

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #4d
DATE: August 4, 2016
SUBJECT: MS 97A.056, Subd. 8. Revenues
PRESENTER: Joe Pavelko, Assistant Director, LSOHC

Suggested Action:

Motion directing LSOHC staff to prepare draft language regarding Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF)-generated revenues for council review and approval prior to council's final recommendation package in December 2016.

Background

Since the June 29th council meeting, LSOHC staff met individually with the MN Office of the Legislative Auditor, Minnesota Management and Budget, and MN Department of Natural Resources to discuss revenue implications within MS 97A.056, Subd. 8 and apparent shortcomings in the law. All agreed that a legislative fix is advisable to ensure the constitutional requirements of the OHF are met and to provide program managers with better guidance as to how revenues can be spent, as well as when they should be returned to the OHF. Suggestions for the legislative fix include amending the statute, providing specific direction within session law and/or adding directive language to accomplishment plans.

Staff will work with legislative legal staff and partners to develop amended language that addresses the use of OHF-generated revenues.