

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 207 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE APPROPRIATION.**

1.4 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the  
1.5 agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor  
1.6 heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2014" and "2015"  
1.7 used in this act mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the  
1.8 fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2015, respectively. "The first year" is fiscal  
1.9 year 2014. "The second year" is fiscal year 2015. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2014 and  
1.10 2015. The appropriations in this act are onetime.

1.11		<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
1.12		<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
1.13		<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
1.14		<b><u>2014</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>

1.15 Sec. 2. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

1.16	<b><u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>98,348,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$</u></b>	<b><u>5,000,000</u></b>
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1.17 This appropriation is from the outdoor  
1.18 heritage fund. The amounts that may be  
1.19 spent for each purpose are specified in the  
1.20 following subdivisions.

1.21	<b><u>Subd. 2. Prairies</u></b>	<b><u>27,730,000</u></b>	<b><u>-0-</u></b>
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1.22 **(a) Grasslands for the Future**

1.23 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the Board of  
1.24 Water and Soil Resources for a pilot project  
1.25 to acquire permanent conservation easements

2.1 on grasslands in cooperation with the  
2.2 Minnesota Land Trust and the Conservation  
2.3 Fund. Up to \$1,850,000 may be used  
2.4 for agreements with the Minnesota Land  
2.5 Trust to acquire permanent conservation  
2.6 easements and up to \$75,000 may be used  
2.7 for establishing monitoring and enforcement  
2.8 funds with the Minnesota Land Trust and  
2.9 the Board of Water and Soil Resources,  
2.10 as approved in the accomplishment plan  
2.11 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.12 97A.056, subdivision 17. Up to \$75,000  
2.13 may be used for an agreement with the  
2.14 Conservation Fund for professional services.  
2.15 Easements funded under this appropriation  
2.16 are not subject to emergency haying and  
2.17 grazing orders. Any net proceeds accruing to  
2.18 a project partner from real estate transactions  
2.19 related to this project must be used for the  
2.20 purposes outlined in this appropriation. A  
2.21 list of permanent conservation easements  
2.22 must be provided as part of the required  
2.23 accomplishment plan.

2.24 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**  
2.25 **Program - Phase V**

2.26 \$7,960,000 in the first year is to the  
2.27 commissioner of natural resources for an  
2.28 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
2.29 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
2.30 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
2.31 subdivision 8. A list of proposed land  
2.32 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
2.33 required accomplishment plan.

2.34 **(c) DNR Wildlife Management Area, Scientific**  
2.35 **and Natural Area, and Native Prairie Bank**  
2.36 **Easement - Phase V**

3.1 \$4,940,000 in the first year is to the  
3.2 commissioner of natural resources to  
3.3 acquire land in fee for wildlife management  
3.4 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.5 86A.05, subdivision 8; acquire land in fee  
3.6 for scientific and natural area purposes  
3.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
3.8 subdivision 5; and acquire native prairie  
3.9 bank easements under Minnesota Statutes,  
3.10 section 84.96. Up to \$42,000 is for  
3.11 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
3.12 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
3.13 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
3.14 section 97A.056, subdivision 17, for native  
3.15 prairie bank easements. A list of proposed  
3.16 land and permanent conservation easement  
3.17 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
3.18 required accomplishment plan.

3.19 **(d) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**  
3.20 **IV**

3.21 \$5,310,000 in the first year is to the  
3.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.23 agreement with The Nature Conservancy  
3.24 to acquire native prairie, wetland, and  
3.25 savanna and restore and enhance grasslands,  
3.26 wetlands, and savanna. A list of proposed  
3.27 land acquisitions must be provided as part of  
3.28 the required accomplishment plan. Annual  
3.29 income statements and balance sheets for  
3.30 income and expenses from land acquired  
3.31 with this appropriation must be submitted to  
3.32 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
3.33 no later than 180 days following the close of  
3.34 The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year.

3.35 **(e) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water -**  
3.36 **Phase III**

4.1 \$3,520,000 in the first year is to the Board  
4.2 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
4.3 permanent conservation easements to protect  
4.4 and enhance habitat by expanding clean  
4.5 water fund riparian wildlife buffers on private  
4.6 land. Up to \$120,000 is for establishing  
4.7 a monitoring and enforcement fund, as  
4.8 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
4.9 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.10 97A.056, subdivision 17. Easements funded  
4.11 under this appropriation are not subject to  
4.12 emergency haying and grazing orders. A list  
4.13 of permanent conservation easements must  
4.14 be provided as part of the final report.

4.15 **(f) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex**  
4.16 **- Phase III**

4.17 \$1,780,000 in the first year is to the  
4.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.19 agreement with Trust for Public Land to  
4.20 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River  
4.21 watershed for wildlife management purposes  
4.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
4.23 subdivision 8, or aquatic management area  
4.24 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
4.25 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. A list of  
4.26 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
4.27 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

4.28 **(g) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**  
4.29 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase V**

4.30 \$2,220,000 in the first year is to the  
4.31 commissioner of natural resources to  
4.32 accelerate the restoration and enhancement  
4.33 of wildlife management areas, scientific  
4.34 and natural areas, and land under native  
4.35 prairie bank easements. A list of proposed  
4.36 land restorations and enhancements

5.1 must be provided as part of the required  
5.2 accomplishment plan.

5.3 Subd. 3. Forests **9,830,000** **5,000,000**

5.4 **(a) Young Forest Conservation**

5.5 \$1,180,000 in the first year is to the  
5.6 commissioner of natural resources for  
5.7 an agreement with the American Bird  
5.8 Conservancy to acquire lands in fee to be  
5.9 added to the wildlife management area system  
5.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
5.11 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance  
5.12 habitat on publicly protected land. A list of  
5.13 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
5.14 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

5.15 **(b) Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase III**

5.16 \$1,150,000 in the first year is to the Board of  
5.17 Water and Soil Resources and \$300,000 in  
5.18 the first year is to the Department of Natural  
5.19 Resources to acquire land in fee to be added  
5.20 to the wildlife management area system  
5.21 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
5.22 subdivision 8, and to acquire permanent  
5.23 conservation easements on lands adjacent  
5.24 to the Mississippi and Crow Wing Rivers  
5.25 and within the boundaries of the Minnesota  
5.26 National Guard Army Compatible Use  
5.27 Buffer. Of the amount appropriated to the  
5.28 Board of Water and Soil Resources, \$49,900  
5.29 is for a grant to the Morrison County Soil  
5.30 and Water Conservation District and up to  
5.31 \$33,600 is for establishing a monitoring  
5.32 and enforcement fund, as approved in  
5.33 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
5.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
5.35 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land

6.1 acquisitions and permanent conservation  
6.2 easements must be provided as part of the  
6.3 required accomplishment plan.

6.4 **(c) Northeastern Minnesota Sharp-Tailed**  
6.5 **Grouse Habitat Program - Phase IV**

6.6 \$1,180,000 in the first year is to the  
6.7 commissioner of natural resources for  
6.8 an agreement with Pheasants Forever in  
6.9 cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-Tailed  
6.10 Grouse Society to acquire and enhance  
6.11 lands in Aitkin, Carlton, and Kanabec  
6.12 Counties for wildlife management purposes  
6.13 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
6.14 subdivision 8. A list of proposed land  
6.15 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
6.16 required accomplishment plan.

6.17 **(d) Protect Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass**  
6.18 **County - Phase IV**

6.19 \$500,000 in the first year is to the  
6.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
6.21 agreement with Cass County to acquire land  
6.22 in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife  
6.23 habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation.  
6.24 A list of proposed land acquisitions  
6.25 must be provided as part of the required  
6.26 accomplishment plan.

6.27 **(e) Critical Shoreline Habitat Protection**  
6.28 **Program - Phase II**

6.29 \$820,000 in the first year is to the  
6.30 commissioner of natural resources for  
6.31 an agreement with the Minnesota Land  
6.32 Trust to acquire permanent conservation  
6.33 easements along rivers and lakes in the  
6.34 northern forest region. Up to \$160,000 is for  
6.35 establishing a monitoring and enforcement

7.1 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
7.2 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
7.3 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
7.4 proposed permanent conservation easements  
7.5 must be provided as part of the required  
7.6 accomplishment plan.

7.7 **(f) Minnesota Moose Habitat Collaborative -**  
7.8 **Phase II**

7.9 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the  
7.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
7.11 agreement with the Minnesota Deer Hunters  
7.12 Association to restore and enhance public  
7.13 forest lands in the northern forest region  
7.14 for moose habitat purposes. A list of  
7.15 proposed land restoration and enhancements  
7.16 must be provided as part of the required  
7.17 accomplishment plan.

7.18 **(g) Minnesota Forests for the Future**

7.19 \$1,000,000 in the first year and \$5,000,000  
7.20 in the second year are to the commissioner  
7.21 of natural resources to acquire permanent  
7.22 working forest easements on up to 150,000  
7.23 acres of private forest lands in Itasca,  
7.24 Koochiching, and Saint Louis Counties  
7.25 identified through the Minnesota Forests  
7.26 for the Future program under Minnesota  
7.27 Statutes, section 84.66. The commissioner  
7.28 may use the first year appropriation for land  
7.29 acquisition pre-transaction costs including,  
7.30 but not limited to, appraisals, surveys, and  
7.31 title research.

7.32 **(h) Preventing Forest Fragmentation and**  
7.33 **Protecting and Restoring Lake and Stream**  
7.34 **Habitat in the St. Louis River Watershed**

8.1 \$1,700,000 in the first year is to the  
 8.2 commissioner of natural resources to  
 8.3 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance  
 8.4 land within the Fond du Lac Reservation  
 8.5 for wildlife management purposes under  
 8.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 8.7 subdivision 8. A list of proposed land  
 8.8 acquisitions must be provided as part of  
 8.9 the required accomplishment plan. The  
 8.10 commissioner may enter into an agreement  
 8.11 with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake  
 8.12 Superior Chippewa to manage the wildlife  
 8.13 management area.

8.14 Subd. 4. **Wetlands**

**31,150,000**

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8.15 **(a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve**  
 8.16 **Program Partnership - Phase V**

8.17 \$13,390,000 in the first year is to the Board  
 8.18 of Soil and Water Resources to acquire  
 8.19 permanent conservation easements and  
 8.20 restore wetlands and associated upland  
 8.21 habitat in cooperation with the United  
 8.22 States Department of Agriculture Wetlands  
 8.23 Reserve Program and Ducks Unlimited,  
 8.24 including \$1,000,000 for an agreement  
 8.25 with Ducks Unlimited to provide technical  
 8.26 and bioengineering assistance. Up to  
 8.27 \$120,000 is for establishing a monitoring  
 8.28 and enforcement fund, as approved in  
 8.29 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 8.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 8.31 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 8.32 conservation easements must be provided as  
 8.33 part of the final report.

8.34 **(b) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**  
 8.35 **Acquisition - Phase V**



9.1 \$6,830,000 in the first year is to the  
9.2 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.3 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire  
9.4 land in fee to be designated and managed as  
9.5 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota,  
9.6 in cooperation with the United States Fish  
9.7 and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land  
9.8 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
9.9 required accomplishment plan.

9.10 **(c) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland**  
9.11 **Initiative - Phase III**

9.12 \$3,530,000 in the first year is to the  
9.13 commissioner of natural resources for an  
9.14 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
9.15 land in fee for wildlife management purposes  
9.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
9.17 subdivision 8. A list of proposed land  
9.18 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
9.19 required accomplishment plan.

9.20 **(d) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program**  
9.21 **- Phase II**

9.22 \$1,630,000 in the first year is to the Board  
9.23 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
9.24 in fee wild rice lake shoreland habitat  
9.25 for native wild rice bed protection and to  
9.26 acquire permanent conservation easements  
9.27 in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited. Of  
9.28 this amount, \$100,000 is for an agreement  
9.29 with Ducks Unlimited for acquisition of land  
9.30 or interests in land to protect native wild  
9.31 rice beds. Up to \$48,000 is for establishing  
9.32 a monitoring and enforcement fund, as  
9.33 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
9.34 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
9.35 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed

10.1 land acquisitions must be included as part of  
10.2 the required accomplishment plan.

10.3 **(e) Wetland Habitat Program**

10.4 \$1,980,000 in the first year is to the  
10.5 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.6 agreement with the Minnesota Land Trust to  
10.7 acquire permanent conservation easements  
10.8 in high-priority wetland complexes in  
10.9 the prairie and forest/prairie transition  
10.10 regions. Up to \$280,000 is for establishing  
10.11 a monitoring and enforcement fund, as  
10.12 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
10.13 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.14 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
10.15 land acquisitions must be included as part of  
10.16 the required accomplishment plan.

10.17 **(f) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**  
10.18 **Enhancement - Phase V**

10.19 \$1,790,000 in the first year is to the  
10.20 commissioner of natural resources to  
10.21 enhance and restore shallow lakes, including  
10.22 \$210,000 for an agreement with Ducks  
10.23 Unlimited to help implement restorations  
10.24 and enhancements. A list of proposed  
10.25 land restorations and enhancements  
10.26 must be provided as part of the required  
10.27 accomplishment plan.

10.28 **(g) Pelican Lake Enhancement**

10.29 \$2,000,000 in the first year is to the  
10.30 commissioner of natural resources for an  
10.31 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to construct  
10.32 a gravity outlet, water control structure, and  
10.33 pump station lift to enhance aquatic habitat  
10.34 in Pelican Lake in Wright County. A list of  
10.35 proposed land restoration and enhancements

11.1 must be included as part of the required  
11.2 accomplishment plan.

11.3 Subd. 5. Habitats **28,387,000** **-0-**

11.4 **(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase V**

11.5 \$5,250,000 in the first year is to the  
11.6 commissioner of natural resources to  
11.7 acquire interests in land in fee for aquatic  
11.8 management purposes under Minnesota  
11.9 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14,  
11.10 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance  
11.11 aquatic habitat. A list of proposed  
11.12 land acquisitions and restorations and  
11.13 enhancements must be provided as part of  
11.14 the required accomplishment plan.

11.15 **(b) Habitat Protection in Dakota County -**  
11.16 **Phase IV**

11.17 \$4,100,000 in the first year is to the  
11.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
11.19 agreement with Dakota County to acquire,  
11.20 restore, and enhance lands in Dakota County  
11.21 for fish and wildlife management purposes  
11.22 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
11.23 subdivision 8, or aquatic management area  
11.24 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections  
11.25 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02, and to  
11.26 acquire permanent conservation easements  
11.27 and restore and enhance habitats in rivers  
11.28 and lake watersheds in Dakota County. Up  
11.29 to \$60,000 is for establishing a monitoring  
11.30 and enforcement fund, as approved in  
11.31 the accomplishment plan and subject to  
11.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
11.33 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
11.34 acquisitions and permanent conservation

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

12.3 **(c) Root River Protection and Restoration**

12.4 \$2,750,000 in the first year is to the  
12.5 commissioner of natural resources for  
12.6 agreements to acquire land in fee for  
12.7 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
12.8 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5, and  
12.9 for state forest purposes under Minnesota  
12.10 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7,  
12.11 and to acquire permanent conservation  
12.12 easements as follows: \$2,122,000 to The  
12.13 Nature Conservancy and \$628,000 to the  
12.14 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$100,000 is for  
12.15 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
12.16 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
12.17 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
12.18 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list  
12.19 of proposed acquisitions and permanent  
12.20 conservation easements must be provided as  
12.21 part of the required accomplishment plan.

12.22 **(d) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase IV**

12.23 \$1,720,000 in the first year is to the  
12.24 commissioner of natural resources for  
12.25 agreements to acquire land in fee and as  
12.26 permanent conservation easements and  
12.27 to restore and enhance natural systems  
12.28 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
12.29 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$450,000  
12.30 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife  
12.31 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$160,000 to the Friends  
12.32 of the Mississippi; \$210,000 to the Great  
12.33 River Greening; \$450,000 to the Minnesota  
12.34 Land Trust; and \$450,000 to the Trust  
12.35 for Public Land. Up to \$80,000 is for

13.1 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
13.2 fund, as approved in the accomplishment  
13.3 plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes,  
13.4 section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of  
13.5 proposed land acquisitions and permanent  
13.6 conservation easements must be provided as  
13.7 part of the required accomplishment plan.

13.8 **(e) Minnesota Landscape Arboretum**

13.9 \$1,000,000 in the first year is to the Board  
13.10 of Regents of the University of Minnesota  
13.11 to acquire land in fee surrounding Lake  
13.12 Tamarack in Carver County to be added to  
13.13 the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. A land  
13.14 description must be provided as part of the  
13.15 required accomplishment plan.

13.16 **(f) Lower Mississippi River Habitat**  
13.17 **Partnership - Phase III**

13.18 \$1,710,000 in the first year is to the  
13.19 commissioner of natural resources to  
13.20 enhance aquatic habitat. Of this amount,  
13.21 \$450,000 is for an agreement with the  
13.22 United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
13.23 to enhance aquatic habitat in the lower  
13.24 Mississippi River watershed. A list of  
13.25 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
13.26 must be provided as part of the required  
13.27 accomplishment plan.

13.28 **(g) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**  
13.29 **Phase V**

13.30 \$2,470,000 in the first year is to the  
13.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
13.32 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
13.33 to restore and enhance coldwater river and  
13.34 stream habitats in Minnesota. A list of  
13.35 proposed land restorations and enhancements

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

14.3 **(h) Albert Lea Lake Management and Invasive**  
14.4 **Species Control Structure - Phase III**

14.5 \$1,127,000 in the first year is to the  
14.6 commissioner of natural resources for  
14.7 an agreement with the Shell Rock River  
14.8 Watershed District to construct structural  
14.9 deterrents and lake level controls to enhance  
14.10 aquatic habitat on Albert Lea Lake in  
14.11 Freeborn County. A list of proposed  
14.12 land restorations and enhancements  
14.13 must be provided as part of the required  
14.14 accomplishment plan.

14.15 **(i) Metropolitan Regional Parks Wildlife**  
14.16 **Habitat Protection and Restoration**

14.17 \$4,400,000 in the first year is to the  
14.18 Metropolitan Council for grants to  
14.19 implementing agencies to restore and  
14.20 enhance fish and wildlife habitat in forests,  
14.21 prairies, and wetlands in the metropolitan  
14.22 regional parks system. The Metropolitan  
14.23 Council shall award grants under this  
14.24 paragraph for projects that are the most cost  
14.25 effective and have the highest projected use  
14.26 by fish or wildlife.

14.27 **(j) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**  
14.28 **Grant Program - Phase V**

14.29 \$3,860,000 in the first year is to the  
14.30 commissioner of natural resources for a  
14.31 program to provide competitive, matching  
14.32 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
14.33 state, and national organizations for  
14.34 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,  
14.35 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,

15.1 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not  
15.2 be made for activities required to fulfill  
15.3 the duties of owners of lands subject to  
15.4 conservation easements. Grants shall not be  
15.5 made from appropriations in this paragraph  
15.6 for projects that have a total project cost  
15.7 exceeding \$575,000. Of this appropriation,  
15.8 \$366,000 may be spent for personnel costs  
15.9 and other direct and necessary administrative  
15.10 costs, and \$10,000 is for outreach efforts to  
15.11 encourage underrepresented communities  
15.12 to apply for grants under this paragraph.  
15.13 Grantees may acquire land or interests in  
15.14 land. Easements must be permanent. Land  
15.15 acquired in fee must be open to hunting  
15.16 and fishing during the open season unless  
15.17 otherwise provided by state law. The program  
15.18 shall require a cash match of at least ten  
15.19 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
15.20 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,  
15.21 the commissioner shall provide a separate,  
15.22 simplified application process. Subject to  
15.23 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
15.24 natural resources shall, when evaluating  
15.25 projects of equal value, give priority to  
15.26 organizations that have a history of receiving  
15.27 or charter to receive private contributions  
15.28 for local conservation or habitat projects. If  
15.29 acquiring land or a conservation easement,  
15.30 priority shall be given to projects associated  
15.31 with existing wildlife management areas  
15.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
15.33 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas  
15.34 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033  
15.35 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic  
15.36 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,

16.1 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
 16.2 All restoration or enhancement projects  
 16.3 must be on land permanently protected by a  
 16.4 conservation easement or public ownership  
 16.5 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
 16.6 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision  
 16.7 15. Priority shall be given to restoration  
 16.8 and enhancement projects on public lands.  
 16.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 16.10 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
 16.11 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
 16.12 available until June 30, 2017. No less than  
 16.13 five percent of the amount of each grant  
 16.14 must be held back from reimbursement until  
 16.15 the grant recipient has completed a grant  
 16.16 accomplishment report by the deadline and  
 16.17 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to  
 16.18 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
 16.19 The commissioner shall provide notice of  
 16.20 the grant program in the game and fish law  
 16.21 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota  
 16.22 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

16.23 Subd. 6. **Administration**

**1,251,000**

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16.24 (a) **Contract Management**

16.25 \$175,000 in the first year is to the  
 16.26 commissioner of natural resources for  
 16.27 contract management duties assigned in this  
 16.28 section. The commissioner shall provide an  
 16.29 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 16.30 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 16.31 on the expenditure of this appropriation.  
 16.32 The accomplishment plan must include  
 16.33 a copy of the grant contract template  
 16.34 and reimbursement manual. No money  
 16.35 may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams



17.1 Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the  
17.2 accomplishment plan.

17.3 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

17.4 \$936,000 in the first year is to the Legislative  
17.5 Coordinating Commission for administrative  
17.6 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
17.7 Heritage Council and for compensation and  
17.8 expense reimbursement of council members.

17.9 Funds in this appropriation are available until  
17.10 June 30, 2015. Minnesota Statutes, section  
17.11 16A.281, applies to this appropriation.

17.12 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

17.13 \$90,000 in the first year is to the  
17.14 commissioner of natural resources for a  
17.15 technical evaluation panel to conduct up to  
17.16 ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota  
17.17 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

17.18 **(d) High-Priority Pre-Transaction Service**  
17.19 **Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor**  
17.20 **Heritage Council**

17.21 \$50,000 in the first year is to the  
17.22 commissioner of natural resources to provide  
17.23 land acquisition pre-transaction services  
17.24 including, but not limited to, appraisals,  
17.25 surveys, or title research for acquisition  
17.26 proposals under consideration by the  
17.27 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. A  
17.28 list of activities must be included in the final  
17.29 accomplishment plan.

17.30 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

17.31 Money appropriated in this section may  
17.32 not be spent on activities unless they are  
17.33 directly related to and necessary for a  
17.34 specific appropriation and are specified in

18.1 the accomplishment plan approved by the  
18.2 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
18.3 Money appropriated in this section must  
18.4 not be spent on indirect costs or other  
18.5 institutional overhead charges that are not  
18.6 directly related to and necessary for a specific  
18.7 appropriation. Unless otherwise provided,  
18.8 the amounts in this section are available  
18.9 until June 30, 2016. For acquisition of real  
18.10 property, the amounts in this section are  
18.11 available until June 30, 2017, if a binding  
18.12 agreement with a landowner or purchase  
18.13 agreement is entered into by June 30, 2016,  
18.14 and closed no later than June 30, 2017. Funds  
18.15 for restoration or enhancement are available  
18.16 until June 30, 2018, or four years after  
18.17 acquisition, whichever is later, in order to  
18.18 complete initial restoration or enhancement  
18.19 work. If a project receives federal funds, the  
18.20 time period of the appropriation is extended  
18.21 to equal the availability of federal funding.  
18.22 Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition  
18.23 of land may be used to restore, enhance, and  
18.24 provide for public use of the land acquired  
18.25 with the appropriation. Public use facilities  
18.26 must have a minimal impact on habitat in  
18.27 acquired lands.

18.28 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
18.29 **Equipment Expenditures**

18.30 All agreements referred to in this section must  
18.31 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
18.32 unless otherwise provided in this section.  
18.33 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
18.34 16A.41, expenditures directly related  
18.35 to each appropriation's purpose made  
18.36 on or after July 1, 2013, or the date of

19.1 accomplishment plan approval, whichever is  
19.2 later, are eligible for reimbursement unless  
19.3 otherwise provided in this section. For the  
19.4 purposes of administering appropriations  
19.5 and legislatively authorized agreements  
19.6 paid out of the outdoor heritage fund, an  
19.7 expense must be considered reimbursable  
19.8 by the administering agency when the  
19.9 recipient presents the agency with an invoice  
19.10 or binding agreement with the landowner  
19.11 and the recipient attests that the goods have  
19.12 been received or the landowner agreement  
19.13 is binding. Periodic reimbursement must  
19.14 be made upon receiving documentation that  
19.15 the items articulated in the accomplishment  
19.16 plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
19.17 Heritage Council have been achieved,  
19.18 including partial achievements as evidenced  
19.19 by progress reports approved by the  
19.20 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
19.21 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
19.22 projects to accommodate cash flow needs,  
19.23 support future management of acquired  
19.24 lands, or match a federal share. The  
19.25 advances must be approved as part of the  
19.26 accomplishment plan. Capital equipment  
19.27 expenditures for specific items in excess of  
19.28 \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as  
19.29 part of the accomplishment plan.

19.30 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

19.31 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
19.32 in this section, as well as each recipient of  
19.33 a grant awarded pursuant to this section,  
19.34 must provide geographic information to  
19.35 the Department of Natural Resources for  
19.36 mapping any lands acquired in fee with

20.1 funds appropriated in this section and open  
 20.2 to public taking of fish and game. The  
 20.3 commissioner of natural resources shall  
 20.4 include the lands acquired in fee with  
 20.5 money appropriated in this section on maps  
 20.6 showing public recreation opportunities.  
 20.7 Maps shall include information on and  
 20.8 acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage  
 20.9 fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

20.10 **Subd. 10. Appropriations Carryforward; Fee**  
 20.11 **Title Acquisition**

20.12 The availability of the appropriation for the  
 20.13 following project is extended to July 1, 2015:  
 20.14 Laws 2010, chapter 361, article 1, section  
 20.15 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (h), Washington  
 20.16 County St. Croix River Land Protection, and  
 20.17 the appropriation may be spent on acquisition  
 20.18 of land in fee title to protect habitat associated  
 20.19 with the St. Croix River Valley. A list of  
 20.20 proposed acquisitions must be provided as  
 20.21 part of the accomplishment plan.

20.22 **Subd. 11. Conservation Corps Minnesota**

20.23 A recipient of money from an appropriation  
 20.24 under this section must give consideration  
 20.25 to and make timely written contact with  
 20.26 Conservation Corps Minnesota for possible  
 20.27 use of the corps' services to contract for  
 20.28 restoration and enhancement services. A  
 20.29 copy of the written contact must be filed with  
 20.30 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 20.31 within 15 days of execution.

20.32 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

20.33 Subd. 3. **Council Duties; recommendations and oversight.** (a) The council  
 20.34 shall make recommendations to the legislature on appropriations of money from the

21.1 outdoor heritage fund that are consistent with the Constitution and state law and that will  
21.2 achieve the outcomes of existing natural resource plans, including, but not limited to,  
21.3 the Minnesota Statewide Conservation and Preservation Plan, that directly relate to the  
21.4 restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish,  
21.5 game, and wildlife, and that prevent forest fragmentation, encourage forest consolidation,  
21.6 and expand restored native prairie. In making recommendations, the council shall consider  
21.7 a range of options that would best restore, protect, and enhance wetlands, prairies, forests,  
21.8 and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. The council's biennial recommendations shall  
21.9 be submitted no later than January 15 each odd-numbered year. The council may submit  
21.10 supplemental recommendations by January 15 in even-numbered years. The council  
21.11 shall present its recommendations to the senate and house of representatives committees  
21.12 with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources budget by February 15  
21.13 in odd-numbered years, and within the first four weeks of the legislative session in  
21.14 even-numbered years if the council submitted supplemental recommendations. The  
21.15 council's budget recommendations to the legislature shall be separate from the Department  
21.16 of Natural Resource's budget recommendations.

21.17 (b) To encourage and support local conservation efforts, the council shall establish a  
21.18 conservation partners program. Local, regional, state, or national organizations may apply  
21.19 for matching grants for restoration, protection, and enhancement of wetlands, prairies,  
21.20 forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, prevention of forest fragmentation,  
21.21 encouragement of forest consolidation, and expansion of restored native prairie.

21.22 (c) The council may work with the Clean Water Council to identify projects that  
21.23 are consistent with both the purpose of the outdoor heritage fund and the purpose of  
21.24 the clean water fund.

21.25 (d) The council may make recommendations to the Legislative-Citizen Commission  
21.26 on Minnesota Resources on scientific research that will assist in restoring, protecting, and  
21.27 enhancing wetlands, prairies, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife, preventing  
21.28 forest fragmentation, encouraging forest consolidation, and expanding restored native  
21.29 prairie.

21.30 (e) Recommendations of the council, including approval of recommendations for the  
21.31 outdoor heritage fund, require an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the council.

21.32 (f) The council may work with the Clean Water Council, the Legislative-Citizen  
21.33 Commission on Minnesota Resources, the Board of Water and Soil Resources, soil and  
21.34 water conservation districts, and experts from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
21.35 and the University of Minnesota in developing the council's recommendations.

22.1 (g) The council shall develop and implement a process that ensures that citizens  
22.2 and potential recipients of funds are included throughout the process, including the  
22.3 development and finalization of the council's recommendations. The process must include  
22.4 a fair, equitable, and thorough process for reviewing requests for funding and a clear and  
22.5 easily understood process for ranking projects.

22.6 (h) The council shall use the regions of the state based upon the ecological sections  
22.7 and subsections developed by the Department of Natural Resources and establish  
22.8 objectives for each region and subregion to achieve the purposes of the fund outlined  
22.9 in the state constitution.

22.10 (i) The council shall develop and submit to the Legislative Coordinating Commission  
22.11 plans for the first ten years of funding, and a framework for 25 years of funding, consistent  
22.12 with statutory and constitutional requirements. The council may use existing plans from  
22.13 other legislative, state, and federal sources, as applicable.

22.14 (j) The council shall provide oversight of projects funded by the outdoor heritage  
22.15 fund, including evaluating the outcomes of completed projects.

22.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2014.

22.17 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

22.18 Subd. 10. **Restoration evaluations.** The commissioner of natural resources and the  
22.19 Board of Water and Soil Resources may convene a technical evaluation panel comprised  
22.20 of five members, including one technical representative from the Board of Water and Soil  
22.21 Resources, one technical representative from the Department of Natural Resources, one  
22.22 technical expert from the University of Minnesota or the Minnesota State Colleges and  
22.23 Universities, and two representatives with expertise in the project being evaluated. The  
22.24 board and the commissioner may add a technical representative from a unit of federal or  
22.25 local government. The members of the technical evaluation panel may not be associated  
22.26 with the restoration, may vary depending upon the projects being reviewed, and shall  
22.27 avoid any potential conflicts of interest. Each year, the board and the commissioner may  
22.28 assign a coordinator to identify a sample of ~~up to ten~~ habitat restoration projects completed  
22.29 with outdoor heritage funding. The coordinator shall secure the restoration plans for the  
22.30 projects specified and direct the technical evaluation panel to evaluate the restorations  
22.31 relative to the law, current science, and the stated goals and standards in the restoration  
22.32 plan and, when applicable, to the Board of Water and Soil Resources' native vegetation  
22.33 establishment and enhancement guidelines. The coordinator shall summarize the findings  
22.34 of the panel and provide a report to the chair of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
22.35 Council and the chairs of the respective house of representatives and senate policy and

23.1 finance committees with jurisdiction over natural resources and spending from the outdoor  
23.2 heritage fund. The report shall determine if the restorations are meeting planned goals,  
23.3 any problems with the implementation of restorations, and, if necessary, recommendations  
23.4 on improving restorations. The report shall be focused on improving future restorations.  
23.5 Up to one-tenth of one percent of forecasted receipts from the outdoor heritage fund may  
23.6 be used for restoration evaluations under this section.

23.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision  
23.8 to read:

23.9 Subd. 20. **Acquisitions of lands or interest in lands; commissioner approval;**  
23.10 **appraisals.** (a) A recipient of an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund that  
23.11 acquires an interest in real property must receive written approval from the commissioner  
23.12 of natural resources prior to the acquisition, if the interest is acquired in whole or in part  
23.13 with the appropriation. Conservation easements to be held by the Board of Water and Soil  
23.14 Resources are not subject to commissioner approval under this section.

23.15 (b) The commissioner shall approve acquisitions under this section only when the  
23.16 interest in real property:

23.17 (1) is identified as a high priority by the commissioner and meets the objectives and  
23.18 criteria identified in the applicable acquisition plan for the intended management status  
23.19 of the property; or

23.20 (2) is otherwise identified by the commissioner as a priority for state financing.

23.21 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision  
23.22 to read:

23.23 Subd. 21. **Value assessment.** Prior to acquiring an interest in real property with an  
23.24 appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund, a recipient of an appropriation must submit  
23.25 the most recent tax assessed value of the real property and the amount the recipient plans  
23.26 to offer for the interest in real property to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and  
23.27 the commissioner of natural resources."