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Overview

This bill makes two appropriations to the commissioner of trade and economic development. The first appropriation is for resolution of a dispute regarding fishing restrictions, and the second is for activities in the Mille Lacs area. The total appropriation is \$1,320,000 from the general fund.

- 1 Ontario waters.** Appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of trade and economic development to help in the resolution of a dispute concerning fishing restrictions in Ontario waters. Provides for the allowable uses of the funds, including a grant for legal research by the attorney general, mediation efforts, pursuit of options under international trade agreements, or others deemed necessary.
- 2 Mille Lacs.** Appropriates \$1,220,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of trade and economic development for several activities related to the Mille Lacs area. These activities include attempts to increase occupancy and visitations to lodgings and attractions, to increase environmental awareness and safety to protect the Mille Lacs fishery, improvement of the Soo Line Trail, and evaluation of marketing projects.