

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #6
DATE: June 20, 2019
SUBJECT: Information – 2019 Legacy Bill review
PRESENTER: LSOHC staff & Legislative members

No Action necessary.

Background:

The Council's funding recommendations for FY2020/ML2019 were presented to the 2019 legislature and ultimately rolled into an Omnibus Legacy Finance bill and passed (ML2019, First Special Session, Ch 2, Art 1).

From the original LSOHC funding recommendations, only two changes were included within the final bill:

1. A House amendment was accepted to the "Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration – Phase XI" appropriation as follows; "Minnesota Trout Unlimited."
 - The removal of "Minnesota" was suggested by DNR Grants Management staff as more appropriate since the national TU organization is the actual fiscal agent for this appropriation.
2. A House amendment was accepted to the "Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro habitat – Phase XI" appropriation as follows; "Of this amount, ~~up to~~ at least \$3,000,000 is for grants in the seven-county metropolitan area and cities with a population of 50,000 or greater."
 - The concern expressed in the House was that "up to" could limit the amount of CPL grants to metro proposals.