

**84.081 DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS AND BUREAUS.**

Subdivision 1. **Directors.** Subject to the commissioner's authority to revise or abolish existing divisions and to establish new divisions, all as prescribed in section 84.083, subdivision 1, the Department of Natural Resources shall be organized with the following divisions: a Division of Lands and Forestry, a Division of Waters, Soils, and Minerals, a Division of Game and Fish, a Division of Parks and Recreation, and a Division of Enforcement and Field Service. Each division shall be under the immediate charge of a director, subject to the supervision and control of the commissioner. The commissioner may place a director's position in the unclassified service if the position meets the criteria established in section 43A.08, subdivision 1a. They shall be chosen with regard to knowledge, training, experience, ability in administering the work of their respective divisions, and with consideration given to applicable professional registration.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1991 c 326 s 27]

Subd. 3. **Directors may employ assistants.** Each director, with the approval of the commissioner, may employ such assistants as may be necessary for the work of the director's division. Each director, with the approval of the commissioner, may designate one employee as deputy director, and may revoke such designation at any time, regardless of the civil service status of such employee and without affecting such status. Each deputy director may exercise all of the powers of the director, subject to the director's direction and control, including powers delegated by the commissioner unless otherwise prescribed by the commissioner.

**History:** 1943 c 60 s 3; 1943 c 601 s 1; 1947 c 587 s 17; 1949 c 356 s 1; 1949 c 739 s 7 subd 2; 1951 c 713 s 11; 1967 c 905 s 5; 1969 c 1129 art 3 s 6; 1973 c 615 s 1; 1982 c 560 s 42; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 306 s 2