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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to natural resources; authorizing certain Chippewa Bands to establish open

1.3 seasons for big game in accordance with 1854 treaty; modifying prior appropriation;

1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.157, subdivision 4; Laws 2023,

1.5 chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 9; proposing coding for new law in

1.6 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97B.

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

1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97A.157, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. **Commissioner's powers and duties.** The commissioner of natural resources,

1.10 on behalf of the state of Minnesota, shall take all actions, by rule or otherwise, necessary

1.11 to carry out the duties and obligations of the state of Minnesota arising from the

1.12 Memorandum of Agreement, as amended. Powers and duties provided by this subdivision

1.13 apply to payment of money under the Memorandum of Agreement only to the extent and

1.14 to the amount specifically appropriated by the legislature to carry out the terms of the

1.15 Memorandum of Agreement.

1.16 Sec. 2. [97B.202] TREATY OPEN SEASONS.

1.17 If the commissioner does not establish an open season for taking a species of big game,

1.18 a Chippewa Band identified in section 97A.157, subdivision 1, may establish an open season,

1.19 independently of the state, for members of the band to take the species.

2.1 Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 60, article 1, section 3, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

2.2 Subd. 9. **Pass Through Funds** 4,294,000 4,215,000

2.3 Appropriations by Fund

2.4		2024	2025
2.5	General	3,211,000	3,221,000
2.6	Natural Resources	510,000	510,000
2.7	Permanent School	573,000	484,000

2.8 (a) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
 2.9 second year are from the natural resources
 2.10 fund for grants to be divided equally between
 2.11 the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and
 2.12 Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the
 2.13 Lake Superior Zoo. This appropriation is from
 2.14 revenue deposited to the natural resources fund
 2.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 2.16 paragraph (h), clause (5).

2.17 (b) \$211,000 the first year and \$221,000 the
 2.18 second year are for the Office of School Trust
 2.19 Lands.

2.20 (c) \$250,000 the first year and \$150,000 the
 2.21 second year are transferred from the forest
 2.22 suspense account to the permanent school fund
 2.23 and are appropriated from the permanent
 2.24 school fund for transaction and project
 2.25 management costs for divesting of school trust
 2.26 lands within Boundary Waters Canoe Area
 2.27 Wilderness.

2.28 (d) \$323,000 the first year and \$334,000 the
 2.29 second year are transferred from the forest
 2.30 suspense account to the permanent school fund
 2.31 and are appropriated from the permanent
 2.32 school fund for the Office of School Trust
 2.33 Lands.

- 3.1 (e) \$3,000,000 the first year and \$3,000,000
3.2 the second year are for proportional payments
3.3 to Tribes receiving payments under Minnesota
3.4 Statutes, section 97A.157. ~~This is a onetime~~
3.5 ~~appropriation.~~ The commissioner must work
3.6 with the signatory Tribes to update and amend
3.7 the affected agreement.