

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 181 as follows:

1.2 Page 20, after line 33, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 6. Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

1.4 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 28,620,000

1.5 (a) **DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase IV**

1.6 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the

1.7 commissioner of natural resources to

1.8 acquire interests in land in fee or permanent

1.9 conservation easements for aquatic

1.10 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,

1.11 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and

1.12 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic

1.13 habitat. A list of proposed land acquisitions

1.14 must be provided as part of the required

1.15 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment

1.16 plan must include an easement stewardship

1.17 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing

1.18 a monitoring and enforcement fund as

1.19 approved in the accomplishment plan

1.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section

1.21 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial

1.22 report is required for any monitoring and

1.23 enforcement fund established, including

1.24 expenditures from the fund and a description

1.25 of annual monitoring and enforcement

1.26 activities.

2.1 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase III**

2.2 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the
2.3 commissioner of natural resources for
2.4 agreements to acquire interests in land in
2.5 fee or permanent conservation easements
2.6 and to restore and enhance natural systems
2.7 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
2.8 and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000
2.9 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife
2.10 Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends
2.11 of the Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River
2.12 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota
2.13 Land Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust
2.14 for Public Land. A list of proposed
2.15 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
2.16 must be provided as part of the required
2.17 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment
2.18 plan must include an easement stewardship
2.19 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing
2.20 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
2.21 approved in the accomplishment plan
2.22 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
2.23 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial
2.24 report is required for any monitoring and
2.25 enforcement fund established, including
2.26 expenditures from the fund and a description
2.27 of annual monitoring and enforcement
2.28 activities.

2.29 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**
2.30 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

2.31 \$480,000 in the second year is to the
2.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.33 agreement with Dakota County to acquire
2.34 permanent conservation easements and
2.35 restore and enhance habitats along the

3.1 Mississippi, Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers.

3.2 A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations,
3.3 and enhancements must be provided as
3.4 part of the required accomplishment plan.

3.5 The accomplishment plan must include
3.6 an easement stewardship plan. Up to
3.7 \$20,000 is for establishing a monitoring
3.8 and enforcement fund as approved in
3.9 the accomplishment plan and subject to
3.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
3.11 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is
3.12 required for any monitoring and enforcement
3.13 fund established, including expenditures
3.14 from the fund and a description of annual
3.15 monitoring and enforcement activities.

3.16 **(d) Lower St. Louis River Habitat Restoration**

3.17 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the
3.18 commissioner of natural resources to restore
3.19 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.

3.20 A list of proposed projects must be provided
3.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

3.22 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement -**
3.23 **Phase IV**

3.24 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the
3.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.26 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
3.27 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,
3.28 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list
3.29 of proposed restorations and enhancements
3.30 must be provided as part of the required
3.31 accomplishment plan.

3.32 **(f) Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration**

3.33 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the
3.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.35 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed

4.1 District to restore and enhance stream and
4.2 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list
4.3 of proposed restorations and enhancements
4.4 must be provided as part of the required
4.5 accomplishment plan.

4.6 **(g) Knife River Habitat Restoration**

4.7 \$380,000 in the second year is to the
4.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.9 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead
4.10 Association to restore trout habitat in the
4.11 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of
4.12 proposed restorations must be provided as
4.13 part of the required accomplishment plan.
4.14 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner
4.15 of natural resources, restorations conducted
4.16 pursuant to this paragraph may be
4.17 accomplished by excavation.

4.18 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Asian**
4.19 **Invasive Carp**

4.20 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the
4.21 commissioner of natural resources ~~to~~ for
4.22 ~~design, construct, operate, and evaluate~~
4.23 construction, including acquisition,
4.24 operation, and evaluation of structural
4.25 deterrents for Asian invasive carp to protect
4.26 Minnesota's aquatic habitat. Use of this
4.27 money requires a one-to-one match for
4.28 projects on state boundary waters.

4.29 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**
4.30 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

4.31 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the
4.32 commissioner of natural resources for a
4.33 program to provide competitive, matching
4.34 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
4.35 state, and national organizations for

5.1 enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests,
5.2 wetlands, prairies, and habitat for fish, game,
5.3 or wildlife in Minnesota. Grants shall not be
5.4 made for activities required to fulfill the duties
5.5 of owners of lands subject to conservation
5.6 easements. Grants shall not be made from
5.7 appropriations in this paragraph for projects
5.8 that have a total project cost exceeding
5.9 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation
5.10 may be spent for personnel costs and other
5.11 direct and necessary administrative costs.
5.12 Grantees may acquire land or interests in
5.13 land. Easements must be permanent. Land
5.14 acquired in fee must be open to hunting
5.15 and fishing during the open season unless
5.16 otherwise provided by state law. The
5.17 program shall require a match of at least ten
5.18 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
5.19 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
5.20 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less,
5.21 the commissioner shall provide a separate,
5.22 simplified application process. Subject to
5.23 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
5.24 natural resources shall, when evaluating
5.25 projects of equal value, give priority to
5.26 organizations that have a history of receiving
5.27 or charter to receive private contributions
5.28 for local conservation or habitat projects. If
5.29 acquiring land or a conservation easement,
5.30 priority shall be given to projects associated
5.31 with existing wildlife management areas
5.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
5.33 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas
5.34 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033
5.35 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic
5.36 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,

6.1 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.

6.2 All restoration or enhancement projects
6.3 must be on land permanently protected by a
6.4 conservation easement or public ownership
6.5 or in public waters as defined in Minnesota
6.6 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision
6.7 15. Priority shall be given to restoration
6.8 and enhancement projects on public lands.

6.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
6.10 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
6.11 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
6.12 available until June 30, 2016. No less than
6.13 five percent of the amount of each grant
6.14 must be held back from reimbursement until
6.15 the grant recipient has completed a grant
6.16 accomplishment report by the deadline and
6.17 in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to
6.18 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

6.19 The commissioner shall provide notice of
6.20 the grant program in the game and fish law
6.21 summaries that are prepared under Minnesota
6.22 Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2."

6.23 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

6.24 Amend the title accordingly