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04/07/2016	5732	Introduction and first reading Referred to Finance

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A bill for an act

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relating to state government; appropriating money for natural resources;

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modifying wild rice license requirements; modifying prior appropriations;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84.091, subdivision 2; Laws 2015,

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First Special Session chapter 4, article 3, section 3, subdivision 5.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

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The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are added to the

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appropriations in Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, or appropriated to the

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agencies and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the

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general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal year indicated for

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each purpose. The figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the addition

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to the appropriations listed under them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30,

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2016, or June 30, 2017, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal year 2016. "The second

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year" is fiscal year 2017. Appropriations for fiscal year 2016 are effective the day

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following final enactment.

1.17	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>		
1.18	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>		
1.19	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>		
1.20		<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>

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Sec. 2. NATURAL RESOURCES

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Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation

\$

2,269,000

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9,367,000

1.23	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
1.24		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
1.25	<u>General</u>	<u>1,599,000</u>	<u>7,067,000</u>

2.1	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>
2.2	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>670,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>

2.3 The amounts that may be spent for each  
 2.4 purpose are specified in the following  
 2.5 subdivisions.

2.6	<u>Subd. 2. <b>Ecological and Water Resources</b></u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
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2.7 \$1,500,000 the second year is for an impact  
 2.8 study of irrigation on the Pineland Sands  
 2.9 aquifer. The money is available until spent.  
 2.10 This is a onetime appropriation.

2.11	<u>Subd. 3. <b>Parks and Trails Management</b></u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>5,300,000</u>
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2.12 Appropriations by Fund

2.13		<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
2.14	<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>
2.15	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,300,000</u>

2.16 \$3,000,000 the second year is a onetime  
 2.17 appropriation.

2.18 \$1,000,000 each year from the natural  
 2.19 resources fund is added to the base.

2.20	<u>Subd. 4. <b>Fish and Wildlife Management</b></u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>197,000</u>
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2.21 \$197,000 is added to the base.

2.22	<u>Subd. 5. <b>Enforcement</b></u>	<u>670,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
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2.23 \$670,000 the first year is from the game and  
 2.24 fish fund for aviation services. This is a  
 2.25 onetime appropriation.

2.26	<u>Subd. 6. <b>Operations Support</b></u>	<u>1,599,000</u>	<u>2,370,000</u>
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2.27 \$1,599,000 the first year and \$2,370,000 the  
 2.28 second year are for legal costs related to the  
 2.29 NorthMet mining project. This is a onetime  
 2.30 appropriation and is available until spent.

2.31 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 84.091, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

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

(c) Tribal band members who possess a valid tribal identification card may harvest wild rice without a license under this section.

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

Subd. 5. <b>Parks and Trails Management</b>	74,064,000	73,650,000
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Appropriations by Fund		
	2016	2017
General	24,967,000	24,427,000
Natural Resources	46,831,000	46,950,000
Game and Fish	2,266,000	2,273,000

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

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

\$1,005,000 the first year and \$1,005,000 the second year are from the natural resources fund for park and trail grants to local units of government on land to be maintained for at least 20 years for the purposes of the grants. This appropriation is from the revenue deposited in the natural resources fund under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,

4.1 paragraph (e), clause (4). Any unencumbered  
4.2 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
4.3 year and is available for the second year. Up  
4.4 to 2.5 percent of this appropriation may be  
4.5 used to administer the grants.

4.6 \$8,424,000 the first year and \$8,424,000  
4.7 the second year are from the snowmobile  
4.8 trails and enforcement account in the  
4.9 natural resources fund for the snowmobile  
4.10 grants-in-aid program. Any unencumbered  
4.11 balance does not cancel at the end of the first  
4.12 year and is available for the second year.

4.13 \$1,360,000 the first year and \$1,360,000  
4.14 the second year are from the natural  
4.15 resources fund for the off-highway vehicle  
4.16 grants-in-aid program. Of this amount,  
4.17 \$1,210,000 each year is from the all-terrain  
4.18 vehicle account; and \$150,000 each year is  
4.19 from the off-highway motorcycle account.

4.20 Any unencumbered balance does not cancel  
4.21 at the end of the first year and is available for  
4.22 the second year.

4.23 \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the second  
4.24 year are from the cross-country ski account  
4.25 in the natural resources fund for grooming  
4.26 and maintaining cross-country ski trails in  
4.27 state parks, trails, and recreation areas.

4.28 \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the  
4.29 second year are from the state land and  
4.30 water conservation account (LAWCON)  
4.31 in the natural resources fund for priorities  
4.32 established by the commissioner for eligible  
4.33 state projects and administrative and  
4.34 planning activities consistent with Minnesota  
4.35 Statutes, section 84.0264, and the federal

5.1 Land and Water Conservation Fund Act.

5.2 Any unencumbered balance does not cancel

5.3 at the end of the first year and is available for

5.4 the second year.

5.5 \$968,000 the first year and \$968,000 the

5.6 second year are from the off-road vehicle

5.7 account in the natural resources fund. Of

5.8 this amount, \$568,000 each year is for parks

5.9 and trails management for off-road vehicle

5.10 purposes; \$325,000 each year is for the

5.11 off-road vehicle grant in aid program; and

5.12 \$75,000 each year is for a new full-time

5.13 employee position or contract in northern

5.14 Minnesota to work in conjunction with the

5.15 Minnesota Four-Wheel Drive Association

5.16 to address off-road vehicle touring routes

5.17 and other issues related to off-road vehicle

5.18 activities. Of this appropriation, the \$325,000

5.19 each year is onetime.

5.20 \$65,000 the first year is from the water

5.21 recreation account in the natural resources

5.22 fund to cooperate with local units of

5.23 government in marking routes and

5.24 designating river accesses and campsites

5.25 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.32.

5.26 This is a onetime appropriation and is

5.27 available until June 30, 2019.

5.28 \$190,000 the first year is for a grant to the

5.29 city of Virginia for the additional cost of

5.30 supporting a trail due to the rerouting of

5.31 U.S. Highway No. 53. This is a onetime

5.32 appropriation and is available until June 30,

5.33 2019.

5.34 \$50,000 the first year is for development of

5.35 a master plan for the Mississippi Blufflands

6.1 Trail, including work on possible extensions  
6.2 or connections to other state or regional  
6.3 trails. This is a onetime appropriation that is  
6.4 available until June 30, 2017.

6.5 \$61,000 from the natural resources fund the  
6.6 first year is for a grant to the city of East  
6.7 Grand Forks for payment under a reciprocity  
6.8 agreement for the Red River State Recreation  
6.9 Area.

6.10 \$500,000 the first year is for restoration or  
6.11 replacement of a historic trestle bridge in  
6.12 Blackduck. This is a onetime appropriation  
6.13 and is available until June 30, 2019.

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

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