

Outdoor Heritage Fund – ML2019 **DRAFT LANGUAGE**

ARTICLE 1

OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

Section 1. Appropriations

The sums shown in the columns marked “Appropriations” are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures “2020” and “2021” used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and June 30, 2021, respectively. The “first year” is fiscal year 2020. The “second year” is fiscal year 2021. The “biennium” is fiscal years 2020 and 2021, respectively. The appropriations in this article are onetime appropriations.

Section 2. Outdoor Heritage Fund

	2020	2021
Subd. 1. Total Appropriation	\$119,278,000	\$565,000

This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage fund. The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Prairies	\$38,303,000	\$0
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(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase XI

\$2,519,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire in fee and restore and enhance lands for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8 and to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program, Phase XI

\$6,060,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire in fee and restore and enhance lands for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Phase IX

\$3,058,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual income statements and balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired with this appropriation must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180 days following the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities identified in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition, Phase X

\$2,383,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance lands within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(e) Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat Restoration, Phase II

\$225,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed District to acquire land in permanent conservation easement and to restore river and related habitat in the Wild Rice River corridor. \$2,750,000 in the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands in permanent conservation easements and to restore river and related habitat in the Wild Rice River corridor, of which up to \$111,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed acquisitions must be included as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition, Phase III

\$3,650,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows: \$3,002,000 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc., \$554,000 to Ducks Unlimited, and \$94,000 to the Conservation Fund to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other wildlife habitat within Martin County for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(g) RIM Grasslands Reserve

\$2,276,000 in the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance grassland habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.501. Of this amount, up to \$39,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley, Phase V

\$2,558,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee, and restore and enhance lands within the southern Red River Valley for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8 or to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XI

\$8,861,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to accelerate the restoration and enhancement of prairies, grasslands, and savannas on wildlife management areas, scientific and natural areas, aquatic management areas, native prairie bank land, bluff prairies on State Forest land in southeastern Minnesota, and United States Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl production area and refuge lands. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(j) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase VI

\$2,573,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows: \$156,000 is to the Anoka Conservation District, \$699,000 is to Great River Greening, \$269,000 is to the Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District, \$182,000 is to the National Wild Turkey Federation, and \$1,267,000 is to The Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public lands and easements within the Anoka Sandplain Ecoregion and intersecting minor watersheds. Of this amount, up to \$144,000 to The Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent conservation easements, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(k) Fairmont Chain of Lakes Habitat Restoration Plan, Phase I

\$1,390,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the City of Fairmont to restore and enhance grassland, wetland, and stream habitats within the Dutch Creek watershed. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Subd. 3. Forests

\$13,974,000

\$0

(a) Protecting Strategic Forestlands Near Camp Ripley Partnership - Phase VIII

\$3,348,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Conservation Fund to acquire in fee and restore and enhance forest wildlife habitat in Cass, Crow Wing, and Morrison Counties in proximity to the Minnesota National Guard Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape. Land must be acquired for state forest purposes under 86A.05, subdivision 7; wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8; for scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05; or as county forest land or municipal forest land. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Phase VII

\$3,741,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows: \$2,201,000 to The Nature Conservancy; \$770,000 to The Trust for Public Land; to acquire lands in fee to be held by The Nature Conservancy; to acquire land in fee for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes section 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire land in fee for state forest purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7; to acquire land in fee for aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86.05, subdivision 14; \$770,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements; and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat. Of this amount, up to \$96,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Annual income statements and balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired by The Nature Conservancy with this appropriation must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180 days following the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Ph. VII

\$4,573,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land in fee and easement and to restore and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline habitat through working forest permanent conservation easements under the Minnesota forests for the future program pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A conservation easement acquired with money appropriated under this paragraph must comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment plan must include an easement monitoring and enforcement plan. Of this amount, up

to \$150,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(d) Mississippi River Floodplain Forest Enhancement, Phase III

\$1,357,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the National Audubon Society to restore and enhance floodplain forest habitat for wildlife on public lands along the Mississippi River. A list of restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Enhanced Public Land Open Landscapes, Phase I

\$955,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, to enhance and restore early successional open landscape habitat on public lands. A list of proposed restoration and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Subd. 4. Wetlands **\$20,753,000** **\$0**

(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition Program, Phase XI

\$5,631,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection Program, Phase VIII

\$6,150,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire land in fee and restore and enhance prairie lands, wetlands and land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase IV

\$2,129,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and other habitat on permanently protected conservation easements within high-priority wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and forest/prairie transition regions. Of this amount, up to \$240,000 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed conservation

easement acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(d) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase VI

\$937,000 in the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up to \$72,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report. \$250,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in fee and restore and enhance lands for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8; for scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5; for state forest purposes under 86A.05, subdivision 7; and for aquatic management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02 lands for wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native wild rice bed protection. A list of proposed acquisitions in fee must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancements, Phase XI

\$3,541,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat statewide. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Restoration of Non-Native Cattail Dominated Wetlands in Border Waters

\$1,270,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the National Park Service to restore and enhance wetland and lacustrine habitat within Voyageurs National Park. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the accomplishment plan.

(g) Big Rice Lake Wild Rice Enhancement

\$845,000 in the first year to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance and restore wild rice wetland habitat within Big Rice Lake in St. Louis County.

Subd. 5. Habitats

\$45,328,000

\$0

(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration, Phase I

\$3,751,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows: \$165,000 to the St. Croix River Association; \$2,209,000 to The Trust for Public Land to acquire land in fee and to acquire permanent conservation stream easements using the payment method prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, 84.0272, subdivision 2; and \$1,377,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire land in

fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance natural habitat systems within the St. Croix River Watershed of which up to \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Metro Big Rivers, Phase IX

\$3,163,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows: \$500,000 to Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$352,000 to Friends of the Mississippi River; \$811,000 to Great River Greening; and \$1,500,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance natural habitat systems associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries within the metropolitan area. Of this amount, up to \$144,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Dakota County Habitat Protection/Restoration, Phase VII

\$2,516,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Dakota County to acquire permanent conservation easements and land in fee and to restore and enhance riparian and other habitats within Dakota County. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase V

\$3,365,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows: \$841,000 to Northern Waters Land Trust; and \$2,524,000 to Minnesota Land Trust, to acquire land in fee and in permanent conservation easements, and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain healthy fish habitat on cold water lakes in Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties. Of this amount, up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection and Restoration

\$2,946,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements as follows: \$440,000 to Sauk River Watershed District; \$590,000 to Pheasants Forever; and \$1,916,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easements and restore and enhance wildlife habitat within the Sauk River Watershed. Of this amount, up to \$192,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Phase XI

\$2,359,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited to acquire permanent conservation stream easements using the payment method prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, 84.0272, subdivision 2, and to restore and enhance habitat for trout and other species in and along cold water rivers, lakes, and streams in Minnesota of which up to \$40,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(g) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Phase II

\$3,208,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded streams and aquatic management areas, and to facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(h) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase VI

\$3,777,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to restore aquatic and riparian habitats in the St. Louis River estuary. Of this appropriation, up to \$2,182,000 is for an agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list of proposed restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase IV

\$891,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Zeitgeist, in cooperation with the Lake Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and enhance trout habitat within the Knife River watershed. A list of proposed enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(j) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program, Phase VIII

\$2,046,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Shell Rock River Watershed District to acquire land in fee, restore, and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(k) Pine River Fish Passage Project

\$1,246,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District to restore and enhance riverine habitat within the Pine River and provide fish passage through dam removal, structure modification and installation.

(l) Sauk River Dam Fish Passage

\$737,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District to restore and enhance riverine habitat within the Sauk River and provide fish passage through dam removal, structure modification and installation at the Melrose Dam site.

(m) Restoration of Norway Brook Connectivity to the Pine River

\$1,005,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the City of Pine River to restore and enhance riverine habitat within the Sauk River and provide fish passage through dam removal, structure modification and installation at the Norway Lake dam site.

(n) Pig's Eye Lake Islands Habitat Restoration and Enhancement

\$4,337,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ramsey County to restore and enhance wildlife habitat within Pig's Eye Lake to include the construction of islands.

(o) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase XI

\$9,981,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a program to provide competitive, matching grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national organizations for enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to \$3,000,000 is for grants in the seven-county metropolitan area and cities with a population of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made for activities required to fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject to conservation+ easements. Grants shall not be made from the appropriation in this paragraph for projects that have a total project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$445,000 may be spent for personnel costs and other direct and necessary administrative costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants may not be used to establish easement stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting and fishing during the open season unless otherwise provided by law. The program shall require a match of at least ten percent from non-state sources for all grants. The match may be cash or in-kind resources. For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall provide a separate, simplified application process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of natural resources shall, when evaluating projects of equal value, give priority to organizations that have a history of receiving or charter to receive private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. If acquiring land in fee or a conservation easement, priority shall be given to projects associated with or within one mile of existing wildlife management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement projects must be on land permanently protected by a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and protection of restored and enhanced habitat, by a conservation easement, or by public ownership or in public waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall be given to restoration and enhancement projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded

under this paragraph. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2023. No less than five percent of the amount of each grant must be held back from reimbursement until the grant recipient has completed a grant accomplishment report by the deadline and in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The commissioner shall provide notice of the grant program in the game and fish law summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

Subd. 6. Administration

\$920,000

\$565,000

(a) Contract Management

\$210,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for contract management duties assigned in this section. The commissioner shall provide an accomplishment plan in the form specified by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council on the expenditure of this appropriation. The accomplishment plan must include a copy of the grant contract template and reimbursement manual. No money may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the accomplishment plan.

(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission

\$555,000 in the first year and \$560,000 in the second year is to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council administrative expenses and for compensating and reimbursing expenses of council members. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2021. Minnesota Statutes, section 16a.281, applies to this appropriation.

(c) Technical Evaluation Panel

\$150,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a technical evaluation panel to conduct up to twenty five restoration and enhancement evaluations under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

(d) Legacy Website

\$5,000 in the first year and \$5,000 in the second year are to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the web site required in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

Subd. 7 Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2022. For acquisition of real property, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2023, if a binding agreement with a landowner or purchase agreement is entered into by June 30, 2022, and closed no later than June 30, 2023. Funds for restoration or enhancement are available until June 30, 2024, or five years after acquisition, whichever is later, in order to complete initial restoration or enhancement work. If a project receives at least 15% of its funding from federal funds, the time period of the appropriation may be extended to equal the availability of federal funding to a maximum of six

years provided the federal funding was confirmed and included within the original approved accomplishment plan. Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition of land may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation. Public use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures

All agreements referred to in this section must be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided in this section. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each appropriation's purpose made on or after July 1, 2019, or the date of accomplishment plan approval, whichever is later, are eligible for reimbursement unless otherwise provided in this section. For the purposes of administering appropriations and legislatively authorized agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage fund an expense must be considered reimbursable by the administering agency when the recipient presents the agency with an invoice, or binding agreement, with the landowner and the recipient attests that the goods have been received or the landowner agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement must be made upon receiving documentation that the items articulated in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have been achieved, including partial achievements as evidenced by progress reports approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Reasonable amounts may be advanced to projects to accommodate cash flow needs, support future management of acquired lands, or match a federal share. The advances must be approved as part of the accomplishment plan. Capital equipment expenditures for specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as part of the accomplishment plan.

Subd. 9. Mapping

Each direct recipient of money appropriated in this section, as well as each recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this section, must provide geographic information to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated in this section and open to the public taking of fish and game. The commissioner of natural resources shall include the lands acquired in fee with money appropriated in this section on maps showing public recreation opportunities. Maps shall include information on and acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

Subd. 10. Carryforward of Appropriation

- (a) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (k), for Evaluate Effectiveness of AIS Prevention Strategies is extended to June 30, 2020.
- (b) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2015, First Special Session, Ch. 2, Art. 2, Sec. 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (i) for Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's Important Bird Areas is extended to June 30, 2021 and also includes restoration and enhancement activities. This subdivision is effective retroactively from July 1, 2015.

- (c) The availability of the appropriation in Laws 2015, First Special Session, chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f) for Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase V is extended to June 30, 2021.
- (d) The availability of the appropriation on Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (g) for Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) for Wildlife and Water, Phase VI is extended to June 30, 2022.

Subd 11. Technical Amendments

- (e) The appropriation in Laws 2017, Ch. 91, Art. 1, Sec. 2, paragraph 2(j) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and Enhancement, Ph. V is amended to read: \$1,130,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire permanent conservation easements and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on public lands in the Anoka Sand Plain ecological region and intersecting minor watersheds Anoka, Benton, Isanti, Morrison, and Stearns Counties as follows: \$41,000 is to Anoka Conservation District; \$231,000 is to Isanti County Soil and Water Conservation District; \$345,000 is to Great River Greening; and \$163,000 is to Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District; and \$350,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust of which up to \$40,000 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent conservation easements, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan. This subdivision is effective retroactively from July 1, 2017.