

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:**            **Agenda Item # 7**

**DATE:**            March 11, 2016

**SUBJECT:**        Potential Allocation Reductions ML 2016/FY 2017 OHF Bill

**PRESENTER:**     Mark Johnson, Executive Director, LSOHC

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### **Suggested Procedure:**

Minnesota Management and Budget's February 2016 forecast shows a reduction in sales tax revenues. Consequently, the council's \$115,754,000 recommendation has the potential to result in an Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF) unobligated balance/reserve of negative \$617,000.

As the council's allocation recommendation package has already been drafted into bill form, forwarded to the legislature, and pre-filed in the House (H.F. 2611), any adjustments to the funding amounts are now in the hands of the legislature.

Potential considerations for discussion:

- The council could stand by its current recommendations with the legislature making adjustments as it deems necessary.
- The council could suggest adjustments to the legislature for potential amendments to the bill.
- Reversal of the Dec. 3, 2015 additional allocations (listed below) would result in a revised total allocation package of \$111,809,000 with an approximate anticipated reserve of 3%.
- To regain a reserve of 5%, a reduction of approximately \$5.8M from the current \$115.754M recommendation will be necessary.

### **Background:**

On October 6, 2015, the council approved an allocation recommendation package of \$111,500,000 with an anticipated 5.3% reserve.

On November 5, 2015, the council approved allocating \$309,000 from the OHF 5% reserve to proposal WRE 02, Marsh Lake Phase II, making the project viable and bringing the project to full funding at \$2,000,000. Total allocation recommendation package now \$111,809,000 with anticipated 5% reserve.

On December 3, 2015, with a revised November forecast showing potential of an additional \$3,945,000, the council approved increasing its allocation recommendation by \$3,945,000 to a total of \$115,754,000 with an anticipated 5% reserve. The increased allocation additions adopted were as follows:

- \$1,974,000 additional to CPL Grant Program, Phase VIII: Statewide and Metro Habitat
- \$657,000 addition to HRE 01, MN Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement, Phase VIII
- \$657,000 addition to PA 04, Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR Land Acquisition, Phase VII
- \$657,000 addition to WA 01, Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program, Phase VIII

**Attachments:**

- A. Council Funding Recommendations – Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 LSOHC Meeting
- B. Summary of Member Proposal Evaluation Scores

## ML16/FY17 LSOHC Funding Recommendations - Results of Dec 3, 2015 Council Meeting

Project ID	Project Title	Organization	Original Funding Request	LSOHC Recommended Funding Amount	Notes
PA 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase VIII	DNR	\$ 9,118,000	\$ 3,250,000	
PA 02	Accelerating the WMA Program - Phase VIII	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 19,272,000	\$ 5,229,000	
PA 03	Martin County/Fox Lake DNR WMA Acquisition	Fox Lake Cons. League, Inc.	\$ 3,372,500	\$ 1,000,000	
PA 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie NWR Land Acquisition - Phase VII	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 7,000,000	\$ 3,411,000	
PA 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VI	Trust for Public Land	\$ 1,050,000	\$ 583,000	
PA 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase II	DNR	\$ 9,090,000	\$ 2,541,000	
PA 07	Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VI	BWSR	\$ 15,000,000	\$ 6,708,000	
PA 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat the Southern Red River Valley - Phase II	MN Prairie Chkn Society/PF Inc.	\$ 7,885,100	\$ 2,269,000	
PA 09	Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration - Phase II	Wild Rice River Watershed District	\$ 4,150,000	\$ -	
PA 10	Grasslands Conservation Partnership	The Conservation Fund	\$ 6,848,500	\$ 1,475,000	
PRE 01	DNR Grassland - Phase VIII	DNR	\$ 9,107,100	\$ 3,983,000	
PRE 02	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase IV	Great River Greening	\$ 3,251,500	\$ 1,208,000	
FA 01	Young Forest Conservation - Phase II	American Bird Conservancy	\$ 3,824,300	\$ 1,369,000	Funding to be directed for restoration only, not acquisition
FA 02	Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River Watershed Habitat Acquisition	MN Deer Hunters Association	\$ 18,940,000	\$ 5,532,000	
FA 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase VI	Morrison SWCD	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 1,500,000	
FA 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase IV	The Nature Conservancy	\$ 9,517,700	\$ 5,000,000	
FA 05	Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase IV	MN DNR Forestry	\$ 8,486,000	\$ 1,840,000	
FA 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County - Phase VII	Cass County	\$ 1,319,500	\$ 500,000	
FA 07	State Forest Acquisition - Phase III	DNR - Forestry	\$ 4,648,000	\$ 1,000,000	
FA 08	Forest Habitat Protection Revolving Account	DNR - Forestry	\$ 2,633,000	\$ 1,000,000	
FA 09	Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed	White Earth Nation	\$ 2,188,000	\$ 2,188,000	
FRE 01	Floodplain Forest Enhancement - Mississippi River - Phase II	Audubon Minnesota	\$ 663,000	\$ 412,000	
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase VIII	Pheasants Forever, Inc.	\$ 19,309,100	\$ 6,307,000	
WA 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase V	Ducks Unlimited	\$ 14,700,000	\$ 5,801,000	
WA 03	RIM Wetlands - Phase VII	BWSR	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 13,808,000	
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase II	Minnesota Land Trust	\$ 2,563,000	\$ 1,629,000	
WRE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase VIII	DNR	\$ 5,515,000	\$ 2,167,000	
WRE 02	Marsh Lake - Phase II	DNR, Div. Fish & Wildlife	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	
HA 01	MNDNR Aquatic Habitat Protection - Phase VIII	DNR	\$ 6,444,700	\$ 1,578,000	
HA 02	Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase VII	MVNWR Trust, Inc.	\$ 6,076,900	\$ 4,000,000	
HA 03	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project	Mississippi Headwaters Board	\$ 9,000,000	\$ 3,150,000	
HA 04	Fisheries Habitat Protection North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase II	Leech Lake Area Watershed Fndtn	\$ 2,948,200	\$ 1,425,000	
HA 05	Restoring Duluth's Cold Water Streams	City of Duluth	\$ 1,077,500	\$ -	
HRE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase VIII	Minnesota Trout Unlimited	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 2,632,000	
HRE 02	DNR Stream Habitat	DNR	\$ 6,095,000	\$ 2,074,000	
HRE 03	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase III	DNR	\$ 5,242,000	\$ 2,707,000	
HRE 04	Sand Hill River Fish Passage Rest & Habitat Enhancement - Phase II	Sand Hill River Watershed District	\$ 1,333,200	\$ 828,000	
HRE 05	Root River Restoration	Root River Restoration/Pres.	\$ 1,058,000	\$ -	
HRE 06	Shell Rock River Habitat Restoration Program - Phase V	Shell Rock River Watershed District	\$ 3,788,800	\$ 1,200,000	
HRE 07	Restoring the Northern Gateway	City of Champlin	\$ 3,000,000	\$ -	
HRE 08	Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	\$ 4,963,000	\$ -	
N/A	Roseau Lake Rehabilitation	DNR & Roseau River Watershed District	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 2,763,000	
CPL 1	CPL Grant Program - Phase VIII: Statewide and Metro Habitat	DNR	\$ 11,488,000	\$ 9,412,000	
O1	Contract Management 2016	MN DNR	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	
O2	Restoration Evaluations	MN DNR	\$ 100,000	\$ 125,000	

**Total: \$ 115,754,000**

Key	
Score	Color
70-72	Dark Red
60-69	Orange
50-59	Yellow
40-49	Light Green
30-39	Light Blue
20-29	Purple
Below 20	Grey

## Summary of Member Evaluation Scores Color Coded High to Low

**\*Ordered by Average Score\* - Highest to Lowest**

Maximum score per request is 72

Conflicts of Interest are noted and Division Factors adjusted accordingly

Project ID	Project Title	Total Project Score from each Member (Highest to Lowest)											Sum of Total Scores	Division Factor	Average Score (max 72)	Percentage
WRE 02	Marsh Lake Phase II	69	69	68.5	68	67.5	67	67	65	60.5	52.5	41	695	11	63.2	87.8%
HRE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement, Phase 8	69	67	64	64	63	63	61	60	57	56	51	675	11	61.4	85.2%
PA 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII	70.5	70	68	66	63.5	61	60	58	55	52.5	49	673.5	11	61.2	85.0%
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - - Phase VIII	72	71.5	70	64	62.5	60	58	57.5	53.5	51.5	46.5	667	11	60.6	84.2%
HRE 04	Sand Hill River Fish Passage Restoration and Habitat Enhancement -- Phase II	69.5	69	69	67	64.5	63	62.5	61	55.5	46.5	31	658.5	11	59.9	83.1%
HRE 03	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative Phase 3	69	69	67	62.5	62	60	59	58.5	54.5	46.5	45.5	653.5	11	59.4	82.5%
FA 02	Jack Pine Forest/Crow Wing River Watershed Habitat Acquisition	72	67	65	63	62	57	56	56	53	50	47	648	11	58.9	81.8%
PA 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VI	71	69	62	62	60.5	60.5	59.5	55	51	47.5	39	637	11	57.9	80.4%
FA 05	Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase IV	68.5	65	63	61	58	58	57	55	54	52	43	634.5	11	57.7	80.1%
FRE 01	Floodplain Forest Enhancement - Mississippi River, Phase 2	COI	72	70	65	61	57	56	52	50.5	48	44	575.5	10	57.6	79.9%
HRE 02	DNR Stream Habitat	67	66.5	63	61	60.5	60	59	56.5	54	49	36.5	633	11	57.5	79.9%
FA 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase IV	70	68.5	60	58	56	56	55.5	55	49	48.5	48.5	625	11	56.8	78.9%
HA 01	MN DNR Aquatic Habitat Protection Phase 8	63	63	62	61	60	58.5	55.5	55	52	48	40	618	11	56.2	78.0%
FA 09	Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed	72	71.5	66	63	63	60	58	55.5	46	36.5	26	617.5	11	56.1	78.0%
WA 04	Wetland Habitat Protection Program – Phase 2	71.5	63	62.5	62	59.5	56.5	56	54	47	45.5	38.5	616	11	56.0	77.8%
WA 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase V	71	68	58	56.5	56.5	56	53.5	51.5	51	48.5	43	613.5	11	55.8	77.5%
HA 04	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes: Phase II	66.5	65	64	63	61	56	55	48	47	41.5	40	607	11	55.2	76.6%
HA 02	Metro Big Rivers Habitat Phase 7	63	63	59.5	58	56.5	55	54.5	54.5	54	52	36.5	606.5	11	55.1	76.6%
PA 10	Grassland Conservation Partnership Phase II	66	61	61	59	59	59	54.5	52.5	50	40.5	40.5	603	11	54.8	76.1%
FA 01	Young Forest Conservation Phase II	63	63	62	61	57.5	56	50	50	47	46.5	45.5	601.5	11	54.7	75.9%
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase VIII	69	65.5	64	63	57.5	54.5	51	48.5	48	46.5	33.5	601	11	54.6	75.9%
PA 09	Lower Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration - Phase II	72	63	63	60	59.5	54.5	52	51.5	48.5	47	28	599	11	54.5	75.6%
HRE 06	Shell Rock River Habitat Restoration Program - Phase V	63	61	60	57	57	53.5	52	52	51	48.5	43.5	598.5	11	54.4	75.6%

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PA 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley Phase II	70	64.5	61	58	56.5	52	51	47	44	41	42.5	587.5	11	53.4	74.2%
HRE 08	Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration	69	67	60	58	55	54	53	49	46	42.5	34	587.5	11	53.4	74.2%
PA 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase VIII	69	63	62	59.5	56	54.5	52	48	47.5	44	31.5	587	11	53.4	74.1%
PA 03	Martin County/Fox Lake DNR WMA Acquisition	69	66	60	56	54	52	51	48.5	48	41.5	40	586	11	53.3	74.0%
PA 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection	67.5	65	62	57.5	57.5	55	53.5	50	43.5	40.5	33	585	11	53.2	73.9%
WRE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement, Phase VIII	64	61	59.5	58.5	58	56	50	48	44.5	43.5	41	584	11	53.1	73.7%
PRE 02	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase IV	63	63	59.5	56	55.5	52	52	51	46.5	43	42	583.5	11	53.0	73.7%
WA 03	RIM Wetlands: Phase 7	69	63	62.5	62	60	58.5	54	52.5	37.5	34.5	21.5	575	11	52.3	72.6%
HA 03	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project	65	60	57	56	55	54.5	49.5	48.5	44.5	44	40.5	574.5	11	52.2	72.5%
PA 07	Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VI	67.5	67	60	60	58.5	57.5	55	42.5	42.5	34	23	567.5	11	51.6	71.7%
FA 07	State Forest Acquisitions Phase III	59	57	56.5	55	54	52	52	47.5	39	38.5	37.5	548	11	49.8	69.2%
FA 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase VI	65	58	57	57	51	49.5	47.5	45	41	38.5	38	547.5	11	49.8	69.1%
FA 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitat Lands in Cass County - Phase VII	62	60	57	57	54.5	52.5	49.5	48	45	38	24	547.5	11	49.8	69.1%
HA 05	Restoring Duluth's Cold Water Streams	68	66	61	59	52	45.5	43	42.5	38	37.5	31.5	544	11	49.5	68.7%
HRE 05	Root River Restoration	57	55	55	52.5	52	49	48	45	41.5	41.5	37	533.5	11	48.5	67.4%
FA 08	Forest Habitat Protection Revolving Account	62.5	58	51.5	49	47	41.5	41	39.5	32.5	28	27	477.5	11	43.4	60.3%
HRE 07	Restoring the Northern Gateway	57	52.5	52	50	48	43.5	42	40	32	27	24	468	11	42.5	59.1%
CPL 1	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program, Phase 8: Statewide and Metro Habitat	65	62	60	58	56	55	47	44	12	0	0	459	11	41.7	58.0%
N/A	Roseau Lake Rehabilitaion	59.5	58	55.5	54.5	50.5	38.5	37	0	0	0	0	353.5	11	32.1	44.6%
O 2	Restoration Evaluation	60	60	45	23	18	12	0	0	0	0	0	218	11	19.8	27.5%
O 1	Contract Management 2016	60	60	39	18	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	189	11	17.2	23.9%