic and riparian habitats in the St. Louis  
33.31 River estuary. Of this appropriation, up to  
33.32 \$2,182,000 is for an agreement with  
33.33 Minnesota Land Trust. A list of proposed  
33.34 restorations must be provided as part of the  
33.35 required accomplishment plan.

34.1 **(i) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**  
34.2 **IV**

34.3 \$891,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
34.4 of natural resources for an agreement with  
34.5 Zeitgeist, in cooperation with the Lake  
34.6 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and  
34.7 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River  
34.8 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements  
34.9 must be provided as part of the required  
34.10 accomplishment plan.

34.11 **(j) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
34.12 **Restoration Program - Phase VIII**

34.13 \$2,046,000 the first year is to the  
34.14 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.15 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
34.16 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and  
34.17 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the  
34.18 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
34.19 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
34.20 must be provided as part of the required  
34.21 accomplishment plan.

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

34.23 \$1,246,000 the first year is to the  
34.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.25 agreement with the Crow Wing Soil and Water  
34.26 Conservation District to restore and enhance  
34.27 riverine habitat in the Pine River and provide  
34.28 fish passage by removing dams and modifying  
34.29 and installing structures.

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

34.31 \$737,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
34.32 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
34.33 Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation  
34.34 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat  
34.35 in the Sauk River and provide fish passage by

35.1 removing the dam and modifying and  
35.2 installing structures at the Melrose dam site.

35.3 **(m) Restoring Norway Brook Connectivity to**  
35.4 **the Pine River**

35.5 \$2,267,000 the first year is to the  
35.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
35.7 agreement with the city of Pine River to  
35.8 restore and enhance riverine habitat in the Pine  
35.9 River and provide fish passage by removing  
35.10 the dam and modifying and installing  
35.11 structures at the Norway Lake dam site.

35.12 **(n) Pig's Eye Lake Islands Habitat Restoration**  
35.13 **and Enhancement**

35.14 \$4,337,000 the first year is to the  
35.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
35.16 agreement with Ramsey County to restore and  
35.17 enhance wildlife habitat in Pig's Eye Lake, to  
35.18 include constructing islands.

35.19 **(o) Restoring Upper Mississippi River at Lake**  
35.20 **Pepin**

35.21 \$750,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
35.22 of natural resources for an agreement with the  
35.23 Lake Pepin Legacy Alliance to restore and  
35.24 enhance wildlife habitat on public lands in  
35.25 Lake Pepin and the adjacent floodplain. A list  
35.26 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
35.27 must be provided as part of the required  
35.28 accomplishment plan.

35.29 **(p) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
35.30 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**  
35.31 **XI**

35.32 \$10,760,000 the first year is to the  
35.33 commissioner of natural resources for a  
35.34 program to provide competitive matching  
35.35 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,

36.1 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
36.2 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
36.3 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
36.4 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
36.5 \$3,000,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
36.6 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
36.7 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made  
36.8 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
36.9 owners of lands subject to conservation  
36.10 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
36.11 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
36.12 that have a total project cost exceeding  
36.13 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$445,000  
36.14 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
36.15 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
36.16 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
36.17 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
36.18 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
36.19 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open  
36.20 to hunting and fishing during the open season  
36.21 unless otherwise provided by law. The  
36.22 program must require a match of at least ten  
36.23 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
36.24 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
36.25 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
36.26 commissioner must provide a separate,  
36.27 simplified application process. Subject to  
36.28 Minnesota statutes, the commissioner of  
36.29 natural resources must, when evaluating  
36.30 projects of equal value, give priority to  
36.31 organizations that have a history of receiving,  
36.32 or a charter to receive, private contributions  
36.33 for local conservation or habitat projects. If  
36.34 acquiring land in fee or a conservation  
36.35 easement, priority must be given to projects  
36.36 associated with or within one mile of existing

37.1 wildlife management areas under Minnesota  
37.2 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;  
37.3 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
37.4 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,  
37.5 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas  
37.6 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
37.7 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or  
37.8 enhancement projects must be on land  
37.9 permanently protected by a permanent  
37.10 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
37.11 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
37.12 by a conservation easement or public  
37.13 ownership or in public waters as defined in  
37.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,  
37.15 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to  
37.16 restoration and enhancement projects on public  
37.17 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
37.18 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
37.19 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
37.20 available until June 30, 2023. No less than five  
37.21 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
37.22 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
37.23 recipient has completed a grant  
37.24 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
37.25 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
37.26 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
37.27 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
37.28 program in the summary of game and fish law  
37.29 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
37.30 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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