



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
The State of Minnesota

State Office Building, Room G95 100 Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

June 30, 2016

Commissioner Tom Landwehr
Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette
St. Paul, MN 55155

Regarding: "public taking of fish and game" requirement on OHF lands

Dear Commissioner Landwehr,

At the June 29, 2016 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) meeting the Council discussed your request to provide clarifying guidance on your implementation of the requirements for the "public taking of fish and game" within the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program (CPL). The Council unanimously moved to encourage the DNR Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program to follow the constitutional amendment (Article XI, Sec. 15) language related to the public taking of fish and game which specifically states:

"Land acquired by fee with money deposited in the outdoor heritage fund under this section must be open to the public taking of fish and game during the open season unless otherwise provided by law."

The Council appreciates the superb efforts of you and your staff for continued strong communication between the DNR and the LSOHC and wish the DNR continued success in this important conservation legacy program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark W. Johnson".

Mark W. Johnson
Executive Director

Cc: LSOHC Members

Ms. Jessica Lee, Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program Coordinator, MN DNR