

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 844 as follows:

1.2 Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

1.3 "ARTICLE 1

1.4 ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS

1.5 Section 1. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES APPROPRIATIONS.

1.6 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.7 and for the purposes specified in this article. The appropriations are from the general fund,
1.8 or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose.

1.9 The figures "2018" and "2019" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under
1.10 them are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, or June 30, 2019, respectively.

1.11 "The first year" is fiscal year 2018. "The second year" is fiscal year 2019. "The biennium"
1.12 is fiscal years 2018 and 2019. Appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, are
1.13 effective the day following final enactment.

1.14 APPROPRIATIONS

1.15 Available for the Year

1.16 Ending June 30

1.17 2018

2019

1.18 Sec. 2. POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

1.19 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 100,846,000 \$ 99,231,000

1.20 Appropriations by Fund

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
1.22 <u>General</u>	<u>6,543,000</u>	<u>6,802,000</u>
1.23 <u>State Government</u>		
1.24 <u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
1.25 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>79,484,000</u>	<u>80,392,000</u>
1.26 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>11,744,000</u>	<u>11,962,000</u>
1.27 <u>Closed Landfill</u>		
1.28 <u>Investment</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>

1.29 The amounts that may be spent for each
1.30 purpose are specified in the following
1.31 subdivisions.

1.32 The commissioner must present the agency's
1.33 biennial budget for fiscal years 2020 and 2021

2.1 to the legislature in a transparent way by
 2.2 agency division, including the proposed
 2.3 budget bill and presentations of the budget to
 2.4 committees and divisions with jurisdiction
 2.5 over the agency's budget.

2.6 **Subd. 2. Environmental Analysis and Outcomes** 13,197,000 13,300,000

2.7	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
2.8	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
2.9	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>12,928,000</u> <u>13,031,000</u>
2.10	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>181,000</u> <u>181,000</u>
2.11	<u>General</u>	<u>88,000</u> <u>88,000</u>

2.12 (a) \$88,000 the first year and \$88,000 the
 2.13 second year are from the general fund for:
 2.14 (1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities
 2.15 in implementing and participating in the
 2.16 water-quality standards rulemaking process
 2.17 and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting
 2.18 process;
 2.19 (2) enhanced economic analysis in the
 2.20 water-quality standards rulemaking process,
 2.21 including more-specific analysis and
 2.22 identification of cost-effective permitting;
 2.23 (3) developing statewide economic analyses
 2.24 and templates to reduce the amount of
 2.25 information and time required for
 2.26 municipalities to apply for variances from
 2.27 water-quality standards; and
 2.28 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities
 2.29 Authority to identify and advocate for the
 2.30 resources needed for municipalities to achieve
 2.31 permit requirements.

2.32 (b) \$204,000 the first year and \$204,000 the
 2.33 second year are from the environmental fund

3.1 for a monitoring program under Minnesota
3.2 Statutes, section 116.454.

3.3 (c) \$346,000 the first year and \$346,000 the
3.4 second year are from the environmental fund
3.5 for monitoring ambient air for hazardous
3.6 pollutants.

3.7 (d) \$90,000 the first year and \$90,000 the
3.8 second year are from the environmental fund
3.9 for duties related to harmful chemicals in
3.10 children's products under Minnesota Statutes,
3.11 sections 116.9401 to 116.9407. Of this
3.12 amount, \$57,000 each year is transferred to
3.13 the commissioner of health.

3.14 (e) \$109,000 the first year and \$109,000 the
3.15 second year are from the environmental fund
3.16 for registration of wastewater laboratories.

3.17 (f) \$913,000 the first year and \$913,000 the
3.18 second year are from the environmental fund
3.19 to continue perfluorochemical biomonitoring
3.20 in eastern-metropolitan communities, as
3.21 recommended by the Environmental Health
3.22 Tracking and Biomonitoring Advisory Panel,
3.23 and address other environmental health risks,
3.24 including air quality. The communities must
3.25 include Hmong and other immigrant farming
3.26 communities. Of this amount, up to \$677,000
3.27 the first year and \$677,000 the second year
3.28 are for transfer to the Department of Health.

3.29 (g) \$100,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
3.30 second year are from the environmental fund
3.31 for impaired waters listing procedures required
3.32 under this act.

3.33 Subd. 3. **Industrial** 13,509,000 13,508,000

3.34 Appropriations by Fund

4.1		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
4.2	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>12,979,000</u>	<u>12,978,000</u>
4.3	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>530,000</u>	<u>530,000</u>

4.4 \$530,000 the first year and \$530,000 the
 4.5 second year are from the remediation fund for
 4.6 the leaking underground storage tank program
 4.7 to investigate, clean up, and prevent future
 4.8 releases from underground petroleum storage
 4.9 tanks and to the petroleum remediation
 4.10 program for vapor assessment and
 4.11 remediation. These same annual amounts are
 4.12 transferred from the petroleum tank fund to
 4.13 the remediation fund.

4.14	<u>Subd. 4. Municipal</u>	<u>6,625,000</u>	<u>6,624,000</u>
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4.15 Appropriations by Fund

4.16		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
4.17	<u>General</u>	<u>162,000</u>	<u>162,000</u>
4.18	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>6,463,000</u>	<u>6,462,000</u>

4.19 (a) \$162,000 the first year and \$162,000 the
 4.20 second year are from the general fund for:
 4.21 (1) a municipal liaison to assist municipalities
 4.22 in implementing and participating in the
 4.23 water-quality standards rulemaking process
 4.24 and navigating the NPDES/SDS permitting
 4.25 process;
 4.26 (2) enhanced economic analysis in the
 4.27 water-quality standards rulemaking process,
 4.28 including more specific analysis and
 4.29 identification of cost-effective permitting;
 4.30 (3) development of statewide economic
 4.31 analyses and templates to reduce the amount
 4.32 of information and time required for
 4.33 municipalities to apply for variances from
 4.34 water quality standards; and

5.1 (4) coordinating with the Public Facilities
5.2 Authority to identify and advocate for the
5.3 resources needed for municipalities to achieve
5.4 permit requirements.

5.5 (b) \$50,000 the first year and \$50,000 the
5.6 second year are from the environmental fund
5.7 for transfer to the Office of Administrative
5.8 Hearings to establish sanitary districts.

5.9 (c) \$615,000 the first year and \$614,000 the
5.10 second year are from the environmental fund
5.11 for subsurface sewage treatment system
5.12 (SSTS) program administration and
5.13 community technical assistance and education,
5.14 including grants and technical assistance to
5.15 communities for water-quality protection. Of
5.16 this amount, \$129,000 each year is for
5.17 assistance to counties through grants for SSTS
5.18 program administration. A county receiving
5.19 a grant from this appropriation must submit
5.20 the results achieved with the grant to the
5.21 commissioner as part of its annual SSTS
5.22 report. Any unexpended balance in the first
5.23 year does not cancel but is available in the
5.24 second year.

5.25 (d) \$639,000 the first year and \$640,000 the
5.26 second year are from the environmental fund
5.27 to address the need for continued increased
5.28 activity in the areas of new technology review,
5.29 technical assistance for local governments,
5.30 and enforcement under Minnesota Statutes,
5.31 sections 115.55 to 115.58, and to complete the
5.32 requirements of Laws 2003, chapter 128,
5.33 article 1, section 165.

5.34 (e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
5.35 section 16A.28, the appropriations

6.1 encumbered on or before June 30, 2019, as
 6.2 grants or contracts for subsurface sewage
 6.3 treatment systems, surface water and
 6.4 groundwater assessments, storm water, and
 6.5 water-quality protection in this subdivision
 6.6 are available until June 30, 2022.

6.7 **Subd. 5. Operations** 9,769,000 11,052,000

6.8	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
6.9	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
6.10 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>6,349,000</u>	<u>7,154,000</u>
6.11 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>1,074,000</u>	<u>1,293,000</u>
6.12 <u>General</u>	<u>2,346,000</u>	<u>2,605,000</u>

6.13 (a) \$174,000 the first year and \$174,000 the
 6.14 second year are from the remediation fund for
 6.15 purposes of the leaking underground storage
 6.16 tank program to investigate, clean up, and
 6.17 prevent future releases from underground
 6.18 petroleum storage tanks, and to the petroleum
 6.19 remediation program for vapor assessment
 6.20 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 6.21 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 6.22 to the remediation fund.

6.23 (b) \$400,000 the first year and \$400,000 the
 6.24 second year are from the environmental fund
 6.25 to develop and maintain systems to support
 6.26 permitting and regulatory business processes
 6.27 and agency data. This is a onetime
 6.28 appropriation.

6.29 (c) \$300,000 the first year is from the
 6.30 environmental fund for a grant to the
 6.31 Metropolitan Council under Minnesota
 6.32 Statutes, section 116.195, for wastewater
 6.33 infrastructure to support waste to biofuel
 6.34 development. This is a onetime appropriation
 6.35 and is available until June 30, 2019.

7.1 (d) \$2,346,000 the first year and \$2,605,000
7.2 the second year are from the general fund for
7.3 agency operating adjustments. The
7.4 commissioner shall make necessary
7.5 adjustments to program appropriations in this
7.6 article to distribute these funds. By September
7.7 1, 2017, the commissioner shall report to the
7.8 chairs of the legislative committees with
7.9 jurisdiction over environment and natural
7.10 resources finance the distribution of funds and
7.11 resulting base-level appropriations for each
7.12 program.

7.13 (e) \$1,774,000 the first year and \$2,879,000
7.14 the second year are from the environmental
7.15 fund for agency operating adjustments. The
7.16 commissioner shall make necessary
7.17 adjustments to program appropriations in this
7.18 article to distribute these funds. By September
7.19 1, 2017, the commissioner shall report to the
7.20 chairs of the legislative committees with
7.21 jurisdiction over environment and natural
7.22 resources finance the distribution of funds and
7.23 resulting base-level appropriations for each
7.24 program.

7.25 (f) \$310,000 the first year and \$528,000 the
7.26 second year are from the remediation fund for
7.27 agency operating adjustments. The
7.28 commissioner shall make necessary
7.29 adjustments to program appropriations in this
7.30 article to distribute these funds. By September
7.31 1, 2017, the commissioner shall report to the
7.32 chairs of the legislative committees with
7.33 jurisdiction over environment and natural
7.34 resources finance the distribution of funds and

8.1 resulting base-level appropriations for each
 8.2 program.

8.3 **Subd. 6. Remediation** 13,645,000 10,644,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
8.6 <u>Environmental</u>	<u>688,000</u>	<u>688,000</u>
8.7 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>9,741,000</u>	<u>9,740,000</u>
8.8 <u>Closed Landfill</u>		
8.9 <u>Investment</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
8.10 <u>General</u>	<u>216,000</u>	<u>216,000</u>

8.11 (a) All money for environmental response,
 8.12 compensation, and compliance in the
 8.13 remediation fund not otherwise appropriated
 8.14 is appropriated to the commissioners of the
 8.15 Pollution Control Agency and agriculture for
 8.16 purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section
 8.17 115B.20, subdivision 2, clauses (1), (2), (3),
 8.18 (6), and (7). At the beginning of each fiscal
 8.19 year, the two commissioners shall jointly
 8.20 submit an annual spending plan to the
 8.21 commissioner of management and budget that
 8.22 maximizes the use of resources and
 8.23 appropriately allocates the money between the
 8.24 two departments. This appropriation is
 8.25 available until June 30, 2019.

8.26 (b) \$216,000 the first year and \$216,000 the
 8.27 second year are from the general fund and
 8.28 \$216,000 the first year and \$216,000 the
 8.29 second year are from the environmental fund
 8.30 to manage contaminated sediment projects at
 8.31 multiple sites identified in the St. Louis River
 8.32 remedial action plan to restore water quality
 8.33 in the St. Louis River area of concern. This
 8.34 amount is added to the base for fiscal year
 8.35 2020 only.

9.1 (c) \$3,521,000 the first year and \$3,520,000
 9.2 the second year are from the remediation fund
 9.3 for purposes of the leaking underground
 9.4 storage tank program to investigate, clean up,
 9.5 and prevent future releases from underground
 9.6 petroleum storage tanks, and to the petroleum
 9.7 remediation program for purposes of vapor
 9.8 assessment and remediation. These same
 9.9 annual amounts are transferred from the
 9.10 petroleum tank fund to the remediation fund.

9.11 (d) \$252,000 the first year and \$252,000 the
 9.12 second year are from the remediation fund for
 9.13 transfer to the commissioner of health for
 9.14 private water-supply monitoring and health
 9.15 assessment costs in areas contaminated by
 9.16 unpermitted mixed municipal solid waste
 9.17 disposal facilities and drinking water
 9.18 advisories and public information activities
 9.19 for areas contaminated by hazardous releases.

9.20 (e) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 9.21 section 115B.421, \$3,000,000 the first year is
 9.22 from the closed landfill investment fund for
 9.23 remedial investigations, feasibility studies,
 9.24 engineering, and cleanup-related activities for
 9.25 purposes of environmental response actions
 9.26 at a priority qualified facility under Minnesota
 9.27 Statutes, section 115B.406. By January 15,
 9.28 2018, the commissioner must submit a status
 9.29 report to the chairs and ranking minority
 9.30 members of the house of representatives and
 9.31 senate committees and divisions with
 9.32 jurisdiction over the environment and natural
 9.33 resources. This is a onetime appropriation and
 9.34 is available until June 30, 2019.

9.35 Subd. 7. **Resource Management and Assistance** 33,617,000 33,619,000

10.1	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
10.2	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
10.3	<u>General</u>	<u>700,000</u> <u>700,000</u>
10.4	<u>State Government</u>	
10.5	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>75,000</u> <u>75,000</u>
10.6	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>32,842,000</u> <u>32,844,000</u>

10.7 (a) Up to \$150,000 the first year and \$150,000
 10.8 the second year may be transferred from the
 10.9 environmental fund to the small business
 10.10 environmental improvement loan account
 10.11 established in Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.12 116.993.

10.13 (b) \$1,000,000 the first year and \$1,000,000
 10.14 the second year are for competitive recycling
 10.15 grants under Minnesota Statutes, section
 10.16 115A.565. Of this amount \$700,000 each year
 10.17 is from the general fund, and \$300,000 each
 10.18 year is from the environmental fund. This
 10.19 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021.
 10.20 Any unencumbered grant and loan balances
 10.21 in the first year do not cancel but are available
 10.22 for grants and loans in the second year.

10.23 (c) \$693,000 the first year and \$693,000 the
 10.24 second year are from the environmental fund
 10.25 for emission reduction activities and grants to
 10.26 small businesses and other nonpoint emission
 10.27 reduction efforts. Of this amount, \$100,000
 10.28 the first year and \$100,000 the second year
 10.29 are to continue work with Clean Air
 10.30 Minnesota, and the commissioner may enter
 10.31 into an agreement with Environmental
 10.32 Initiative to support this effort. Any
 10.33 unencumbered grant and loan balances in the
 10.34 first year do not cancel but are available for
 10.35 grants and loans in the second year.

- 11.1 (d) \$17,250,000 the first year and \$17,250,000
11.2 the second year are from the environmental
11.3 fund for SCORE block grants to counties.
- 11.4 (e) \$119,000 the first year and \$119,000 the
11.5 second year are from the environmental fund
11.6 for environmental assistance grants or loans
11.7 under Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.0716.
11.8 Any unencumbered grant and loan balances
11.9 in the first year do not cancel but are available
11.10 for grants and loans in the second year.
- 11.11 (f) \$68,000 the first year and \$69,000 the
11.12 second year are from the environmental fund
11.13 for subsurface sewage treatment system
11.14 (SSTS) program administration and
11.15 community technical assistance and education,
11.16 including grants and technical assistance to
11.17 communities for water-quality protection.
- 11.18 (g) \$125,000 the first year and \$126,000 the
11.19 second year are from the environmental fund
11.20 to address the need for continued increased
11.21 activity in the areas of new technology review,
11.22 technical assistance for local governments,
11.23 and enforcement under Minnesota Statutes,
11.24 sections 115.55 to 115.58, and to complete the
11.25 requirements of Laws 2003, chapter 128,
11.26 article 1, section 165.
- 11.27 (h) All money deposited in the environmental
11.28 fund for the metropolitan solid waste landfill
11.29 fee in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
11.30 section 473.843, and not otherwise
11.31 appropriated, is appropriated for the purposes
11.32 of Minnesota Statutes, section 473.844.
- 11.33 (i) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
11.34 section 16A.28, the appropriations

12.1 encumbered on or before June 30, 2019, as
 12.2 contracts or grants for environmental
 12.3 assistance awarded under Minnesota Statutes,
 12.4 section 115A.0716; technical and research
 12.5 assistance under Minnesota Statutes, section
 12.6 115A.152; technical assistance under
 12.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 115A.52; and
 12.8 pollution prevention assistance under
 12.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 115D.04, are
 12.10 available until June 30, 2021.

12.11 **Subd. 8. Watershed** 9,220,000 9,220,000

12.12	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
12.13		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
12.14	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>7,043,000</u>	<u>7,043,000</u>
12.15	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>218,000</u>	<u>218,000</u>
12.16	<u>General</u>	<u>1,959,000</u>	<u>1,959,000</u>

12.17 (a) \$1,959,000 the first year and \$1,959,000
 12.18 the second year are from the general fund for
 12.19 grants to delegated counties to administer the
 12.20 county feedlot program under Minnesota
 12.21 Statutes, section 116.0711, subdivisions 2 and
 12.22 3. Money remaining after the first year is
 12.23 available for the second year.

12.24 (b) \$207,000 the first year and \$207,000 the
 12.25 second year are from the environmental fund
 12.26 for the costs of implementing general
 12.27 operating permits for feedlots over 1,000
 12.28 animal units.

12.29 (c) \$118,000 the first year and \$118,000 the
 12.30 second year are from the remediation fund for
 12.31 purposes of the leaking underground storage
 12.32 tank program to investigate, clean up, and
 12.33 prevent future releases from underground
 12.34 petroleum storage tanks, and to the petroleum
 12.35 remediation program for vapor assessment

13.1 and remediation. These same annual amounts
 13.2 are transferred from the petroleum tank fund
 13.3 to the remediation fund.

13.4 **Subd. 9. Environmental Quality Board** 1,264,000 1,264,000

13.5	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
13.6	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
13.7	<u>1,072,000</u>	<u>1,072,000</u>
13.8	<u>192,000</u>	<u>192,000</u>

13.9 (a) \$761,000 the first year and \$761,000 the
 13.10 second year are from the environmental fund
 13.11 for Environmental Quality Board operations
 13.12 and support. Of this amount, \$569,000 each
 13.13 year is from the general fund and \$192,000
 13.14 each year is from the environmental fund.

13.15 (b) \$503,000 the first year and \$503,000 the
 13.16 second year are from the general fund for the
 13.17 Environmental Quality Board to lead an
 13.18 interagency team to provide technical
 13.19 assistance regarding the mining, processing,
 13.20 and transporting of silica sand. Of this amount,
 13.21 up to \$75,000 each year may be transferred to
 13.22 the commissioner of natural resources to
 13.23 review the implementation of the rules adopted
 13.24 by the commissioner pursuant to Laws 2013,
 13.25 chapter 114, article 4, section 105, paragraph
 13.26 (b), pertaining to the reclamation of silica sand
 13.27 mines, to ensure that local government
 13.28 reclamation programs are implemented in a
 13.29 manner consistent with the rules.

13.30 **Subd. 10. Transfers**

13.31 The commissioner shall transfer up to
 13.32 \$37,000,000 from the environmental fund to
 13.33 the remediation fund for the purposes of the
 13.34 remediation fund under Minnesota Statutes,
 13.35 section 116.155, subdivision 2.

14.1 **Sec. 3. NATURAL RESOURCES**

14.2	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$ 283,249,000</u>	<u>\$ 286,475,000</u>
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14.3 Appropriations by Fund

14.4		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
14.5	<u>General</u>	<u>86,508,000</u>	<u>84,699,000</u>
14.6	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>94,744,000</u>	<u>97,773,000</u>
14.7	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>101,689,000</u>	<u>103,688,000</u>
14.8	<u>Remediation</u>	<u>102,000</u>	<u>103,000</u>
14.9	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>206,000</u>	<u>212,000</u>

14.10 The amounts that may be spent for each
 14.11 purpose are specified in the following
 14.12 subdivisions.

14.13 **Subd. 2. Land and Mineral Resources**

14.14	<u>Management</u>	<u>5,652,000</u>	<u>5,658,000</u>
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14.15 Appropriations by Fund

14.16		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
14.17	<u>General</u>	<u>1,710,000</u>	<u>1,710,000</u>
14.18	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>3,392,000</u>	<u>3,392,000</u>
14.19	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>344,000</u>	<u>344,000</u>
14.20	<u>Permanent School</u>	<u>206,000</u>	<u>212,000</u>

14.21 (a) \$319,000 the first year and \$319,000 the
 14.22 second year are for environmental research
 14.23 relating to mine permitting, of which \$200,000
 14.24 each year is from the minerals management
 14.25 account and \$119,000 each year is from the
 14.26 general fund.

14.27 (b) \$2,815,000 the first year and \$2,815,000
 14.28 the second year are from the minerals
 14.29 management account in the natural resources
 14.30 fund for use as provided in Minnesota Statutes,
 14.31 section 93.2236, paragraph (c), for mineral
 14.32 resource management, projects to enhance
 14.33 future mineral income, and projects to promote
 14.34 new mineral resource opportunities.

15.1 (c) \$206,000 the first year and \$212,000 the
 15.2 second year are from the state forest suspense
 15.3 account in the permanent school fund to secure
 15.4 maximum long-term economic return from
 15.5 the school trust lands consistent with fiduciary
 15.6 responsibilities and sound natural resources
 15.7 conservation and management principles.

15.8 (d) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
 15.9 second year are for conservation easement
 15.10 stewardship.

15.11 **Subd. 3. Ecological and Water Resources** 32,740,000 32,629,000

15.12	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
15.13	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
15.14	<u>General</u>	<u>17,213,000</u> <u>17,046,000</u>
15.15	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>10,576,000</u> <u>10,576,000</u>
15.16	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>4,951,000</u> <u>5,007,000</u>

15.17 (a) \$3,242,000 the first year and \$3,242,000
 15.18 the second year are from the invasive species
 15.19 account in the natural resources fund and
 15.20 \$3,206,000 the first year and \$3,206,000 the
 15.21 second year are from the general fund for
 15.22 management, public awareness, assessment
 15.23 and monitoring research, and water access
 15.24 inspection to prevent the spread of invasive
 15.25 species; management of invasive plants in
 15.26 public waters; and management of terrestrial
 15.27 invasive species on state-administered lands.

15.28 (b) \$5,000,000 the first year and \$5,000,000
 15.29 the second year are from the water
 15.30 management account in the natural resources
 15.31 fund for only the purposes specified in
 15.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.27,
 15.33 subdivision 2.

15.34 (c) \$124,000 the first year and \$124,000 the
 15.35 second year are for a grant to the Mississippi

- 16.1 Headwaters Board for up to 50 percent of the
16.2 cost of implementing the comprehensive plan
16.3 for the upper Mississippi within areas under
16.4 the board's jurisdiction.
- 16.5 (d) \$10,000 the first year and \$10,000 the
16.6 second year are for payment to the Leech Lake
16.7 Band of Chippewa Indians to implement the
16.8 band's portion of the comprehensive plan for
16.9 the upper Mississippi.
- 16.10 (e) \$264,000 the first year and \$264,000 the
16.11 second year are for grants for up to 50 percent
16.12 of the cost of implementation of the Red River
16.13 mediation agreement.
- 16.14 (f) \$2,078,000 the first year and \$2,134,000
16.15 the second year are from the heritage
16.16 enhancement account in the game and fish
16.17 fund for only the purposes specified in
16.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
16.19 paragraph (e), clause (1).
- 16.20 (g) \$950,000 the first year and \$950,000 the
16.21 second year are from the nongame wildlife
16.22 management account in the natural resources
16.23 fund for the purpose of nongame wildlife
16.24 management. Notwithstanding Minnesota
16.25 Statutes, section 290.431, \$100,000 the first
16.26 year and \$100,000 the second year may be
16.27 used for nongame wildlife information,
16.28 education, and promotion.
- 16.29 (h) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
16.30 section 84.943, \$13,000 the first year and
16.31 \$13,000 the second year from the critical
16.32 habitat private sector matching account may
16.33 be used to publicize the critical habitat license
16.34 plate match program.

- 17.1 (i) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
17.2 the second year are from the general fund for
17.3 the following activities:
- 17.4 (1) financial reimbursement and technical
17.5 support to soil and water conservation districts
17.6 or other local units of government for
17.7 groundwater level monitoring;
- 17.8 (2) surface water monitoring and analysis,
17.9 including installation of monitoring gauges;
- 17.10 (3) groundwater analysis to assist with water
17.11 appropriation permitting decisions;
- 17.12 (4) permit application review incorporating
17.13 surface water and groundwater technical
17.14 analysis;
- 17.15 (5) precipitation data and analysis to improve
17.16 the use of irrigation;
- 17.17 (6) information technology, including
17.18 electronic permitting and integrated data
17.19 systems; and
- 17.20 (7) compliance and monitoring.
- 17.21 (j) \$167,000 the first year is for a grant to the
17.22 Koronis Lake Association for purposes of
17.23 removing and preventing aquatic invasive
17.24 species. This is a onetime appropriation and
17.25 is available until June 30, 2022.
- 17.26 (k) \$410,000 the first year and \$410,000 the
17.27 second year are from the heritage enhancement
17.28 account in the game and fish fund for grants
17.29 to the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species
17.30 Research Center at the University of
17.31 Minnesota to prioritize, support, and develop
17.32 research-based solutions that can reduce the
17.33 effects of aquatic invasive species in

18.1 Minnesota by preventing spread, controlling
 18.2 populations, and managing ecosystems and to
 18.3 advance knowledge to inspire action by others.

18.4 **Subd. 4. Forest Management** 47,185,000 45,981,000

18.5	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
18.6	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
18.7	<u>General</u>	<u>31,719,000</u> <u>30,481,000</u>
18.8	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>14,144,000</u> <u>14,144,000</u>
18.9	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>1,322,000</u> <u>1,356,000</u>

18.10 (a) \$7,145,000 the first year and \$7,145,000
 18.11 the second year are for prevention,
 18.12 presuppression, and suppression costs of
 18.13 emergency firefighting and other costs
 18.14 incurred under Minnesota Statutes, section
 18.15 88.12. The amount necessary to pay for
 18.16 presuppression and suppression costs during
 18.17 the biennium is appropriated from the general
 18.18 fund. By January 15 of each year, the
 18.19 commissioner of natural resources shall submit
 18.20 a report to the chairs and ranking minority
 18.21 members of the house and senate committees
 18.22 and divisions having jurisdiction over
 18.23 environment and natural resources finance,
 18.24 identifying all firefighting costs incurred and
 18.25 reimbursements received in the prior fiscal
 18.26 year. These appropriations may not be
 18.27 transferred. Any reimbursement of firefighting
 18.28 expenditures made to the commissioner from
 18.29 any source other than federal mobilizations
 18.30 must be deposited into the general fund.

18.31 (b) \$11,644,000 the first year and \$11,644,000
 18.32 the second year are from the forest
 18.33 management investment account in the natural
 18.34 resources fund for only the purposes specified

- 19.1 in Minnesota Statutes, section 89.039,
19.2 subdivision 2.
- 19.3 (c) \$1,322,000 the first year and \$1,356,000
19.4 the second year are from the heritage
19.5 enhancement account in the game and fish
19.6 fund to advance ecological classification
19.7 systems (ECS) scientific management tools
19.8 for forest and invasive species management.
- 19.9 (d) \$780,000 the first year and \$780,000 the
19.10 second year are for the Forest Resources
19.11 Council to implement the Sustainable Forest
19.12 Resources Act.
- 19.13 (e) \$500,000 the first year is from the general
19.14 fund for a study of the ability to sustainably
19.15 harvest at least 1,000,000 cords of wood
19.16 annually on state-administered forest lands.
19.17 No later than January 2, 2018, the
19.18 commissioner must report the study's findings
19.19 to the legislative committees with jurisdiction
19.20 over environment and natural resources policy
19.21 and finance. This is a onetime appropriation.
- 19.22 (f) \$2,000,000 the first year and \$2,000,000
19.23 the second year are from the forest
19.24 management investment account in the natural
19.25 resources fund for state forest reforestation.
19.26 The base from the forest management
19.27 investment account in the natural resources
19.28 fund for fiscal year 2020 and later is
19.29 \$1,250,000.
- 19.30 (g) \$1,869,000 the first year and \$1,131,000
19.31 the second year are from the general fund for
19.32 the Next Generation Core Forestry data
19.33 system. The appropriation is available until
19.34 June 30, 2021.

20.1 (h) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 20.2 second year are from the forest management
 20.3 investment account in the natural resources
 20.4 fund for forest road maintenance on state
 20.5 forest roads.

20.6 (i) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 20.7 second year are from the general fund for
 20.8 forest road maintenance on county forest
 20.9 roads.

20.10 (j) \$500,000 the first year and \$500,000 the
 20.11 second year are from the general fund for
 20.12 additional private forest management.

20.13 (k) The base for the natural resources fund in
 20.14 fiscal year 2020 and later is \$13,394,000.

20.15 **Subd. 5. Parks and Trails Management** 79,830,000 81,100,000

<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>25,057,000</u>	<u>24,927,000</u>
<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>52,500,000</u>	<u>53,900,000</u>
<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,273,000</u>	<u>2,273,000</u>

20.21 (a) \$1,075,000 the first year and \$1,075,000
 20.22 the second year are from the water recreation
 20.23 account in the natural resources fund for
 20.24 enhancing and maintaining public
 20.25 water-access facilities.

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

20.33 (c) \$17,350,000 the first year and \$17,750,000
 20.34 the second year are from the state parks

21.1 account in the natural resources fund for state
21.2 park and state recreation area operation and
21.3 maintenance.

21.4 (d) \$1,005,000 the first year and \$1,005,000
21.5 the second year are from the natural resources
21.6 fund for park and trail grants to local units of
21.7 government on land to be maintained for at
21.8 least 20 years for the purposes of the grants.

21.9 This appropriation is from the revenue
21.10 deposited in the natural resources fund under
21.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
21.12 paragraph (e), clause (4). Any unencumbered
21.13 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
21.14 year and is available for the second year.

21.15 (e) \$130,000 the first year is from the general
21.16 fund, and \$8,424,000 the first year and
21.17 \$9,624,000 the second year are from the
21.18 snowmobile trails and enforcement account
21.19 in the natural resources fund for the
21.20 snowmobile grants-in-aid program. Any
21.21 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the
21.22 end of the first year and is available for the
21.23 second year.

21.24 (f) \$1,835,000 the first year and \$1,835,000
21.25 the second year are from the natural resources
21.26 fund for the off-highway vehicle grants-in-aid
21.27 program. Of this amount, \$1,360,000 the first
21.28 year and \$1,360,000 the second year are from
21.29 the all-terrain vehicle account; \$150,000 each
21.30 year is from the off-highway motorcycle
21.31 account; and \$325,000 each year is from the
21.32 off-road vehicle account. Any unencumbered
21.33 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
21.34 year and is available for the second year.

- 22.1 (g) \$75,000 the first year and \$75,000 the
22.2 second year are from the cross-country ski
22.3 account in the natural resources fund for
22.4 grooming and maintaining cross-country ski
22.5 trails in state parks, trails, and recreation areas.
- 22.6 (h) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
22.7 second year are from the state land and water
22.8 conservation account in the natural resources
22.9 fund for priorities established by the
22.10 commissioner for eligible state projects and
22.11 administrative and planning activities
22.12 consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section
22.13 84.0264, and the federal Land and Water
22.14 Conservation Fund Act. Any unencumbered
22.15 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
22.16 year and is available for the second year.
- 22.17 (i) \$150,000 the first year is from the
22.18 all-terrain vehicle account in the natural
22.19 resources fund for a grant to the city of Orr to
22.20 predesign, design, and construct the Voyageur
22.21 all-terrain vehicle trail system, including:
- 22.22 (1) design of the alignment for phase I of the
22.23 Voyageur all-terrain vehicle trail system and
22.24 development of a preliminary phase II
22.25 alignment;
- 22.26 (2) completion of wetland delineation and
22.27 wetland permitting;
- 22.28 (3) completion of the engineering design and
22.29 cost estimates for a snowmobile and
22.30 off-highway vehicle bridge over the Vermilion
22.31 River to establish a trail connection; and
- 22.32 (4) completion of the master plan for the
22.33 Voyageur all-terrain vehicle trail system.

23.1 This is a onetime appropriation and is
 23.2 available until June 30, 2020.

23.3 (j) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 23.4 second year are from the general fund for
 23.5 matching grants for local parks and outdoor
 23.6 recreation areas under Minnesota Statutes,
 23.7 section 85.019, subdivision 2.

23.8 (k) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
 23.9 second year are from the general fund for
 23.10 matching grants for local trail connections
 23.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 85.019,
 23.12 subdivision 4c.

23.13 (l) \$50,000 the first year is from the all-terrain
 23.14 vehicle account in the natural resources fund
 23.15 for a grant to the city of Virginia to assist the
 23.16 Virginia Area All-Terrain Vehicle Club to
 23.17 plan, design, engineer, and permit a
 23.18 comprehensive all-terrain vehicle system in
 23.19 the Virginia area and to connect with the Iron
 23.20 Range Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area.

23.21 This is a onetime appropriation and is
 23.22 available until June 30, 2020.

23.23 **Subd. 6. Fish and Wildlife Management** 68,207,000 67,750,000

	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
23.25 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,912,000</u>	<u>1,912,000</u>
23.27 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>66,295,000</u>	<u>65,838,000</u>

23.28 (a) \$8,283,000 the first year and \$8,386,000
 23.29 the second year are from the heritage
 23.30 enhancement account in the game and fish
 23.31 fund only for activities specified in Minnesota
 23.32 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e),
 23.33 clause (1). Notwithstanding Minnesota
 23.34 Statutes, section 297A.94, five percent of this

24.1 appropriation may be used for expanding
24.2 hunter and angler recruitment and retention.

24.3 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
24.4 section 297A.94, \$30,000 the first year is from
24.5 the heritage enhancement account in the game
24.6 and fish fund for the commissioner of natural
24.7 resources to contract with a private entity to
24.8 search for a site to construct a world-class
24.9 shooting range and club house for use by the
24.10 Minnesota State High School League and for
24.11 other regional, statewide, national, and
24.12 international shooting events. The
24.13 commissioner must provide public notice of
24.14 the search, including making the public aware
24.15 of the process through the Department of
24.16 Natural Resources' media outlets, and solicit
24.17 input on the location and building options for
24.18 the facility. The siting search process must
24.19 include a public process to determine if any
24.20 business or individual is interested in donating
24.21 land for the facility, anticipated to be at least
24.22 500 acres. The site search team must meet
24.23 with interested third parties affected by or
24.24 interested in the facility. The commissioner
24.25 must submit a report with the results of the
24.26 site search to the chairs and ranking minority
24.27 members of the legislative committees and
24.28 divisions with jurisdiction over environment
24.29 and natural resources by March 1, 2018. This
24.30 is a onetime appropriation.

24.31 (c) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
24.32 section 297A.94, \$30,000 the first year is from
24.33 the heritage enhancement account in the game
24.34 and fish fund for a study of lead shot
24.35 deposition on state lands. By March 1, 2018,

25.1 the commissioner shall provide a report of the
 25.2 study to the chairs and ranking minority
 25.3 members of the legislative committees with
 25.4 jurisdiction over natural resources policy and
 25.5 finance. This is a onetime appropriation.

25.6 (d) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 25.7 section 297A.94, \$500,000 the first year is
 25.8 from the heritage enhancement account in the
 25.9 game and fish fund for planning and
 25.10 emergency response to disease outbreaks in
 25.11 wildlife. This is a onetime appropriation and
 25.12 is available until June 30, 2019.

25.13 Subd. 7. Enforcement 40,879,000 40,880,000

25.14	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>	
25.15	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
25.16 <u>General</u>	<u>6,640,000</u>	<u>6,640,000</u>
25.17 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>10,309,000</u>	<u>10,309,000</u>
25.18 <u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>23,828,000</u>	<u>23,828,000</u>
25.19 <u>Remediation</u>	<u>102,000</u>	<u>103,000</u>

25.20 (a) \$1,718,000 the first year and \$1,718,000
 25.21 the second year are from the general fund for
 25.22 enforcement efforts to prevent the spread of
 25.23 aquatic invasive species.

25.24 (b) \$1,580,000 the first year and \$1,580,000
 25.25 the second year are from the heritage
 25.26 enhancement account in the game and fish
 25.27 fund for only the purposes specified in
 25.28 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 25.29 paragraph (e), clause (1).

25.30 (c) \$1,082,000 the first year and \$1,082,000
 25.31 the second year are from the water recreation
 25.32 account in the natural resources fund for grants
 25.33 to counties for boat and water safety. Any
 25.34 unencumbered balance does not cancel at the

26.1 end of the first year and is available for the
26.2 second year.

26.3 (d) \$315,000 the first year and \$315,000 the
26.4 second year are from the snowmobile trails
26.5 and enforcement account in the natural
26.6 resources fund for grants to local law
26.7 enforcement agencies for snowmobile
26.8 enforcement activities. Any unencumbered
26.9 balance does not cancel at the end of the first
26.10 year and is available for the second year.

26.11 (e) \$250,000 the first year and \$250,000 the
26.12 second year are from the all-terrain vehicle
26.13 account for grants to qualifying organizations
26.14 to assist in safety and environmental education
26.15 and monitoring trails on public lands under
26.16 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.9011. Grants
26.17 issued under this paragraph must be issued
26.18 through a formal agreement with the
26.19 organization. By December 15 each year, an
26.20 organization receiving a grant under this
26.21 paragraph shall report to the commissioner
26.22 with details on expenditures and outcomes
26.23 from the grant. Of this appropriation, \$25,000
26.24 each year is for administration of these grants.
26.25 Any unencumbered balance does not cancel
26.26 at the end of the first year and is available for
26.27 the second year.

26.28 (f) \$510,000 the first year and \$510,000 the
26.29 second year are from the natural resources
26.30 fund for grants to county law enforcement
26.31 agencies for off-highway vehicle enforcement
26.32 and public education activities based on
26.33 off-highway vehicle use in the county. Of this
26.34 amount, \$498,000 each year is from the
26.35 all-terrain vehicle account; \$11,000 each year

27.1 is from the off-highway motorcycle account;
 27.2 and \$1,000 each year is from the off-road
 27.3 vehicle account. The county enforcement
 27.4 agencies may use money received under this
 27.5 appropriation to make grants to other local
 27.6 enforcement agencies within the county that
 27.7 have a high concentration of off-highway
 27.8 vehicle use. Of this appropriation, \$25,000
 27.9 each year is for administration of these grants.
 27.10 Any unencumbered balance does not cancel
 27.11 at the end of the first year and is available for
 27.12 the second year.

27.13 (g) \$1,000,000 each year is for recruiting,
 27.14 training, and maintaining additional
 27.15 conservation officers.

27.16 (h) The commissioner may hold a conservation
 27.17 officer academy if necessary.

27.18 **Subd. 8. Operations Support** 8,436,000 12,157,000

27.19	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
27.20		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
27.21	<u>General</u>	<u>4,169,000</u>	<u>3,895,000</u>
27.22	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>1,591,000</u>	<u>3,220,000</u>
27.23	<u>Game and Fish</u>	<u>2,676,000</u>	<u>5,042,000</u>

27.24 (a) \$1,965,000 the first year is available for
 27.25 legal costs. Of this amount, up to \$500,000
 27.26 may be transferred to the Minnesota Pollution
 27.27 Control Agency. This is a onetime
 27.28 appropriation and is available until June 30,
 27.29 2021.

27.30 (b) \$2,204,000 the first year and \$3,895,000
 27.31 the second year are from the general fund for
 27.32 agency operating adjustments. The
 27.33 commissioner shall make necessary
 27.34 adjustments to program appropriations in this
 27.35 article to distribute these funds. By September

28.1 1, 2017, the commissioner shall report to the
 28.2 chairs of the legislative committees with
 28.3 jurisdiction over environment and natural
 28.4 resources finance the distribution of funds and
 28.5 resulting base-level appropriations for each
 28.6 program.

28.7 (c) \$2,676,000 the first year and \$5,042,000
 28.8 the second year are from the game and fish
 28.9 fund for agency operating adjustments. The
 28.10 commissioner shall make necessary
 28.11 adjustments to program appropriations in this
 28.12 article to distribute these funds. By September
 28.13 1, 2017, the commissioner shall report to the
 28.14 chairs of the legislative committees with
 28.15 jurisdiction over environment and natural
 28.16 resources finance the distribution of funds and
 28.17 resulting base-level appropriations for each
 28.18 program.

28.19 (d) \$1,591,000 the first year and \$3,220,000
 28.20 the second year are from the natural resources
 28.21 fund for agency operating adjustments. The
 28.22 commissioner shall make necessary
 28.23 adjustments to program appropriations in this
 28.24 article to distribute these funds. By September
 28.25 1, 2017, the commissioner shall report to the
 28.26 chairs of the legislative committees with
 28.27 jurisdiction over environment and natural
 28.28 resources finance the distribution of funds and
 28.29 resulting base-level appropriations for each
 28.30 program.

28.31 **Subd. 9. Pass Through Funds** 320,000 320,000

28.32	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
28.33		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
28.34	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>320,000</u>	<u>320,000</u>

29.1 \$320,000 the first year and \$320,000 the
 29.2 second year are from the natural resources
 29.3 fund for grants to be divided equally between
 29.4 the city of St. Paul for the Como Park Zoo and
 29.5 Conservatory and the city of Duluth for the
 29.6 Duluth Zoo. This appropriation is from the
 29.7 revenue deposited to the natural resources fund
 29.8 under Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 29.9 paragraph (e), clause (5).

29.10 **Subd. 10. Cancellation**

29.11 The remaining amount of the general fund
 29.12 appropriation in Laws 2016, chapter 189,
 29.13 article 3, section 3, subdivision 3, for a grant
 29.14 to the Koronis Lake Association, estimated to
 29.15 be \$167,000, is canceled on June 30, 2017.

29.16 This subdivision is effective the day following
 29.17 final enactment.

29.18 **Sec. 4. BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL**
 29.19 **RESOURCES**

\$ 14,311,000 \$ 14,164,000

29.20 (a) \$3,423,000 the first year and \$3,423,000
 29.21 the second year are for natural resources block
 29.22 grants to local governments. Grants must be
 29.23 matched with a combination of local cash or
 29.24 in-kind contributions. The base grant portion
 29.25 related to water planning must be matched by
 29.26 an amount as specified by Minnesota Statutes,
 29.27 section 103B.3369. The board may reduce the
 29.28 amount of the natural resources block grant
 29.29 to a county by an amount equal to any
 29.30 reduction in the county's general services
 29.31 allocation to a soil and water conservation
 29.32 district from the county's previous year
 29.33 allocation when the board determines that the
 29.34 reduction was disproportionate.

30.1 (b) \$3,116,000 the first year and \$3,116,000
30.2 the second year are for grants to soil and water
30.3 conservation districts for the purposes of
30.4 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103C.321 and
30.5 103C.331, and for general purposes, nonpoint
30.6 engineering, and implementation and
30.7 stewardship of the reinvest in Minnesota
30.8 reserve program. Expenditures may be made
30.9 from these appropriations for supplies and
30.10 services benefiting soil and water conservation
30.11 districts. Any district receiving a payment
30.12 under this paragraph shall maintain a Web
30.13 page that publishes, at a minimum, its annual
30.14 report, annual audit, annual budget, and
30.15 meeting notices.

30.16 (c) \$260,000 the first year and \$260,000 the
30.17 second year are for feedlot water quality cost
30.18 share grants for feedlots under 300 animal
30.19 units and nutrient and manure management
30.20 projects in watersheds where there are
30.21 impaired waters.

30.22 (d) \$1,200,000 the first year and \$1,200,000
30.23 the second year are for soil and water
30.24 conservation district cost-sharing contracts for
30.25 perennially vegetated riparian buffers, erosion
30.26 control, water retention and treatment, and
30.27 other high-priority conservation practices.

30.28 (e) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
30.29 second year are for county cooperative weed
30.30 management cost-share programs and to
30.31 restore native plants in selected invasive
30.32 species management sites.

30.33 (f) \$761,000 the first year and \$761,000 the
30.34 second year are for implementation,
30.35 enforcement, and oversight of the Wetland

31.1 Conservation Act, including administration of
31.2 the wetland banking program and in-lieu fee
31.3 mechanism.

31.4 (g) \$300,000 the first year is for improving
31.5 the efficiency and effectiveness of Minnesota's
31.6 wetland regulatory programs through
31.7 continued examination of United States Clean
31.8 Water Act section 404 assumption including
31.9 negotiation of draft agreements with the
31.10 United States Environmental Protection
31.11 Agency and the United States Army Corps of
31.12 Engineers, planning for an online permitting
31.13 system, upgrading the existing wetland
31.14 banking database, and developing an in-lieu
31.15 fee wetland banking program as authorized
31.16 by statute. This is a onetime appropriation.

31.17 (h) \$166,000 the first year and \$166,000 the
31.18 second year are to provide technical assistance
31.19 to local drainage management officials and
31.20 for the costs of the Drainage Work Group. The
31.21 Board of Water and Soil Resources must
31.22 coordinate the stakeholder drainage work
31.23 group in accordance with Minnesota Statutes,
31.24 section 103B.101, subdivision 13, to evaluate
31.25 and make recommendations to accelerate
31.26 drainage system acquisition and establishment
31.27 of ditch buffer strips under Minnesota Statutes,
31.28 chapter 103E, or compatible alternative
31.29 practices required by Minnesota Statutes,
31.30 section 103F.48. The evaluation and
31.31 recommendations must be submitted in a
31.32 report to the senate and house of
31.33 representatives committees with jurisdiction
31.34 over agriculture and environment policy by
31.35 February 1, 2018.

- 32.1 (i) \$100,000 the first year and \$100,000 the
32.2 second year are for a grant to the Red River
32.3 Basin Commission for water quality and
32.4 floodplain management, including
32.5 administration of programs. This appropriation
32.6 must be matched by nonstate funds. If the
32.7 appropriation in either year is insufficient, the
32.8 appropriation in the other year is available for
32.9 it.
- 32.10 (j) \$140,000 the first year and \$140,000 the
32.11 second year are for grants to Area II
32.12 Minnesota River Basin Projects for floodplain
32.13 management.
- 32.14 (k) \$125,000 the first year and \$125,000 the
32.15 second year are for conservation easement
32.16 stewardship.
- 32.17 (l) \$240,000 the first year and \$240,000 the
32.18 second year are for a grant to the Lower
32.19 Minnesota River Watershed District to defray
32.20 the annual cost of operating and maintaining
32.21 sites for dredge spoil to sustain the state,
32.22 national, and international commercial and
32.23 recreational navigation on the lower Minnesota
32.24 River.
- 32.25 (m) \$4,380,000 the first year and \$4,533,000
32.26 the second year are for Board of Water and
32.27 Soil Resources agency administration and
32.28 operations.
- 32.29 (n) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
32.30 section 103C.501, the board may shift
32.31 cost-share funds in this section and may adjust
32.32 the technical and administrative assistance
32.33 portion of the grant funds to leverage federal
32.34 or other nonstate funds or to address

33.1 high-priority needs identified in local water
 33.2 management plans or comprehensive water
 33.3 management plans.

33.4 (o) The appropriations for grants in this section
 33.5 are available until June 30, 2021. If an
 33.6 appropriation for grants in either year is
 33.7 insufficient, the appropriation in the other year
 33.8 is available for it.

33.9 (p) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,
 33.10 section 16B.97, the appropriations for grants
 33.11 in this section are exempt from Department
 33.12 of Administration, Office of Grants
 33.13 Management Policy 08-08 Grant Payments
 33.14 and 08-10 Grant Monitoring.

33.15 Sec. 5. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL \$ 8,540,000 \$ 8,540,000

33.16	<u>Appropriations by Fund</u>		
33.17		<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
33.18	<u>General</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>	<u>2,540,000</u>
33.19	<u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>

33.20 (a) \$2,540,000 the first year and \$2,540,000
 33.21 the second year are for metropolitan area
 33.22 regional parks operation and maintenance
 33.23 according to Minnesota Statutes, section
 33.24 473.351.

33.25 (b) \$6,000,000 the first year and \$6,000,000
 33.26 the second year are from the natural resources
 33.27 fund for metropolitan area regional parks and
 33.28 trails maintenance and operations. This
 33.29 appropriation is from the revenue deposited
 33.30 in the natural resources fund under Minnesota
 33.31 Statutes, section 297A.94, paragraph (e),
 33.32 clause (3).

34.1 **Sec. 6. CONSERVATION CORPS**34.2 **MINNESOTA** \$ **945,000** \$ **945,000**34.3 Appropriations by Fund

34.4	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
34.5 <u>General</u>	<u>455,000</u>	<u>455,000</u>
34.6 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>490,000</u>	<u>490,000</u>

34.7 Conservation Corps Minnesota may receive
 34.8 money appropriated from the natural resources
 34.9 fund under this section only as provided in an
 34.10 agreement with the commissioner of natural
 34.11 resources.

34.12 **Sec. 7. ZOOLOGICAL BOARD** \$ **9,227,000** \$ **9,303,000**34.13 Appropriations by Fund

34.14	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
34.15 <u>General</u>	<u>9,067,000</u>	<u>9,143,000</u>
34.16 <u>Natural Resources</u>	<u>160,000</u>	<u>160,000</u>

34.17 \$160,000 the first year and \$160,000 the
 34.18 second year are from the natural resources
 34.19 fund from the revenue deposited under
 34.20 Minnesota Statutes, section 297A.94,
 34.21 paragraph (e), clause (5).

34.22 **Sec. 8. SCIENCE MUSEUM** \$ **1,079,000** \$ **1,079,000**34.23 **Sec. 9. ADMINISTRATION** \$ **800,000** \$ **300,000**

34.24 (a) \$300,000 the first year and \$300,000 the
 34.25 second year are from the state forest suspense
 34.26 account in the permanent school fund for the
 34.27 school trust lands director. This appropriation
 34.28 is to be used for securing long-term economic
 34.29 return from the school trust lands consistent
 34.30 with fiduciary responsibilities and sound
 34.31 natural resources conservation and
 34.32 management principles.

35.1 (b) \$500,000 the first year is from the state
 35.2 forest suspense account in the permanent
 35.3 school fund for the school trust lands director
 35.4 to initiate the private sale of surplus school
 35.5 trust lands identified according to Minnesota
 35.6 Statutes, section 92.82, paragraph (d),
 35.7 including but not limited to valuation
 35.8 expenses, legal fees, and transactional staff
 35.9 costs. This is a onetime appropriation and is
 35.10 available until June 30, 2019.

35.11 **Sec. 10. EXPLORE MINNESOTA TOURISM \$ 15,684,000 \$ 14,321,000**

35.12 (a) To develop maximum private sector
 35.13 involvement in tourism, \$500,000 the first
 35.14 year and \$500,000 the second year must be
 35.15 matched by Explore Minnesota Tourism from
 35.16 nonstate sources. Each \$1 of state incentive
 35.17 must be matched with \$6 of private sector
 35.18 funding. Cash match is defined as revenue to
 35.19 the state or documented cash expenditures
 35.20 directly expended to support Explore
 35.21 Minnesota Tourism programs. Up to one-half
 35.22 of the private sector contribution may be
 35.23 in-kind or soft match. The incentive in fiscal
 35.24 year 2018 shall be based on fiscal year 2017
 35.25 private sector contributions. The incentive in
 35.26 fiscal year 2019 shall be based on fiscal year
 35.27 2018 private sector contributions. This
 35.28 incentive is ongoing.

35.29 (b) Funding for the marketing grants is
 35.30 available either year of the biennium.
 35.31 Unexpended grant funds from the first year
 35.32 are available in the second year.

35.33 (c) \$100,000 each year is for a grant to the
 35.34 Northern Lights International Music Festival.

36.1 (d) \$900,000 the first year is for the major
 36.2 events grant program. This is a onetime
 36.3 appropriation and is available until June 30,
 36.4 2021.

36.5 (e) \$500,000 the first year is for updating the
 36.6 board's Web site, developing digital content,
 36.7 and making system upgrades. This is a
 36.8 onetime appropriation and is available until
 36.9 June 30, 2019.

36.10 Sec. 11. **REVENUE** **\$ 2,000,000 \$ 2,000,000**

36.11 \$2,000,000 each year is for riparian protection
 36.12 aid payments under Minnesota Statutes,
 36.13 section 477A.21. Notwithstanding Minnesota
 36.14 Statutes, section 477A.21, subdivisions 3 and
 36.15 4, the first year appropriation may be paid only
 36.16 to counties. Unexpended funds from the first
 36.17 year are available the second year.

36.18 Sec. 12. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 3, section 6, is amended to read:

36.19 Sec. 6. **ADMINISTRATION** **\$ 250,000 \$ -0-**

36.20 \$250,000 the first year is from the state forest
 36.21 suspense account in the permanent school fund
 36.22 for the school trust lands director to initiate
 36.23 real estate development projects on school
 36.24 trust lands as determined by the school trust
 36.25 lands director. This is a onetime appropriation
 36.26 and is available until June 30, 2019.

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

36.28 **ARTICLE 2**

36.29 **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES STATUTORY CHANGES**

36.30 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.01, is amended by adding a subdivision
 36.31 to read:

37.1 Subd. 6. Legal counsel. The commissioner of natural resources may appoint attorneys
37.2 or outside counsel to render title opinions, represent the department in severed mineral
37.3 interest forfeiture actions brought pursuant to section 93.55, and, notwithstanding any statute
37.4 to the contrary, represent the state in quiet title or title registration actions affecting land or
37.5 interests in land administered by the commissioner.

37.6 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.027, subdivision 14a, is amended to read:

37.7 Subd. 14a. **Permitting efficiency; public notice.** (a) It is the goal of the state that
37.8 environmental and resource management permits be issued or denied within 90 days for
37.9 Tier 1 permits or 150 days for Tier 2 permits following submission of a permit application.
37.10 The commissioner of natural resources shall establish management systems designed to
37.11 achieve the goal.

37.12 (b) The commissioner shall prepare an annual permitting efficiency report that includes
37.13 statistics on meeting the goal in paragraph (a) and the criteria for ~~Tier 1 and~~ Tier 2 by permit
37.14 categories. The report is due August 1 each year. For permit applications that have not met
37.15 the goal, the report must state the reasons for not meeting the goal. In stating the reasons
37.16 for not meeting the goal, the commissioner shall separately identify delays caused by the
37.17 responsiveness of the proposer, lack of staff, scientific or technical disagreements, or the
37.18 level of public engagement. The report must specify the number of days from initial
37.19 submission of the application to the day of determination that the application is complete.
37.20 The report must aggregate the data for the year and assess whether program or system
37.21 changes are necessary to achieve the goal. The report must be posted on the department's
37.22 Web site and submitted to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of
37.23 the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over natural resources
37.24 policy and finance.

37.25 (c) The commissioner shall allow electronic submission of environmental review and
37.26 permit documents to the department.

37.27 (d) ~~Beginning July 1, 2011,~~ Within 30 business days of application for a permit subject
37.28 to paragraph (a), the commissioner of natural resources shall notify the ~~project proposer~~
37.29 permit applicant, in writing, whether the application is complete or incomplete. If the
37.30 commissioner determines that an application is incomplete, the notice to the applicant must
37.31 enumerate all deficiencies, citing specific provisions of the applicable rules and statutes,
37.32 and advise the applicant on how the deficiencies can be remedied. If the commissioner
37.33 determines that the application is complete, the notice must confirm the application's Tier
37.34 1 or Tier 2 permit status. If the commissioner believes that a complete application for a Tier

38.1 2 construction permit cannot be issued within the 150-day goal, the commissioner must
 38.2 provide notice to the applicant with the commissioner's notice that the application is complete
 38.3 and, upon request of the applicant, provide the permit applicant with a schedule estimating
 38.4 when the agency will begin drafting the permit and issue the public notice of the draft permit.
 38.5 This paragraph does not apply to an application for a permit that is subject to a grant or loan
 38.6 agreement under chapter 446A.

38.7 (e) When public notice of a draft individual Tier 2 permit is required, the commissioner
 38.8 must provide the applicant a draft permit for review by the applicant within 30 days after
 38.9 determining the proposal conforms to all federal and state laws and rules, unless the permit
 38.10 applicant and the commissioner mutually agree to a different date. The commissioner must
 38.11 consider all comments submitted by the applicant before issuing the permit.

38.12 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.027, subdivision 14b, is amended to read:

38.13 Subd. 14b. **Expediting costs; reimbursement.** Permit applicants ~~who wish to construct,~~
 38.14 ~~reconstruct, modify, or operate a facility~~ needing any permit from the commissioner of
 38.15 natural resources to construct, reconstruct, or modify a project or to operate a facility may
 38.16 offer to reimburse the department for the costs of staff time or consultant services needed
 38.17 to expedite the preapplication process and permit development process through the final
 38.18 decision on the permit, including the analysis of environmental review documents. The
 38.19 reimbursement shall be in addition to permit application fees imposed by law. When the
 38.20 commissioner determines that additional resources are needed to develop the permit
 38.21 application in an expedited manner, and that expediting the development is consistent with
 38.22 permitting program priorities, the commissioner may accept the reimbursement. The
 38.23 commissioner must give the permit applicant an estimate of costs for the expedited service
 38.24 to be incurred by the commissioner. The estimate must include a brief description of the
 38.25 tasks to be performed, a schedule for completing the tasks, and the estimated cost for each
 38.26 task. The proposer and the commissioner shall enter into a written agreement detailing the
 38.27 estimated costs for the expedited service to be incurred by the department. The agreement
 38.28 must also identify staff anticipated to be assigned to the project. The commissioner must
 38.29 not issue a permit until the applicant has paid all fees in full. The commissioner must refund
 38.30 any unobligated balance of fees paid. Reimbursements accepted by the commissioner are
 38.31 appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of developing the permit or analyzing
 38.32 environmental review documents. Reimbursement by a permit applicant shall precede and
 38.33 not be contingent upon issuance of a permit; shall not affect the commissioner's decision
 38.34 on whether to issue or deny a permit, what conditions are included in a permit, or the

39.1 application of state and federal statutes and rules governing permit determinations; and shall
39.2 not affect final decisions regarding environmental review.

39.3 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.788, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

39.4 Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** Registration is not required for off-highway motorcycles:

39.5 (1) owned and used by the United States, an Indian tribal government, the state, another
39.6 state, or a political subdivision;

39.7 (2) registered in another state or country that have not been within this state for more
39.8 than 30 consecutive days;

39.9 (3) registered under chapter 168, when operated on forest roads to gain access to a state
39.10 forest campground;

39.11 (4) used exclusively in organized track racing events;

39.12 (5) operated on state or grant-in-aid trails by a nonresident possessing a nonresident
39.13 off-highway motorcycle state trail pass; ~~or~~

39.14 (6) operated by a person participating in an event for which the commissioner has issued
39.15 a special use permit; or

39.16 (7) operated on boundary trails and registered in another state or country providing equal
39.17 reciprocal registration or licensing exemptions for registrants of this state.

39.18 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.793, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

39.19 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions on youthful operators.** (a) A person six years or older but
39.20 less than 16 years of age operating an off-highway motorcycle on public lands or waters
39.21 must possess a valid off-highway motorcycle safety certificate issued by the commissioner.

39.22 (b) Except for operation on public road rights-of-way that is permitted under section
39.23 84.795, subdivision 1, a driver's license issued by the state or another state is required to
39.24 operate an off-highway motorcycle along or on a public road right-of-way.

39.25 (c) A person under 12 years of age may not:

39.26 (1) make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way;

39.27 (2) operate an off-highway motorcycle on a public road right-of-way in the state; or

39.28 (3) operate an off-highway motorcycle on public lands or waters unless accompanied
39.29 by a person 18 years of age or older or participating in an event for which the commissioner
39.30 has issued a special use permit.

40.1 (d) Except for public road rights-of-way of interstate highways, a person less than 16
40.2 years of age may make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way of a trunk, county
40.3 state-aid, or county highway only if that person is accompanied by a person 18 years of age
40.4 or older who holds a valid driver's license.

40.5 (e) A person less than 16 years of age may operate an off-highway motorcycle on public
40.6 road rights-of-way in accordance with section 84.795, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), only if
40.7 that person is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who holds a valid driver's
40.8 license.

40.9 (f) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a nonresident less than 16 years of age may operate
40.10 an off-highway motorcycle on public lands or waters if the nonresident youth has in
40.11 possession evidence of completing an off-road safety course offered by the Motorcycle
40.12 Safety Foundation or another state as provided in section 84.791, subdivision 4.

40.13 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.8031, is amended to read:

40.14 **84.8031 GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATIONS; REVIEW PERIOD.**

40.15 The commissioner must review an off-road vehicle grant-in-aid application and, if
40.16 approved, ~~commence~~ begin public review of the application within 60 days after the
40.17 completed application has been locally approved and submitted to an area parks and trails
40.18 office. If the commissioner fails to approve or deny the application within 60 days after
40.19 submission, the application is deemed approved and the commissioner must provide for a
40.20 30-day public review period. If the commissioner denies an application, the commissioner
40.21 must provide the applicant with a written explanation for denying the application at the time
40.22 the applicant is notified of the denial.

40.23 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.82, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

40.24 Subd. 2. **Application, issuance, issuing fee.** (a) Application for registration or
40.25 reregistration shall be made to the commissioner or an authorized deputy registrar of motor
40.26 vehicles in a format prescribed by the commissioner and shall state the legal name and
40.27 address of every owner of the snowmobile.

40.28 (b) A person who purchases a snowmobile from a retail dealer shall make application
40.29 for registration to the dealer at the point of sale. The dealer shall issue a dealer temporary
40.30 21-day registration permit to each purchaser who applies to the dealer for registration. The
40.31 temporary permit must contain the dealer's identification number and phone number. Each
40.32 retail dealer shall submit completed registration and fees to the deputy registrar at least once

41.1 a week. No fee may be charged by a dealer to a purchaser for providing the temporary
41.2 permit.

41.3 (c) Upon receipt of the application and the appropriate fee, the commissioner or deputy
41.4 registrar shall issue to the applicant, or provide to the dealer, an assigned registration number
41.5 or a commissioner or deputy registrar temporary 21-day permit. Once issued, the registration
41.6 number must be affixed to the snowmobile in a clearly visible and permanent manner for
41.7 enforcement purposes as the commissioner of natural resources shall prescribe. A dealer
41.8 subject to paragraph (b) shall provide the registration materials or temporary permit to the
41.9 purchaser within the temporary 21-day permit period. The registration is not valid unless
41.10 signed by at least one owner.

41.11 (d) Each deputy registrar of motor vehicles acting pursuant to section 168.33, shall also
41.12 be a deputy registrar of snowmobiles. The commissioner of natural resources in agreement
41.13 with the commissioner of public safety may prescribe the accounting and procedural
41.14 requirements necessary to assure efficient handling of registrations and registration fees.
41.15 Deputy registrars shall strictly comply with these accounting and procedural requirements.

41.16 (e) ~~A fee of \$2~~ In addition to ~~that otherwise~~ other fees prescribed by law ~~shall be charged~~
41.17 ~~for~~, an issuing fee of \$4.50 is charged for each snowmobile registration renewal, duplicate
41.18 or replacement registration card, and replacement decal and an issuing fee of \$7 is charged
41.19 for each snowmobile registration and registration transfer issued by:

41.20 (1) ~~each snowmobile registered by the~~ a registrar or a deputy registrar and ~~the additional~~
41.21 ~~fee shall be disposed of~~ must be deposited in the manner provided in section 168.33,
41.22 subdivision 2; or

41.23 (2) ~~each snowmobile registered by the commissioner and the additional fee shall~~ must
41.24 be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the snowmobile trails and enforcement
41.25 account in the natural resources fund.

41.26 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.82, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

41.27 Subd. 3. **Fees for registration.** (a) The fee for registration of each snowmobile, other
41.28 than those used for an agricultural purpose, as defined in section 84.92, subdivision 1c,
41.29 those registered by a dealer or manufacturer pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c), or those
41.30 registered under subdivision 2a shall be as follows: ~~\$75~~ \$105 for three years and \$10 for a
41.31 duplicate or transfer.

41.32 (b) The total registration fee for all snowmobiles owned by a dealer and operated for
41.33 demonstration or testing purposes shall be \$50 per year.

42.1 (c) The total registration fee for all snowmobiles owned by a manufacturer and operated
42.2 for research, testing, experimentation, or demonstration purposes shall be \$150 per year.
42.3 Dealer and manufacturer registrations are not transferable.

42.4 (d) The onetime fee for registration of an exempt snowmobile under subdivision 6a is
42.5 \$6.

42.6 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.8205, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

42.7 Subdivision 1. **Sticker required; fee.** (a) A snowmobile that is not registered in the state
42.8 under section 84.82, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), or that is registered by a manufacturer or
42.9 dealer under section 84.82, subdivision 3, paragraph (b) or (c), may not be operated on a
42.10 state or grant-in-aid snowmobile trail unless a snowmobile state trail sticker is affixed to
42.11 the snowmobile.

42.12 (b) The commissioner of natural resources shall issue a sticker upon application and
42.13 payment of a fee. The fee is:

42.14 (1) ~~\$35~~ \$50 for a one-year snowmobile state trail sticker purchased by an individual;
42.15 and

42.16 (2) \$15 for a one-year snowmobile state trail sticker purchased by a dealer or
42.17 manufacturer.

42.18 (c) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, an individual in violation of this
42.19 subdivision must purchase an annual state trail sticker for a fee of \$70. The sticker is valid
42.20 from November 1 through June 30. Fees collected under this section, except for the issuing
42.21 fee for licensing agents, shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the snowmobile
42.22 trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund and, except for the electronic
42.23 licensing system commission established by the commissioner under section 84.027,
42.24 subdivision 15, must be used for grants-in-aid, trail maintenance, grooming, and easement
42.25 acquisition.

42.26 (d) A state trail sticker is not required under this section for:

42.27 (1) a snowmobile that is owned and used by the United States, an Indian tribal
42.28 government, another state, or a political subdivision thereof that is exempt from registration
42.29 under section 84.82, subdivision 6;

42.30 (2) a collector snowmobile that is operated as provided in a special permit issued for the
42.31 collector snowmobile under section 84.82, subdivision 7a;

43.1 (3) a person operating a snowmobile only on the portion of a trail that is owned by the
43.2 person or the person's spouse, child, or parent; or

43.3 (4) a snowmobile while being used to groom a state or grant-in-aid trail.

43.4 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.922, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

43.5 Subd. 5. **Fees for registration.** (a) The fee for a three-year registration of an all-terrain
43.6 vehicle under this section, other than those registered by a dealer or manufacturer under
43.7 paragraph (b) or (c), is:

43.8 (1) for public use, ~~\$45~~ \$60;

43.9 (2) for private use, \$6; and

43.10 (3) for a duplicate or transfer, \$4.

43.11 (b) The total registration fee for all-terrain vehicles owned by a dealer and operated for
43.12 demonstration or testing purposes is \$50 per year. Dealer registrations are not transferable.

43.13 (c) The total registration fee for all-terrain vehicles owned by a manufacturer and operated
43.14 for research, testing, experimentation, or demonstration purposes is \$150 per year.

43.15 Manufacturer registrations are not transferable.

43.16 (d) The onetime fee for registration of an all-terrain vehicle under subdivision 2b is \$6.

43.17 (e) The fees collected under this subdivision must be credited to the all-terrain vehicle
43.18 account.

43.19 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.925, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

43.20 Subdivision 1. **Program established.** (a) The commissioner shall establish a
43.21 comprehensive all-terrain vehicle environmental and safety education and training program,
43.22 including the preparation and dissemination of vehicle information and safety advice to the
43.23 public, the training of all-terrain vehicle operators, and the issuance of all-terrain vehicle
43.24 safety certificates to vehicle operators over the age of 12 years who successfully complete
43.25 the all-terrain vehicle environmental and safety education and training course. A parent or
43.26 guardian must be present at the hands-on training portion of the program for youth who are
43.27 six through ten years of age.

43.28 (b) For the purpose of administering the program and to defray the expenses of training
43.29 and certifying vehicle operators, the commissioner shall collect a fee from each person who
43.30 receives the training. The commissioner shall collect a fee, to include a \$1 issuing fee for
43.31 licensing agents, for issuing a duplicate all-terrain vehicle safety certificate. The

44.1 commissioner shall establish both fees in a manner that neither significantly overrecovers
44.2 nor underrecovers costs, including overhead costs, involved in providing the services. The
44.3 fees are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not
44.4 apply. The fees may be established by the commissioner notwithstanding section 16A.1283.
44.5 Fee proceeds, except for the issuing fee for licensing agents under this subdivision, shall
44.6 be deposited in the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund and the amount
44.7 thereof, except for the electronic licensing system commission established by the
44.8 commissioner under section 84.027, subdivision 15, and issuing fees collected by the
44.9 commissioner, is appropriated annually to the Enforcement Division of the Department of
44.10 Natural Resources for the administration of the programs. In addition to the fee established
44.11 by the commissioner, instructors may charge each person up to the established fee amount
44.12 for class materials and expenses.

44.13 (c) The commissioner shall cooperate with private organizations and associations, private
44.14 and public corporations, and local governmental units in furtherance of the program
44.15 established under this section. School districts may cooperate with the commissioner and
44.16 volunteer instructors to provide space for the classroom portion of the training. The
44.17 commissioner shall consult with the commissioner of public safety in regard to training
44.18 program subject matter and performance testing that leads to the certification of vehicle
44.19 operators. The commissioner shall incorporate a riding component in the safety education
44.20 and training program.

44.21 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.9256, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

44.22 Subdivision 1. **Prohibitions on youthful operators.** (a) Except for operation on public
44.23 road rights-of-way that is permitted under section 84.928 and as provided under paragraph
44.24 (j), a driver's license issued by the state or another state is required to operate an all-terrain
44.25 vehicle along or on a public road right-of-way.

44.26 (b) A person under 12 years of age shall not:

44.27 (1) make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way;

44.28 (2) operate an all-terrain vehicle on a public road right-of-way in the state; or

44.29 (3) operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands or waters, except as provided in
44.30 paragraph (f).

44.31 (c) Except for public road rights-of-way of interstate highways, a person 12 years of age
44.32 but less than 16 years may make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way of a trunk,
44.33 county state-aid, or county highway or operate on public lands and waters or state or

45.1 grant-in-aid trails, only if that person possesses a valid all-terrain vehicle safety certificate
45.2 issued by the commissioner and is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who
45.3 holds a valid driver's license.

45.4 (d) To be issued an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate, a person at least 12 years old,
45.5 but less than 16 years old, must:

45.6 (1) successfully complete the safety education and training program under section 84.925,
45.7 subdivision 1, including a riding component; and

45.8 (2) be able to properly reach and control the handle bars and reach the foot pegs while
45.9 sitting upright on the seat of the all-terrain vehicle.

45.10 (e) A person at least ~~11~~ six years of age may take the safety education and training
45.11 program and may receive an all-terrain vehicle safety certificate under paragraph (d), but
45.12 the certificate is not valid until the person reaches age 12.

45.13 (f) A person at least ten years of age but under 12 years of age may operate an all-terrain
45.14 vehicle with an engine capacity up to ~~90cc~~ 110cc if the vehicle is a class 1 all-terrain vehicle
45.15 with straddle-style seating or up to 170cc if the vehicle is a class 1 all-terrain vehicle with
45.16 side-by-side-style seating on public lands or waters if accompanied by a parent or legal
45.17 guardian.

45.18 (g) A person under 15 years of age shall not operate a class 2 all-terrain vehicle.

45.19 (h) A person under the age of 16 may not operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands
45.20 or waters or on state or grant-in-aid trails if the person cannot properly reach and control:

45.21 (1) the handle bars and reach the foot pegs while sitting upright on the seat of the
45.22 all-terrain vehicle with straddle-style seating; or

45.23 (2) the steering wheel and foot controls of a class 1 all-terrain vehicle with
45.24 side-by-side-style seating while sitting upright in the seat with the seat belt fully engaged.

45.25 (i) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), a nonresident at least 12 years old, but less than 16
45.26 years old, may make a direct crossing of a public road right-of-way of a trunk, county
45.27 state-aid, or county highway or operate an all-terrain vehicle on public lands and waters or
45.28 state or grant-in-aid trails if:

45.29 (1) the nonresident youth has in possession evidence of completing an all-terrain safety
45.30 course offered by the ATV Safety Institute or another state as provided in section 84.925,
45.31 subdivision 3; and

46.1 (2) the nonresident youth is accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older who holds
46.2 a valid driver's license.

46.3 (j) A person 12 years of age but less than 16 years of age may operate an all-terrain
46.4 vehicle on the roadway, bank, slope, or ditch of a public road right-of-way as permitted
46.5 under section 84.928 if the person:

46.6 (1) possesses a valid all-terrain vehicle safety certificate issued by the commissioner;
46.7 and

46.8 (2) is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian on a separate all-terrain vehicle.

46.9 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.9256, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

46.10 Subd. 2. **Helmet and seat belts required.** (a) A person less than 18 years of age shall
46.11 not ride as a passenger or as an operator of an all-terrain vehicle on public land, public
46.12 waters, or on a public road right-of-way unless wearing a safety helmet approved by the
46.13 commissioner of public safety.

46.14 (b) A person less than 18 years of age shall not ride as a passenger or as an operator of
46.15 ~~a class 2~~ an all-terrain vehicle without wearing a seat belt when provided by the manufacturer.

46.16 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.9275, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

46.17 Subdivision 1. **Pass required; fee.** (a) A tribal member exempt from registration under
46.18 section 84.922, subdivision 1a, clause (2), or a nonresident may not operate an all-terrain
46.19 vehicle on a state or grant-in-aid all-terrain vehicle trail unless the operator carries a valid
46.20 nonresident all-terrain vehicle state trail pass in immediate possession. The pass must be
46.21 available for inspection by a peace officer, a conservation officer, or an employee designated
46.22 under section 84.0835.

46.23 (b) The commissioner of natural resources shall issue a pass upon application and payment
46.24 of a ~~\$20~~ \$30 fee. The pass is valid from January 1 through December 31. Fees collected
46.25 under this section, except for the issuing fee for licensing agents, shall be deposited in the
46.26 state treasury and credited to the all-terrain vehicle account in the natural resources fund
46.27 and, except for the electronic licensing system commission established by the commissioner
46.28 under section 84.027, subdivision 15, must be used for grants-in-aid to counties and
46.29 municipalities for all-terrain vehicle organizations to construct and maintain all-terrain
46.30 vehicle trails and use areas.

46.31 (c) A nonresident all-terrain vehicle state trail pass is not required for:

47.1 (1) an all-terrain vehicle that is owned and used by the United States, another state, or
47.2 a political subdivision thereof that is exempt from registration under section 84.922,
47.3 subdivision 1a;

47.4 (2) a person operating an all-terrain vehicle only on the portion of a trail that is owned
47.5 by the person or the person's spouse, child, or parent; or

47.6 (3) a nonresident operating an all-terrain vehicle that is registered according to section
47.7 84.922.

47.8 Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.946, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

47.9 Subd. 2. **Standards.** (a) An appropriation for asset preservation may be used only for a
47.10 capital expenditure on a capital asset previously owned by the state, within the meaning of
47.11 generally accepted accounting principles as applied to public expenditures. The commissioner
47.12 of natural resources will consult with the commissioner of management and budget to the
47.13 extent necessary to ensure this and will furnish the commissioner of management and budget
47.14 a list of projects to be financed from the account in order of their priority. The legislature
47.15 assumes that many projects for preservation and replacement of portions of existing capital
47.16 assets will constitute betterments and capital improvements within the meaning of the
47.17 Constitution and capital expenditures under generally accepted accounting principles, and
47.18 will be financed more efficiently and economically under this section than by direct
47.19 appropriations for specific projects.

47.20 (b) An appropriation for asset preservation must not be used to acquire land or to acquire
47.21 or construct buildings or other facilities.

47.22 (c) Capital budget expenditures for natural resource asset preservation and replacement
47.23 projects must be for one or more of the following types of capital projects that support the
47.24 existing programmatic mission of the department: code compliance including health and
47.25 safety, Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, hazardous material abatement, access
47.26 improvement, or air quality improvement; building energy efficiency improvements using
47.27 current best practices; building or infrastructure repairs necessary to preserve the interior
47.28 and exterior of existing buildings; projects to remove life safety hazards such as building
47.29 code violations or structural defects; or renovation of other existing improvements to land,
47.30 including but not limited to trails and bridges.

47.31 (d) Up to ten percent of an appropriation awarded under this section may be used for
47.32 design costs for projects eligible to be funded from this account in anticipation of future
47.33 funding from the account.

48.1 Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.946, is amended by adding a subdivision to
48.2 read:

48.3 Subd. 4. **Priorities; report.** The commissioner of natural resources must establish
48.4 priorities for natural resource asset preservation and replacement projects. By January 15
48.5 each year, the commissioner must submit to the commissioner of management and budget
48.6 a list of the projects that have been paid for with money from a natural resource asset
48.7 preservation and replacement appropriation during the preceding calendar year.

48.8 Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.992, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

48.9 Subd. 3. **Training and mentoring.** The commissioner must develop and implement a
48.10 training program that adequately prepares Minnesota Naturalist Corps members for the
48.11 tasks assigned. Each corps member ~~shall be~~ is assigned a ~~state park~~ an interpretive naturalist
48.12 as a mentor.

48.13 Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.992, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

48.14 Subd. 4. **Uniform ~~patch~~ pin.** Uniforms worn by members of the Minnesota Naturalist
48.15 Corps must have a ~~patch~~ pin that includes the name of the Minnesota Naturalist Corps and
48.16 information that the program is funded by the clean water, land, and legacy amendment to
48.17 the Minnesota Constitution adopted by the voters in November 2008.

48.18 Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.992, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

48.19 Subd. 5. **Eligibility.** A person is eligible to enroll in the Minnesota Naturalist Corps if
48.20 the person:

48.21 (1) is a permanent resident of the state;

48.22 (2) is a participant in an approved college internship program ~~or has a postsecondary~~
48.23 ~~degree~~ in a field related to natural resource resources, cultural history, interpretation, or
48.24 conservation related field; and

48.25 (3) has completed at least one year of postsecondary education.

48.26 Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84.992, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

48.27 Subd. 6. **Corps member status.** Minnesota Naturalist Corps members are not eligible
48.28 for unemployment benefits ~~if their services are excluded under section 268.035, subdivision~~
48.29 ~~20~~, and are not eligible for other benefits except workers' compensation. The corps members
48.30 are not employees of the state within the meaning of section 43A.02, subdivision 21.

49.1 Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84D.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

49.2 Subd. 3. **Bait harvest from infested waters.** (a) Taking wild animals from infested
49.3 waters for bait or aquatic farm purposes is prohibited, except as provided in paragraph (b),
49.4 (c), or (d), and section 97C.341.

49.5 (b) In waters that are listed as infested waters, except those listed as infested with
49.6 prohibited invasive species of fish or certifiable diseases of fish, as defined under section
49.7 17.4982, subdivision 6, taking wild animals may be permitted for:

49.8 (1) commercial taking of wild animals for bait and aquatic farm purposes as provided
49.9 in a permit issued under section 84D.11, subject to rules adopted by the commissioner; and

49.10 (2) bait purposes for noncommercial personal use in waters that contain Eurasian
49.11 watermilfoil, when the infested waters are listed solely because they contain Eurasian
49.12 watermilfoil and if the equipment for taking is limited to cylindrical minnow traps not
49.13 exceeding 16 inches in diameter and 32 inches in length.

49.14 (c) In streams or rivers that are listed as infested waters, except those listed as infested
49.15 with certifiable diseases of fish, as defined under section 17.4982, subdivision 6, the harvest
49.16 of bullheads, goldeyes, mooneyes, sheepshead (freshwater drum), and suckers for bait by
49.17 hook and line for noncommercial personal use is allowed as follows:

49.18 (1) fish taken under this paragraph must be used on the same body of water where caught
49.19 and while still on that water body. Where the river or stream is divided by barriers such as
49.20 dams, the fish must be caught and used on the same section of the river or stream;

49.21 (2) fish taken under this paragraph may not be transported live from or off the water
49.22 body;

49.23 (3) fish harvested under this paragraph may only be used in accordance with this section;

49.24 (4) any other use of wild animals used for bait from infested waters is prohibited;

49.25 (5) fish taken under this paragraph must meet all other size restrictions and requirements
49.26 as established in rules; and

49.27 (6) all species listed under this paragraph shall be included in the person's daily limit as
49.28 established in rules, if applicable.

49.29 (d) In the Mississippi River downstream of St. Anthony Falls and the St. Croix River
49.30 downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls, including portions described as
49.31 Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters in Minnesota Rules, part 6266.0500, subpart 1, items

50.1 A and B, the harvest of gizzard shad by cast net for noncommercial personal use as bait for
50.2 angling, as provided in a permit issued under section 84D.11, is allowed as follows:

50.3 (1) nontarget species must immediately be returned to the water;

50.4 (2) gizzard shad taken under this paragraph must be used on the same body of water
50.5 where caught and while still on that water body. Where the river is divided by barriers such
50.6 as dams, the gizzard shad must be caught and used on the same section of the river;

50.7 (3) gizzard shad taken under this paragraph may not be transported off the water body;
50.8 and

50.9 (4) gizzard shad harvested under this paragraph may only be used in accordance with
50.10 this section.

50.11 This paragraph expires December 1, 2017.

50.12 (e) Equipment authorized for minnow harvest in a listed infested water by permit issued
50.13 under paragraph (b) may not be transported to, or used in, any waters other than waters
50.14 specified in the permit.

50.15 (f) Bait intended for sale may not be held in infested water after taking and before sale,
50.16 unless authorized under a license or permit according to Minnesota Rules, part 6216.0500.

50.17 Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84D.03, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

50.18 Subd. 4. **Commercial fishing and turtle, frog, and crayfish harvesting restrictions**
50.19 **in infested and noninfested waters.** (a) All nets, traps, buoys, anchors, stakes, and lines
50.20 used for commercial fishing or turtle, frog, or crayfish harvesting in an infested water that
50.21 is listed because it contains invasive fish, invertebrates, or certifiable diseases, as defined
50.22 in section 17.4982, ~~may not be used in any other waters. If a commercial licensee operates~~
50.23 ~~in an infested water listed because it contains invasive fish, invertebrates, or certifiable~~
50.24 ~~diseases, as defined in section 17.4982, all nets, traps, buoys, anchors, stakes, and lines used~~
50.25 ~~for commercial fishing or turtle, frog, or crayfish harvesting in waters listed as infested with~~
50.26 ~~invasive fish, invertebrates, or certifiable diseases, as defined in section 17.4982, must be~~
50.27 tagged with tags provided by the commissioner, as specified in the commercial licensee's
50.28 license or permit. Tagged gear must not be used in water bodies other than those specified
50.29 in the license or permit. The permit may authorize department staff to remove tags after the
50.30 gear is decontaminated. This tagging requirement does not apply to commercial fishing
50.31 equipment used in Lake Superior.

51.1 (b) All nets, traps, buoys, anchors, stakes, and lines used for commercial fishing or turtle,
 51.2 frog, or crayfish harvesting in an infested water that is listed solely because it contains
 51.3 Eurasian watermilfoil must be dried for a minimum of ten days or frozen for a minimum
 51.4 of two days before they are used in any other waters, except as provided in this paragraph.
 51.5 Commercial licensees must notify the department's regional or area fisheries office or a
 51.6 conservation officer before removing nets or equipment from an infested water listed solely
 51.7 because it contains Eurasian watermilfoil and before resetting those nets or equipment in
 51.8 any other waters. Upon notification, the commissioner may authorize a commercial licensee
 51.9 to move nets or equipment to another water without freezing or drying, if that water is listed
 51.10 as infested solely because it contains Eurasian watermilfoil.

51.11 (c) A commercial licensee must remove all aquatic macrophytes from nets and other
 51.12 equipment before placing the equipment into waters of the state.

51.13 (d) The commissioner shall provide a commercial licensee with a current listing of listed
 51.14 infested waters at the time that a license or permit is issued.

51.15 Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84D.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

51.16 Subdivision 1. **Classes.** The commissioner shall, as provided in this chapter, classify
 51.17 nonnative species of aquatic plants and wild animals, including subspecies, genotypes,
 51.18 cultivars, hybrids, or genera of nonnative species, according to the following categories:

51.19 (1) prohibited invasive species, which may not be possessed, imported, purchased, sold,
 51.20 propagated, transported, or introduced except as provided in section 84D.05;

51.21 (2) regulated invasive species, which may not be introduced except as provided in section
 51.22 84D.07;

51.23 (3) unlisted nonnative species, which are subject to the classification procedure in section
 51.24 84D.06; and

51.25 (4) unregulated nonnative species, which are not subject to regulation under this chapter.

51.26 Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84D.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

51.27 Subdivision 1. **Prohibited activities.** A person may not possess, import, purchase, sell,
 51.28 propagate, transport, or introduce a prohibited invasive species, except:

51.29 (1) under a permit issued by the commissioner under section 84D.11;

51.30 (2) in the case of purple loosestrife, as provided by sections 18.75 to 18.88;

51.31 (3) under a restricted species permit issued under section 17.457;

52.1 (4) when being transported to the department, or another destination as the commissioner
 52.2 may direct, in a sealed container for purposes of identifying the species or reporting the
 52.3 presence of the species;

52.4 (5) when being transported for disposal as part of a harvest or control activity when
 52.5 specifically authorized under a permit issued by the commissioner according to section
 52.6 103G.615, when being transported for disposal as specified under a commercial fishing
 52.7 license issued by the commissioner according to section 97A.418, 97C.801, 97C.811,
 52.8 97C.825, 97C.831, or 97C.835, or when being transported as specified by the commissioner;

52.9 (6) when being removed from watercraft and equipment, or caught while angling, and
 52.10 immediately returned to the water from which they came; ~~or~~

52.11 (7) when being transported from riparian property to a legal disposal site that is at least
 52.12 100 feet from any surface water, ditch, or seasonally flooded land, provided the prohibited
 52.13 invasive species are in a covered commercial vehicle specifically designed and used for
 52.14 hauling trash; or

52.15 ~~(7)~~ (8) as the commissioner may otherwise prescribe by rule.

52.16 Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84D.108, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

52.17 Subd. 2a. **Lake Minnetonka pilot study.** (a) The commissioner may issue an additional
 52.18 permit to service providers to return to Lake Minnetonka water-related equipment with
 52.19 zebra mussels attached after the equipment has been seasonally stored, serviced, or repaired.
 52.20 The permit must include verification and documentation requirements and any other
 52.21 conditions the commissioner deems necessary.

52.22 (b) Water-related equipment with zebra mussels attached may be returned only to Lake
 52.23 Minnetonka (DNR Division of Waters number 27-0133) by service providers permitted
 52.24 under subdivision 1.

52.25 (c) The service provider's place of business must be within the Lake Minnetonka
 52.26 Conservation District as established according to sections 103B.601 to 103B.645 or within
 52.27 a municipality immediately bordering the Lake Minnetonka Conservation District's
 52.28 boundaries.

52.29 (d) A service provider applying for a permit under this subdivision must, if approved
 52.30 for a permit and before the permit is valid, furnish a corporate surety bond in favor of the
 52.31 state for \$50,000 payable upon violation of this chapter while the service provider is acting
 52.32 under a permit issued according to this subdivision.

53.1 (e) This subdivision expires December 1, ~~2018~~ 2019.

53.2 Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84D.108, is amended by adding a subdivision
53.3 to read:

53.4 Subd. 2b. **Gull Lake pilot study.** (a) The commissioner may include an additional
53.5 targeted pilot study to include water-related equipment with zebra mussels attached for the
53.6 Gull Narrows State Water Access Site, Government Point State Water Access Site, and
53.7 Gull East State Water Access Site on Gull Lake (DNR Division of Waters number 11-0305)
53.8 in Cass and Crow Wing Counties using the same authorities, general procedures, and
53.9 requirements provided for the Lake Minnetonka pilot project in subdivision 2a. Lake service
53.10 providers participating in the Gull Lake targeted pilot study place of business must be located
53.11 in Cass or Crow Wing County.

53.12 (b) If an additional targeted pilot project for Gull Lake is implemented under this section,
53.13 the report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of
53.14 representatives committees having jurisdiction over natural resources required under Laws
53.15 2016, chapter 189, article 3, section 48, must also include the Gull Lake targeted pilot study
53.16 recommendations and assessments.

53.17 (c) This subdivision expires December 1, 2019.

53.18 Sec. 27. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84D.108, is amended by adding a subdivision
53.19 to read:

53.20 Subd. 2c. **Cross Lake pilot study.** (a) The commissioner may include an additional
53.21 targeted pilot study to include water-related equipment with zebra mussels attached for the
53.22 Cross Lake #1 State Water Access Site on Cross Lake (DNR Division of Waters number
53.23 18-0312) in Crow Wing County using the same authorities, general procedures, and
53.24 requirements provided for the Lake Minnetonka pilot project in subdivision 2a. The place
53.25 of business of lake service providers participating in the Cross Lake targeted pilot study
53.26 must be located in Cass or Crow Wing County.

53.27 (b) If an additional targeted pilot project for Cross Lake is implemented under this
53.28 section, the report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of
53.29 representatives committees having jurisdiction over natural resources required under Laws
53.30 2016, chapter 189, article 3, section 48, must also include the Cross Lake targeted pilot
53.31 study recommendations and assessments.

53.32 (c) This subdivision expires December 1, 2019.

54.1 Sec. 28. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 84D.11, is amended by adding a subdivision to
54.2 read:

54.3 Subd. 1a. **Permit for invasive carp.** The commissioner may issue a permit to
54.4 departmental divisions for tagging bighead, black, grass, or silver carp for research or
54.5 control. Under the permit, the carp may be released into the water body from which the carp
54.6 was captured. This subdivision expires December 31, 2021.

54.7 Sec. 29. **[85.0507] FORT RIDGELY GOLF COURSE; GOLF CARTS.**

54.8 The commissioner may by contract, concession agreement, or lease, authorize the use
54.9 of golf carts on the golf course at Fort Ridgely State Park.

54.10 Sec. 30. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 85.052, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

54.11 Subdivision 1. **Authority to establish.** (a) The commissioner may establish, by written
54.12 order, provisions for the use of state parks for the following:

54.13 (1) special parking space for automobiles or other motor-driven vehicles in a state park
54.14 or state recreation area;

54.15 (2) special parking spurs, campgrounds for automobiles, sites for tent camping, other
54.16 types of lodging, camping, or day use facilities, and special auto trailer coach parking spaces,
54.17 for the use of the individual charged for the space or facility;

54.18 (3) improvement and maintenance of golf courses already established in state parks, and
54.19 charging reasonable use fees; and

54.20 (4) providing water, sewer, and electric service to trailer or tent campsites and charging
54.21 a reasonable use fee.

54.22 (b) Provisions established under paragraph (a) are exempt from section 16A.1283 and
54.23 the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14. Section 14.386 does not apply.

54.24 (c) For the purposes of this subdivision, "lodging" means an enclosed shelter, room, or
54.25 building with furnishings for overnight use.

54.26 Sec. 31. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 85.053, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

54.27 Subd. 8. **Free permit; military personnel; exemption.** (a) ~~A one-day permit, Annual~~
54.28 ~~permits under subdivision 4, shall~~ 1 must be issued without a fee for a motor vehicle being
54.29 ~~used by a person who is serving in~~ to active military service personnel in any branch or unit
54.30 ~~of the United States armed forces and who is stationed outside Minnesota, during the period~~

55.1 ~~of active service and for 90 days immediately thereafter, if the~~ or their dependents and to
 55.2 recipients of a Purple Heart medal. To qualify for a free permit under this subdivision, a
 55.3 ~~person presents the person's current military orders~~ must present qualifying military
 55.4 identification or an annual pass for the United States military issued through the National
 55.5 Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass program to the park attendant on duty or other
 55.6 designee of the commissioner.

55.7 (b) For purposes of this section, ~~"active service" has the meaning given under section~~
 55.8 ~~190.05, subdivision 5e, when performed outside Minnesota~~ subdivision, the commissioner
 55.9 shall establish what constitutes qualifying military identification in the State Register.

55.10 (c) ~~A permit is not required for a motor vehicle being used by military personnel or their~~
 55.11 ~~dependents who have in their possession the annual pass for United States military and their~~
 55.12 ~~dependents issued by the federal government for access to federal recreation sites~~ For
 55.13 vehicles permitted under paragraph (a), the permit or decal issued under this subdivision is
 55.14 valid only when displayed on a vehicle owned and occupied by the person to whom the
 55.15 permit is issued.

55.16 (d) The commissioner may issue a daily vehicle permit free of charge to an individual
 55.17 who qualifies under paragraph (a) and does not own or operate a motor vehicle.

55.18 Sec. 32. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 85.053, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

55.19 Subd. 10. **Free ~~entrance~~ permit; disabled veterans.** (a) The commissioner shall issue
 55.20 an annual park permit for no charge to any veteran with a total and permanent
 55.21 ~~service-connected disability, and a daily park permit to any resident veteran~~ with any level
 55.22 of service-connected disability, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans
 55.23 Affairs, who presents each year a copy of the veteran's determination letter or other official
 55.24 form of validation issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the United
 55.25 States Department of Defense to a park attendant or commissioner's designee. For the
 55.26 purposes of this section subdivision, "veteran" has the meaning given in section 197.447.

55.27 (b) For vehicles permitted under paragraph (a), the permit or decal issued under this
 55.28 subdivision is valid only when displayed on a vehicle owned and occupied by the person
 55.29 to whom the permit is issued.

55.30 (c) The commissioner may issue a daily vehicle permit free of charge to an individual
 55.31 who qualifies under paragraph (a) and does not own or operate a motor vehicle.

56.1 Sec. 33. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 85.054, is amended by adding a subdivision to
56.2 read:

56.3 Subd. 19. **Fort Ridgely golf course.** The commissioner may by contract, concession
56.4 agreement, or lease waive a state park permit and associated fee for motor vehicle entry or
56.5 parking for persons playing golf at the Fort Ridgely State Park golf course provided that
56.6 the contract, concession agreement, or lease payment to the state is set, in part, to compensate
56.7 the state park system for the loss of the state park fees.

56.8 Sec. 34. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 85.055, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

56.9 Subdivision 1. **Fees.** The fee for state park permits for:

56.10 (1) an annual use of state parks is ~~\$25~~ \$35;

56.11 (2) a second or subsequent vehicle state park permit is ~~\$18~~ \$26;

56.12 (3) a state park permit valid for one day is ~~\$5~~ \$7;

56.13 (4) a daily vehicle state park permit for groups is ~~\$3~~ \$5;

56.14 (5) an annual permit for motorcycles is ~~\$20~~ \$30;

56.15 (6) an employee's state park permit is without charge; and

56.16 (7) a state park permit for persons with disabilities under section 85.053, subdivision 7,
56.17 paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (3), is \$12.

56.18 The fees specified in this subdivision include any sales tax required by state law.

56.19 Sec. 35. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 85.22, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

56.20 Subd. 2a. **Receipts, appropriation.** All receipts derived from the rental or sale of state
56.21 park items, tours at ~~Forestville-Mystery Cave State Park~~, interpretation programs, educational
56.22 programs, and operation of Douglas Lodge shall be deposited in the state treasury and be
56.23 credited to the state parks working capital account. Receipts and expenses from Douglas
56.24 Lodge shall be tracked separately within the account. Money in the account is annually
56.25 appropriated for the purchase and payment of expenses attributable to items for resale or
56.26 rental and operation of Douglas Lodge. Any excess receipts in this account are annually
56.27 appropriated for state park management and interpretive programs.

56.28 Sec. 36. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 85.32, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

56.29 Subdivision 1. ~~Areas marked~~ **Designation.** The commissioner of natural resources is
56.30 authorized in cooperation with local units of government and private individuals and groups

57.1 when feasible to ~~mark~~ manage state water trails on the Lake Superior water trail under
 57.2 section 85.0155 and on the following rivers, which have historic, recreational, and scenic
 57.3 values: Little Fork, Big Fork, Minnesota, St. Croix, Snake, Mississippi, Red Lake, Cannon,
 57.4 Straight, Des Moines, Crow Wing, St. Louis, Pine, Rum, Kettle, Cloquet, Root, Zumbro,
 57.5 Pomme de Terre within Swift County, Watonwan, Cottonwood, Whitewater, Chippewa
 57.6 from Benson in Swift County to Montevideo in Chippewa County, Long Prairie, Red River
 57.7 of the North, Sauk, Otter Tail, Redwood, Blue Earth, Cedar, Shell Rock, and Vermilion in
 57.8 St. Louis County, North Fork of the Crow, and South Fork of the Crow Rivers, which have
 57.9 historic and scenic values, and to mark appropriately. The commissioner may map and sign
 57.10 points of interest, public water access sites, portages, camp sites, and all dams, rapids,
 57.11 waterfalls, whirlpools, and other serious hazards that are dangerous to canoe, kayak, and
 57.12 watercraft travelers. The commissioner may maintain passageway for watercraft on state
 57.13 water trails.

57.14 Sec. 37. **[85.47] SPECIAL USE PERMITS; FEES.**

57.15 Fees collected for special use permits to use state trails not on state forest, state park, or
 57.16 state recreation area lands and for use of state water access sites must be deposited in the
 57.17 natural resources fund.

57.18 Sec. 38. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 86B.301, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

57.19 Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** A watercraft license is not required for:

57.20 (1) a watercraft that is covered by a license or number in full force and effect under
 57.21 federal law or a federally approved licensing or numbering system of another state, or a
 57.22 watercraft that is owned by a person from another state and that state does not require
 57.23 licensing that type of watercraft, and the watercraft has not been within this state for more
 57.24 than 90 consecutive days, which does not include days that a watercraft is laid up at dock
 57.25 over winter or for repairs at a Lake Superior port or another port in the state;

57.26 (2) a watercraft from a country other than the United States that has not been within this
 57.27 state for more than 90 consecutive days, which does not include days that a watercraft is
 57.28 laid up at dock over winter or for repairs at a Lake Superior port or another port in the state;

57.29 (3) a watercraft owned by the United States, an Indian tribal government, a state, or a
 57.30 political subdivision of a state, except watercraft used for recreational purposes;

57.31 (4) a ship's lifeboat;

58.1 (5) a watercraft that has been issued a valid marine document by the United States
58.2 government;

58.3 (6) a waterfowl boat during waterfowl-hunting season;

58.4 (7) a rice boat during the harvest season;

58.5 (8) a seaplane;

58.6 (9) a nonmotorized watercraft ten feet in length or less; and

58.7 (10) a watercraft that is covered by a valid license or number issued by a federally
58.8 recognized Indian tribe in the state under a federally approved licensing or numbering system
58.9 and that is owned by a member of that tribe.

58.10 Sec. 39. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 86B.313, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

58.11 Subdivision 1. **General requirements.** (a) In addition to requirements of other laws
58.12 relating to watercraft, a person may not operate or permit the operation of a personal
58.13 watercraft:

58.14 (1) without each person on board the personal watercraft wearing a ~~United States Coast~~
58.15 ~~Guard (USCG)-approved~~ wearable personal flotation device ~~with a~~ that is approved by the
58.16 United States Coast Guard (USCG) and has a USCG label indicating ~~it~~ the flotation device
58.17 either is approved for or does not prohibit use with personal watercraft or water skiing;

58.18 (2) between one hour before sunset and 9:30 a.m.;

58.19 (3) at greater than slow-no wake speed within 150 feet of:

58.20 (i) a shoreline;

58.21 (ii) a dock;

58.22 (iii) a swimmer;

58.23 (iv) a raft used for swimming or diving; or

58.24 (v) a moored, anchored, or nonmotorized watercraft;

58.25 (4) while towing a person on water skis, a kneeboard, an inflatable craft, or any other
58.26 device unless:

58.27 (i) an observer is on board; or

58.28 (ii) the personal watercraft is equipped with factory-installed or factory-specified
58.29 accessory mirrors that give the operator a wide field of vision to the rear;

59.1 (5) without the lanyard-type engine cutoff switch being attached to the person, clothing,
 59.2 or personal flotation device of the operator, if the personal watercraft is equipped by the
 59.3 manufacturer with such a device;

59.4 (6) if any part of the spring-loaded throttle mechanism has been removed, altered, or
 59.5 tampered with so as to interfere with the return-to-idle system;

59.6 (7) to chase or harass wildlife;

59.7 (8) through emergent or floating vegetation at other than a slow-no wake speed;

59.8 (9) in a manner that unreasonably or unnecessarily endangers life, limb, or property,
 59.9 including weaving through congested watercraft traffic, jumping the wake of another
 59.10 watercraft within 150 feet of the other watercraft, or operating the watercraft while facing
 59.11 backwards;

59.12 (10) in any other manner that is not reasonable and prudent; or

59.13 (11) without a personal watercraft rules decal, issued by the commissioner, attached to
 59.14 the personal watercraft so as to be in full view of the operator.

59.15 (b) Paragraph (a), clause (3), does not apply to a person operating a personal watercraft
 59.16 to launch or land a person on water skis, a kneeboard, or similar device by the most direct
 59.17 route to open water.

59.18 Sec. 40. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 86B.701, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

59.19 Subd. 3. **Allocation of funding.** (a) Notwithstanding section 16A.41, expenditures
 59.20 directly related to each appropriation's purpose made on or after January 1 of the fiscal year
 59.21 in which the grant is made or the date of work plan approval, whichever is later, are eligible
 59.22 for reimbursement unless otherwise provided.

59.23 (b) The amount of funds to be allocated under subdivisions 1 and 2 and shall be
 59.24 determined by the commissioner on the basis of the following criteria:

59.25 (1) the number of watercraft using the waters wholly or partially within the county;

59.26 (2) the number of watercraft using particular bodies of water, wholly or partially within
 59.27 the county, in relation to the size of the body of water and the type, speed, and size of the
 59.28 watercraft utilizing the water body;

59.29 (3) the amount of water acreage wholly or partially within the county;

59.30 (4) the overall performance of the county in the area of boat and water safety;

60.1 (5) special considerations, such as volume of transient or nonresident watercraft use,
 60.2 number of rental watercraft, extremely large bodies of water wholly or partially in the
 60.3 county; or

60.4 (6) any other factor as determined by the commissioner.

60.5 ~~(b)~~ (c) The commissioner may require reports from the counties, make appropriate
 60.6 surveys or studies, or utilize local surveys or studies to determine the criteria required in
 60.7 allocation funds.

60.8 Sec. 41. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 88.01, subdivision 28, is amended to read:

60.9 Subd. 28. **Prescribed burn.** "Prescribed burn" means a fire that is intentionally ignited,
 60.10 managed, and controlled for the purpose of managing forests, prairies, or wildlife habitats
 60.11 by an entity meeting certification requirements established by the commissioner ~~for the~~
 60.12 ~~purpose of managing vegetation~~. A prescribed burn that has exceeded its prescribed
 60.13 boundaries and requires immediate suppression action by a local fire department or other
 60.14 agency with wildfire suppression responsibilities is considered a wildfire.

60.15 Sec. 42. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 88.523, is amended to read:

60.16 **88.523 AUXILIARY FOREST CONTRACTS; SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS.**

60.17 Upon application of the owner, any auxiliary forest contract may be made subject to any
 60.18 provisions of law enacted subsequent to the execution of the contract and in force at the
 60.19 time of application, so far as not already applicable, with the approval of the county board
 60.20 and the commissioner of natural resources. A supplemental agreement in a ~~form~~ format
 60.21 prescribed by the commissioner ~~and approved by the attorney general~~ must be executed by
 60.22 the commissioner in behalf of the state and by the owner. The supplemental agreement must
 60.23 be filed and recorded in like manner as the supplemental contract under section 88.49,
 60.24 subdivision 9, and takes effect upon filing and recording.

60.25 Sec. 43. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 89.39, is amended to read:

60.26 **89.39 PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND PENALTIES.**

60.27 Every individual, partnership, or private corporation to whom any planting stock is
 60.28 supplied for planting on private land ~~hereunder shall~~ under sections 89.35 to 89.39 must
 60.29 execute an agreement, ~~upon a form~~ in a format approved by the ~~attorney general~~
 60.30 commissioner, to comply with ~~all~~ the requirements of sections 89.35 to 89.39 and ~~all~~
 60.31 conditions prescribed by the commissioner ~~hereunder~~ thereunder. Any party to such an

61.1 agreement who ~~shall violate any provision thereof shall,~~ violates the agreement is, in addition
 61.2 to any other penalties that may be applicable, ~~be~~ liable to the state in a sum equal to three
 61.3 times the reasonable value of the trees affected by the violation at the time the ~~same~~ trees
 61.4 were shipped for planting; provided, that if ~~such~~ the trees are sold or offered for sale for
 61.5 any purpose not ~~herein~~ authorized, ~~such~~ under sections 89.35 to 89.39, the penalty ~~shall be~~
 61.6 is equal to three times the sale price. ~~Such~~ The penalties ~~shall be~~ are recoverable in a civil
 61.7 action brought in the name of the state by the attorney general.

61.8 Sec. 44. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 61.9 read:

61.10 Subd. 1a. **Affiliate.** "Affiliate" means a person who:

61.11 (1) controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with any other person,
 61.12 including, without limitation, a partner, business entity with common ownership, or principal
 61.13 of any business entity or a subsidiary, parent company, or holding company of any person;
 61.14 or

61.15 (2) bids as a representative for another person.

61.16 Sec. 45. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.01, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

61.17 Subd. 8. **Permit holder.** "Permit holder" means the person or affiliate of the person who
 61.18 is the signatory of a permit to cut timber on state lands.

61.19 Sec. 46. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.01, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

61.20 Subd. 12. **Responsible bidder.** "Responsible bidder" means a person or affiliate of a
 61.21 person who is financially responsible; demonstrates the judgment, skill, ability, capacity,
 61.22 and integrity requisite and necessary to perform according to the terms of a permit issued
 61.23 under this chapter; and is not currently debarred by ~~another~~ a government entity for any
 61.24 cause.

61.25 Sec. 47. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.041, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

61.26 Subd. 2. **Trespass on state lands.** The commissioner may compromise and settle, ~~with~~
 61.27 ~~notification to the attorney general,~~ upon terms the commissioner deems just, any claim of
 61.28 the state for casual and involuntary trespass upon state lands or timber; provided that no
 61.29 claim shall be settled for less than the full value of all timber or other materials taken in
 61.30 casual trespass or the full amount of all actual damage or loss suffered by the state as a
 61.31 result. Upon request, the commissioner shall advise the Executive Council of any information

62.1 acquired by the commissioner concerning any trespass on state lands, giving all details and
62.2 names of witnesses and all compromises and settlements made under this subdivision.

62.3 Sec. 48. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.051, is amended to read:

62.4 **90.051 SUPERVISION OF SALES; BOND.**

62.5 The department employee delegated to supervise state timber appraisals and sales shall
62.6 be bonded in a form to be prescribed by the ~~attorney general~~ commissioner and in the sum
62.7 of not less than \$25,000, conditioned upon the faithful and honest performance of duties.

62.8 Sec. 49. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.101, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

62.9 Subd. 2. **Sale list and notice.** At least 30 days before the date of sale, the commissioner
62.10 shall compile a list containing a description of each tract of land upon which any timber to
62.11 be offered is situated and a statement of the estimated quantity of timber and of the appraised
62.12 price of each kind of timber thereon as shown by the report of the state appraiser. No
62.13 description shall be added after the list is posted and no timber shall be sold from land not
62.14 described in the list. Copies of the list ~~shall~~ must be furnished to all interested applicants.
62.15 At least 30 days before the date of sale, a copy of the list shall must be posted on the Internet
62.16 or conspicuously posted in the forest office or other public facility most accessible to potential
62.17 bidders at least 30 days prior to the date of sale. The commissioner shall cause a notice to
62.18 be published once not less than one week before the date of sale in a legal newspaper in the
62.19 county or counties where the land is situated. The notice shall state the time and place of
62.20 the sale and the location at which further information regarding the sale may be obtained.
62.21 The commissioner may give other published or posted notice as the commissioner deems
62.22 proper to reach prospective bidders.

62.23 Sec. 50. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.14, is amended to read:

62.24 **90.14 AUCTION SALE PROCEDURE.**

62.25 (a) All state timber shall be offered and sold by the same unit of measurement as it was
62.26 appraised. No tract shall be sold to any person other than the ~~purchaser~~ responsible bidder
62.27 in whose name the bid was made. The commissioner may refuse to approve any and all bids
62.28 received and cancel a sale of state timber for good and sufficient reasons.

62.29 (b) The purchaser at any sale of timber shall, immediately upon the approval of the bid,
62.30 or, if unsold at public auction, at the time of purchase at a subsequent sale under section
62.31 90.101, subdivision 1, pay to the commissioner a down payment of 15 percent of the
62.32 appraised value. In case any purchaser fails to make such payment, the purchaser shall be

63.1 liable therefor to the state in a civil action, and the commissioner may reoffer the timber
63.2 for sale as though no bid or sale under section 90.101, subdivision 1, therefor had been
63.3 made.

63.4 (c) In lieu of the scaling of state timber required by this chapter, a purchaser of state
63.5 timber may, at the time of payment by the purchaser to the commissioner of 15 percent of
63.6 the appraised value, elect in ~~writing on a form~~ format prescribed by the ~~attorney general~~
63.7 commissioner to purchase a permit based solely on the appraiser's estimate of the volume
63.8 of timber described in the permit, provided that the commissioner has expressly designated
63.9 the availability of such option for that tract on the list of tracts available for sale as required
63.10 under section 90.101. A purchaser who elects in ~~writing on a form~~ format prescribed by the
63.11 ~~attorney general~~ commissioner to purchase a permit based solely on the appraiser's estimate
63.12 of the volume of timber described on the permit does not have recourse to the provisions
63.13 of section 90.281.

63.14 (d) In the case of a public auction sale conducted by a sealed bid process, tracts shall be
63.15 awarded to the high bidder, who shall pay to the commissioner a down payment of 15
63.16 percent of the appraised value that must be received or postmarked within 14 days of the
63.17 date of the sealed bid opening. If a purchaser fails to make the down payment, the purchaser
63.18 is liable for the down payment to the state and the commissioner may offer the timber for
63.19 sale to the next highest bidder as though no higher bid had been made.

63.20 (e) Except as otherwise provided by law, at the time the purchaser signs a permit issued
63.21 under section 90.151, the commissioner shall require the purchaser to make a bid guarantee
63.22 payment to the commissioner in an amount equal to 15 percent of the total purchase price
63.23 of the permit less the down payment amount required by paragraph (b) for any bid increase
63.24 in excess of \$10,000 of the appraised value. If a required bid guarantee payment is not
63.25 submitted with the signed permit, no harvesting may occur, the permit cancels, and the
63.26 down payment for timber forfeits to the state. The bid guarantee payment forfeits to the
63.27 state if the purchaser and successors in interest fail to execute an effective permit.

63.28 Sec. 51. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.145, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

63.29 Subd. 2. **Purchaser registration.** To facilitate the sale of permits issued under section
63.30 90.151, the commissioner may establish a registration system to verify the qualifications
63.31 of a person or affiliate as a responsible bidder to purchase a timber permit. Any system
63.32 implemented by the commissioner shall be limited in scope to only that information that is
63.33 required for the efficient administration of the purchaser qualification requirements of this

64.1 chapter. The registration system established under this subdivision is not subject to the
64.2 rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not apply.

64.3 Sec. 52. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.151, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

64.4 Subdivision 1. **Issuance; expiration.** (a) Following receipt of the down payment for
64.5 state timber required under section 90.14 or 90.191, the commissioner shall issue a numbered
64.6 permit to the purchaser, in a ~~form~~ format approved by the ~~attorney general~~ commissioner,
64.7 by the terms of which the purchaser ~~shall be~~ is authorized to enter upon the land; and to cut
64.8 and remove the timber ~~therein~~ described in the permit as designated for cutting in the report
64.9 of the state appraiser, according to the provisions of this chapter. The permit ~~shall~~ must be
64.10 correctly dated and executed by the commissioner and signed by the purchaser. If a permit
64.11 is not signed by the purchaser within 45 days from the date of purchase, the permit cancels
64.12 and the down payment for timber required under section 90.14 forfeits to the state. The
64.13 commissioner may grant an additional period for the purchaser to sign the permit, not to
64.14 exceed ten business days, provided the purchaser pays a \$200 penalty fee.

64.15 (b) The permit ~~shall expire~~ expires no later than five years after the date of sale as the
64.16 commissioner shall specify or as specified under section 90.191, and the timber ~~shall~~ must
64.17 be cut and removed within the time specified ~~therein~~. If additional time is needed, the permit
64.18 holder must request, ~~prior to~~ before the expiration date, and may be granted, for good and
64.19 sufficient reasons, up to 90 additional days for the completion of skidding, hauling, and
64.20 removing all equipment and buildings. All cut timber, equipment, and buildings not removed
64.21 from the land after expiration of the permit becomes the property of the state.

64.22 (c) The commissioner may grant ~~an additional period of~~ time not to exceed 240 days
64.23 ~~for the removal of~~ removing cut timber, equipment, and buildings upon receipt of a written
64.24 request by the permit holder for good and sufficient reasons. The permit holder may combine
64.25 in the written request under this paragraph the request for additional time under paragraph
64.26 (b).

64.27 Sec. 53. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.162, is amended to read:

64.28 **90.162 SECURING TIMBER PERMITS WITH CUTTING BLOCKS.**

64.29 In lieu of the security deposit equal to the value of all timber covered by the permit
64.30 required by section 90.161, a purchaser of state timber may elect in ~~writing on a form~~ format
64.31 prescribed by the ~~attorney general~~ commissioner to give good and valid surety to the state
64.32 of Minnesota equal to the purchase price for any designated cutting block identified on the

65.1 permit before the date the purchaser enters upon the land to begin harvesting the timber on
65.2 the designated cutting block.

65.3 Sec. 54. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 90.252, is amended to read:

65.4 **90.252 SCALING AGREEMENT; WEIGHT MEASUREMENT SERVICES;**
65.5 **FEES.**

65.6 Subdivision 1. **Scaling agreement.** The commissioner may enter into an agreement with
65.7 either a timber sale permittee, or the purchaser of the cut products, or both, so that the scaling
65.8 of the cut timber and the collection of the payment for the same can be consummated by
65.9 the state. ~~Such an~~ The agreement shall must be approved as to form and content by the
65.10 ~~attorney general~~ commissioner and ~~shall~~ must provide for a bond or cash in lieu of a bond
65.11 and ~~such~~ other safeguards as are necessary to protect the interests of the state. The scaling
65.12 and payment collection procedure may be used for any state timber sale, except that no
65.13 permittee who is also the consumer shall both cut and scale the timber sold unless ~~such~~ the
65.14 scaling is supervised by a state scaler.

65.15 Subd. 2. **Weight measurement services; fees.** The commissioner may enter into an
65.16 agreement with the owner or operator of any weight scale inspected, tested, and approved
65.17 under chapter 239 to provide weight measurements for ~~the~~ scaling of state timber according
65.18 to section 90.251. The agreement ~~shall~~ must be ~~on a form~~ in a format prescribed by the
65.19 ~~attorney general~~ commissioner, ~~shall become a~~ becomes part of the official record of any
65.20 state timber permit so scaled, and ~~shall~~ must contain safeguards that are necessary to protect
65.21 the interests of the state. Except as otherwise provided by the commissioner, the cost of any
65.22 agreement to provide weight measurement of state timber ~~shall~~ must be paid by the permit
65.23 holder of any state timber permit so measured and the cost ~~shall~~ must be included in the
65.24 statement of the amount due for the permit under section 90.181, subdivision 1.

65.25 Sec. 55. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 93.25, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

65.26 Subd. 2. **Lease requirements.** All leases for nonferrous metallic minerals or petroleum
65.27 must be approved by the Executive Council, and any other mineral lease issued pursuant
65.28 to this section that covers 160 or more acres must be approved by the Executive Council.
65.29 The rents, royalties, terms, conditions, and covenants of all such leases shall be fixed by
65.30 the commissioner according to rules adopted by the commissioner, but no lease shall be for
65.31 a longer term than 50 years, and all rents, royalties, terms, conditions, and covenants shall
65.32 be fully set forth in each lease issued. No lease shall be canceled by the state for failure to

66.1 meet production requirements prior to the 36th year of the lease. The rents and royalties
 66.2 shall be credited to the funds as provided in section 93.22.

66.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 66.4 applies to leases in effect or issued on or after that date.

66.5 Sec. 56. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 93.47, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

66.6 Subd. 4. **Administration and enforcement.** The commissioner shall administer and
 66.7 enforce sections 93.44 to 93.51 and the rules adopted pursuant hereto. In so doing the
 66.8 commissioner may (1) conduct such investigations and inspections as the commissioner
 66.9 deems necessary for the proper administration of sections 93.44 to 93.51; (2) enter upon
 66.10 any parts of the mining areas in connection with any such investigation and inspection
 66.11 without liability to the operator or landowner provided that reasonable prior notice of
 66.12 intention to do so shall have been given the operator or landowner; (3) conduct such research
 66.13 or enter into contracts related to mining areas and the reclamation thereof as may be necessary
 66.14 to carry out the provisions of sections 93.46 to 93.50; and (4) allocate surplus wetland credits
 66.15 that are approved by the commissioner under a permit to mine on or after July 1, 1991, and
 66.16 that are not otherwise deposited in a state wetland bank.

66.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 1991.

66.18 Sec. 57. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 93.481, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

66.19 Subd. 2. **Commissioner's review; hearing; ~~burden of proof.~~** Within 120 days after
 66.20 receiving ~~the~~ an application, ~~or after receiving additional information requested, or after~~
 66.21 ~~holding a hearing as provided in this section~~ the commissioner has deemed complete and
 66.22 filed, the commissioner shall grant the permit applied for, with or without modifications or
 66.23 conditions, or deny the application unless a contested case hearing is requested or ordered
 66.24 under section 93.483. ~~If written objections to the proposed application are filed with the~~
 66.25 ~~commissioner within 30 days after the last publication required pursuant to this section or~~
 66.26 ~~within seven days after publication in the case of an application to conduct lean ore stockpile~~
 66.27 ~~removal, by any person owning property which will be affected by the proposed operation~~
 66.28 ~~or by any federal, state, or local governmental agency having responsibilities affected by~~
 66.29 ~~the proposed operations, a public hearing shall be held by the commissioner in the locality~~
 66.30 ~~of the proposed operations within 30 days of receipt of such written objections and after~~
 66.31 ~~appropriate notice and publication of the date, time, and location of the hearing.~~ The
 66.32 commissioner's decision to grant the permit, with or without modifications, or deny the
 66.33 application constitutes a final order for purposes of section 93.50. The commissioner in

67.1 granting a permit with or without modifications shall determine that the reclamation or
67.2 restoration planned for the operation complies with lawful requirements and can be
67.3 accomplished under available technology and that a proposed reclamation or restoration
67.4 technique is practical and workable under available technology. The commissioner may
67.5 hold public meetings on the application.

67.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
67.7 applies to all pending applications submitted before that date.

67.8 Sec. 58. **[93.483] CONTESTED CASE.**

67.9 Subdivision 1. **Petition for contested case hearing.** Any person owning property that
67.10 will be affected by the proposed operation or any federal, state, or local government having
67.11 responsibilities affected by the proposed operation identified in the application for a permit
67.12 to mine under section 93.481 may file a petition with the commissioner to hold a contested
67.13 case hearing on the completed application. To be considered by the commissioner, a petition
67.14 must be submitted in writing, must contain the information specified in subdivision 2, and
67.15 must be submitted to the commissioner within 30 days after the application is deemed
67.16 complete and filed. In addition, the commissioner may, on the commissioner's own motion,
67.17 order a contested case hearing on the completed application.

67.18 Subd. 2. **Petition contents.** (a) A petition for a contested case hearing must include the
67.19 following information:

67.20 (1) a statement of reasons or proposed findings supporting the commissioner's decision
67.21 to hold a contested case hearing pursuant to the criteria in subdivision 3; and

67.22 (2) a statement of the issues proposed to be addressed by a contested case hearing and
67.23 the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter.

67.24 (b) To the extent known by the petitioner, a petition for a contested case hearing may
67.25 also include:

67.26 (1) a proposed list of prospective witnesses to be called, including experts, with a brief
67.27 description of the proposed testimony or a summary of evidence to be presented at a contested
67.28 case hearing;

67.29 (2) a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced and relied
67.30 upon at a contested case hearing; and

67.31 (3) an estimate of time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a contested
67.32 case hearing.

68.1 (c) A petitioner is not bound or limited to the witnesses, materials, or estimated time
68.2 identified in the petition if the requested contested case is granted by the commissioner.

68.3 (d) Any person may serve timely responses to a petition for a contested case hearing.
68.4 The commissioner shall establish deadlines for responses to be submitted.

68.5 **Subd. 3. Commissioner's decision to hold hearing.** (a) The commissioner must grant
68.6 the petition to hold a contested case hearing or order upon the commissioner's own motion
68.7 that a contested case hearing be held if the commissioner finds that:

68.8 (1) there is a material issue of fact in dispute concerning the completed application before
68.9 the commissioner;

68.10 (2) the commissioner has jurisdiction to make a determination on the disputed material
68.11 issue of fact; and

68.12 (3) there is a reasonable basis underlying a disputed material issue of fact so that a
68.13 contested case hearing would allow the introduction of information that would aid the
68.14 commissioner in resolving the disputed facts in order to make a final decision on the
68.15 completed application.

68.16 (b) The commissioner must make the determination of whether to grant a petition or
68.17 otherwise order a contested case hearing within 120 days after the commissioner deems the
68.18 application complete and filed.

68.19 **Subd. 4. Hearing upon request of applicant.** The applicant may, within 30 days after
68.20 the application is deemed complete and filed, submit a request for a contested case. Within
68.21 30 days of the applicant's request, the commissioner shall grant the petition and initiate the
68.22 contested case hearing process.

68.23 **Subd. 5. Scope of hearing.** If the commissioner decides to hold a contested case hearing,
68.24 the commissioner shall identify the issues to be resolved and limit the scope and conduct
68.25 of the hearing in accordance with applicable law, due process, and fundamental fairness.
68.26 The commissioner may, before granting or ordering a contested case hearing, develop a
68.27 proposed permit or permit conditions to inform the contested case. The contested case
68.28 hearing must be conducted in accordance with sections 14.57 to 14.62. The final decision
68.29 by the commissioner to grant, with or without modifications or conditions, or deny the
68.30 application after a contested case shall constitute a final order for purposes of section 93.50.

68.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
68.32 applies to all pending applications submitted before that date.

69.1 Sec. 59. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 93.50, is amended to read:

69.2 **93.50 APPEAL.**

69.3 Any person aggrieved by any final order, ruling, or decision of the commissioner may
69.4 ~~appeal~~ obtain judicial review of such order, ruling, or decision in the manner provided in
69.5 ~~chapter 14~~ under sections 14.63 to 14.69.

69.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
69.7 applies to all final orders, rulings, and decisions issued after that date.

69.8 Sec. 60. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 94.343, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

69.9 Subd. 9. **Approval by ~~attorney general~~ commissioner.** No exchange of class A land
69.10 shall be consummated unless the ~~attorney general shall have given an opinion in writing~~
69.11 commissioner determines that the title to the land proposed to be conveyed to the state is
69.12 good and ~~marketable~~, free from all liens ~~and~~, with all encumbrances identified except
69.13 reservations herein authorized. The commissioner may use title insurance to aid in the title
69.14 determination. If required by the ~~attorney general~~ commissioner, the landowner ~~shall~~ must
69.15 submit an abstract of title and make and file with the commissioner an affidavit as to
69.16 possession of the land, improvements, liens, and encumbrances thereon, and other matters
69.17 affecting the title.

69.18 Sec. 61. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 94.344, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

69.19 Subd. 9. **Approval of county attorney.** No exchange of class B land shall be
69.20 consummated unless the title to the land proposed to be exchanged therefor ~~shall~~ is first ~~be~~
69.21 approved by the county attorney in like manner as provided for approval by the ~~attorney~~
69.22 ~~general~~ commissioner in case of class A land. The county attorney's opinion on the title
69.23 ~~shall be~~ is subject to approval by the ~~attorney general~~ commissioner.

69.24 Sec. 62. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.015, is amended by adding a subdivision
69.25 to read:

69.26 Subd. 35a. **Portable shelter.** "Portable shelter" means a fish house, dark house, or other
69.27 shelter that is set on the ice of state waters to provide shelter and that collapses, folds, or is
69.28 disassembled for transportation.

70.1 Sec. 63. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.015, subdivision 39, is amended to read:

70.2 Subd. 39. **Protected wild animals.** "~~Protected wild animals~~" ~~are the following wild~~
70.3 ~~animals:~~ means big game, small game, game fish, rough fish, minnows, leeches, alewives,
70.4 ciscoes, chubs, ~~and~~ lake whitefish; and the subfamily Coregoninae, rainbow smelt, frogs,
70.5 turtles, clams, mussels, wolf, mourning doves, bats, snakes, salamanders, lizards, any animal
70.6 species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern in Minnesota Rules, chapter
70.7 6134, and wild animals that are protected by a restriction in the time or manner of taking,
70.8 other than a restriction in the use of artificial lights, poison, or motor vehicles.

70.9 Sec. 64. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.015, subdivision 43, is amended to read:

70.10 Subd. 43. **Rough fish.** "Rough fish" means carp, buffalo, sucker, sheepshead, bowfin,
70.11 burbot, cisco, gar, goldeye, and bullhead, except for any fish species listed as endangered,
70.12 threatened, or of special concern in Minnesota Rules, chapter 6134.

70.13 Sec. 65. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.015, subdivision 45, is amended to read:

70.14 Subd. 45. **Small game.** "Small game" means game birds, gray squirrel, fox squirrel,
70.15 cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, jack rabbit, raccoon, lynx, bobcat, short-tailed weasel,
70.16 long-tailed weasel, wolf, red fox and gray fox, fisher, pine marten, opossum, badger, cougar,
70.17 wolverine, muskrat, mink, otter, and beaver.

70.18 Sec. 66. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.015, subdivision 52, is amended to read:

70.19 Subd. 52. **Unprotected birds.** "Unprotected birds" means English sparrow, ~~blackbird,~~
70.20 starling, ~~maggie,~~ cormorant, common pigeon, Eurasian collared dove, chukar partridge,
70.21 quail other than bobwhite quail, and mute swan.

70.22 Sec. 67. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.015, subdivision 53, is amended to read:

70.23 Subd. 53. **Unprotected wild animals.** "Unprotected wild animals" means wild animals
70.24 that are not protected wild animals including ~~weasel,~~ coyote, plains pocket gopher, porcupine,
70.25 striped skunk, and unprotected birds, except any animal species listed as endangered,
70.26 threatened, or of special concern in Minnesota Rules, chapter 6134.

70.27 Sec. 68. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.045, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

70.28 Subd. 10. **Reciprocal agreements on violations.** The commissioner, ~~with the approval~~
70.29 ~~of the attorney general,~~ may enter into reciprocal agreements with game and fish authorities
70.30 in other states and the United States government to provide for:

71.1 (1) revocation of the appropriate Minnesota game and fish licenses of Minnesota residents
 71.2 for violations of game and fish laws committed in signatory jurisdictions ~~which~~ that result
 71.3 in license revocation in that jurisdiction;

71.4 (2) reporting convictions and license revocations of residents of signatory states for
 71.5 violations of game and fish laws of Minnesota to game and fish authorities in the
 71.6 nonresident's state of residence; and

71.7 (3) release upon signature without posting of bail for residents of signatory states accused
 71.8 of game and fish law violations in this state, providing for recovery, in the resident
 71.9 jurisdiction, of fines levied if the citation is not answered in this state.

71.10 As used in this subdivision, "conviction" includes a plea of guilty or a forfeiture of bail.

71.11 Sec. 69. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.055, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

71.12 Subd. 2. **Receipts.** The commissioner of management and budget shall credit to the
 71.13 game and fish fund all money received under the game and fish laws and all income from
 71.14 state lands acquired by purchase or gift for game or fish purposes, including receipts from:

71.15 (1) licenses and permits issued;

71.16 (2) fines and forfeited bail;

71.17 (3) sales of contraband, wild animals, and other property under the control of the division,
 71.18 except as provided in section 97A.225, subdivision 8, clause (2);

71.19 (4) fees from advanced education courses for hunters and trappers;

71.20 (5) reimbursements of expenditures by the division;

71.21 (6) contributions to the division; and

71.22 (7) revenue credited to the game and fish fund under section 297A.94, paragraph (e),
 71.23 clause (1).

71.24 Sec. 70. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.075, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

71.25 Subdivision 1. **Deer, bear, and lifetime licenses.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision,
 71.26 "deer license" means a license issued under section 97A.475, subdivisions 2, clauses (5),
 71.27 (6), (7), (13), (14), and (15); 3, paragraph (a), clauses (2), (3), (4), (10), (11), and (12); and
 71.28 8, paragraph (b), and licenses issued under section 97B.301, subdivision 4.

71.29 (b) \$2 from each annual deer license and \$2 annually from the lifetime fish and wildlife
 71.30 trust fund, established in section 97A.4742, for each license issued under section 97A.473,

72.1 subdivision 4, shall be credited to the deer management account and is appropriated to the
72.2 commissioner for deer habitat improvement or deer management programs.

72.3 (c) \$1 from each annual deer license and each bear license and \$1 annually from the
72.4 lifetime fish and wildlife trust fund, established in section 97A.4742, for each license issued
72.5 under section 97A.473, subdivision 4, shall be credited to the deer and bear management
72.6 account and is appropriated to the commissioner for deer and bear management programs,
72.7 including a computerized licensing system.

72.8 (d) Fifty cents from each deer license is credited to the emergency deer feeding and wild
72.9 cervidae health management account and is appropriated for emergency deer feeding and
72.10 wild cervidae health management. Money appropriated for emergency deer feeding and
72.11 wild cervidae health management is available until expended.

72.12 When the unencumbered balance in the appropriation for emergency deer feeding and
72.13 wild cervidae health management exceeds \$2,500,000 at the end of a fiscal year, the
72.14 unencumbered balance in excess of \$2,500,000 is canceled and available for deer and bear
72.15 management programs and computerized licensing.

72.16 ~~(e) Fifty cents from each annual deer license and 50 cents annually from the lifetime~~
72.17 ~~fish and wildlife trust fund established in section 97A.4742, for each license issued under~~
72.18 ~~section 97A.473, subdivision 4, shall be credited to the wolf management and monitoring~~
72.19 ~~account under subdivision 7.~~

72.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1 of the year following the year the
72.21 wolf is delisted under the federal Endangered Species Act.

72.22 Sec. 71. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.137, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

72.23 Subd. 5. **Portable stands.** (a) Prior to the Saturday on or nearest September 16, a portable
72.24 stand may be left overnight in a wildlife management area by a person with a valid bear
72.25 license who is hunting within 100 yards of a bear bait site that is legally tagged and registered
72.26 as prescribed under section 97B.425. Any person leaving a portable stand overnight under
72.27 this subdivision must affix a tag with: (1) the person's name and address; (2) the licensee's
72.28 driver's license number; or (3) the "MDNR#" license identification number issued to the
72.29 licensee. The tag must be affixed to the stand in a manner that it can be read from the ground.

72.30 (b) From November 1 through December 31, a portable stand may be left overnight by
72.31 a person possessing a license to take deer in a wildlife management area located in whole
72.32 or in part north and west of a line described as follows:

73.1 State Trunk Highway 1 from the west boundary of the state to State Trunk Highway 89;
 73.2 then north along State Trunk Highway 89 to Fourtown; then north on County State-Aid
 73.3 Highway 44, Beltrami County, to County Road 704, Beltrami County; then north on County
 73.4 Road 704 to Dick's Parkway State Forest Road; then north on Dick's Parkway to County
 73.5 State-Aid Highway 5, Roseau County; then north on County State-Aid Highway 5 to
 73.6 Warroad; then north on State Trunk Highway 11 to State Trunk Highway 313; then north
 73.7 on State Trunk Highway 313 to the north boundary of the state.

73.8 A person leaving a portable stand overnight under this paragraph must affix a tag with: (1)
 73.9 the person's name and address; (2) the licensee's driver's license number; or (3) the "MDNR#"
 73.10 license identification number issued to the licensee. The tag must be affixed to the stand so
 73.11 that it can be read from the ground and must be made of a material sufficient to withstand
 73.12 weather conditions. A person leaving a portable stand overnight in a wildlife management
 73.13 area under this paragraph may not leave more than two portable stands in any one wildlife
 73.14 management area. Unoccupied portable stands left overnight under this paragraph may be
 73.15 used by any member of the public. This paragraph expires December 31, 2019.

73.16 Sec. 72. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.201, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

73.17 Subd. 2. **Duty of ~~county attorneys and~~ peace officers.** ~~County attorneys and~~ All peace
 73.18 officers must enforce the game and fish laws.

73.19 Sec. 73. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.201, is amended by adding a subdivision
 73.20 to read:

73.21 Subd. 3. **Prosecuting authority.** County attorneys are the primary prosecuting authority
 73.22 for violations under section 97A.205, clause (5). Prosecution includes associated civil
 73.23 forfeiture actions provided by law.

73.24 Sec. 74. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.225, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

73.25 Subd. 8. **Proceeds of sale.** ~~After determining the expense~~ The proceeds from the sale
 73.26 after payment of the costs of seizing, towing, keeping, and selling the property, the
 73.27 commissioner must pay the and satisfying valid liens ~~from the proceeds according to the~~
 73.28 court order. The remaining proceeds against the property must be distributed as follows:

73.29 (1) 70 percent of the money or proceeds shall be deposited in the state treasury and
 73.30 credited to the game and fish fund; and

74.1 (2) 30 percent of the money or proceeds is considered a cost of forfeiting the property
 74.2 and must be forwarded to the prosecuting authority that handled the forfeiture for deposit
 74.3 as a supplement to its operating fund or similar fund for prosecutorial purposes.

74.4 Sec. 75. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.301, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

74.5 Subdivision 1. **Misdemeanor.** Unless a different penalty is prescribed, a person is guilty
 74.6 of a misdemeanor if that person:

74.7 (1) ~~takes, buys, sells, transports or possesses a wild animal in violation of~~ violates the
 74.8 game and fish laws;

74.9 (2) aids or assists in committing the violation;

74.10 (3) knowingly shares in the proceeds of the violation;

74.11 (4) fails to perform a duty or comply with a requirement of the game and fish laws;

74.12 (5) knowingly makes a false statement related to an affidavit regarding a violation or
 74.13 requirement of the game and fish laws; or

74.14 (6) violates or attempts to violate a rule under the game and fish laws.

74.15 Sec. 76. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.338, is amended to read:

74.16 **97A.338 GROSS OVERLIMITS OF WILD ANIMALS; PENALTY.**

74.17 (a) A person who takes, possesses, or transports wild animals over the legal limit, in
 74.18 closed season, or without a valid license, when the restitution value of the wild animals is
 74.19 over \$1,000 is guilty of a gross overlimit violation. Except as provided in paragraph (b), a
 74.20 violation under this section paragraph is a gross misdemeanor.

74.21 (b) If a wild animal involved in a gross overlimit violation is listed as a threatened or
 74.22 endangered wild animal, the penalty in paragraph (a) does not apply unless more than one
 74.23 animal is taken, possessed, or transported in violation of the game and fish laws.

74.24 Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.420, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

74.25 Subdivision 1. **Seizure.** (a) An enforcement officer shall immediately seize the license
 74.26 of a person who unlawfully takes, transports, or possesses wild animals when the restitution
 74.27 value of the wild animals exceeds \$500. Except as provided in subdivisions 2, 4, and 5, the
 74.28 person may not use or obtain any license to take the same type of wild animals involved,
 74.29 including a duplicate license, until an action is taken under subdivision 6. If the license
 74.30 seized under this paragraph was for a big game animal, the license seizure applies to all

75.1 licenses to take big game issued to the individual. If the license seized under this paragraph
75.2 was for small game animals, the license seizure applies to all licenses to take small game
75.3 issued to the individual.

75.4 (b) In addition to the license seizure under paragraph (a), if the restitution value of the
75.5 wild animals unlawfully taken, possessed, or transported is ~~\$5,000~~ \$1,000 or more, all other
75.6 game and fish licenses held by the person shall be immediately seized. Except as provided
75.7 in subdivision 2, 4, or 5, the person may not obtain any game or fish license or permit,
75.8 including a duplicate license, until an action is taken under subdivision 6.

75.9 (c) A person may not take wild animals covered by a license seized under this subdivision
75.10 until an action is taken under subdivision 6.

75.11 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.421, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

75.12 Subd. 2a. **Issuance after conviction; gross overlimits.** (a) A person may not obtain a
75.13 license to take a wild animal and is prohibited from taking wild animals for ten years after
75.14 the date of conviction of a violation when the restitution value of the wild animals is \$2,000
75.15 or more.

75.16 (b) A person may not obtain a license to take a wild animal and is prohibited from taking
75.17 wild animals for ~~a period of~~ five years after the date of conviction of:

75.18 (1) a violation when the restitution value of the wild animals is ~~\$5,000~~ \$1,000 or more,
75.19 but less than \$2,000; or

75.20 (2) a violation when the restitution value of the wild animals exceeds \$500 and the
75.21 violation occurs within ten years of one or more previous license revocations under this
75.22 subdivision.

75.23 ~~(b)~~ (c) A person may not obtain a license to take the type of wild animals involved in a
75.24 violation when the restitution value of the wild animals exceeds \$500 and is prohibited from
75.25 taking the type of wild animals involved in the violation for ~~a period of~~ three years after the
75.26 date of conviction of a violation.

75.27 ~~(e)~~ (d) The time period of multiple revocations under paragraph (a) or (b), clause (2),
75.28 ~~shall be~~ are consecutive and no wild animals of any kind may be taken during the entire
75.29 revocation period.

75.30 (e) If a wild animal involved in the conviction is listed as a threatened or endangered
75.31 wild animal, the revocations under this subdivision do not apply unless more than one animal
75.32 is taken, possessed, or transported in violation of the game and fish laws.

76.1 ~~(d)~~ (f) The court may not stay or reduce the imposition of license revocation provisions
76.2 under this subdivision.

76.3 Sec. 79. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.441, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

76.4 Subdivision 1. **Angling and spearing; disabled residents.** (a) A person authorized to
76.5 issue licenses must issue, without a fee, licenses to take fish by angling or spearing to a
76.6 resident who is:

76.7 (1) blind;

76.8 (2) a recipient of Supplemental Security Income for the aged, blind, and disabled;

76.9 (3) a recipient of Social Security aid to the disabled under United States Code, title 42,
76.10 section 416, paragraph (i)(l), or section 423(d);

76.11 (4) a recipient of workers' compensation based on a finding of total and permanent
76.12 disability;

76.13 (5) 65 years of age or older and was qualified under clause (2) or (3) at the age of 64;

76.14 ~~or~~

76.15 (6) permanently disabled and meets the disability requirements for Supplemental Security
76.16 Income or Social Security aid to the disabled under United States Code, title 42, section
76.17 416, paragraph (i)(l), or section 423(d);

76.18 (7) receiving aid under the federal Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, United States Code,
76.19 title 45, section 231a(a)(1)(v); or

76.20 (8) a former employee of the United States Postal Service receiving disability pay under
76.21 United States Code, title 5, section 8337.

76.22 (b) A driver's license or Minnesota identification card bearing the applicable designation
76.23 under section 171.07, subdivision 17, serves as satisfactory evidence to obtain a license
76.24 under this subdivision at all agent locations.

76.25 Sec. 80. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.473, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

76.26 Subd. 2. **Lifetime angling license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime angling license authorizes
76.27 a person to take fish by angling in the state. The license authorizes those activities authorized
76.28 by the annual resident angling license. The license does not include a trout-and-salmon
76.29 stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or other stamps required by law.

76.30 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime angling license are:

77.1 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$304~~ \$344;

77.2 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$415~~ \$469;

77.3 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$508~~ \$574; and

77.4 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$335~~ \$379.

77.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

77.6 Sec. 81. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.473, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

77.7 Subd. 2a. **Lifetime spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime spearing license
77.8 authorizes a person to take fish by spearing in the state. The license authorizes those activities
77.9 authorized by the annual resident spearing license.

77.10 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime spearing license are:

77.11 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$77~~ \$90;

77.12 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$106~~ \$124;

77.13 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$100~~ \$117; and

77.14 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$52~~ \$61.

77.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

77.16 Sec. 82. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.473, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

77.17 Subd. 2b. **Lifetime angling and spearing license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime angling
77.18 and spearing license authorizes a person to take fish by angling or spearing in the state. The
77.19 license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling and spearing
77.20 licenses.

77.21 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime angling and spearing license are:

77.22 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$380~~ \$432;

77.23 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$509~~ \$579;

77.24 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$596~~ \$678; and

77.25 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$386~~ \$439.

77.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

78.1 Sec. 83. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.473, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

78.2 Subd. 4. **Lifetime deer-hunting license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime deer-hunting license
78.3 authorizes a person to take deer with firearms or by archery in the state. The license
78.4 authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident firearm deer-hunting license
78.5 or the annual resident archery deer-hunting license. The licensee must register and receive
78.6 tags each year that the license is used. The tags shall be issued at no charge to the licensee.

78.7 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime firearm or archery deer-hunting license are:

78.8 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$406~~ \$458;

78.9 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$538~~ \$607;

78.10 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$656~~ \$741; and

78.11 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$468~~ \$528.

78.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

78.13 Sec. 84. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.473, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

78.14 Subd. 5. **Lifetime sporting license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime sporting license authorizes
78.15 a person to take fish by angling and hunt and trap small game, other than wolves, in the
78.16 state. The license authorizes those activities authorized by the annual resident angling and
78.17 resident small-game-hunting licenses and the resident trapping license for fur-bearing
78.18 animals other than wolves. The license does not include a trout-and-salmon stamp validation,
78.19 a turkey stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or any other hunting stamps required
78.20 by law.

78.21 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime sporting license are:

78.22 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$485~~ \$522;

78.23 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$659~~ \$710;

78.24 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$864~~ \$927; and

78.25 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$560~~ \$603.

78.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

78.27 Sec. 85. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.473, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

78.28 Subd. 5a. **Lifetime sporting with spearing option license; fee.** (a) A resident lifetime
78.29 sporting with spearing option license authorizes a person to take fish by angling or spearing

79.1 and hunt and trap small game, other than wolves, in the state. The license authorizes those
79.2 activities authorized by the annual resident angling, spearing, and resident
79.3 small-game-hunting licenses and the resident trapping license for fur-bearing animals other
79.4 than wolves. The license does not include a trout-and-salmon stamp validation, a turkey
79.5 stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or any other hunting stamps required by law.

79.6 (b) The fees for a resident lifetime sporting with spearing option license are:

79.7 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$562~~ \$612;

79.8 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$765~~ \$833;

79.9 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$961~~ \$1,046; and

79.10 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$612~~ \$666.

79.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

79.12 Sec. 86. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.474, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

79.13 Subd. 2. **Nonresident lifetime angling license; fee.** (a) A nonresident lifetime angling
79.14 license authorizes a person to take fish by angling in the state. The license authorizes those
79.15 activities authorized by the annual nonresident angling license. The license does not include
79.16 a trout-and-salmon stamp validation, a walleye stamp validation, or other stamps required
79.17 by law.

79.18 (b) The fees for a nonresident lifetime angling license are:

79.19 (1) age 3 and under, ~~\$726~~ \$821;

79.20 (2) age 4 to age 15, ~~\$925~~ \$1,046;

79.21 (3) age 16 to age 50, ~~\$1,054~~ \$1,191; and

79.22 (4) age 51 and over, ~~\$702~~ \$794.

79.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

79.24 Sec. 87. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.475, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

79.25 Subd. 2. **Resident hunting.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents
79.26 only, are:

79.27 (1) for persons age 18 or over and under age 65 to take small game, \$15.50;

79.28 (2) for persons age 65 or over, \$7 to take small game;

79.29 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$26;

- 80.1 (4) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;
- 80.2 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms
80.3 season, ~~\$30~~ \$34;
- 80.4 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, ~~\$30~~ \$34;
- 80.5 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
80.6 season, ~~\$30~~ \$34;
- 80.7 (8) to take moose, for a party of not more than six persons, \$356;
- 80.8 (9) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$44;
- 80.9 (10) to take elk, for a party of not more than two persons, \$287;
- 80.10 (11) to take Canada geese during a special season, \$4;
- 80.11 (12) to take prairie chickens, \$23;
- 80.12 (13) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during the
80.13 regular firearms season, \$5;
- 80.14 (14) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;
- 80.15 (15) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by muzzleloader during
80.16 the muzzleloader season, \$5;
- 80.17 (16) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee;
- 80.18 (17) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take bear, \$5;
- 80.19 (18) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period
80.20 selected by the licensee, \$19, of which an amount equal to: one-half of the fee for the
80.21 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the
80.22 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of
80.23 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the
80.24 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half
80.25 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited in the wildlife acquisition
80.26 account;
- 80.27 (19) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take small game, \$5;
- 80.28 (20) to take wolf, \$30;
- 80.29 (21) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;
- 80.30 (22) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;

81.1 (23) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee; and

81.2 (24) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
81.3 season, no fee.

81.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

81.5 Sec. 88. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.475, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

81.6 Subd. 3. **Nonresident hunting.** (a) Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to
81.7 nonresidents, are:

81.8 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take small game, \$90.50;

81.9 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take deer with firearms during the regular firearms
81.10 season, ~~\$160~~ \$180;

81.11 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by archery, ~~\$160~~ \$180;

81.12 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
81.13 season, ~~\$160~~ \$180;

81.14 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take bear, \$225;

81.15 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take turkey, \$91;

81.16 (7) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take turkey, \$5;

81.17 (8) to take raccoon or bobcat, \$178;

81.18 (9) to take Canada geese during a special season, \$4;

81.19 (10) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer with firearms during the
81.20 regular firearms season in any open season option or time period, \$5;

81.21 (11) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer by archery, \$5;

81.22 (12) for persons age 13 or over and under age 18 to take deer during the muzzleloader
81.23 season, \$5;

81.24 (13) for persons age 13 or over and under 18 to take bear, \$5;

81.25 (14) for persons age 18 or over to take small game for a consecutive 72-hour period
81.26 selected by the licensee, \$75, of which an amount equal to: one-half of the fee for the
81.27 migratory-waterfowl stamp under subdivision 5, clause (1), shall be deposited in the
81.28 waterfowl habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 2; one-half of
81.29 the fee for the pheasant stamp under subdivision 5, clause (2), shall be deposited in the
81.30 pheasant habitat improvement account under section 97A.075, subdivision 4; and one-half

82.1 of the small-game surcharge under subdivision 4, shall be deposited into the wildlife
82.2 acquisition account;

82.3 (15) for persons age 16 or 17 to take small game, \$5;

82.4 (16) to take wolf, \$250;

82.5 (17) for persons age 12 and under to take turkey, no fee;

82.6 (18) for persons age ten, 11, or 12 to take deer by firearm, no fee;

82.7 (19) for persons age ten, 11, or 12 to take deer by archery, no fee;

82.8 (20) for persons age ten, 11, or 12 to take deer by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader
82.9 season, no fee; and

82.10 (21) for persons age 10, 11, or 12 to take bear, no fee.

82.11 (b) A \$5 surcharge shall be added to nonresident hunting licenses issued under paragraph
82.12 (a), clauses (1) to (6) and (8). An additional commission may not be assessed on this
82.13 surcharge.

82.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

82.15 Sec. 89. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.475, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

82.16 Subd. 6. **Resident fishing.** Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to residents only,
82.17 are:

82.18 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, ~~\$22~~ \$25;

82.19 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married
82.20 couple, ~~\$35~~ \$40;

82.21 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by spearing from a dark house, ~~\$5~~ \$6, and the
82.22 person must possess an angling license;

82.23 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by
82.24 the licensee, ~~\$10~~ \$12;

82.25 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a consecutive 72-hour period
82.26 selected by the licensee, ~~\$12~~ \$14;

82.27 (6) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for three consecutive years, ~~\$63~~
82.28 \$71; and

82.29 (7) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take fish by angling, \$5.

83.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

83.2 Sec. 90. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.475, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

83.3 Subd. 7. **Nonresident fishing.** (a) Fees for the following licenses, to be issued to
83.4 nonresidents, are:

83.5 (1) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling, ~~\$40~~ \$46;

83.6 (2) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling limited to seven consecutive days
83.7 selected by the licensee, ~~\$33~~ \$38;

83.8 (3) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a consecutive 72-hour period
83.9 selected by the licensee, ~~\$27~~ \$31;

83.10 (4) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a combined license for a family
83.11 for one or both parents and dependent children under the age of 16, ~~\$55~~ \$63;

83.12 (5) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by angling for a 24-hour period selected by
83.13 the licensee, ~~\$12~~ \$14;

83.14 (6) to take fish by angling for a combined license for a married couple, limited to 14
83.15 consecutive days selected by one of the licensees, ~~\$43~~ \$49;

83.16 (7) for persons age 18 or over to take fish by spearing from a dark house, ~~\$10~~ \$12, and
83.17 the person must possess an angling license; and

83.18 (8) for persons age 16 or over and under age 18 to take fish by angling, \$5.

83.19 (b) A \$5 surcharge shall be added to all nonresident fishing licenses, except licenses
83.20 issued under paragraph (a), clauses (5) and (8). An additional commission may not be
83.21 assessed on this surcharge.

83.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

83.23 Sec. 91. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.475, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

83.24 Subd. 8. **Minnesota sporting; supersports.** (a) The commissioner shall issue Minnesota
83.25 sporting licenses to residents only. The licensee may take fish by angling and small game.
83.26 The fee for the license is:

83.27 (1) for an individual, ~~\$31.50~~ \$34.50; and

83.28 (2) for a combined license for a married couple to take fish and for one spouse to take
83.29 small game, ~~\$45.50~~ \$50.50.

84.1 (b) The commissioner shall issue Minnesota supersports licenses to residents only. The
84.2 licensee may take fish by angling, including trout; small game, including pheasant and
84.3 waterfowl; and deer by firearms or muzzleloader or by archery. The fee for the supersports
84.4 license, including all required stamp validations is:

84.5 (1) for an individual age 18 or over, ~~\$86.50~~ \$93.50; and

84.6 (2) for a combined license for a married couple to take fish, including the
84.7 trout-and-salmon stamp validation, and for one spouse to take small game, including pheasant
84.8 and waterfowl, and deer, ~~\$110.50~~ \$119.50.

84.9 (c) Revenue for the stamp endorsements under paragraph (b) shall be deposited according
84.10 to section 97A.075, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4.

84.11 (d) Revenue for the deer license endorsement under paragraph (b) shall be deposited
84.12 according to section 97A.075, subdivision 1.

84.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

84.14 Sec. 92. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.475, subdivision 45, is amended to read:

84.15 Subd. 45. **Camp Ripley archery deer hunt.** The application fee for the Camp Ripley
84.16 archery deer hunt is ~~\$12~~ \$14.

84.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

84.18 Sec. 93. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97C.081, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

84.19 Subd. 3. **Contests requiring a permit.** (a) Unless subdivision 3a applies, a person must
84.20 have a permit from the commissioner to conduct a fishing contest if:

84.21 (1) there are more than 25 boats for open water contests, more than 150 participants for
84.22 ice fishing contests, or more than 100 participants for shore fishing contests;

84.23 (2) entry fees are more than \$25 per person; or

84.24 (3) the contest is limited to trout species.

84.25 (b) The commissioner shall charge a fee for the permit that recovers the costs of issuing
84.26 the permit and of monitoring the activities allowed by the permit. Notwithstanding section
84.27 16A.1283, the commissioner may, by written order published in the State Register, establish
84.28 contest permit fees. The fees are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 and
84.29 section 14.386 does not apply.

85.1 (c) The commissioner may require the applicant to furnish evidence of financial
 85.2 responsibility in the form of a surety bond or bank letter of credit in the amount of \$25,000
 85.3 if entry fees are over \$25 per person, or total prizes are valued at more than \$25,000, and
 85.4 if the applicant has either:

85.5 (1) not previously conducted a fishing contest requiring a permit under this subdivision;
 85.6 or

85.7 (2) ever failed to make required prize awards in a fishing contest conducted by the
 85.8 applicant.

85.9 (d) The permit fee for any individual contest may not exceed the following amounts:

85.10 (1) ~~\$60~~ \$70 for an open water contest not exceeding 50 boats and without off-site
 85.11 weigh-in;

85.12 (2) ~~\$200~~ \$225 for an open water contest with more than 50 boats and without off-site
 85.13 weigh-in;

85.14 (3) ~~\$250~~ \$280 for an open water contest not exceeding 50 boats with off-site weigh-in;

85.15 (4) ~~\$500~~ \$560 for an open water contest with more than 50 boats with off-site weigh-in;

85.16 or

85.17 (5) ~~\$120~~ \$135 for an ice fishing contest with more than 150 participants.

85.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective March 1, 2018.

85.19 Sec. 94. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.031, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

85.20 Subd. 6. **Scopes; ~~age 60 or over~~.** A person ~~age 60 or over~~ may use a muzzleloader with
 85.21 a scope to take deer during the muzzleloader season. The scope may have magnification
 85.22 capabilities.

85.23 Sec. 95. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.071, is amended to read:

85.24 **97B.071 BLAZE ORANGE CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS; BLAZE ORANGE**
 85.25 **OR BLAZE PINK.**

85.26 (a) Except as provided in rules adopted under paragraph (c), a person may not hunt or
 85.27 trap during the open season where deer may be taken by firearms under applicable laws and
 85.28 ordinances, unless the visible portion of the person's cap and outer clothing above the waist,
 85.29 excluding sleeves and gloves, is blaze orange or blaze pink. Blaze orange or blaze pink
 85.30 includes a camouflage pattern of at least 50 percent blaze orange or blaze pink within each

86.1 foot square. This section does not apply to migratory-waterfowl hunters on waters of this
86.2 state or in a stationary shooting location or to trappers on waters of this state.

86.3 (b) Except as provided in rules adopted under paragraph (c), and in addition to the
86.4 requirement in paragraph (a), a person may not take small game other than turkey, migratory
86.5 birds, raccoons, and predators, except while trapping, unless a visible portion of at least one
86.6 article of the person's clothing above the waist is blaze orange or blaze pink. This paragraph
86.7 does not apply to a person when in a stationary location while hunting deer by archery or
86.8 when hunting small game by falconry.

86.9 (c) The commissioner may, by rule, prescribe an alternative color in cases where
86.10 paragraph (a) or (b) would violate the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, Public
86.11 Law 103-141.

86.12 (d) A violation of paragraph (b) shall not result in a penalty, but is punishable only by
86.13 a safety warning.

86.14 Sec. 96. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.405, is amended to read:

86.15 **97B.405 COMMISSIONER MAY LIMIT NUMBER OF BEAR HUNTERS.**

86.16 (a) The commissioner may limit the number of persons that may hunt bear in an area,
86.17 if it is necessary to prevent an overharvest or improve the distribution of hunters. The
86.18 commissioner may establish, by rule, a method, including a drawing, to impartially select
86.19 the hunters for an area. The commissioner shall give preference to hunters that have
86.20 previously applied and have not been selected.

86.21 (b) If the commissioner limits the number of persons that may hunt bear in an area under
86.22 paragraph (a), the commissioner must reserve one permit and give first preference for that
86.23 permit to a resident of a Minnesota veterans home.

86.24 ~~(b)~~ (c) A person selected through a drawing must purchase a license by August 1. Any
86.25 remaining available licenses not purchased shall be issued to any eligible person as prescribed
86.26 by the commissioner on a first-come, first-served basis beginning three business days after
86.27 August 1.

86.28 Sec. 97. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.431, is amended to read:

86.29 **97B.431 BEAR-HUNTING OUTFITTERS.**

86.30 (a) A person may not place bait for bear, or guide hunters to take bear, for compensation
86.31 without a bear-hunting-outfitter license. A bear-hunting outfitter is not required to have a

87.1 license to take bear unless the outfitter is attempting to shoot a bear. The commissioner
87.2 shall adopt rules for qualifications for issuance and administration of the licenses.

87.3 (b) The commissioner shall establish a resident master bear-hunting-outfitter license
87.4 under which one person serves as the bear-hunting outfitter and one other person is eligible
87.5 to guide and bait bear. Additional persons may be added to the license and are eligible to
87.6 guide and bait bear under the license, provided the additional fee under section 97A.475,
87.7 subdivision 16, is paid for each person added. The commissioner shall adopt rules for
87.8 qualifications for issuance and administration of the licenses. The commissioner must not
87.9 require a person to have certification or training in first aid or CPR to be eligible for a license
87.10 under this section.

87.11 Sec. 98. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.516, is amended to read:

87.12 **97B.516 ELK MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

87.13 (a) The commissioner of natural resources must adopt an elk management plan that:

87.14 (1) recognizes the value and uniqueness of elk;

87.15 (2) provides for integrated management of an elk population in harmony with the
87.16 environment; and

87.17 (3) affords optimum recreational opportunities.

87.18 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner must not manage an elk herd in
87.19 Kittson, Roseau, Marshall, or Beltrami Counties in a manner that would increase the size
87.20 of the herd, including adoption or implementation of an elk management plan designed to
87.21 increase an elk herd, unless the commissioner of agriculture verifies that crop and fence
87.22 damages paid under section 3.7371 and attributed to the herd have not increased for at least
87.23 two years.

87.24 (c) At least 60 days prior to implementing a plan to increase an elk herd, the
87.25 commissioners of natural resources and agriculture must hold a joint public meeting in the
87.26 county where the elk herd to be increased is located. At the meeting, the commissioners
87.27 must present evidence that crop and fence damages have not increased in the prior two years
87.28 and must detail the practices that will be used to reduce elk conflicts with area landowners.

87.29 Sec. 99. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97B.655, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

87.30 Subdivision 1. **Owners and occupants may take certain animals.** A person or the
87.31 person's agent may take bats, snakes, salamanders, lizards, weasel, mink, squirrel, rabbit,

88.1 hare, raccoon, bobcat, fox, opossum, muskrat, or beaver on land owned or occupied by the
88.2 person where the animal is causing damage. The person or the person's agent may take the
88.3 animal without a license and in any manner except by ~~poison, or~~ artificial lights in the closed
88.4 season or by poison. Raccoons may be taken under this subdivision with artificial lights
88.5 during open season. A person ~~that~~ or the person's agent who kills mink, raccoon, bobcat,
88.6 fox, opossum, muskrat, or beaver under this subdivision must notify a conservation officer
88.7 or employee of the Fish and Wildlife Division within 24 hours after the animal is killed.

88.8 Sec. 100. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97C.355, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

88.9 Subd. 2a. **Portable shelters.** (a) A person using a portable shelter that is not identified
88.10 under subdivision 1 may not leave the portable shelter unattended between midnight and
88.11 sunrise and must remain within 200 feet of the shelter while the shelter is on the ice of state
88.12 waters.

88.13 (b) If a person leaves the portable shelter unattended any time between midnight and
88.14 one hour before sunrise or is not within 200 feet of the portable shelter, the portable shelter
88.15 must be licensed as provided under subdivision 2.

88.16 Sec. 101. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97C.401, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

88.17 Subd. 2. **Walleye; northern pike.** (a) ~~Except as provided in paragraph (b),~~ A person
88.18 may have no more than one walleye larger than 20 inches ~~and one northern pike larger than~~
88.19 ~~30 inches~~ in possession. This subdivision does not apply to boundary waters.

88.20 (b) ~~The restrictions in paragraph (a) do not apply to boundary waters.~~

88.21 Sec. 102. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97C.501, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

88.22 Subdivision 1. **Minnow retailers.** (a) A person may not be a minnow retailer without
88.23 a minnow retailer license except as provided in subdivisions 2, paragraph (d), and 3. A
88.24 person must purchase a minnow retailer license for each minnow retail outlet operated,
88.25 except as provided by subdivision 2, paragraph (d).

88.26 (b) A minnow retailer must obtain a minnow retailer's vehicle license for each motor
88.27 vehicle used by the minnow retailer to transport more than 12 dozen minnows to the minnow
88.28 retailer's place of business, ~~except as provided in subdivision 3.~~ A minnow retailer is not
88.29 required to obtain a minnow retailer's vehicle license;

88.30 (1) as provided in subdivision 3;

89.1 (2) if the minnow retailer is licensed as a resort under section 157.16, is transporting
89.2 minnows purchased from a minnow dealer's place of business directly to the resort, possesses
89.3 a detailed receipt, including the date and time of purchase, and presents the receipt and
89.4 minnows for inspection upon request; or

89.5 (3) if minnows are being transported by common carrier and information is provided
89.6 that allows the commissioner to find out the location of the shipment in the state.

89.7 Sec. 103. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97C.701, is amended by adding a subdivision
89.8 to read:

89.9 Subd. 7. **Harvesting mussel shells.** Live mussels may not be harvested. A person
89.10 possessing a valid resident or nonresident angling license or a person not required to have
89.11 an angling license to take fish may take and possess at any time, for personal use only, not
89.12 more than 24 whole shells or 48 shell halves of dead freshwater mussels. Mussel shells may
89.13 be harvested in waters of the state where fish may be taken by angling. Mussel shells must
89.14 be harvested by hand-picking only and may not be purchased or sold.

89.15 Sec. 104. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103F.411, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

89.16 Subdivision 1. **Authority.** The Board of Water and Soil Resources, in consultation with
89.17 counties, soil and water conservation districts, and other appropriate agencies, shall adopt
89.18 a model ordinance and rules that serve as a guide for local governments that have adopted
89.19 a soil loss ordinance to implement sections 103F.401 to 103F.455 and provide administrative
89.20 procedures for the board for sections 103F.401 to 103F.455.

89.21 Sec. 105. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103F.48, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

89.22 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have
89.23 the meanings given them.

89.24 (b) "Board" means the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

89.25 (c) "Buffer" means an area consisting of perennial vegetation, excluding invasive plants
89.26 and noxious weeds, adjacent to all bodies of water within the state and that protects the
89.27 water resources of the state from runoff pollution; stabilizes soils, shores, and banks; and
89.28 protects or provides riparian corridors.

89.29 (d) "Buffer protection map" means buffer maps established and maintained by the
89.30 commissioner of natural resources.

89.31 (e) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources.

90.1 (f) "Executive director" means the executive director of the Board of Water and Soil
 90.2 Resources.

90.3 (g) "Local water management authority" means a watershed district, metropolitan water
 90.4 management organization, or county operating separately or jointly in its role as local water
 90.5 management authority under chapter 103B or 103D.

90.6 (h) "Normal water level" means the level evidenced by the long-term presence of surface
 90.7 water as indicated directly by hydrophytic plants or hydric soils or indirectly determined
 90.8 via hydrological models or analysis.

90.9 (i) "Public waters" ~~has the meaning given in section 103G.005, subdivision 15. The term~~
 90.10 means public waters as used in this section applies to waters that are on the public waters
 90.11 inventory as provided in section 103G.201.

90.12 (j) "With jurisdiction" means a ~~board determination that the county or watershed district~~
 90.13 that has adopted a rule, ordinance, or official controls providing procedures for the issuance
 90.14 of administrative penalty orders, enforcement, and appeals for purposes of this section and
 90.15 section 103B.101, subdivision 12a that has notified the board.

90.16 Sec. 106. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103F.48, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

90.17 Subd. 3. **Water resources riparian protection requirements on public waters and**
 90.18 **public drainage systems.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), landowners owning
 90.19 property adjacent to a water body identified and mapped on a buffer protection map must
 90.20 maintain a buffer to protect the state's water resources as follows:

90.21 (1) for all public waters, the more restrictive of:

90.22 (i) a 50-foot average width, 30-foot minimum width, continuous buffer of perennially
 90.23 rooted vegetation; or

90.24 (ii) the state shoreland standards and criteria adopted by the commissioner under section
 90.25 103F.211; and

90.26 (2) for public drainage systems established under chapter 103E , a 16.5-foot minimum
 90.27 width continuous buffer as provided in section 103E.021, subdivision 1. The buffer vegetation
 90.28 shall not impede future maintenance of the ditch.

90.29 (b) A landowner owning property adjacent to a water body identified in a buffer protection
 90.30 map and whose property is used for cultivation farming may meet the requirements under
 90.31 paragraph (a) by adopting an alternative riparian water quality practice, or combination of
 90.32 structural, vegetative, and management practices, based on the Natural Resources

91.1 Conservation Service Field Office Technical Guide or other practices approved by the
 91.2 board, or a practice based on local conditions approved by the local soil and water
 91.3 conservation district board that provide water quality protection comparable to the buffer
 91.4 protection for the water body that the property abuts. Included in these practices are retention
 91.5 ponds and alternative measures that prevent overland flow to the water resource.

91.6 (c) The width of a buffer on public waters must be measured from the top or crown of
 91.7 the bank. Where there is no defined bank, measurement must be from the edge of the normal
 91.8 water level. The width of the buffer on public drainage systems must be measured as provided
 91.9 in section 103E.021, subdivision 1.

91.10 (d) Upon request by a landowner or authorized agent or operator of a landowner, a
 91.11 technical professional employee or contractor of the soil and water conservation district or
 91.12 its delegate may issue a validation of compliance with the requirements of this subdivision.
 91.13 The soil and water conservation district validation may be appealed to the board as described
 91.14 in subdivision 9.

91.15 (e) Buffers or alternative water quality practices required under paragraph (a) or (b)
 91.16 must be in place on or before:

91.17 ~~(1) November 1, 2017, for public waters; and~~

91.18 ~~(2) November 1, 2018, for public drainage systems.~~

91.19 (f) Nothing in this section limits the eligibility of a landowner or authorized agent or
 91.20 operator of a landowner to participate in federal or state conservation programs, including
 91.21 enrolling or reenrolling in federal conservation programs.

91.22 (g) After the effective date of this section, a person planting buffers or water quality
 91.23 protection practices to meet the requirements in paragraph (a) must use only seed mixes
 91.24 that are certified to be free of Palmer amaranth or other noxious weed seeds. The board, a
 91.25 county, or a watershed district must not take corrective action under subdivision 7 against
 91.26 a landowner who does not have seed available to comply with this paragraph.

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

91.28 Sec. 107. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.005, is amended by adding a subdivision
 91.29 to read:

91.30 **Subd. 8a. Constructed management facilities for storm water.** "Constructed
 91.31 management facilities for storm water" means ponds, basins, holding tanks, cisterns,
 91.32 infiltration trenches and swales, or other best management practices that have been designed,

92.1 constructed, and operated to store or treat storm water in accordance with local, state, or
 92.2 federal requirements.

92.3 Sec. 108. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.005, subdivision 10b, is amended to
 92.4 read:

92.5 Subd. 10b. **Greater than 80 percent area.** "Greater than 80 percent area" means a
 92.6 county ~~or~~₂ watershed, or, for purposes of wetland replacement, bank service area where 80
 92.7 percent or more of the presettlement wetland acreage is intact and:

92.8 (1) ten percent or more of the current total land area is wetland; or

92.9 (2) 50 percent or more of the current total land area is state or federal land.

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

92.11 Sec. 109. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.005, subdivision 10h, is amended to
 92.12 read:

92.13 Subd. 10h. **Less than 50 percent area.** "Less than 50 percent area" means a county ~~or~~₂
 92.14 watershed, or, for purposes of wetland replacement, bank service area with less than 50
 92.15 percent of the presettlement wetland acreage intact or any county ~~or~~₂ watershed, or bank
 92.16 service area not defined as a "greater than 80 percent area" or "50 to 80 percent area."

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

92.18 Sec. 110. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.222, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

92.19 Subdivision 1. **Requirements.** (a) Wetlands must not be drained or filled, wholly or
 92.20 partially, unless replaced by actions that provide at least equal public value under a
 92.21 replacement plan approved as provided in section 103G.2242, a replacement plan under a
 92.22 local governmental unit's comprehensive wetland protection and management plan approved
 92.23 by the board under section 103G.2243, or, if a permit to mine is required under section
 92.24 93.481, under a mining reclamation plan approved by the commissioner under the permit
 92.25 to mine. Project-specific wetland replacement plans submitted as part of a project for which
 92.26 a permit to mine is required and approved by the commissioner on or after July 1, 1991,
 92.27 may include surplus wetland credits to be allocated by the commissioner to offset future
 92.28 mining-related wetland impacts under any permits to mine held by the permittee, the operator,
 92.29 the permittee's or operator's parent, an affiliated subsidiary, or an assignee pursuant to an
 92.30 assignment under section 93.481, subdivision 5. For project-specific wetland replacement
 92.31 completed prior to wetland impacts authorized or conducted under a permit to mine within

93.1 the Great Lakes and Rainy River watershed basins, those basins shall be considered a single
93.2 watershed for purposes of determining wetland replacement ratios. Mining reclamation
93.3 plans shall apply the same principles and standards for replacing wetlands that are applicable
93.4 to mitigation plans approved as provided in section 103G.2242. The commissioner must
93.5 provide notice of an application for wetland replacement under a permit to mine to the
93.6 county in which the impact is proposed and the county in which a mitigation site is proposed.
93.7 Public value must be determined in accordance with section 103B.3355 or a comprehensive
93.8 wetland protection and management plan established under section 103G.2243. Sections
93.9 103G.221 to 103G.2372 also apply to excavation in permanently and semipermanently
93.10 flooded areas of types 3, 4, and 5 wetlands.

93.11 (b) Replacement must be guided by the following principles in descending order of
93.12 priority:

93.13 (1) avoiding the direct or indirect impact of the activity that may destroy or diminish
93.14 the wetland;

93.15 (2) minimizing the impact by limiting the degree or magnitude of the wetland activity
93.16 and its implementation;

93.17 (3) rectifying the impact by repairing, rehabilitating, or restoring the affected wetland
93.18 environment;

93.19 (4) reducing or eliminating the impact over time by preservation and maintenance
93.20 operations during the life of the activity;

93.21 (5) compensating for the impact by restoring a wetland; and

93.22 (6) compensating for the impact by replacing or providing substitute wetland resources
93.23 or environments.

93.24 For a project involving the draining or filling of wetlands in an amount not exceeding
93.25 10,000 square feet more than the applicable amount in section 103G.2241, subdivision 9,
93.26 paragraph (a), the local government unit may make an on-site sequencing determination
93.27 without a written alternatives analysis from the applicant.

93.28 (c) If a wetland is located in a cultivated field, then replacement must be accomplished
93.29 through restoration only without regard to the priority order in paragraph (b), provided that
93.30 the altered wetland is not converted to a nonagricultural use for at least ten years.

93.31 (d) If a wetland is replaced under paragraph (c), or drained under section 103G.2241,
93.32 subdivision 2, paragraph (b) or (e), the local government unit may require a deed restriction
93.33 that prohibits nonagricultural use for at least ten years. The local government unit may

94.1 require the deed restriction if it determines the wetland area drained is at risk of conversion
94.2 to a nonagricultural use within ten years based on the zoning classification, proximity to a
94.3 municipality or full service road, or other criteria as determined by the local government
94.4 unit.

94.5 (e) Restoration and replacement of wetlands must be accomplished in accordance with
94.6 the ecology of the landscape area affected and ponds that are created primarily to fulfill
94.7 storm water management, and water quality treatment requirements may not be used to
94.8 satisfy replacement requirements under this chapter unless the design includes pretreatment
94.9 of runoff and the pond is functioning as a wetland.

94.10 (f) Except as provided in paragraph (g), for a wetland or public waters wetland located
94.11 on nonagricultural land, replacement must be in the ratio of two acres of replaced wetland
94.12 for each acre of drained or filled wetland.

94.13 (g) For a wetland or public waters wetland located on agricultural land or in a greater
94.14 than 80 percent area, replacement must be in the ratio of one acre of replaced wetland for
94.15 each acre of drained or filled wetland.

94.16 (h) Wetlands that are restored or created as a result of an approved replacement plan are
94.17 subject to the provisions of this section for any subsequent drainage or filling.

94.18 (i) Except in a greater than 80 percent area, only wetlands that have been restored from
94.19 previously drained or filled wetlands, wetlands created by excavation in nonwetlands,
94.20 wetlands created by dikes or dams along public or private drainage ditches, or wetlands
94.21 created by dikes or dams associated with the restoration of previously drained or filled
94.22 wetlands may be used for wetland replacement according to rules adopted under section
94.23 103G.2242, subdivision 1. Modification or conversion of nondegraded naturally occurring
94.24 wetlands from one type to another are not eligible for wetland replacement.

94.25 (j) The Technical Evaluation Panel established under section 103G.2242, subdivision
94.26 2, shall ensure that sufficient time has occurred for the wetland to develop wetland
94.27 characteristics of soils, vegetation, and hydrology before recommending that the wetland
94.28 be deposited in the statewide wetland bank. If the Technical Evaluation Panel has reason
94.29 to believe that the wetland characteristics may change substantially, the panel shall postpone
94.30 its recommendation until the wetland has stabilized.

94.31 (k) This section and sections 103G.223 to 103G.2242, 103G.2364, and 103G.2365 apply
94.32 to the state and its departments and agencies.

95.1 (l) For projects involving draining or filling of wetlands associated with a new public
95.2 transportation project, and for projects expanded solely for additional traffic capacity, public
95.3 transportation authorities may purchase credits from the board at the cost to the board to
95.4 establish credits. Proceeds from the sale of credits provided under this paragraph are
95.5 appropriated to the board for the purposes of this paragraph. For the purposes of this
95.6 paragraph, "transportation project" does not include an airport project.

95.7 (m) A replacement plan for wetlands is not required for individual projects that result
95.8 in the filling or draining of wetlands for the repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or
95.9 replacement of a currently serviceable existing state, city, county, or town public road
95.10 necessary, as determined by the public transportation authority, to meet state or federal
95.11 design or safety standards or requirements, excluding new roads or roads expanded solely
95.12 for additional traffic capacity lanes. This paragraph only applies to authorities for public
95.13 transportation projects that:

95.14 (1) minimize the amount of wetland filling or draining associated with the project and
95.15 consider mitigating important site-specific wetland functions on site;

95.16 (2) except as provided in clause (3), submit project-specific reports to the board, the
95.17 Technical Evaluation Panel, the commissioner of natural resources, and members of the
95.18 public requesting a copy at least 30 days prior to construction that indicate the location,
95.19 amount, and type of wetlands to be filled or drained by the project or, alternatively, convene
95.20 an annual meeting of the parties required to receive notice to review projects to be
95.21 commenced during the upcoming year; and

95.22 (3) for minor and emergency maintenance work impacting less than 10,000 square feet,
95.23 submit project-specific reports, within 30 days of commencing the activity, to the board
95.24 that indicate the location, amount, and type of wetlands that have been filled or drained.

95.25 Those required to receive notice of public transportation projects may appeal
95.26 minimization, delineation, and on-site mitigation decisions made by the public transportation
95.27 authority to the board according to the provisions of section 103G.2242, subdivision 9. The
95.28 Technical Evaluation Panel shall review minimization and delineation decisions made by
95.29 the public transportation authority and provide recommendations regarding on-site mitigation
95.30 if requested to do so by the local government unit, a contiguous landowner, or a member
95.31 of the Technical Evaluation Panel.

95.32 Except for state public transportation projects, for which the state Department of
95.33 Transportation is responsible, the board must replace the wetlands, and wetland areas of

96.1 public waters if authorized by the commissioner or a delegated authority, drained or filled
96.2 by public transportation projects on existing roads.

96.3 Public transportation authorities at their discretion may deviate from federal and state
96.4 design standards on existing road projects when practical and reasonable to avoid wetland
96.5 filling or draining, provided that public safety is not unreasonably compromised. The local
96.6 road authority and its officers and employees are exempt from liability for any tort claim
96.7 for injury to persons or property arising from travel on the highway and related to the
96.8 deviation from the design standards for construction or reconstruction under this paragraph.
96.9 This paragraph does not preclude an action for damages arising from negligence in
96.10 construction or maintenance on a highway.

96.11 (n) If a landowner seeks approval of a replacement plan after the proposed project has
96.12 already affected the wetland, the local government unit may require the landowner to replace
96.13 the affected wetland at a ratio not to exceed twice the replacement ratio otherwise required.

96.14 (o) A local government unit may request the board to reclassify a county or watershed
96.15 on the basis of its percentage of presettlement wetlands remaining. After receipt of
96.16 satisfactory documentation from the local government, the board shall change the
96.17 classification of a county or watershed. If requested by the local government unit, the board
96.18 must assist in developing the documentation. Within 30 days of its action to approve a
96.19 change of wetland classifications, the board shall publish a notice of the change in the
96.20 Environmental Quality Board Monitor.

96.21 (p) One hundred citizens who reside within the jurisdiction of the local government unit
96.22 may request the local government unit to reclassify a county or watershed on the basis of
96.23 its percentage of presettlement wetlands remaining. In support of their petition, the citizens
96.24 shall provide satisfactory documentation to the local government unit. The local government
96.25 unit shall consider the petition and forward the request to the board under paragraph (o) or
96.26 provide a reason why the petition is denied.

96.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 1991.

96.28 Sec. 111. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.222, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

96.29 Subd. 3. **Wetland replacement siting.** (a) ~~Impacted wetlands in a 50 to~~ Impacted
96.30 wetlands outside of a greater than 80 percent area must not be replaced in a 50 to greater
96.31 than 80 percent area or in a less than 50 percent area. ~~Impacted wetlands in a less than 50~~
96.32 ~~percent area must be replaced in a less than 50 percent area.~~ All wetland replacement must
96.33 follow this priority order:

97.1 (1) ~~on-site or~~ in the same minor watershed as the impacted wetland;

97.2 (2) in the same watershed as the impacted wetland;

97.3 (3) in the same ~~county or~~ wetland bank service area as the impacted wetland; and

97.4 (4) in another wetland bank service area.

97.5 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), wetland banking credits approved according to a
97.6 complete wetland banking application submitted to a local government unit by April 1,
97.7 1996, may be used to replace wetland impacts resulting from public transportation projects
97.8 statewide.

97.9 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), the priority order for replacement
97.10 by wetland banking begins at paragraph (a), clause (3), according to rules adopted under
97.11 section 103G.2242, subdivision 1.

97.12 (d) When reasonable, practicable, and environmentally beneficial replacement
97.13 opportunities are not available in siting priorities listed in paragraph (a), the applicant may
97.14 seek opportunities at the next level.

97.15 (e) For the purposes of this section, "reasonable, practicable, and environmentally
97.16 beneficial replacement opportunities" are defined as opportunities that:

97.17 (1) take advantage of naturally occurring hydrogeomorphological conditions and require
97.18 minimal landscape alteration;

97.19 (2) have a high likelihood of becoming a functional wetland that will continue in
97.20 perpetuity;

97.21 (3) do not adversely affect other habitat types or ecological communities that are
97.22 important in maintaining the overall biological diversity of the area; and

97.23 (4) are available and capable of being done after taking into consideration cost, existing
97.24 technology, and logistics consistent with overall project purposes.

97.25 (f) Regulatory agencies, local government units, and other entities involved in wetland
97.26 restoration shall collaborate to identify potential replacement opportunities within their
97.27 jurisdictional areas.

97.28 (g) The board must establish wetland replacement ratios and wetland bank service area
97.29 priorities to implement the siting and targeting of wetland replacement and encourage the
97.30 use of high priority areas for wetland replacement.

98.1 (h) Wetland replacement sites identified in accordance with the priority order for
98.2 replacement siting in paragraph (a) as part of the completion of an adequate environmental
98.3 impact statement may be approved for a replacement plan under section 93.481, 103G.2242,
98.4 or 103G.2243 without further modification related to the priority order, notwithstanding
98.5 availability of new mitigation sites or availability of credits after completion of an adequate
98.6 environmental impact statement. Wetland replacement plan applications must be submitted
98.7 within one year of the adequacy determination of the environmental impact statement to be
98.8 eligible for approval under this paragraph.

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

98.10 Sec. 112. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.223, is amended to read:

98.11 **103G.223 CALCAREOUS FENS.**

98.12 (a) Calcareous fens, as identified by the commissioner by written order published in the
98.13 State Register, may not be filled, drained, or otherwise degraded, wholly or partially, by
98.14 any activity, unless the commissioner, under an approved management plan, decides some
98.15 alteration is necessary. Identifications made by the commissioner are not subject to the
98.16 rulemaking provisions of chapter 14 and section 14.386 does not apply.

98.17 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner may allow water appropriations
98.18 that result in temporary reductions in groundwater resources on a seasonal basis under an
98.19 approved calcareous fen management plan.

98.20 Sec. 113. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.2242, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

98.21 Subdivision 1. **Rules.** (a) The board, in consultation with the commissioner, shall adopt
98.22 rules governing the approval of wetland value replacement plans under this section and
98.23 public-waters-work permits affecting public waters wetlands under section 103G.245. These
98.24 rules must address the criteria, procedure, timing, and location of acceptable replacement
98.25 of wetland values and may address the state establishment and administration of a wetland
98.26 banking program for public and private projects, including provisions for an in-lieu fee
98.27 program; the administrative, monitoring, and enforcement procedures to be used; and a
98.28 procedure for the review and appeal of decisions under this section. In the case of peatlands,
98.29 the replacement plan rules must consider the impact on carbon. Any in-lieu fee program
98.30 established by the board must conform with Code of Federal Regulations, title 33, section
98.31 332.8, as amended.

99.1 (b) After the adoption of the rules, a replacement plan must be approved by a resolution
99.2 of the governing body of the local government unit, consistent with the provisions of the
99.3 rules or a comprehensive wetland protection and management plan approved under section
99.4 103G.2243.

99.5 (c) If the local government unit fails to apply the rules, or fails to implement a local
99.6 comprehensive wetland protection and management plan established under section
99.7 103G.2243, the government unit is subject to penalty as determined by the board.

99.8 (d) When making a determination under rules adopted pursuant to this subdivision on
99.9 whether a rare natural community will be permanently adversely affected, consideration of
99.10 measures to mitigate any adverse effect on the community must be considered.

99.11 Sec. 114. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.2242, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

99.12 Subd. 2. **Evaluation.** (a) Questions concerning the public value, location, size, or type
99.13 of a wetland shall be submitted to and determined by a Technical Evaluation Panel after an
99.14 on-site inspection. The Technical Evaluation Panel shall be composed of a technical
99.15 professional employee of the board, a technical professional employee of the local soil and
99.16 water conservation district or districts, a technical professional with expertise in water
99.17 resources management appointed by the local government unit, and a technical professional
99.18 employee of the Department of Natural Resources for projects affecting public waters or
99.19 wetlands adjacent to public waters. The panel shall use the "United States Army Corps of
99.20 Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual" (January 1987), including updates, supplementary
99.21 guidance, and replacements, if any, "Wetlands of the United States" (United States Fish and
99.22 Wildlife Service Circular 39, 1971 edition), and "Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater
99.23 Habitats of the United States" (1979 edition). The panel shall provide the wetland
99.24 determination and recommendations on other technical matters to the local government unit
99.25 that must approve a replacement plan, sequencing, exemption determination, no-loss
99.26 determination, or wetland boundary or type determination and may recommend approval
99.27 or denial of the plan. The authority must consider and include the decision of the Technical
99.28 Evaluation Panel in their approval or denial of a plan or determination.

99.29 (b) A member of the Technical Evaluation Panel that has a financial interest in a wetland
99.30 bank or management responsibility to sell or make recommendations in their official capacity
99.31 to sell credits from a publicly owned wetland bank must disclose that interest, in writing,
99.32 to the Technical Evaluation Panel and the local government unit.

100.1 ~~(b)~~ (c) Persons conducting wetland or public waters boundary delineations or type
100.2 determinations are exempt from the requirements of chapter 326. The board may develop
100.3 a professional wetland delineator certification program.

100.4 ~~(e)~~ (d) The board must establish an interagency team to assist in identifying and evaluating
100.5 potential wetland replacement sites. The team must consist of members of the Technical
100.6 Evaluation Panel and representatives from the Department of Natural Resources; the Pollution
100.7 Control Agency; the United States Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul district; and other
100.8 organizations as determined by the board.

100.9 Sec. 115. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.2372, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

100.10 Subdivision 1. **Authority; orders.** (a) The commissioner of natural resources,
100.11 conservation officers, and peace officers shall enforce laws preserving and protecting
100.12 groundwater quantity, wetlands, and public waters. The commissioner of natural resources,
100.13 a conservation officer, or a peace officer may issue a cease and desist order to stop any
100.14 illegal activity adversely affecting groundwater quantity, a wetland, or public waters.

100.15 (b) In the order, or by separate order, the commissioner, conservation officer, or peace
100.16 officer may require restoration or replacement of the wetland or public waters, as determined
100.17 by the local soil and water conservation district for wetlands and the commissioner of natural
100.18 resources for public waters. Restoration or replacement orders may be recorded or filed in
100.19 the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles, as appropriate, in the county where
100.20 the real property is located by the commissioner of natural resources, conservation officers,
100.21 or peace officers as a deed restriction on the property that runs with the land and is binding
100.22 on the owners, successors, and assigns until the conditions of the order are met or the order
100.23 is rescinded. Notwithstanding section 386.77, the agency shall pay the applicable filing fee
100.24 for any document filed under this section.

100.25 (c) If a court has ruled that there has not been a violation of the restoration or replacement
100.26 order, an order may not be recorded or filed under this section.

100.27 (d) The commissioner must remove a deed restriction filed or recorded under this section
100.28 on homesteaded property if the owner requests that it be removed and a court has found
100.29 that the owner of the property is not guilty or that there has not been a violation of the
100.30 restoration or replacement order. Within 30 days of receiving the request for removal from
100.31 the owner, the commissioner must contact, in writing, the office of the county recorder or
100.32 registrar of titles where the order is recorded or filed, along with all applicable fees, and
100.33 have the order removed. Within 30 days of receiving notification from the office of the
100.34 county recorder or registrar of titles that the order has been removed, the commissioner

101.1 must inform the owner that the order has been removed and provide the owner with a copy
101.2 of any documentation provided by the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles.

101.3 Sec. 116. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.271, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

101.4 Subdivision 1. **Permit required.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the state, a
101.5 person, partnership, or association, private or public corporation, county, municipality, or
101.6 other political subdivision of the state may not appropriate or use waters of the state without
101.7 a water-use permit from the commissioner.

101.8 (b) This section does not apply to the following water uses:

101.9 (1) use for a water supply by less than 25 persons for domestic purposes, except as
101.10 required by the commissioner under section 103G.287, subdivision 4, paragraph (b)-₂

101.11 (2) nonconsumptive diversion of a surface water of the state from its natural channel for
101.12 the production of hydroelectric or hydromechanical power at structures that were in existence
101.13 on and before July 1, 1937, including repowering, upgrades, or additions to those facilities;
101.14 or

101.15 (3) appropriation or use of storm water collected and used to reduce storm-water runoff
101.16 volume, treat storm water, or sustain groundwater supplies when water is extracted from
101.17 constructed management facilities for storm water.

101.18 (c) The commissioner may issue a state general permit for appropriation of water to a
101.19 governmental subdivision or to the general public. The general permit may authorize more
101.20 than one project and the appropriation or use of more than one source of water. Water-use
101.21 permit processing fees and reports required under subdivision 6 and section 103G.281,
101.22 subdivision 3, are required for each project or water source that is included under a general
101.23 permit, except that no fee is required for uses totaling less than 15,000,000 gallons annually.

101.24 Sec. 117. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.271, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

101.25 Subd. 6. **Water-use permit processing fee.** (a) Except as described in paragraphs (b)
101.26 to (g), a water-use permit processing fee must be prescribed by the commissioner in
101.27 accordance with the schedule of fees in this subdivision for each water-use permit in force
101.28 at any time during the year. Fees collected under this paragraph are credited to the water
101.29 management account in the natural resources fund. The schedule is as follows, with the
101.30 stated fee in each clause applied to the total amount appropriated:

101.31 (1) \$140 for amounts not exceeding 50,000,000 gallons per year;

- 102.1 (2) \$3.50 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 50,000,000 gallons but less
102.2 than 100,000,000 gallons per year;
- 102.3 (3) \$4 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 100,000,000 gallons but less than
102.4 150,000,000 gallons per year;
- 102.5 (4) \$4.50 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 150,000,000 gallons but less
102.6 than 200,000,000 gallons per year;
- 102.7 (5) \$5 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 200,000,000 gallons but less than
102.8 250,000,000 gallons per year;
- 102.9 (6) \$5.50 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 250,000,000 gallons but less
102.10 than 300,000,000 gallons per year;
- 102.11 (7) \$6 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 300,000,000 gallons but less than
102.12 350,000,000 gallons per year;
- 102.13 (8) \$6.50 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 350,000,000 gallons but less
102.14 than 400,000,000 gallons per year;
- 102.15 (9) \$7 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 400,000,000 gallons but less than
102.16 450,000,000 gallons per year;
- 102.17 (10) \$7.50 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 450,000,000 gallons but less
102.18 than 500,000,000 gallons per year; and
- 102.19 (11) \$8 per 1,000,000 gallons for amounts greater than 500,000,000 gallons per year.
- 102.20 (b) For once-through cooling systems, a water-use processing fee must be prescribed
102.21 by the commissioner in accordance with the following schedule of fees for each water-use
102.22 permit in force at any time during the year:
- 102.23 (1) for nonprofit corporations and school districts, \$200 per 1,000,000 gallons; and
102.24 (2) for all other users, \$420 per 1,000,000 gallons.
- 102.25 (c) The fee is payable based on the amount of water appropriated during the year and,
102.26 except as provided in paragraph (f), the minimum fee is \$100.
- 102.27 (d) For water-use processing fees other than once-through cooling systems:
- 102.28 (1) the fee for a city of the first class may not exceed \$250,000 per year;
- 102.29 (2) the fee for other entities for any permitted use may not exceed:
- 102.30 (i) \$60,000 per year for an entity holding three or fewer permits;

- 103.1 (ii) \$90,000 per year for an entity holding four or five permits; or
- 103.2 (iii) \$300,000 per year for an entity holding more than five permits;
- 103.3 (3) the fee for agricultural irrigation may not exceed \$750 per year;
- 103.4 (4) the fee for a municipality that furnishes electric service and cogenerates steam for
- 103.5 home heating may not exceed \$10,000 for its permit for water use related to the cogeneration
- 103.6 of electricity and steam; ~~and~~
- 103.7 (5) the fee for a facility that temporarily diverts a water of the state from its natural
- 103.8 channel to produce hydroelectric or hydromechanical power may not exceed \$5,000 per
- 103.9 year. A permit for such a facility does not count toward the number of permits held by an
- 103.10 entity as described in paragraph (d); and
- 103.11 ~~(5)~~ (6) no fee is required for a project involving the appropriation of surface water to
- 103.12 prevent flood damage or to remove flood waters during a period of flooding, as determined
- 103.13 by the commissioner.
- 103.14 (e) Failure to pay the fee is sufficient cause for revoking a permit. A penalty of ten
- 103.15 percent per month calculated from the original due date must be imposed on the unpaid
- 103.16 balance of fees remaining 30 days after the sending of a second notice of fees due. A fee
- 103.17 may not be imposed on an agency, as defined in section 16B.01, subdivision 2, or federal
- 103.18 governmental agency holding a water appropriation permit.
- 103.19 (f) The minimum water-use processing fee for a permit issued for irrigation of agricultural
- 103.20 land is \$20 for years in which:
- 103.21 (1) there is no appropriation of water under the permit; or
- 103.22 (2) the permit is suspended for more than seven consecutive days between May 1 and
- 103.23 October 1.
- 103.24 (g) The commissioner shall waive the water-use permit fee for installations and projects
- 103.25 that use storm water runoff or where public entities are diverting water to treat a water
- 103.26 quality issue and returning the water to its source without using the water for any other
- 103.27 purpose, unless the commissioner determines that the proposed use adversely affects surface
- 103.28 water or groundwater.
- 103.29 (h) A surcharge of \$30 per million gallons in addition to the fee prescribed in paragraph
- 103.30 (a) shall be applied to the volume of water used in each of the months of June, July, and
- 103.31 August that exceeds the volume of water used in January for municipal water use, irrigation
- 103.32 of golf courses, and landscape irrigation. The surcharge for municipalities with more than

104.1 one permit shall be determined based on the total appropriations from all permits that supply
104.2 a common distribution system.

104.3 Sec. 118. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.271, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

104.4 Subd. 6a. **Fees for past unpermitted appropriations.** An entity that appropriates water
104.5 without a required permit under subdivision 1 must pay the applicable water-use permit
104.6 processing fee specified in subdivision 6 for the period during which the unpermitted
104.7 appropriation occurred. The fees for unpermitted appropriations are required for the previous
104.8 seven calendar years after being notified of the need for a permit. This fee is in addition to
104.9 any other fee or penalty assessed. The commissioner may waive payment of fees for past
104.10 unpermitted appropriations for a residential system permitted under subdivision 5, paragraph
104.11 (b), or for a hydroelectric or hydromechanical facility that temporarily diverts a water of
104.12 the state from its natural channel.

104.13 Sec. 119. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.271, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

104.14 Subd. 7. **Transfer of permit.** A water-use permit may be transferred to a successive
104.15 owner of real property if the permittee conveys the real property where the source of water
104.16 is located. The new owner must notify the commissioner immediately after the conveyance
104.17 and request transfer of the permit. The commissioner must not deny the transfer of a permit
104.18 if the permittee is in compliance with all permit conditions and the permit meets the
104.19 requirements of sections 103G.255 to 103G.301.

104.20 Sec. 120. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.287, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

104.21 Subdivision 1. **Applications for groundwater appropriations; preliminary well**
104.22 **construction approval.** (a) Groundwater use permit applications are not complete until the
104.23 applicant has supplied:

104.24 (1) a water well record as required by section 103I.205, subdivision 9, information on
104.25 the subsurface geologic formations penetrated by the well and the formation or aquifer that
104.26 will serve as the water source, and geologic information from test holes drilled to locate the
104.27 site of the production well;

104.28 (2) the maximum daily, seasonal, and annual pumpage rates and volumes being requested;

104.29 (3) information on groundwater quality in terms of the measures of quality commonly
104.30 specified for the proposed water use and details on water treatment necessary for the proposed
104.31 use;

105.1 (4) the results of an aquifer test completed according to specifications approved by the
 105.2 commissioner. The test must be conducted at the maximum pumping rate requested in the
 105.3 application and for a length of time adequate to assess or predict impacts to other wells and
 105.4 surface water and groundwater resources. The permit applicant is responsible for all costs
 105.5 related to the aquifer test, including the construction of groundwater and surface water
 105.6 monitoring installations, and water level readings before, during, and after the aquifer test;
 105.7 and

105.8 (5) the results of any assessments conducted by the commissioner under paragraph (c).

105.9 (b) The commissioner may waive an application requirement in this subdivision if the
 105.10 information provided with the application is adequate to determine whether the proposed
 105.11 appropriation and use of water is sustainable and will protect ecosystems, water quality,
 105.12 and the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

105.13 (c) The commissioner shall provide an assessment of a proposed well needing a
 105.14 groundwater appropriation permit. The commissioner shall evaluate the information submitted
 105.15 as required under section 103I.205, subdivision 1, paragraph (f), and determine whether the
 105.16 anticipated appropriation request is likely to meet the applicable requirements of this chapter.
 105.17 If the appropriation request is likely to meet applicable requirements, the commissioner
 105.18 shall provide the person submitting the information with a letter providing preliminary
 105.19 approval to construct the well and the requirements, including test-well information, that
 105.20 will be needed to obtain the permit.

105.21 (d) The commissioner must provide an applicant denied a groundwater use permit or
 105.22 issued a groundwater use permit that is reduced or restricted from the original request with
 105.23 all information the commissioner used in making the determination, including hydrographs,
 105.24 flow tests, aquifer tests, topographic maps, field reports, photographs, and proof of equipment
 105.25 calibration.

105.26 Sec. 121. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 103G.411, is amended to read:

105.27 **103G.411 STIPULATION OF LOW-WATER MARK.**

105.28 If the state is a party in a civil action relating to the navigability or ownership of the bed
 105.29 of a body of water, river, or stream, the commissioner, in behalf of the state, ~~with the approval~~
 105.30 ~~of the attorney general,~~ may agree by written stipulation with a riparian owner who is a
 105.31 party to the action on the location of the ordinary low-water mark on the riparian land of
 105.32 the party. After the stipulation is executed by all parties, it must be presented to the judge
 105.33 of the district court where the action is pending for approval. If the stipulation is approved,

106.1 the judge shall make and enter an order providing that the final judgment when entered shall
106.2 conform to the location of the ordinary, low-water mark as provided for in the stipulation
106.3 as it relates to the parties to the stipulation.

106.4 Sec. 122. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 114D.25, is amended by adding a subdivision
106.5 to read:

106.6 Subd. 6. **Impaired waters list; public notice and process.** The commissioner of the
106.7 Pollution Control Agency must allow at least 60 days for public comment after publishing
106.8 the draft impaired waters list required under the federal Clean Water Act. In making
106.9 impairment designations, the Pollution Control Agency must use available water-quality
106.10 data that takes into consideration recent relevant pollutant reductions resulting from controls
106.11 on municipal point sources and nonpoint sources.

106.12 Sec. 123. [115.034] **MANDATORY AND DISCRETIONARY EXTERNAL PEER**
106.13 **REVIEW OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTIONS.**

106.14 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

106.15 (b) "Local government unit" means a statutory or home rule charter city, county, local
106.16 public utilities commission, sanitary district, or an organization formed for the joint exercise
106.17 of powers under section 471.59 that has a permit that will be directly affected by a proposed
106.18 action.

106.19 (c) "Peer review petition" means a written petition of a local government unit that:

106.20 (1) is adopted by resolution of the applicable governing body;

106.21 (2) describes the need for external peer review of the scientific basis of a proposed action;

106.22 (3) does not raise a question that is the same as or substantially similar to a question
106.23 previously examined as part of a peer review conducted in accordance with section 115.035;
106.24 and

106.25 (4) is submitted to the commissioner within the time period for filing a contested case
106.26 petition or prior to the expiration of the public comment period as noticed in the statement
106.27 of intent to adopt the rule, as applicable.

106.28 (d) "Proposed action" means an action that is all of the following:

106.29 (1) being considered by the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency or has been
106.30 undertaken by the commissioner but is not yet final; and

106.31 (2) would, once final, constitute one of the following:

107.1 (i) the issuance, amendment, or modification of a water quality standard under section
 107.2 115.44; or

107.3 (ii) the issuance, amendment, modification, or denial of a water-related permit for a local
 107.4 government unit that contains a new or more restrictive water quality-based effluent
 107.5 limitation.

107.6 (e) "Requisite number" means five or more if the proposed action is a water quality
 107.7 standard rulemaking. Otherwise, the term means one or more.

107.8 Subd. 2. **Mandatory peer review of proposed agency actions.** The commissioner must
 107.9 convene an external peer review in accordance with section 115.035 when it receives the
 107.10 requisite number of peer review petitions in response to a proposed action.

107.11 Subd. 3. **Discretionary peer review of water quality standards.** Even when not required
 107.12 to do so by subdivision 2, the commissioner may convene an external peer review in
 107.13 accordance with section 115.035 during the adoption or amendment of water quality
 107.14 standards. If the commissioner declines to convene an external peer review, the commissioner
 107.15 must state the reason for declining to do so in the statement of need and reasonableness.

107.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to challenges
 107.17 to proposed actions undertaken on or after that date.

107.18 Sec. 124. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115.035, is amended to read:

107.19 **115.035 PROCEDURE FOR EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY**
 107.20 **STANDARDS.**

107.21 (a) When the commissioner convenes an external peer review ~~panel during the~~
 107.22 ~~promulgation or amendment of water quality standards,~~ the commissioner must provide
 107.23 notice and take public comment on the charge questions for the external peer review ~~panel~~
 107.24 and must allow written and oral public comment as part of the external peer review ~~panel~~
 107.25 process. The peer reviewers shall be odd in number and consist of independent experts with
 107.26 qualifications in the subject matter who are neither employed by the agency nor any members
 107.27 of an advisory group established in accordance with section 115.036, and are not directly
 107.28 or indirectly involved with the work conducted or contracted by the agency. The peer
 107.29 reviewers must submit a written report on the scientific validity of the commissioner's
 107.30 proposed approach to the commissioner. If a majority of the peer reviewers find deficiencies
 107.31 with the scientific validity of the commissioner's proposed approach, they must explain the
 107.32 deficiencies in their written report and include their recommendation for how each deficiency
 107.33 should be corrected. The written report shall become part of the administrative record for

108.1 the standard at issue. If the external peer review is convened in connection with the adoption
108.2 or amendment of water quality standards, the commissioner shall consider input from the
108.3 advisory group created in accordance with section 115.036 on the selection of the peer
108.4 reviewers and the development of charge questions for the external peer review.

108.5 Documentation of the external peer review ~~panel~~, including the ~~name or~~ names of the peer
108.6 ~~reviewer or~~ reviewers, must be included in the statement of need and reasonableness for
108.7 the water quality standard. ~~If the commissioner does not convene an external peer review~~
108.8 ~~panel during the promulgation or amendment of water quality standards, the commissioner~~
108.9 ~~must state the reason an external peer review panel will not be convened in the statement~~
108.10 ~~of need and reasonableness.~~

108.11 (b) By December 15 each year, the commissioner shall post on the agency's Web site a
108.12 report identifying the water quality standards development work in progress or completed
108.13 in the past year, the lead agency scientist for each development effort, and opportunities for
108.14 public input.

108.15 (c) Once the commissioner has received the requisite number of peer review petitions,
108.16 the commissioner shall not proceed towards finalizing the proposed action until the
108.17 commissioner has received the written report required by paragraph (a).

108.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to challenges
108.19 to proposed actions undertaken on or after that date.

108.20 Sec. 125. **[115.036] WATER QUALITY STANDARDS ADVISORY GROUP.**

108.21 Subdivision 1. **When required.** The commissioner must convene an external water
108.22 quality standards advisory group when the commissioner initiates public efforts to adopt or
108.23 amend a state water quality standard.

108.24 Subd. 2. **Formation.** To convene the advisory group, the commissioner shall issue an
108.25 order that describes the proposed water quality standard changes, establishes the membership
108.26 of the advisory group, and articulates a clear work schedule and timeline for initiation of
108.27 the formal public rulemaking process required by chapter 14 and final adoption of the
108.28 standard. The commissioner or the commissioner's designee shall chair the advisory group,
108.29 and the advisory group's membership must include equal representation from the following
108.30 groups if their members will be affected by the proposed water quality standard: tribal
108.31 governments; municipal wastewater and storm water organizations; municipal joint-powers
108.32 organizations under section 471.59; industrial dischargers; agricultural groups; and citizen
108.33 organizations. Meetings of the advisory group shall be open for public observation and the
108.34 commissioner shall have the discretion to allow public participation.

109.1 Subd. 3. **Scope of work.** The advisory group shall provide input to the commissioner
109.2 on a protocol for scientific research, on the development of technical support documents,
109.3 on draft rule language, on any documents required for rulemaking under chapter 14, on
109.4 documents related to the implementation of the standard at issue, on the development of
109.5 charge questions for peer reviewers under section 115.035, and on the selection of peer
109.6 reviewers under section 115.035. Any work product, notes, and written comments of the
109.7 advisory group or its members shall be made part of the administrative record for the standard
109.8 at issue.

109.9 Subd. 4. **Dissolution.** The advisory group shall be dissolved by order of the commissioner
109.10 upon final adoption of the proposed water quality standard or amendment.

109.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2017, and applies to challenges
109.12 to proposed actions undertaken on or after that date.

109.13 Sec. 126. **[115.542] NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICLY OWNED**
109.14 **WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

109.15 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purpose of this section, the following terms have
109.16 the meanings given:

109.17 (1) "permit" means a national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit
109.18 or state disposal system (SDS) permit; and

109.19 (2) "permit applicant" means a person or entity submitting an application for a new
109.20 permit or renewal, modification, or revocation of an existing permit for a publicly owned
109.21 wastewater treatment facility.

109.22 Subd. 2. **Applicability.** This section applies to all draft permits and permits for publicly
109.23 owned wastewater treatment facilities for which the commissioner of the Pollution Control
109.24 Agency makes a preliminary determination whether to issue or deny.

109.25 Subd. 3. **Notice requirements.** The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must
109.26 provide a permit applicant with a copy of the draft permit and any fact sheets required by
109.27 agency rules at least 30 days before the distribution and public notice of the permit application
109.28 and preliminary determination.

109.29 Subd. 4. **Permitting efficiency.** The commissioner must prepare and issue a public
109.30 notice of a completed application and the commissioner's preliminary determination as to
109.31 whether the permit should be issued or denied. The public comment period must be at least
109.32 60 days for permit applications under this section. Notwithstanding section 116.03, it is the

110.1 goal of the state that Tier 2 permits for publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities be
110.2 issued or denied within 210 days following submission of a permit application.

110.3 Sec. 127. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115B.39, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

110.4 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) In addition to the definitions in this subdivision, the definitions
110.5 in sections 115A.03 and 115B.02 apply to sections 115B.39 to 115B.445, except as
110.6 specifically modified in this subdivision.

110.7 (b) "Cleanup order" means a consent order between responsible persons and the agency
110.8 or an order issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under section 106
110.9 of the federal Superfund Act.

110.10 (c) "Closure" means actions to prevent or minimize the threat to public health and the
110.11 environment posed by a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility that has stopped
110.12 accepting waste by controlling the sources of releases or threatened releases at the facility.
110.13 "Closure" includes removing contaminated equipment and liners; applying final cover;
110.14 grading and seeding final cover; installing wells, borings, and other monitoring devices;
110.15 constructing groundwater and surface water diversion structures; and installing gas control
110.16 systems and site security systems, as necessary. The commissioner may authorize use of
110.17 final cover that includes processed materials that meet the requirements in Code of Federal
110.18 Regulations, title 40, section 503.32, paragraph (a).

110.19 (d) "Closure upgrade" means construction activity that will, at a minimum, modify an
110.20 existing cover so that it satisfies current rule requirements for mixed municipal solid waste
110.21 land disposal facilities.

110.22 (e) "Contingency action" means organized, planned, or coordinated courses of action to
110.23 be followed in case of fire, explosion, or release of solid waste, waste by-products, or
110.24 leachate that could threaten human health or the environment.

110.25 (f) "Corrective action" means steps taken to repair facility structures including liners,
110.26 monitoring wells, separation equipment, covers, and aeration devices and to bring the facility
110.27 into compliance with design, construction, groundwater, surface water, and air emission
110.28 standards.

110.29 (g) "Custodial" or "custodial care" means actions taken for the care, maintenance, and
110.30 monitoring of closure actions at a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility after
110.31 completion of the postclosure period.

110.32 (h) "Decomposition gases" means gases produced by chemical or microbial activity
110.33 during the decomposition of solid waste.

111.1 ~~(h)~~ (i) "Dump materials" means nonhazardous mixed municipal solid wastes disposed
111.2 at a Minnesota waste disposal site other than a qualified facility prior to 1973.

111.3 ~~(i)~~ (j) "Environmental response action" means response action at a qualified facility or
111.4 priority qualified facility, including corrective action, closure, postclosure care; contingency
111.5 action; environmental studies, including remedial investigations and feasibility studies;
111.6 engineering, including remedial design; removal; remedial action; site construction; and
111.7 other similar cleanup-related activities.

111.8 ~~(j)~~ (k) "Environmental response costs" means:

111.9 (1) costs of environmental response action, not including legal or administrative expenses;
111.10 and

111.11 (2) costs required to be paid to the federal government under section 107(a) of the federal
111.12 Superfund Act, as amended.

111.13 (l) "Owner or operator of a priority qualified facility" means a person, personal
111.14 representative, trustee, beneficiary, partnership, sole proprietorship, firm, limited liability
111.15 company, cooperative, association, corporation, or other entity that:

111.16 (1) has possession of, holds title to, or owns a controlling interest in a priority qualified
111.17 facility;

111.18 (2) participates in decision making related to compliance with federal and state
111.19 environmental laws and regulations for a priority qualified facility; or

111.20 (3) has authority or control to make decisions regarding state and federal environmental
111.21 laws and regulations for a priority qualified facility.

111.22 (m) "Priority qualified facility" means:

111.23 (1) a qualified facility:

111.24 (i) that is listed on the National Priorities List pursuant to the federal Comprehensive
111.25 Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act;

111.26 (ii) that is listed on the Permanent List of Priorities pursuant to the Minnesota
111.27 Environmental Response and Liability Act;

111.28 (iii) for which a binding agreement pursuant to section 115B.40, subdivision 4, has not
111.29 been entered into between the owner or operator of the qualified facility and the
111.30 commissioner; and

111.31 (iv) that is not an excluded facility pursuant to section 115B.405; and

112.1 (2) property near a facility described in clause (1), if the property was used for mixed
 112.2 municipal solid waste disposal that did not occur under a permit from the agency and the
 112.3 commissioner determines that an environmental response action is necessary at the property
 112.4 to protect public health or welfare or the environment in the vicinity of the permitted mixed
 112.5 municipal solid waste disposal facility, as described in the most recent agency permit.

112.6 ~~(k)~~ (n) "Postclosure" or "postclosure care" means actions taken for the care, maintenance,
 112.7 and monitoring of closure actions at a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility.

112.8 ~~(h)~~ (o) "Qualified facility" means a mixed municipal solid waste disposal facility as
 112.9 described in the most recent agency permit, including adjacent property used for solid waste
 112.10 disposal that did not occur under a permit from the agency, that:

112.11 (1)(i) is or was permitted by the agency;

112.12 (ii) stopped accepting solid waste, except demolition debris, for disposal by April 9,
 112.13 1994; and

112.14 (iii) stopped accepting demolition debris for disposal by June 1, 1994, except that
 112.15 demolition debris may be accepted until May 1, 1995, at a permitted area where disposal
 112.16 of demolition debris is allowed, if the area where the demolition debris is deposited is at
 112.17 least 50 feet from the fill boundary of the area where mixed municipal solid waste was
 112.18 deposited; ~~or~~

112.19 (2) is or was permitted by the agency; and

112.20 (i) stopped accepting waste by January 1, 2000, except that demolition debris, industrial
 112.21 waste, and municipal solid waste combustor ash may be accepted until January 1, 2001, at
 112.22 a permitted area where disposal of such waste is allowed, if the area where the waste is
 112.23 deposited is at least 50 feet from the fill boundary of the area where mixed municipal solid
 112.24 waste was deposited; or

112.25 (ii) stopped accepting waste by January 1, 2019, and is located in a county that meets
 112.26 all applicable recycling goals in section 115A.551 and that has arranged for all mixed
 112.27 municipal solid waste generated in the county to be delivered to and processed by a resource
 112.28 recovery facility located in the county for at least 20 years; or

112.29 (3) is or was permitted by the agency and stopped accepting waste for disposal by January
 112.30 1, 2009, and for which the postclosure care period ended on July 26, 2013.

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

113.1 Sec. 128. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115B.40, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

113.2 Subd. 4. **Qualified facility not under cleanup order; duties.** (a) The owner or operator
113.3 of a qualified facility that is not subject to a cleanup order shall:

113.4 (1) complete closure activities at the facility, or enter into a binding agreement with the
113.5 commissioner to do so, as provided in paragraph (e), within one year from the date the
113.6 owner or operator is notified by the commissioner under subdivision 3 of the closure activities
113.7 that are necessary to properly close the facility in compliance with facility's permit, closure
113.8 orders, or enforcement agreement with the agency, and with the solid waste rules in effect
113.9 at the time the facility stopped accepting waste;

113.10 (2) undertake or continue postclosure and custodial care at the facility until the date of
113.11 notice of compliance under subdivision 7;

113.12 (3) in the case of qualified facilities defined in section 115B.39, subdivision 2, paragraph
113.13 ~~(o)~~ (o), clause (1), transfer to the commissioner of revenue for deposit in the remediation
113.14 fund established in section 116.155 any funds required for proof of financial responsibility
113.15 under section 116.07, subdivision 4h, that remain after facility closure and any postclosure
113.16 care and response action undertaken by the owner or operator at the facility including, if
113.17 proof of financial responsibility is provided through a letter of credit or other financial
113.18 instrument or mechanism that does not accumulate money in an account, the amount that
113.19 would have accumulated had the owner or operator utilized a trust fund, less any amount
113.20 used for closure, postclosure care, and response action at the facility; ~~and~~

113.21 (4) in the case of qualified facilities defined in section 115B.39, subdivision 2, paragraph
113.22 ~~(o)~~ (o), clause (2), transfer to the commissioner of revenue for deposit in the remediation
113.23 fund established in section 116.155 an amount of cash that is equal to the sum of their
113.24 approved current contingency action cost estimate and the present value of their approved
113.25 estimated remaining postclosure care costs required for proof of financial responsibility
113.26 under section 116.07, subdivision 4h; and

113.27 (5) in the case of qualified facilities defined in section 115B.39, subdivision 2, paragraph
113.28 (o), clause (3), transfer to the commissioner of revenue for deposit in the remediation fund
113.29 established in section 116.155 an amount of cash that is equal to the sum of their approved
113.30 current contingency action cost estimate and any funds required for proof of financial
113.31 responsibility under section 116.07, subdivision 4h, that remain after facility closure and
113.32 any postclosure and custodial care and response action undertaken by the owner or operator
113.33 at the facility.

114.1 (b) The owner or operator of a qualified facility that is not subject to a cleanup order
114.2 shall:

114.3 (1) in the case of qualified facilities defined in section 115B.39, subdivision 2, paragraph
114.4 ~~(o)~~ (o), clause (1), provide the commissioner with a copy of all applicable comprehensive
114.5 general liability insurance policies and other liability policies relating to property damage,
114.6 certificates, or other evidence of insurance coverage held during the life of the facility; and

114.7 (2) enter into a binding agreement with the commissioner to:

114.8 (i) in the case of qualified facilities defined in section 115B.39, subdivision 2, paragraph
114.9 ~~(o)~~ (o), clause (1), take any actions necessary to preserve the owner or operator's rights to
114.10 payment or defense under insurance policies included in clause (1); cooperate with the
114.11 commissioner in asserting claims under the policies; and, within 60 days of a request by
114.12 the commissioner, but no earlier than July 1, 1996, assign only those rights under the policies
114.13 related to environmental response costs;

114.14 (ii) cooperate with the commissioner or other persons acting at the direction of the
114.15 commissioner in taking additional environmental response actions necessary to address
114.16 releases or threatened releases and to avoid any action that interferes with environmental
114.17 response actions, including allowing entry to the property and to the facility's records and
114.18 allowing entry and installation of equipment; and

114.19 (iii) refrain from developing or altering the use of property described in any permit for
114.20 the facility except after consultation with the commissioner and in conformance with any
114.21 conditions established by the commissioner for that property, including use restrictions, to
114.22 protect public health and welfare and the environment.

114.23 (c) The owner or operator of a qualified facility defined in section 115B.39, subdivision
114.24 2, paragraph ~~(o)~~ (o), clause (1), that is a political subdivision may use a portion of any funds
114.25 established for response at the facility, which are available directly or through a financial
114.26 instrument or other financial arrangement, for closure or postclosure care at the facility if
114.27 funds available for closure or postclosure care are inadequate and shall assign the rights to
114.28 any remainder to the commissioner.

114.29 (d) The agreement required in paragraph (b), clause (2), must be in writing and must
114.30 apply to and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the owner. The owner shall
114.31 record the agreement, or a memorandum approved by the commissioner that summarizes
114.32 the agreement, with the county recorder or registrar of titles of the county where the property
114.33 is located.

115.1 (e) A binding agreement entered into under paragraph (a), clause (1), may include a
115.2 provision that the owner or operator will reimburse the commissioner for the costs of closing
115.3 the facility to the standard required in that clause.

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

115.5 Sec. 129. **[115B.406] PRIORITY QUALIFIED FACILITIES.**

115.6 Subdivision 1. **Legislative findings.** The legislature recognizes the need to protect the
115.7 public health and welfare and the environment at priority qualified facilities. To implement
115.8 a timely and effective cleanup and prevent multiparty litigation, the legislature finds it is in
115.9 the public interest to direct the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to take
115.10 environmental response actions that the commissioner deems reasonable and necessary to
115.11 protect the public health or welfare or the environment at priority qualified facilities and to
115.12 acquire real property interests at priority qualified facilities to ensure the completion and
115.13 long-term effectiveness of environmental response actions.

115.14 Subd. 2. **Notifying owner or operator of priority qualified facility.** Within 30 days
115.15 after the effective date of this section, or within 30 days after section 115B.39, subdivision
115.16 2, paragraph (m), applies to a facility, whichever is later, the commissioner must notify the
115.17 owner or operator of a qualified facility that the facility is a priority qualified facility under
115.18 section 115B.39, subdivision 2, paragraph (m). Within 60 days after being notified under
115.19 this subdivision, the owner or operator of a priority qualified facility must enter into a
115.20 binding agreement with the commissioner according to section 115B.40, subdivision 4,
115.21 paragraph (b).

115.22 Subd. 3. **State response.** If the owner or operator of a priority qualified facility fails to
115.23 enter into a binding agreement according to subdivision 2:

115.24 (1) the commissioner must assume all obligations for environmental response actions
115.25 under the federal Superfund Act and any federal or state cleanup orders and undertake
115.26 further action under section 115B.40, subdivision 1, at or related to the priority qualified
115.27 facility that the commissioner deems reasonable and necessary;

115.28 (2) the commissioner must not seek recovery against responsible persons who are not
115.29 the owner or operator of a priority qualified facility of any costs incurred by the commissioner
115.30 for environmental response action at or related to the facility, except as provided under
115.31 section 115B.40, subdivision 7, paragraph (b), clause (2), item (i) or (ii); and

116.1 (3) the commissioner and the attorney general must communicate with the United States
116.2 Environmental Protection Agency regarding the manner and procedure for the state's
116.3 assumption of federal obligations at the priority qualified facility.

116.4 Subd. 4. **Civil penalty.** An owner or operator of a priority qualified facility is subject
116.5 to a civil penalty in an amount to be determined by the court of not more than \$20,000 per
116.6 day for each day that the owner or operator fails to comply with subdivision 2. The penalty
116.7 ceases to accrue when the owner or operator enters into a binding agreement with the
116.8 commissioner according to section 115B.40, subdivision 4, paragraph (b), and a payment
116.9 agreement for environmental response costs incurred by the commissioner at or related to
116.10 the priority qualified facility. The civil penalty may be recovered by an action brought by
116.11 the attorney general in the name of the state in connection with an action to recover expenses
116.12 of the agency under subdivision 7 or by a separate action in the District Court of Ramsey
116.13 County. All penalties recovered under this subdivision must be deposited in the remediation
116.14 fund.

116.15 Subd. 5. **Disqualification; permits.** If an owner or operator of a priority qualified facility
116.16 that is not a local government unit fails to comply with subdivision 2, the owner or operator
116.17 is ineligible to obtain or renew a state or local permit or license to engage in a business that
116.18 manages solid waste. Failure of an owner or operator of a priority qualified facility that is
116.19 not a local government unit to comply with subdivision 2 is prima facie evidence of the
116.20 lack of fitness of the owner or operator to conduct any solid waste business and is grounds
116.21 for revocation of any solid waste permit or license held by the owner or operator.

116.22 Subd. 6. **Duty to provide information.** Any person that the commissioner determines
116.23 has information regarding the priority qualified facility or the owner or operator of the
116.24 priority qualified facility must furnish to the commissioner any information that person may
116.25 have or may reasonably obtain that is relevant to the priority qualified facility or the owner
116.26 or operator of the priority qualified facility. The commissioner upon presentation of
116.27 credentials may examine and copy any books, papers, records, memoranda, or data of a
116.28 person that has a duty to provide information to the commissioner and may enter upon any
116.29 property, public or private, to take any action authorized by this section, including obtaining
116.30 information from a person that has a duty to provide the information.

116.31 Subd. 7. **Recovering expenses.** Any reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the
116.32 commissioner pursuant to this section, including all environmental response costs and
116.33 administrative and legal expenses, may be recovered in a civil action brought by the attorney
116.34 general against the owner or operator of a priority qualified facility. The commissioner's
116.35 certification of expenses is prima facie evidence that the expenses are reasonable and

117.1 necessary. Any expenses incurred pursuant to this section that are recovered by the attorney
117.2 general, including any award of attorney fees, must be deposited in the remediation fund.

117.3 Subd. 8. **Claims prohibited.** The owner or operator of a priority qualified facility is
117.4 barred from bringing any claim based on contract, tort, or statute or using any remedy
117.5 available under any other provision of state law, including common law, for personal injury,
117.6 disease, economic loss, environmental response costs incurred by the owner or operator,
117.7 environmental response costs incurred by the state, or legal and administrative expenses
117.8 arising out of a release or threat of release of any hazardous substance, pollutant, contaminant,
117.9 or decomposition gases related to the priority qualified facility.

117.10 Subd. 9. **Environmental response costs; liens.** All environmental response costs,
117.11 including administrative and legal expenses, incurred by the commissioner at a priority
117.12 qualified facility constitute a lien in favor of the state upon any real property located in the
117.13 state, other than homestead property, owned by the owner or operator of the priority qualified
117.14 facility who is subject to the requirements of section 115B.40, subdivision 4 or 5. A lien
117.15 under this subdivision attaches when the environmental response costs are first incurred.
117.16 Notwithstanding section 514.672, a lien under this subdivision continues until the lien is
117.17 satisfied or six years after completion of construction of the final environmental response
117.18 action, not including operation and maintenance. Notice, filing, and release of the lien are
117.19 governed by sections 514.671 to 514.676, except where those requirements specifically are
117.20 related to only cleanup action expenses as defined in section 514.671. Relative priority of
117.21 a lien under this subdivision is governed by section 514.672, except that a lien attached to
117.22 property that was included in any permit for the priority qualified facility takes precedence
117.23 over all other liens regardless of when the other liens were or are perfected. Amounts received
117.24 to satisfy all or a part of a lien must be deposited in the remediation fund.

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

117.26 Sec. 130. **[115B.407] ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY**
117.27 **AT PRIORITY QUALIFIED FACILITIES.**

117.28 (a) The commissioner may acquire interests in real property by donation or eminent
117.29 domain at all or a portion of a priority qualified facility. Condemnation under this section
117.30 includes acquisition of fee title or an easement. After acquiring an interest in real property
117.31 under this section, the commissioner must take environmental response actions at the priority
117.32 qualified facility according to sections 115B.39 to 115B.414 after the legislature makes an
117.33 appropriation for that purpose.

118.1 (b) The commissioner may dispose of real property acquired under this section according
118.2 to section 115B.17, subdivision 16.

118.3 (c) Chapter 117 governs condemnation proceedings by the commissioner under this
118.4 section. The exceptions under section 117.189 apply to the use of eminent domain authority
118.5 under this section.

118.6 (d) The state is not liable under this chapter solely as a result of acquiring an interest in
118.7 real property under this section.

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

118.9 Sec. 131. **[115B.408] DEPOSIT OF PROCEEDS.**

118.10 All amounts paid to the state under sections 115B.406 and 115B.407 must be deposited
118.11 in the state treasury and credited to the remediation fund.

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

118.13 Sec. 132. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115C.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

118.14 Subdivision 1. **General rule.** Except as provided in subdivisions 2 to ~~4~~ 5, a person is
118.15 responsible for a release from a tank if the person is an owner or operator of the tank at any
118.16 time during or after the release.

118.17 Sec. 133. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 115C.021, is amended by adding a subdivision
118.18 to read:

118.19 Subd. 5. **Heating fuel oil vendor.** A heating fuel oil vendor is not a responsible person
118.20 for a heating fuel oil release at a residential location if the release was caused solely by the
118.21 failure of a tank owned by the homeowner.

118.22 Sec. 134. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.03, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

118.23 Subd. 2b. **Permitting efficiency.** (a) It is the goal of the state that environmental and
118.24 resource management permits be issued or denied within 90 days for Tier 1 permits or 150
118.25 days for Tier 2 permits following submission of a permit application. The commissioner of
118.26 the Pollution Control Agency shall establish management systems designed to achieve the
118.27 goal. For the purposes of this section, "Tier 1 permits" are permits that do not require
118.28 individualized actions or public comment periods, and "Tier 2 permits" are permits that
118.29 require individualized actions or public comment periods.

119.1 (b) The commissioner shall prepare an annual permitting efficiency report that includes
119.2 statistics on meeting the goal in paragraph (a) and the criteria for ~~Tier 1~~ and Tier 2 by permit
119.3 categories. The report is due August 1 each year. For permit applications that have not met
119.4 the goal, the report must state the reasons for not meeting the goal. In stating the reasons
119.5 for not meeting the goal, the commissioner shall separately identify delays caused by the
119.6 responsiveness of the proposer, lack of staff, scientific or technical disagreements, or the
119.7 level of public engagement. The report must specify the number of days from initial
119.8 submission of the application to the day of determination that the application is complete.
119.9 The report must aggregate the data for the year and assess whether program or system
119.10 changes are necessary to achieve the goal. The report must be posted on the agency's Web
119.11 site and submitted to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the house
119.12 of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over environment policy and
119.13 finance.

119.14 (c) The commissioner shall allow electronic submission of environmental review and
119.15 permit documents to the agency.

119.16 (d) ~~Beginning July 1, 2011,~~ Within 30 business days of application for a permit subject
119.17 to paragraph (a), the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall notify the ~~project~~
119.18 ~~proposer~~ permit applicant, in writing, whether the application is complete or incomplete. If
119.19 the commissioner determines that an application is incomplete, the notice to the applicant
119.20 must enumerate all deficiencies, citing specific provisions of the applicable rules and statutes,
119.21 and advise the applicant on how the deficiencies can be remedied. If the commissioner
119.22 determines that the application is complete, the notice must confirm the application's Tier
119.23 1 or Tier 2 permit status. If the commissioner believes that a complete application for a Tier
119.24 2 construction permit cannot be issued within the 150-day goal, the commissioner must
119.25 provide notice to the applicant with the commissioner's notice that the application is complete
119.26 and, upon request of the applicant, provide the permit applicant with a schedule estimating
119.27 when the agency will begin drafting the permit and issue the public notice of the draft permit.
119.28 This paragraph does not apply to an application for a permit that is subject to a grant or loan
119.29 agreement under chapter 446A.

119.30 (e) For purposes of this subdivision, "permit professional" means an individual not
119.31 employed by the Pollution Control Agency who:

119.32 (1) has a professional license issued by the state of Minnesota in the subject area of the
119.33 permit;

119.34 (2) has at least ten years of experience in the subject area of the permit; and

120.1 (3) abides by the duty of candor applicable to employees of the Pollution Control Agency
120.2 under agency rules and complies with all applicable requirements under chapter 326.

120.3 (f) Upon the agency's request, an applicant relying on a permit professional must
120.4 participate in a meeting with the agency before submitting an application:

120.5 (1) at least two weeks prior to the preapplication meeting, the applicant must submit at
120.6 least the following:

120.7 (i) project description, including, but not limited to, scope of work, primary emissions
120.8 points, discharge outfalls, and water intake points;

120.9 (ii) location of the project, including county, municipality, and location on the site;

120.10 (iii) business schedule for project completion; and

120.11 (iv) other information requested by the agency at least four weeks prior to the scheduled
120.12 meeting; and

120.13 (2) during the preapplication meeting, the agency shall provide for the applicant at least
120.14 the following:

120.15 (i) an overview of the permit review program;

120.16 (ii) a determination of which specific application or applications will be necessary to
120.17 complete the project;

120.18 (iii) a statement notifying the applicant if the specific permit being sought requires a
120.19 mandatory public hearing or comment period;

120.20 (iv) a review of the timetable established in the permit review program for the specific
120.21 permit being sought; and

120.22 (v) a determination of what information must be included in the application, including
120.23 a description of any required modeling or testing.

120.24 (g) The applicant may select a permit professional to undertake the preparation of the
120.25 permit application and draft permit.

120.26 (h) If a preapplication meeting was held, the agency shall, within seven business days
120.27 of receipt of an application, notify the applicant and submitting permit professional that the
120.28 application is complete or is denied, specifying the deficiencies of the application.

120.29 (i) Upon receipt of notice that the application is complete, the permit professional shall
120.30 submit to the agency a timetable for submitting a draft permit. The permit professional shall
120.31 submit a draft permit on or before the date provided in the timetable. Within 60 days after

121.1 the close of the public comment period, the commissioner shall notify the applicant whether
121.2 the permit can be issued.

121.3 (j) Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify:

121.4 (1) any requirement of law that is necessary to retain federal delegation to or assumption
121.5 by the state; or

121.6 (2) the authority to implement a federal law or program.

121.7 (k) The permit application and draft permit shall identify or include as an appendix all
121.8 studies and other sources of information used to substantiate the analysis contained in the
121.9 permit application and draft permit. The commissioner shall request additional studies, if
121.10 needed, and the ~~project proposer~~ permit applicant shall submit all additional studies and
121.11 information necessary for the commissioner to perform the commissioner's responsibility
121.12 to review, modify, and determine the completeness of the application and approve the draft
121.13 permit.

121.14 Sec. 135. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.03, is amended by adding a subdivision
121.15 to read:

121.16 Subd. 7. **Draft permits; public notice.** When public notice of a draft individual Tier 2
121.17 permit is required, the commissioner must provide to the applicant a draft permit for review
121.18 by the applicant within 30 days after determining the proposal conforms to all federal and
121.19 state laws and rules, unless the permit applicant and the commissioner mutually agree to a
121.20 different date. The commissioner must consider all comments submitted by the applicant
121.21 before issuing the permit.

121.22 Sec. 136. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.07, subdivision 4d, is amended to read:

121.23 Subd. 4d. **Permit fees.** (a) The agency may collect permit fees in amounts not greater
121.24 than those necessary to cover the reasonable costs of developing, reviewing, and acting
121.25 upon applications for agency permits and implementing and enforcing the conditions of the
121.26 permits pursuant to agency rules. Permit fees shall not include the costs of litigation. The
121.27 fee schedule must reflect reasonable and routine direct and indirect costs associated with
121.28 permitting, implementation, and enforcement. The agency may impose an additional
121.29 enforcement fee to be collected for a period of up to two years to cover the reasonable costs
121.30 of implementing and enforcing the conditions of a permit under the rules of the agency.
121.31 Any money collected under this paragraph shall be deposited in the environmental fund.

122.1 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the agency shall collect an annual fee from the owner
122.2 or operator of all stationary sources, emission facilities, emissions units, air contaminant
122.3 treatment facilities, treatment facilities, potential air contaminant storage facilities, or storage
122.4 facilities subject to a notification, permit, or license requirement under this chapter,
122.5 subchapters I and V of the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7401
122.6 et seq., or rules adopted thereunder. The annual fee shall be used to pay for all direct and
122.7 indirect reasonable costs, including legal costs, required to develop and administer the
122.8 notification, permit, or license program requirements of this chapter, subchapters I and V
122.9 of the federal Clean Air Act, United States Code, title 42, section 7401 et seq., or rules
122.10 adopted thereunder. Those costs include the reasonable costs of reviewing and acting upon
122.11 an application for a permit; implementing and enforcing statutes, rules, and the terms and
122.12 conditions of a permit; emissions, ambient, and deposition monitoring; preparing generally
122.13 applicable regulations; responding to federal guidance; modeling, analyses, and
122.14 demonstrations; preparing inventories and tracking emissions; and providing information
122.15 to the public about these activities.

122.16 (c) The agency shall set fees that:

122.17 (1) will result in the collection, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph
122.18 (b), of an amount not less than \$25 per ton of each volatile organic compound; pollutant
122.19 regulated under United States Code, title 42, section 7411 or 7412 (section 111 or 112 of
122.20 the federal Clean Air Act); and each pollutant, except carbon monoxide, for which a national
122.21 primary ambient air quality standard has been promulgated;

122.22 (2) may result in the collection, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph
122.23 (b), of an amount not less than \$25 per ton of each pollutant not listed in clause (1) that is
122.24 regulated under this chapter or air quality rules adopted under this chapter; and

122.25 (3) shall collect, in the aggregate, from the sources listed in paragraph (b), the amount
122.26 needed to match grant funds received by the state under United States Code, title 42, section
122.27 7405 (section 105 of the federal Clean Air Act).

122.28 The agency must not include in the calculation of the aggregate amount to be collected
122.29 under clauses (1) and (2) any amount in excess of 4,000 tons per year of each air pollutant
122.30 from a source. The increase in air permit fees to match federal grant funds shall be a surcharge
122.31 on existing fees. The commissioner may not collect the surcharge after the grant funds
122.32 become unavailable. In addition, the commissioner shall use nonfee funds to the extent
122.33 practical to match the grant funds so that the fee surcharge is minimized.

123.1 (d) To cover the reasonable costs described in paragraph (b), the agency shall provide
123.2 in the rules promulgated under paragraph (c) for an increase in the fee collected in each
123.3 year by the percentage, if any, by which the Consumer Price Index for the most recent
123.4 calendar year ending before the beginning of the year the fee is collected exceeds the
123.5 Consumer Price Index for the calendar year 1989. For purposes of this paragraph the
123.6 Consumer Price Index for any calendar year is the average of the Consumer Price Index for
123.7 all-urban consumers published by the United States Department of Labor, as of the close
123.8 of the 12-month period ending on August 31 of each calendar year. The revision of the
123.9 Consumer Price Index that is most consistent with the Consumer Price Index for calendar
123.10 year 1989 shall be used.

123.11 (e) Any money collected under paragraphs (b) to (d) must be deposited in the
123.12 environmental fund and must be used solely for the activities listed in paragraph (b).

123.13 (f) Permit applicants who wish to construct, reconstruct, or modify a ~~facility~~ project may
123.14 offer to reimburse the agency for the costs of staff time or consultant services needed to
123.15 expedite the preapplication process and permit development process through the final
123.16 decision on the permit, including the analysis of environmental review documents. The
123.17 reimbursement shall be in addition to permit application fees imposed by law. When the
123.18 agency determines that it needs additional resources to develop the permit application in
123.19 an expedited manner, and that expediting the development is consistent with permitting
123.20 program priorities, the agency may accept the reimbursement. The commissioner must give
123.21 the applicant an estimate of costs to be incurred by the commissioner. The estimate must
123.22 include a brief description of the tasks to be performed, a schedule for completing the tasks,
123.23 and the estimated cost for each task. The applicant and the commissioner must enter into a
123.24 written agreement detailing the estimated costs for the expedited permit decision-making
123.25 process to be incurred by the agency. The agreement must also identify staff anticipated to
123.26 be assigned to the project. The commissioner must not issue a permit until the applicant has
123.27 paid all fees in full. The commissioner must refund any unobligated balance of fees paid.
123.28 Reimbursements accepted by the agency are appropriated to the agency for the purpose of
123.29 developing the permit or analyzing environmental review documents. Reimbursement by
123.30 a permit applicant shall precede and not be contingent upon issuance of a permit; shall not
123.31 affect the agency's decision on whether to issue or deny a permit, what conditions are
123.32 included in a permit, or the application of state and federal statutes and rules governing
123.33 permit determinations; and shall not affect final decisions regarding environmental review.

123.34 (g) The fees under this subdivision are exempt from section 16A.1285.

124.1 Sec. 137. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.0714, is amended to read:

124.2 **116.0714 NEW OPEN AIR SWINE BASINS.**

124.3 The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency or a county board shall not approve
 124.4 any permits for the construction of new open air swine basins, except that existing facilities
 124.5 may use one basin of less than 1,000,000 gallons as part of a permitted waste treatment
 124.6 program for resolving pollution problems or to allow conversion of an existing basin of less
 124.7 than 1,000,000 gallons to a different animal type, provided all standards are met. This section
 124.8 expires June 30, ~~2017~~ 2022.

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

124.10 Sec. 138. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116C.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

124.11 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The members of the board are the commissioner of administration,
 124.12 the commissioner of commerce, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, the
 124.13 commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of agriculture, the commissioner of
 124.14 health, the commissioner of employment and economic development, the commissioner of
 124.15 transportation, and the chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources, ~~and a representative~~
 124.16 ~~of the governor's office designated by the governor.~~ The governor shall appoint five members
 124.17 from the general public to the board, one from each congressional district, subject to the
 124.18 advice and consent of the senate. At least ~~two of the five~~ four public members must have
 124.19 knowledge of and be conversant in ~~water management issues in the state~~ environmental
 124.20 review or permitting. The governor must appoint the chair of the board. Notwithstanding
 124.21 the provisions of section 15.06, subdivision 6, members of the board may not delegate their
 124.22 powers and responsibilities as board members to any other person. Members appointed
 124.23 under this subdivision must not be registered lobbyists or legislators.

124.24 Sec. 139. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116C.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

124.25 Subd. 2. **Jurisdiction.** (a) The board shall determine which environmental problems of
 124.26 interdepartmental concern to state government shall be considered by the board. The board
 124.27 shall initiate interdepartmental investigations into those matters that it determines are in
 124.28 need of study. Topics for investigation may include but need not be limited to ~~future~~
 124.29 ~~population and settlement patterns,~~ air and water resources and quality, solid waste
 124.30 management, transportation and utility corridors, ~~economically productive open space,~~
 124.31 energy policy and need, ~~growth and development, and land use~~ and planning.

125.1 (b) The board shall review programs of state agencies that significantly affect the
125.2 environment and coordinate those it determines are interdepartmental in nature, and insure
125.3 agency compliance with state environmental policy.

125.4 (c) The board may review environmental rules and criteria for granting and denying
125.5 permits by state agencies and may resolve conflicts involving state agencies with regard to
125.6 programs, rules, permits and procedures significantly affecting the environment, provided
125.7 that such resolution of conflicts is consistent with state environmental policy.

125.8 ~~(d) State agencies shall submit to the board all proposed legislation of major significance~~
125.9 ~~relating to the environment and the board shall submit a report to the governor and the~~
125.10 ~~legislature with comments on such major environmental proposals of state agencies.~~

125.11 Sec. 140. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116D.04, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

125.12 Subd. 2a. **When prepared.** (a) Where there is potential for significant environmental
125.13 effects resulting from any major governmental action, the action shall be preceded by a
125.14 detailed environmental impact statement prepared by the responsible governmental unit.
125.15 The environmental impact statement shall be an analytical rather than an encyclopedic
125.16 document which describes the proposed action in detail, analyzes its significant environmental
125.17 impacts, discusses appropriate alternatives to the proposed action and their impacts, and
125.18 explores methods by which adverse environmental impacts of an action could be mitigated.
125.19 The environmental impact statement shall also analyze those economic, employment, and
125.20 sociological effects that cannot be avoided should the action be implemented. To ensure its
125.21 use in the decision-making process, the environmental impact statement shall be prepared
125.22 as early as practical in the formulation of an action.

125.23 ~~(a)~~ (b) The board shall by rule establish categories of actions for which environmental
125.24 impact statements and for which environmental assessment worksheets shall be prepared
125.25 as well as categories of actions for which no environmental review is required under this
125.26 section. A mandatory environmental assessment worksheet ~~shall~~ is not be required for the
125.27 expansion of an ethanol plant, as defined in section 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b),
125.28 or the conversion of an ethanol plant to a biobutanol facility or the expansion of a biobutanol
125.29 facility as defined in section 41A.15, subdivision 2d, based on the capacity of the expanded
125.30 or converted facility to produce alcohol fuel, but must be required if the ethanol plant or
125.31 biobutanol facility meets or exceeds thresholds of other categories of actions for which
125.32 environmental assessment worksheets must be prepared. The responsible governmental unit
125.33 for an ethanol plant or biobutanol facility project for which an environmental assessment

126.1 worksheet is prepared ~~shall be~~ is the state agency with the greatest responsibility for
126.2 supervising or approving the project as a whole.

126.3 (c) A mandatory environmental impact statement ~~shall~~ is not ~~be~~ required for a facility
126.4 or plant located outside the seven-county metropolitan area that produces less than
126.5 125,000,000 gallons of ethanol, biobutanol, or cellulosic biofuel annually, or produces less
126.6 than 400,000 tons of chemicals annually, if the facility or plant is: an ethanol plant, as
126.7 defined in section 41A.09, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b); a biobutanol facility, as defined
126.8 in section 41A.15, subdivision 2d; or a cellulosic biofuel facility. A facility or plant that
126.9 only uses a cellulosic feedstock to produce chemical products for use by another facility as
126.10 a feedstock ~~shall~~ is not ~~be~~ considered a fuel conversion facility as used in rules adopted
126.11 under this chapter.

126.12 ~~(b)~~ (d) The responsible governmental unit shall promptly publish notice of the completion
126.13 of an environmental assessment worksheet by publishing the notice in at least one newspaper
126.14 of general circulation in the geographic area where the project is proposed, by posting the
126.15 notice on a Web site that has been designated as the official publication site for publication
126.16 of proceedings, public notices, and summaries of a political subdivision in which the project
126.17 is proposed, or in any other manner determined by the board and shall provide copies of
126.18 the environmental assessment worksheet to the board and its member agencies. Comments
126.19 on the need for an environmental impact statement may be submitted to the responsible
126.20 governmental unit during a 30-day period following publication of the notice that an
126.21 environmental assessment worksheet has been completed. The responsible governmental
126.22 unit's decision on the need for an environmental impact statement shall be based on the
126.23 environmental assessment worksheet and the comments received during the comment period,
126.24 and shall be made within 15 days after the close of the comment period. The board's chair
126.25 may extend the 15-day period by not more than 15 additional days upon the request of the
126.26 responsible governmental unit.

126.27 ~~(e)~~ (e) An environmental assessment worksheet shall also be prepared for a proposed
126.28 action whenever material evidence accompanying a petition by not less than 100 individuals
126.29 who reside or own property in the state, submitted before the proposed project has received
126.30 final approval by the appropriate governmental units, demonstrates that, because of the
126.31 nature or location of a proposed action, there may be potential for significant environmental
126.32 effects. Petitions requesting the preparation of an environmental assessment worksheet shall
126.33 be submitted to the board. The chair of the board shall determine the appropriate responsible
126.34 governmental unit and forward the petition to it. A decision on the need for an environmental
126.35 assessment worksheet shall be made by the responsible governmental unit within 15 days

127.1 after the petition is received by the responsible governmental unit. The board's chair may
127.2 extend the 15-day period by not more than 15 additional days upon request of the responsible
127.3 governmental unit.

127.4 ~~(d)~~ (f) Except in an environmentally sensitive location where Minnesota Rules, part
127.5 4410.4300, subpart 29, item B, applies, the proposed action is exempt from environmental
127.6 review under this chapter and rules of the board, if:

127.7 (1) the proposed action is:

127.8 (i) an animal feedlot facility with a capacity of less than 1,000 animal units; or

127.9 (ii) an expansion of an existing animal feedlot facility with a total cumulative capacity
127.10 of less than 1,000 animal units;

127.11 (2) the application for the animal feedlot facility includes a written commitment by the
127.12 proposer to design, construct, and operate the facility in full compliance with Pollution
127.13 Control Agency feedlot rules; and

127.14 (3) the county board holds a public meeting for citizen input at least ten business days
127.15 ~~prior to~~ before the Pollution Control Agency or county issuing a feedlot permit for the
127.16 animal feedlot facility unless another public meeting for citizen input has been held with
127.17 regard to the feedlot facility to be permitted. The exemption in this paragraph is in addition
127.18 to other exemptions provided under other law and rules of the board.

127.19 ~~(e)~~ (g) The board may, ~~prior to~~ before final approval of a proposed project, require
127.20 preparation of an environmental assessment worksheet by a responsible governmental unit
127.21 selected by the board for any action where environmental review under this section has not
127.22 been specifically provided for by rule or otherwise initiated.

127.23 ~~(f)~~ (h) An early and open process shall be utilized to limit the scope of the environmental
127.24 impact statement to a discussion of those impacts, ~~which~~ that, because of the nature or
127.25 location of the project, have the potential for significant environmental effects. The same
127.26 process shall be utilized to determine the form, content, and level of detail of the statement
127.27 as well as the alternatives ~~which~~ that are appropriate for consideration in the statement. In
127.28 addition, the permits ~~which~~ that will be required for the proposed action shall be identified
127.29 during the scoping process. Further, the process shall identify those permits for which
127.30 information will be developed concurrently with the environmental impact statement. The
127.31 board shall provide in its rules for the expeditious completion of the scoping process. The
127.32 determinations reached in the process shall be incorporated into the order requiring the
127.33 preparation of an environmental impact statement.

128.1 ~~(g)~~ (i) The responsible governmental unit shall, to the extent practicable, avoid duplication
128.2 and ensure coordination between state and federal environmental review and between
128.3 environmental review and environmental permitting. Whenever practical, information
128.4 needed by a governmental unit for making final decisions on permits or other actions required
128.5 for a proposed project shall be developed in conjunction with the preparation of an
128.6 environmental impact statement. When an environmental impact statement is prepared for
128.7 a project requiring multiple permits for which two or more agencies' decision processes
128.8 include either mandatory or discretionary hearings before a hearing officer ~~prior to~~ before
128.9 the agencies' decision on the permit, the agencies may, notwithstanding any law or rule to
128.10 the contrary, conduct the hearings in a single consolidated hearing process if requested by
128.11 the proposer. All agencies having jurisdiction over a permit that is included in the
128.12 consolidated hearing shall participate. The responsible governmental unit shall establish
128.13 appropriate procedures for the consolidated hearing process, including procedures to ensure
128.14 that the consolidated hearing process is consistent with the applicable requirements for each
128.15 permit regarding the rights and duties of parties to the hearing, and shall utilize the earliest
128.16 applicable hearing procedure to initiate the hearing. All agencies having jurisdiction over
128.17 a permit identified in the draft environmental assessment worksheet scoping document must
128.18 begin reviewing any permit application upon publication of the notice of preparation of the
128.19 environmental impact statement.

128.20 ~~(h)~~ (j) An environmental impact statement shall be prepared and its adequacy determined
128.21 within 280 days after notice of its preparation unless the time is extended by consent of the
128.22 parties or by the governor for good cause. The responsible governmental unit shall determine
128.23 the adequacy of an environmental impact statement, unless within 60 days after notice is
128.24 published that an environmental impact statement will be prepared, the board chooses to
128.25 determine the adequacy of an environmental impact statement. If an environmental impact
128.26 statement is found to be inadequate, the responsible governmental unit shall have 60 days
128.27 to prepare an adequate environmental impact statement.

128.28 ~~(i)~~ (k) The proposer of a specific action may include in the information submitted to the
128.29 responsible governmental unit a preliminary draft environmental impact statement under
128.30 this section on that action for review, modification, and determination of completeness and
128.31 adequacy by the responsible governmental unit. A preliminary draft environmental impact
128.32 statement prepared by the project proposer and submitted to the responsible governmental
128.33 unit shall identify or include as an appendix all studies and other sources of information
128.34 used to substantiate the analysis contained in the preliminary draft environmental impact
128.35 statement. The responsible governmental unit shall require additional studies, if needed,

129.1 and obtain from the project proposer all additional studies and information necessary for
129.2 the responsible governmental unit to perform its responsibility to review, modify, and
129.3 determine the completeness and adequacy of the environmental impact statement.

129.4 Sec. 141. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116D.04, subdivision 5b, is amended to read:

129.5 Subd. 5b. **Review of environmental assessment worksheets and environmental**
129.6 **impact statements.** By December 1, ~~2012~~ 2018, and every ~~five~~ three years thereafter, the
129.7 Environmental Quality Board, Pollution Control Agency, Department of Natural Resources,
129.8 and Department of Transportation, after consultation with political subdivisions, shall submit
129.9 to the governor and the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees having
129.10 jurisdiction over environment and natural resources a list of mandatory environmental
129.11 assessment worksheet and mandatory environmental impact statement categories for which
129.12 the agency or a political subdivision is designated as the responsible government unit, and
129.13 for each worksheet or statement category, a document including:

129.14 (1) intended historical purposes of the category;

129.15 (2) whether projects that fall within the category are also subject to local, state, or federal
129.16 permits; and

129.17 (3) an analysis of and recommendations for whether the mandatory category should be
129.18 modified, eliminated, or unchanged based on its intended outcomes and relationship to
129.19 existing permits or other federal, state, or local laws or ordinances.

129.20 Sec. 142. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116D.04, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

129.21 Subd. 10. **Review.** A person aggrieved by a final decision on the need for an
129.22 environmental assessment worksheet, the need for an environmental impact statement, or
129.23 the adequacy of an environmental impact statement is entitled to judicial review of the
129.24 decision under sections 14.63 to 14.68. A petition for a writ of certiorari by an aggrieved
129.25 person for judicial review under sections 14.63 to 14.68 must be filed with the Court of
129.26 Appeals and served on the responsible governmental unit not more than 30 days after the
129.27 ~~party receives the final decision and order of the responsible governmental unit~~ provides
129.28 notice of the decision in the EQB Monitor. Proceedings for review under this section must
129.29 be instituted by serving a petition for a writ of certiorari personally or by certified mail upon
129.30 the responsible governmental unit and by promptly filing the proof of service in the Office
129.31 of the Clerk of the Appellate Courts and the matter will proceed in the manner provided by
129.32 the Rules of Civil Appellate Procedure. A copy of the petition must be provided to the
129.33 attorney general at the time of service. Copies of the writ must be served, personally or by

130.1 certified mail, upon the responsible governmental unit and the project proposer. The filing
 130.2 of the writ of certiorari does not stay the enforcement of any other governmental action,
 130.3 provided that the responsible governmental unit may stay enforcement or the Court of
 130.4 Appeals may order a stay upon terms it deems proper. A bond may be required under section
 130.5 562.02 unless at the time of hearing on the application for the bond the petitioner-relator
 130.6 has shown that the claim is likely to succeed on the merits. The board may initiate judicial
 130.7 review of decisions referred to herein and the board or a project proposer may intervene as
 130.8 of right in any proceeding brought under this subdivision.

130.9 Sec. 143. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116D.045, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

130.10 Subdivision 1. **Assessment.** The board ~~shall~~ must by rule adopt procedures to:

130.11 (1) assess the proposer of a specific action for the responsible governmental unit's
 130.12 reasonable costs of preparing, reviewing, and distributing the environmental impact statement.
 130.13 The costs ~~shall~~ must be determined by the responsible governmental unit ~~pursuant~~ according
 130.14 to the rules ~~promulgated~~ adopted by the board; and

130.15 (2) authorize a responsible governmental unit to allow a proposer of a specific action to
 130.16 prepare a draft environmental impact statement according to section 116D.04, subdivision
 130.17 2a, paragraph (i).

130.18 Sec. 144. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 160.06, is amended to read:

130.19 **160.06 TRAIL OR PORTAGE DEDICATION.**

130.20 Any trail or portage between public or navigable bodies of water or from public or
 130.21 navigable water to a public highway in this state ~~which~~ that has been in continued and
 130.22 uninterrupted use by the general public for 15 years or more as a trail or portage for the
 130.23 purposes of travel, ~~shall be~~ is deemed to have been dedicated to the public as a trail or
 130.24 portage. This section ~~shall apply~~ applies only to forest trails on established ~~state water trails~~
 130.25 canoe routes and the public ~~shall have~~ has the right to use the same for ~~the purposes of travel~~
 130.26 to the same extent as public highways. The width of all trails and portages dedicated by
 130.27 user ~~shall be~~ is eight feet on each side of the centerline of the trail or portage.

130.28 Sec. 145. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 168.1295, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

130.29 Subdivision 1. **General requirements and procedures.** (a) The commissioner shall
 130.30 issue state parks and trails plates to an applicant who:

131.1 (1) is a registered owner of a passenger automobile, recreational vehicle, one ton pickup
 131.2 truck, or motorcycle;

131.3 (2) pays a fee of \$10 to cover the costs of handling and manufacturing the plates;

131.4 (3) pays the registration tax required under section 168.013;

131.5 (4) pays the fees required under this chapter;

131.6 (5) contributes a minimum of ~~\$50~~ \$60 annually to the state parks and trails donation
 131.7 account established in section 85.056; and

131.8 (6) complies with this chapter and rules governing registration of motor vehicles and
 131.9 licensing of drivers.

131.10 (b) The state parks and trails plate application must indicate that the contribution specified
 131.11 under paragraph (a), clause (5), is a minimum contribution to receive the plate and that the
 131.12 applicant may make an additional contribution to the account.

131.13 (c) State parks and trails plates may be personalized according to section 168.12,
 131.14 subdivision 2a.

131.15 Sec. 146. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 282.018, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

131.16 Subdivision 1. **Land on or adjacent to public waters.** (a) All land which is the property
 131.17 of the state as a result of forfeiture to the state for nonpayment of taxes, regardless of whether
 131.18 the land is held in trust for taxing districts, and which borders on or is adjacent to meandered
 131.19 lakes and other public waters and watercourses, and the live timber growing or being thereon,
 131.20 is hereby withdrawn from sale except as hereinafter provided. The authority having
 131.21 jurisdiction over the timber on any ~~such~~ of these lands may sell the timber as otherwise
 131.22 provided by law for cutting and removal under ~~such~~ the conditions as the authority may
 131.23 prescribe in accordance with approved, sustained yield forestry practices. The authority
 131.24 having jurisdiction over the timber shall reserve ~~such~~ the timber and impose ~~such~~ the
 131.25 conditions as the authority deems necessary for the protection of watersheds, wildlife habitat,
 131.26 shorelines, and scenic features. Within the area in Cook, Lake, and St. Louis counties
 131.27 described in the Act of Congress approved July 10, 1930 (46 Stat. 1020), the timber on
 131.28 tax-forfeited lands shall be subject to like restrictions as are now imposed by that act on
 131.29 federal lands.

131.30 (b) Of all tax-forfeited land bordering on or adjacent to meandered lakes and other public
 131.31 waters and watercourses and so withdrawn from sale, a strip two rods in width, the ordinary
 131.32 high-water mark being the waterside boundary thereof, and the land side boundary thereof

132.1 being a line drawn parallel to the ordinary high-water mark and two rods distant landward
132.2 therefrom, hereby is reserved for public travel thereon, and whatever the conformation of
132.3 the shore line or conditions require, the authority having jurisdiction over ~~such~~ these lands
132.4 shall reserve a wider strip for ~~such~~ these purposes.

132.5 (c) Any tract or parcel of land which has 150 feet or less of waterfront may be sold by
132.6 the authority having jurisdiction over the land, in the manner otherwise provided by law
132.7 for the sale of ~~such~~ the lands, if the authority determines that it is in the public interest to
132.8 do so. Any tract or parcel of land within a plat of record bordering on or adjacent to
132.9 meandered lakes and other public waters and watercourses may be sold by the authority
132.10 having jurisdiction over the land, in the manner otherwise provided by law for the sale of
132.11 the lands, if the authority determines that it is in the public interest to do so. If the authority
132.12 having jurisdiction over the land is not the commissioner of natural resources, the land may
132.13 not be offered for sale without the prior approval of the commissioner of natural resources.

132.14 (d) Where the authority having jurisdiction over lands withdrawn from sale under this
132.15 section is not the commissioner of natural resources, the authority may submit proposals
132.16 for disposition of the lands to the commissioner. The commissioner of natural resources
132.17 shall evaluate the lands and their public benefits and make recommendations on the proposed
132.18 dispositions to the committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over natural resources.
132.19 The commissioner shall include any recommendations of the commissioner for disposition
132.20 of lands withdrawn from sale under this section over which the commissioner has jurisdiction.
132.21 The commissioner's recommendations may include a public sale, sale to a private party,
132.22 acquisition by the Department of Natural Resources for public purposes, or a cooperative
132.23 management agreement with, or transfer to, another unit of government.

132.24 Sec. 147. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 282.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

132.25 Subdivision 1. **Timber sales; land leases and uses.** (a) The county auditor, with terms
132.26 and conditions set by the county board, may sell timber upon any tract that may be approved
132.27 by the natural resources commissioner. The sale of timber shall be made for cash at not less
132.28 than the appraised value determined by the county board to the highest bidder after not less
132.29 than one week's published notice in an official paper within the county. Any timber offered
132.30 at the public sale and not sold may thereafter be sold at private sale by the county auditor
132.31 at not less than the appraised value thereof, until the time as the county board may withdraw
132.32 the timber from sale. The appraised value of the timber and the forestry practices to be
132.33 followed in the cutting of said timber shall be approved by the commissioner of natural
132.34 resources.

133.1 (b) Payment of the full sale price of all timber sold on tax-forfeited lands shall be made
133.2 in cash at the time of the timber sale, except in the case of oral or sealed bid auction sales,
133.3 the down payment shall be no less than 15 percent of the appraised value, and the balance
133.4 shall be paid prior to entry. In the case of auction sales that are partitioned and sold as a
133.5 single sale with predetermined cutting blocks, the down payment shall be no less than 15
133.6 percent of the appraised price of the entire timber sale which may be held until the satisfactory
133.7 completion of the sale or applied in whole or in part to the final cutting block. The value of
133.8 each separate block must be paid in full before any cutting may begin in that block. With
133.9 the permission of the county contract administrator the purchaser may enter unpaid blocks
133.10 and cut necessary timber incidental to developing logging roads as may be needed to log
133.11 other blocks provided that no timber may be removed from an unpaid block until separately
133.12 scaled and paid for. If payment is provided as specified in this paragraph as security under
133.13 paragraph (a) and no cutting has taken place on the contract, the county auditor may credit
133.14 the security provided, less any down payment required for an auction sale under this
133.15 paragraph, to any other contract issued to the contract holder by the county under this chapter
133.16 to which the contract holder requests in writing that it be credited, provided the request and
133.17 transfer is made within the same calendar year as the security was received.

133.18 (c) The county board may sell any timber, including biomass, as appraised or scaled.
133.19 Any parcels of land from which timber is to be sold by scale of cut products shall be so
133.20 designated in the published notice of sale under paragraph (a), in which case the notice shall
133.21 contain a description of the parcels, a statement of the estimated quantity of each species
133.22 of timber, and the appraised price of each species of timber for 1,000 feet, per cord or per
133.23 piece, as the case may be. In those cases any bids offered over and above the appraised
133.24 prices shall be by percentage, the percent bid to be added to the appraised price of each of
133.25 the different species of timber advertised on the land. The purchaser of timber from the
133.26 parcels shall pay in cash at the time of sale at the rate bid for all of the timber shown in the
133.27 notice of sale as estimated to be standing on the land, and in addition shall pay at the same
133.28 rate for any additional amounts which the final scale shows to have been cut or was available
133.29 for cutting on the land at the time of sale under the terms of the sale. Where the final scale
133.30 of cut products shows that less timber was cut or was available for cutting under terms of
133.31 the sale than was originally paid for, the excess payment shall be refunded from the forfeited
133.32 tax sale fund upon the claim of the purchaser, to be audited and allowed by the county board
133.33 as in case of other claims against the county. No timber, except hardwood pulpwood, may
133.34 be removed from the parcels of land or other designated landings until scaled by a person
133.35 or persons designated by the county board and approved by the commissioner of natural
133.36 resources. Landings other than the parcel of land from which timber is cut may be designated

134.1 for scaling by the county board by written agreement with the purchaser of the timber. The
134.2 county board may, by written agreement with the purchaser and with a consumer designated
134.3 by the purchaser when the timber is sold by the county auditor, and with the approval of
134.4 the commissioner of natural resources, accept the consumer's scale of cut products delivered
134.5 at the consumer's landing. No timber shall be removed until fully paid for in cash. Small
134.6 amounts of timber not exceeding ~~\$3,000~~ 500 cords in appraised ~~valuation~~ volume may be
134.7 sold for not less than the full appraised value at private sale to individual persons without
134.8 first publishing notice of sale or calling for bids, provided that in case of a sale involving a
134.9 total appraised value of more than \$200 the sale shall be made subject to final settlement
134.10 on the basis of a scale of cut products in the manner above provided and not more than two
134.11 of the sales, directly or indirectly to any individual shall be in effect at one time.

134.12 (d) As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax-forfeited land to
134.13 individuals, corporations or organized subdivisions of the state at public or private sale, and
134.14 at the prices and under the terms as the county board may prescribe, for use as cottage and
134.15 camp sites and for agricultural purposes and for the purpose of taking and removing of hay,
134.16 stumpage, sand, gravel, clay, rock, marl, and black dirt from the land, and for garden sites
134.17 and other temporary uses provided that no leases shall be for a period to exceed ten years;
134.18 provided, further that any leases involving a consideration of more than \$12,000 per year,
134.19 except to an organized subdivision of the state shall first be offered at public sale in the
134.20 manner provided herein for sale of timber. Upon the sale of any leased land, it shall remain
134.21 subject to the lease for not to exceed one year from the beginning of the term of the lease.
134.22 Any rent paid by the lessee for the portion of the term cut off by the cancellation shall be
134.23 refunded from the forfeited tax sale fund upon the claim of the lessee, to be audited and
134.24 allowed by the county board as in case of other claims against the county.

134.25 (e) As directed by the county board, the county auditor may lease tax-forfeited land to
134.26 individuals, corporations, or organized subdivisions of the state at public or private sale, at
134.27 the prices and under the terms as the county board may prescribe, for the purpose of taking
134.28 and removing for use for road construction and other purposes tax-forfeited stockpiled
134.29 iron-bearing material. The county auditor must determine that the material is needed and
134.30 suitable for use in the construction or maintenance of a road, tailings basin, settling basin,
134.31 dike, dam, bank fill, or other works on public or private property, and that the use would
134.32 be in the best interests of the public. No lease shall exceed ten years. The use of a stockpile
134.33 for these purposes must first be approved by the commissioner of natural resources. The
134.34 request shall be deemed approved unless the requesting county is notified to the contrary
134.35 by the commissioner of natural resources within six months after receipt of a request for

135.1 approval for use of a stockpile. Once use of a stockpile has been approved, the county may
135.2 continue to lease it for these purposes until approval is withdrawn by the commissioner of
135.3 natural resources.

135.4 (f) The county auditor, with the approval of the county board is authorized to grant
135.5 permits, licenses, and leases to tax-forfeited lands for the depositing of stripping, lean ores,
135.6 tailings, or waste products from mines or ore milling plants, or to use for facilities needed
135.7 to recover iron-bearing oxides from tailings basins or stockpiles, or for a buffer area needed
135.8 for a mining operation, upon the conditions and for the consideration and for the period of
135.9 time, not exceeding 25 years, as the county board may determine. The permits, licenses, or
135.10 leases are subject to approval by the commissioner of natural resources.

135.11 (g) Any person who removes any timber from tax-forfeited land before said timber has
135.12 been scaled and fully paid for as provided in this subdivision is guilty of a misdemeanor.

135.13 (h) The county auditor may, with the approval of the county board, and without first
135.14 offering at public sale, grant leases, for a term not exceeding 25 years, for the removal of
135.15 peat and for the production or removal of farm-grown closed-loop biomass as defined in
135.16 section 216B.2424, subdivision 1, or short-rotation woody crops from tax-forfeited lands
135.17 upon the terms and conditions as the county board may prescribe. Any lease for the removal
135.18 of peat, farm-grown closed-loop biomass, or short-rotation woody crops from tax-forfeited
135.19 lands must first be reviewed and approved by the commissioner of natural resources if the
135.20 lease covers 320 or more acres. No lease for the removal of peat, farm-grown closed-loop
135.21 biomass, or short-rotation woody crops shall be made by the county auditor pursuant to this
135.22 section without first holding a public hearing on the auditor's intention to lease. One printed
135.23 notice in a legal newspaper in the county at least ten days before the hearing, and posted
135.24 notice in the courthouse at least 20 days before the hearing shall be given of the hearing.

135.25 (i) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (c) to the contrary, the St. Louis County
135.26 auditor may, at the discretion of the county board, sell timber to the party who bids the
135.27 highest price for all the several kinds of timber, as provided for sales by the commissioner
135.28 of natural resources under section 90.14. Bids offered over and above the appraised price
135.29 need not be applied proportionately to the appraised price of each of the different species
135.30 of timber.

135.31 (j) In lieu of any payment or deposit required in paragraph (b), as directed by the county
135.32 board and under terms set by the county board, the county auditor may accept an irrevocable
135.33 bank letter of credit in the amount equal to the amount otherwise determined in paragraph
135.34 (b). If an irrevocable bank letter of credit is provided under this paragraph, at the written

136.1 request of the purchaser, the county may periodically allow the bank letter of credit to be
136.2 reduced by an amount proportionate to the value of timber that has been harvested and for
136.3 which the county has received payment. The remaining amount of the bank letter of credit
136.4 after a reduction under this paragraph must not be less than 20 percent of the value of the
136.5 timber purchased. If an irrevocable bank letter of credit or cash deposit is provided for the
136.6 down payment required in paragraph (b), and no cutting of timber has taken place on the
136.7 contract for which a letter of credit has been provided, the county may allow the transfer
136.8 of the letter of credit to any other contract issued to the contract holder by the county under
136.9 this chapter to which the contract holder requests in writing that it be credited.

136.10 Sec. 148. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 296A.18, subdivision 6a, is amended to read:

136.11 Subd. 6a. **Computation of nonhighway use amounts.** The nonhighway use amounts
136.12 determined in subdivisions 2 to 6 must be transferred from the highway user tax distribution
136.13 fund to the accounts as provided for in sections 84.794, 84.803, 84.83, 84.927, and 86B.706.
136.14 These amounts, together with interest and penalties for delinquency in payment, paid or
136.15 collected pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, must be computed for each six-month
136.16 period ending June 30 and December 31 and must be transferred on November 1 and ~~June~~
136.17 April 1 following each six-month period.

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

136.19 Sec. 149. **[477A.21] RIPARIAN PROTECTION AID.**

136.20 Subdivision 1. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the
136.21 meanings given:

136.22 (1) "buffer protection map" has the meaning given under section 103F.48, subdivision
136.23 1; and

136.24 (2) "public watercourses" means public waters and public drainage systems subject to
136.25 riparian protection requirements under section 103F.48.

136.26 Subd. 2. Certifications to commissioner. (a) The Board of Water and Soil Resources
136.27 must certify to the commissioner of revenue, on or before July 1 each year, which counties
136.28 and watershed districts have affirmed their jurisdiction under section 103F.48 and the
136.29 proportion of centerline miles of public watercourses, and miles of public drainage system
136.30 ditches on the buffer protection map, within each county and each watershed district within
136.31 the county with affirmed jurisdiction.

137.1 (b) On or before July 1 each year, the commissioner of natural resources shall certify to
137.2 the commissioner of revenue the statewide and countywide number of centerline miles of
137.3 public watercourses and miles of public drainage system ditches on the buffer protection
137.4 map.

137.5 Subd. 3. **Distribution.** (a) A county that is certified under subdivision 2, or that portion
137.6 of a county containing a watershed district certified under subdivision 2, is eligible to receive
137.7 aid under this section to enforce and implement the riparian protection and water quality
137.8 practices under section 103F.48. Each county's preliminary aid amount is equal to the
137.9 proportion calculated under paragraph (b) multiplied by the appropriation received each
137.10 year by the commissioner for purposes of payments under this section.

137.11 (b) The commissioner must compute each county's proportion. A county's proportion is
137.12 equal to the ratio of the sum in clause (1) to the sum in clause (2):

137.13 (1) the sum of the total number of acres in the county classified as class 2a under section
137.14 273.13, subdivision 23, the countywide number of centerline miles of public watercourses
137.15 on the buffer protection map, and the countywide number of miles of public drainage system
137.16 ditches on the buffer protection map; and

137.17 (2) the sum of the statewide total number of acres classified as class 2a under section
137.18 273.13, subdivision 23, the statewide total number of centerline miles of public watercourses
137.19 on the buffer protection map, and the statewide total number of public drainage system
137.20 miles on the buffer protection map.

137.21 (c) Aid to a county must not be greater than \$200,000 or less than \$50,000. If the sum
137.22 of the preliminary aids payable to counties under paragraph (a) is greater or less than the
137.23 appropriation received by the commissioner, the commissioner of revenue must calculate
137.24 the percentage of adjustment necessary so that the total of the aid under paragraph (a) equals
137.25 the total amount received by the commissioner, subject to the minimum and maximum
137.26 amounts specified in this paragraph. The minimum and maximum amounts under this
137.27 paragraph must be adjusted by the ratio of the actual amount appropriated to \$10,000,000.

137.28 (d) If only a portion of a county is certified as eligible to receive aid under subdivision
137.29 2, the aid otherwise payable to that county under this section must be multiplied by a fraction,
137.30 the numerator of which is the buffer protection map miles of the certified watershed districts
137.31 contained within the county and the denominator of which is the total buffer protection map
137.32 miles of the county.

137.33 (e) Any aid that would otherwise be paid to a county or portion of a county that is not
137.34 certified under subdivision 2 shall be paid to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for

138.1 enforcing and implementing the riparian protection and water quality practices under section
138.2 103F.48.

138.3 Subd. 4. **Payments.** The commissioner of revenue must compute the amount of riparian
138.4 protection aid payable to each eligible county and to the Board of Water and Soil Resources
138.5 under this section. On or before August 1 each year, the commissioner must certify the
138.6 amount to be paid to each county and the Board of Water and Soil Resources in the following
138.7 year, except that the payments for 2017 must be certified by July 15, 2017. The commissioner
138.8 must pay riparian protection aid to counties and to the Board of Water and Soil Resources
138.9 in the same manner and at the same time as aid payments under section 477A.015.

138.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
138.11 applies to aids payable in 2017 and thereafter.

138.12 Sec. 150. Laws 2000, chapter 486, section 4, as amended by Laws 2001, chapter 182,
138.13 section 2, is amended to read:

138.14 Sec. 4. [**BOATHOUSE LEASES; SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE STATE**
138.15 **PARK.**]

138.16 (a) In 1965, United States Steel Corporation conveyed land to the state of Minnesota
138.17 that was included in the Soudan underground mine state park, with certain lands at Stuntz
138.18 Bay subject to leases outstanding for employee boathouse sites.

138.19 (b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.011, 85.012, subdivision 1, and
138.20 86A.05, subdivision 2, upon the expiration of a boathouse lease described under paragraph
138.21 (a), the commissioner of natural resources shall offer a new lease to the party in possession
138.22 at the time of lease expiration, or, if there has been a miscellaneous lease issued by the
138.23 Department of Natural Resources due to expiration of a lease described under paragraph
138.24 (a), upon its expiration to the lessee. The new lease shall be issued under the terms and
138.25 conditions of Minnesota Statutes, section 92.50, ~~with the following limitations~~ except as
138.26 follows:

138.27 (1) the term of the lease shall be for the lifetime of the party being issued a renewed
138.28 lease and, if transferred, for the lifetime of the party to whom the lease is transferred;

138.29 (2) the new lease shall provide that the lease may be transferred only once and the transfer
138.30 must be to a person within the third degree of kindred or first cousin according to civil law;
138.31 ~~and~~

138.32 (3) the commissioner shall limit the number of lessees per lease to no more than two
138.33 persons who have attained legal age; and

139.1 (4) the lease amount must not exceed 50 percent of the average market rate, based on
 139.2 comparable private lease rates, as determined once every five years per lease.

139.3 At the time of the new lease, the commissioner may offer, and after agreement with the
 139.4 leaseholder, lease equivalent alternative sites to the leaseholder.

139.5 (c) The commissioner shall not cancel a boathouse lease described under paragraphs (a)
 139.6 and (b) except for noncompliance with the lease agreement.

139.7 ~~(d) By January 15, 2001, the commissioner of natural resources shall report to the senate~~
 139.8 ~~and house environment and natural resources policy and finance committees on boathouse~~
 139.9 ~~leases in state parks. The report shall include information on:~~

139.10 ~~(1) the number of boathouse leases;~~

139.11 ~~(2) the number of leases that have forfeited;~~

139.12 ~~(3) the expiration dates of the leases;~~

139.13 ~~(4) the historical significance of the boathouses;~~

139.14 ~~(5) recommendations on the inclusion of the land described in paragraph (d) within the~~
 139.15 ~~park boundary; and~~

139.16 ~~(6) any other relevant information on the leases.~~

139.17 (d) The commissioner must issue a written receipt to the lessee for each lease payment.

139.18 (e) The commissioner of natural resources shall contact U.S.X. Corporation and local
 139.19 units of government regarding the inclusion of the following lands within Soudan
 139.20 underground mine state park:

139.21 (1) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in Section 13, Township 62
 139.22 North, Range 15 West;

139.23 (2) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in the S1/2-SE1/4 of Section
 139.24 14, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

139.25 (3) NE1/4-SE1/4 and E1/2-NE1/4 of Section 22, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

139.26 (4) all lands located South of Vermillion Lake shoreline in Section 23, Township 62
 139.27 North, Range 15 West;

139.28 (5) all of Section 24, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;

139.29 (6) all lands North of trunk highway No. 169 located in Section 25, Township 62 North,
 139.30 Range 15 West;

140.1 (7) all lands North of trunk highway No. 169 located in Section 26, Township 62 North,
140.2 Range 15 West;

140.3 (8) NE1/4-SE1/4 and SE1/4-NE1/4 of Section 27, Township 62 North, Range 15 West;
140.4 and

140.5 (9) NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 62 North, Range 14 West.

140.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
140.7 applies to monthly lease payments made on or after that date.

140.8 Sec. 151. Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105, is amended to read:

140.9 Sec. 105. **RULES; SILICA SAND.**

140.10 (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency ~~shall~~ may adopt rules pertaining
140.11 to the control of particulate emissions from silica sand projects. The rulemaking is exempt
140.12 from Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125.

140.13 (b) The commissioner of natural resources shall adopt rules pertaining to the reclamation
140.14 of silica sand mines. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota Statutes, section 14.125.

140.15 (c) By January 1, 2014, the Department of Health shall adopt an air quality health-based
140.16 value for silica sand.

140.17 (d) The Environmental Quality Board ~~shall~~ may amend its rules for environmental
140.18 review, adopted under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116D, for silica sand mining and
140.19 processing to take into account the increased activity in the state and concerns over the size
140.20 of specific operations. The Environmental Quality Board shall consider whether the
140.21 requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.991, should remain part of the
140.22 environmental review requirements for silica sand and whether the requirements should be
140.23 different for different geographic areas of the state. The rulemaking is exempt from Minnesota
140.24 Statutes, section 14.125.

140.25 Sec. 152. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 136, is amended
140.26 to read:

140.27 Sec. 136. **WILD RICE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS.**

140.28 (a) Until the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency amends rules refining the
140.29 wild rice water quality standard in Minnesota Rules, part 7050.0224, subpart 2, to consider
140.30 all independent research and publicly funded research and to include criteria for identifying
140.31 waters and a list of waters subject to the standard, implementation of the wild rice water

141.1 quality standard in Minnesota Rules, part 7050.0224, subpart 2, shall be limited to the
141.2 following, unless the permittee requests additional conditions:

141.3 (1) when issuing, modifying, or renewing national pollutant discharge elimination system
141.4 (NPDES) or state disposal system (SDS) permits, the agency shall endeavor to protect wild
141.5 rice, and in doing so shall be limited by the following conditions:

141.6 (i) the agency shall not require permittees to expend money for design or implementation
141.7 of sulfate treatment technologies or other forms of sulfate mitigation; and

141.8 (ii) the agency may require sulfate minimization plans in permits; and

141.9 (2) the agency shall not list waters containing natural beds of wild rice as impaired for
141.10 sulfate under section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act, United States Code, title 33,
141.11 section 1313, until the rulemaking described in this paragraph takes effect.

141.12 (b) Upon the rule described in paragraph (a) taking effect, the agency may reopen permits
141.13 issued or reissued after the effective date of this section as needed to include numeric permit
141.14 limits based on the wild rice water quality standard.

141.15 (c) The commissioner shall complete the rulemaking described in paragraph (a) by
141.16 January 15, ~~2018~~ 2019.

141.17 Sec. 153. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 3, section 26, the effective date, is amended to
141.18 read:

141.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective May 1, ~~2017~~ 2018.

141.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from April 30, 2017.

141.21 Sec. 154. Laws 2016, chapter 189, article 3, section 46, is amended to read:

141.22 Sec. 46. **PRESCRIBED BURN REQUIREMENTS; REPORT.**

141.23 The commissioner of natural resources, in cooperation with prescribed burning
141.24 professionals, nongovernmental organizations, and local and federal governments, must
141.25 develop criteria for certifying an entity to conduct a prescribed burn under a ~~general~~ an open
141.26 burning permit. The certification requirements must include training, equipment, and
141.27 experience requirements and include an apprentice program to allow entities without
141.28 experience to become certified. The commissioner must establish provisions for decertifying
141.29 entities. The commissioner must not require additional certification or requirements for
141.30 burns conducted as part of normal agricultural practices not currently subject to prescribed
141.31 burn specifications. The commissioner must submit a report with recommendations and

142.1 any legislative changes needed to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of
142.2 representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and
142.3 natural resources by January 15, 2017.

142.4 Sec. 155. **DEMOLITION DEBRIS LANDFILL PERMITTING.**

142.5 A solid waste permit issued by the Pollution Control Agency to an existing class I
142.6 demolition debris landfill facility that is operating under the Pollution Control Agency
142.7 Demolition Landfill Guidance, issued August 2005, is extended pursuant to Minnesota
142.8 Rules, part 7001.0160, for a period of five years, unless a new permit is issued for the facility
142.9 by the Pollution Control Agency after the effective date of this section.

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

142.11 Sec. 156. **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD MEMBERSHIP TRANSITION.**

142.12 (a) Until the governor has appointed members of the Environmental Quality Board from
142.13 each congressional district as required under this act, this section governs membership of
142.14 the board.

142.15 (b) The citizen members of the board as of July 1, 2017, shall continue to serve until the
142.16 expiration of their terms.

142.17 (c) No later than October 1, 2017, the governor shall appoint board members from the
142.18 first, second, seventh, and eighth congressional districts for terms to begin January 2, 2018.

142.19 (d) No later than October 1, 2018, the governor shall appoint a board member from the
142.20 third congressional district for a term to begin January 8, 2019.

142.21 (e) No later than October 1, 2019, the governor shall appoint a board member from the
142.22 fourth congressional district for a term to begin January 7, 2020.

142.23 (f) No later than October 1, 2020, the governor shall appoint a board member from the
142.24 fifth congressional district for a term to begin January 5, 2021.

142.25 (g) No later than October 1, 2021, the governor shall appoint a commissioner from the
142.26 sixth congressional district for a term to begin January 4, 2022.

142.27 Sec. 157. **SAND DUNES STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT.**

142.28 Subdivision 1. **Forest management.** When managing the Sand Dunes State Forest, the
142.29 commissioner of natural resources must:

143.1 (1) not convert additional land to oak savanna or convert oak savanna to nonforest land
143.2 unless it is done as a result of a contract entered into before the effective date of this section;

143.3 (2) require all prairie seeds planted to be from native species of a local ecotype to
143.4 Sherburne or Benton County; and

143.5 (3) comply with the Minnesota Forest Resources Council's guidelines for aesthetics in
143.6 residential areas.

143.7 Subd. 2. **Prescribed burns; notification.** At least 40 days before conducting a prescribed
143.8 burn, the commissioner must:

143.9 (1) publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the area;

143.10 (2) notify the county and township in writing; and

143.11 (3) notify residents within a quarter mile of the prescribed burn in writing.

143.12 Subd. 3. **School trust lands.** Nothing in this section restricts the ability of the
143.13 commissioner or the school trust lands director from managing school trust lands within
143.14 the Sand Dunes State Forest for long-term economic return.

143.15 Subd. 4. **Township road.** If the commissioner of natural resources finds that any portion
143.16 of 233rd Avenue within the Sand Dunes State Forest is not owned by the township, the
143.17 commissioner must convey an easement over and across state-owned lands administered
143.18 by the commissioner to the township under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.63, for the width
143.19 of 233rd Avenue.

143.20 Subd. 5. **Sunset.** This section expires two years from the day following final enactment.

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

143.22 Sec. 158. **HILL-ANNEX MINE STATE PARK MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION**
143.23 **PLAN.**

143.24 (a) The commissioner of natural resources must work with the commissioner of the Iron
143.25 Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board and representatives from the city of Calumet,
143.26 Itasca County, and the Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board to create an alternate operating
143.27 model for local management and operation of Hill-Annex Mine State Park until mining
143.28 resumes on the property. The commissioner of natural resources must submit a management
143.29 and operation plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives
143.30 and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources
143.31 by January 15, 2018.

144.1 (b) In fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019, the level of service and hours of operation
144.2 at Hill-Annex Mine State Park must be maintained at fiscal year 2016 levels.

144.3 **Sec. 159. BASE BUDGET REPORT.**

144.4 (a) The commissioners of natural resources and the Pollution Control Agency must each
144.5 submit a report that contains the details of their base budgets, by fiscal year, including:

144.6 (1) appropriation riders for the previous biennium and the year the rider was first used;

144.7 (2) anticipated appropriation riders for the fiscal years 2020-2021 biennium;

144.8 (3) statutory appropriations; and

144.9 (4) an explanation on the use of funds for each appropriation not covered by a rider.

144.10 (b) The reports must be submitted to the chairs and ranking minority members of the
144.11 house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over
144.12 environment and natural resources by October 15, 2018.

144.13 **Sec. 160. RULEMAKING; MINNOW LICENSES.**

144.14 The commissioner of natural resources shall amend Minnesota Rules, part 6254.0100,
144.15 subpart 2, to conform with Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.501, subdivision 1. The
144.16 commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388,
144.17 subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota Statutes, section
144.18 14.386, does not apply, except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388.

144.19 **Sec. 161. CANCELLATION OF PERMITS.**

144.20 Water-use permits issued before July 1, 2017, for water use exempted under Minnesota
144.21 Statutes, section 103G.271, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), clause (3), are canceled effective
144.22 July 1, 2017.

144.23 **Sec. 162. RULEMAKING; EFFLUENT LIMITATION COMPLIANCE.**

144.24 (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall amend Minnesota Rules,
144.25 part 7001.0150, subpart 2, item A, by inserting the following:

144.26 "For a municipality that constructs a publicly owned treatment works facility to comply
144.27 with a new or modified effluent limitation, compliance with any new or modified effluent
144.28 limitation adopted after construction begins that would require additional capital investment
144.29 is required no sooner than 16 years after the date of initiation of operation of the facility."

145.1 (b) The commissioner may use the good cause exemption under Minnesota Statutes,
145.2 section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), to adopt rules under this section, and Minnesota
145.3 Statutes, section 14.386, does not apply, except as provided under Minnesota Statutes,
145.4 section 14.388.

145.5 **Sec. 163. DISPOSITION OF PROCEEDS; ST. LOUIS COUNTY**
145.6 **ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND.**

145.7 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282, and any other law relating to the
145.8 disposition of proceeds from the sale of tax-forfeited land, the St. Louis County Board must
145.9 deposit any money received from the sale of tax-forfeited land purchased by the Fond du
145.10 Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa with money appropriated under Laws 2014, chapter
145.11 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), into an environmental trust fund
145.12 established by the county. The principal from the sale of the land may not be expended.
145.13 The county may spend interest earned on the principal only for purposes related to improving
145.14 natural resources.

145.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE; LOCAL APPROVAL.** This section is effective the day after
145.16 the St. Louis County Board and its chief clerical officer timely complete their compliance
145.17 with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3.

145.18 **Sec. 164. MINNOW IMPORTATION RISK REPORT.**

145.19 By January 15, 2018, the commissioner of natural resources must report to the chairs of
145.20 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over natural resources regarding potential risks
145.21 of importing golden shiner minnows into Minnesota. The commissioner of natural resources
145.22 may coordinate with the University of Minnesota and may use a third party to produce the
145.23 report. The report must:

145.24 (1) review the Arkansas bait certification program to determine specific risks and potential
145.25 mitigation measures of allowing the importation of golden shiner minnows by a person that
145.26 holds a Minnesota wholesale minnow dealers license issued under Minnesota Statutes,
145.27 section 97C.501, subdivision 2; and

145.28 (2) include recommendations on testing protocols or procedures needed to protect
145.29 Minnesota's waters from invasive species and fish disease introduction.

146.1 Sec. 165. **ACTION TO OBTAIN ACCESS PROHIBITED; CLEARWATER**
 146.2 **COUNTY.**

146.3 Before July 1, 2018, the commissioner of natural resources must not initiate a civil action
 146.4 to obtain access to Island Lake FMHA Wildlife Management Area in Clearwater County.

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

146.6 Sec. 166. **RULES LIMITING USE OF LEAD SHOT PROHIBITED.**

146.7 Until July 1, 2019, the commissioner of natural resources shall not adopt rules further
 146.8 restricting the use of lead shot.

146.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and
 146.10 applies to rules adopted on or after that date.

146.11 Sec. 167. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

146.12 In Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules, the revisor of statutes shall replace all
 146.13 references to Minnesota Statutes, section 115B.39, subdivision 2, paragraph (l), with
 146.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 115B.39, subdivision 2, paragraph (o), and shall make all other
 146.15 necessary changes to preserve the meaning of the text and to conform with the paragraph
 146.16 relettering in this act.

146.17 Sec. 168. **REPEALER.**

146.18 (a) Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 84.026, subdivision 3; 97B.031, subdivision 5;
 146.19 97C.701, subdivisions 1a and 6; 97C.705; 97C.711; 116C.03, subdivision 3a; and 116C.04,
 146.20 subdivision 3, are repealed.

146.21 (b) Minnesota Rules, parts 6258.0100; 6258.0200; 6258.0300; 6258.0400; 6258.0500;
 146.22 6258.0600; 6258.0700, subparts 1, 4, and 5; 6258.0800; and 6258.0900, are repealed."

146.23 Delete the title and insert:

146.24 "A bill for an act
 146.25 relating to state government; appropriating money for environment, natural
 146.26 resources, and tourism purposes; modifying fees; providing for disposition of
 146.27 certain receipts; modifying grant, contract, and lease provisions; modifying state
 146.28 park permit requirements; modifying water safety provisions; modifying provisions
 146.29 to take, possess, and transport wildlife; modifying duties and authority; modifying
 146.30 Minnesota Naturalist Corps provisions; modifying prescribed burn provisions;
 146.31 modifying timber sales provisions; providing for certain hearings, appeals, and
 146.32 reviews; modifying landfill cleanup program; modifying tax-forfeited land
 146.33 provisions; modifying buffer requirements; providing for riparian protection aid;
 146.34 modifying the Water Law; modifying invasive species provisions; modifying
 146.35 off-highway vehicle provisions; modifying permit and license requirements;

147.1 modifying Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Act; extending ban on open air swine
147.2 basins; modifying environmental review; modifying Environmental Quality Board;
147.3 requiring reports; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,
147.4 sections 84.01, by adding a subdivision; 84.027, subdivisions 14a, 14b; 84.788,
147.5 subdivision 2; 84.793, subdivision 1; 84.8031; 84.82, subdivisions 2, 3; 84.8205,
147.6 subdivision 1; 84.922, subdivision 5; 84.925, subdivision 1; 84.9256, subdivisions
147.7 1, 2; 84.9275, subdivision 1; 84.946, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 84.992,
147.8 subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6; 84D.03, subdivisions 3, 4; 84D.04, subdivision 1; 84D.05,
147.9 subdivision 1; 84D.108, subdivision 2a, by adding subdivisions; 84D.11, by adding
147.10 a subdivision; 85.052, subdivision 1; 85.053, subdivisions 8, 10; 85.054, by adding
147.11 a subdivision; 85.055, subdivision 1; 85.22, subdivision 2a; 85.32, subdivision 1;
147.12 86B.301, subdivision 2; 86B.313, subdivision 1; 86B.701, subdivision 3; 88.01,
147.13 subdivision 28; 88.523; 89.39; 90.01, subdivisions 8, 12, by adding a subdivision;
147.14 90.041, subdivision 2; 90.051; 90.101, subdivision 2; 90.14; 90.145, subdivision
147.15 2; 90.151, subdivision 1; 90.162; 90.252; 93.25, subdivision 2; 93.47, subdivision
147.16 4; 93.481, subdivision 2; 93.50; 94.343, subdivision 9; 94.344, subdivision 9;
147.17 97A.015, subdivisions 39, 43, 45, 52, 53, by adding a subdivision; 97A.045,
147.18 subdivision 10; 97A.055, subdivision 2; 97A.075, subdivision 1; 97A.137,
147.19 subdivision 5; 97A.201, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 97A.225,
147.20 subdivision 8; 97A.301, subdivision 1; 97A.338; 97A.420, subdivision 1; 97A.421,
147.21 subdivision 2a; 97A.441, subdivision 1; 97A.473, subdivisions 2, 2a, 2b, 4, 5, 5a;
147.22 97A.474, subdivision 2; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 45; 97B.031,
147.23 subdivision 6; 97B.071; 97B.405; 97B.431; 97B.516; 97B.655, subdivision 1;
147.24 97C.081, subdivision 3; 97C.355, subdivision 2a; 97C.401, subdivision 2; 97C.501,
147.25 subdivision 1; 97C.701, by adding a subdivision; 103F.411, subdivision 1; 103F.48,
147.26 subdivisions 1, 3; 103G.005, subdivisions 10b, 10h, by adding a subdivision;
147.27 103G.222, subdivisions 1, 3; 103G.223; 103G.2242, subdivisions 1, 2; 103G.2372,
147.28 subdivision 1; 103G.271, subdivisions 1, 6, 6a, 7; 103G.287, subdivision 1;
147.29 103G.411; 114D.25, by adding a subdivision; 115.035; 115B.39, subdivision 2;
147.30 115B.40, subdivision 4; 115C.021, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 116.03,
147.31 subdivision 2b, by adding a subdivision; 116.07, subdivision 4d; 116.0714;
147.32 116C.03, subdivision 2; 116C.04, subdivision 2; 116D.04, subdivisions 2a, 5b,
147.33 10; 116D.045, subdivision 1; 160.06; 168.1295, subdivision 1; 282.018, subdivision
147.34 1; 282.04, subdivision 1; 296A.18, subdivision 6a; Laws 2000, chapter 486, section
147.35 4, as amended; Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 4, section 105; Laws 2015, First
147.36 Special Session chapter 4, article 4, section 136; Laws 2016, chapter 189, article
147.37 3, sections 6; 26; 46; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters
147.38 85; 93; 115; 115B; 477A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 84.026,
147.39 subdivision 3; 97B.031, subdivision 5; 97C.701, subdivisions 1a, 6; 97C.705;
147.40 97C.711; 116C.03, subdivision 3a; 116C.04, subdivision 3; Minnesota Rules, parts
147.41 6258.0100; 6258.0200; 6258.0300; 6258.0400; 6258.0500; 6258.0600; 6258.0700,
147.42 subparts 1, 4, 5; 6258.0800; 6258.0900."