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Overview

This bill would require the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to submit an annual report to the Mille Lacs Fishery Input Group, a group of area resort owners and other interested parties, on the DNR's costs related to the 1837 treaty and management of fish in Mille Lacs Lake.

In 1837 the United States acquired territory (that includes Mille Lacs Lake) from the Chippewa through a treaty. As part of the treaty, the Chippewa retained fishing, hunting, and other privileges. The state (through the DNR) and the Chippewa negotiate target harvest levels for Mille Lacs Lake walleye each year which is then allocated between the state and bands with rights under the treaty. The DNR uses slot limits and other regulatory means to manage the walleye harvest on Mille Lacs Lake in order to stay within the state's allocation.

Section

- 1 Management of Mille Lacs and 1837 ceded territory; report.** Adds § 97C.90. Requires the commissioner of natural resources to submit a report to the Mille Lacs Fishery Input Group that includes the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) costs of managing fisheries in Mille Lacs Lake by July 1, each year.