

Memo

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To: Mark Johnson, Executive Director, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

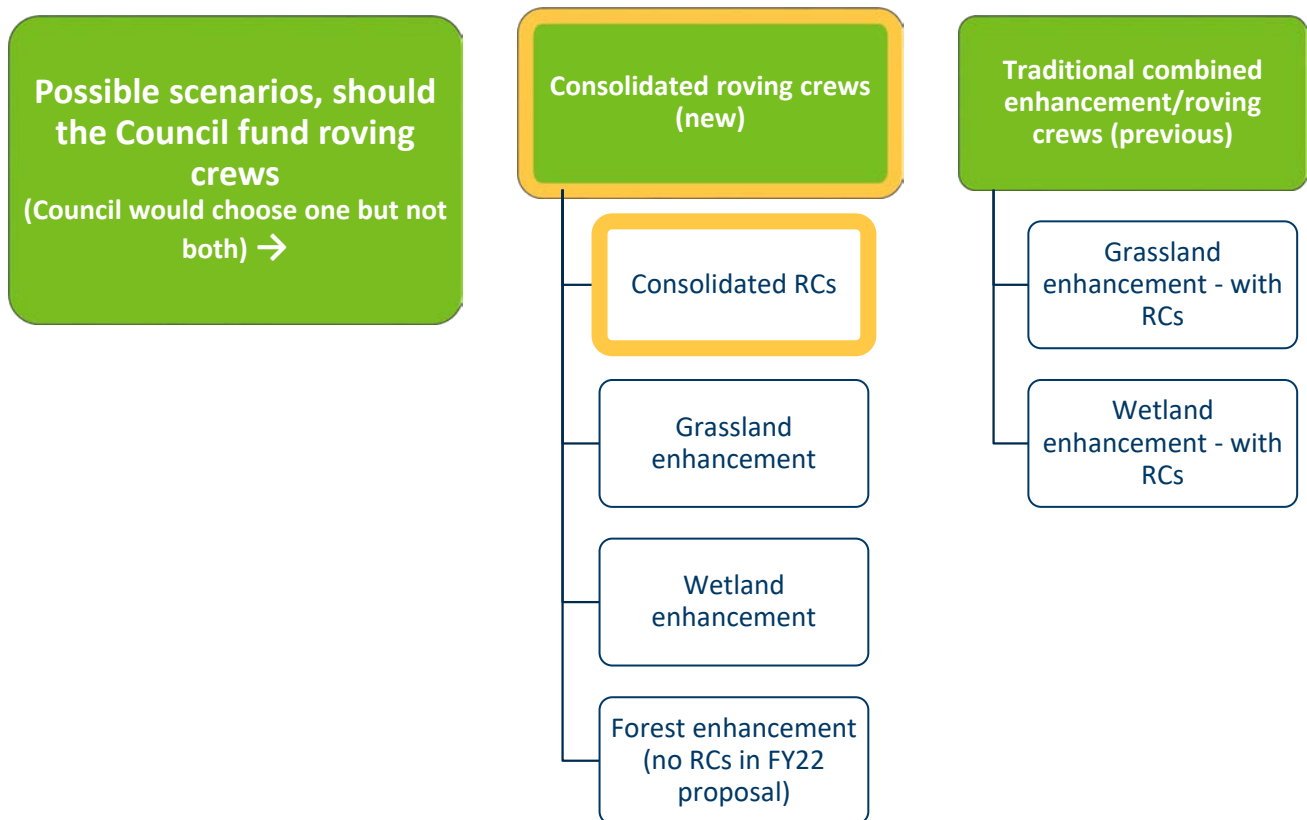
From: Kelly Wilder, LSOHC/DNR Liaison

Re: DNR's ML 21/FY 22 OHF Roving Crews Proposals

This memo provides details requested at the August 5, 2020 LSOHC meeting, in follow up to DNR's memo provided in June.

Proposal structure

The Council discussed at its recent meeting the option of extending DNR a hearing invitation for only its simplified proposal that consolidates all roving crews (highlighted boxes), and not for the traditional complement of combined habitat enhancement/roving crew proposals.



Roving crews proposal amount

The Council requested at its recent meeting that the DNR clarify the roving crews proposal amount as well as the overall DNR request. The tables below, originally provided in June, have been updated with this information. These tables illustrate that existing FY 22-23 funds – totaling about \$5M from a mix of current appropriations – could be amended to cover the new, consolidated roving crews appropriation for FY 22. DNR estimates roving crews cost an average of \$4.5M/year. DNR could return the remaining funds to the Council or transition these dollars to contracts and supplies, within each respective habitat enhancement proposal.

Appropriation source	Crew size	Region	HQ	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23
				Spent			Current fiscal year	Amended to cover consolidated RCs approp for FY 22	
¼ grassland, ¼ wetland	8	Region 4 (SW)	Lac Qui Parle						
¼ grassland, ¼ wetland	8	Region 1 (NW)	Mentor					\$930K	
Grassland	6	Region 1a (WC)	Elbow Lake					\$790K	
¼ grass, ¼ wetland	8	Region 3 (SE)	Vermillion					\$930K	\$930K
Forest	4	Region 2 (NE)	TBD					\$710K	\$710K
								\$5M	

In the consolidated scenario, in the FY 22 awards, the Council would recommend approximately \$4.5M, to cover the new, consolidated roving crews appropriation for FY 23. Subsequently, DNR would submit biennial proposals for \$9M, to fund the consolidated roving crews appropriation for two years.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Calendar year when submit (May) and defend (Aug/Sept) proposals	2020	2021	No proposal	2023	No proposal	2025
Minnesota laws	2021	2022		2024		2026
Fiscal year funding received	2022	2023		2025		2027
Fiscal year crews supported	2022 2023	2024 2025		2026 2027		2028 2029
Amount requested	(\$4.5M amended to cover FY 22) \$4.5M to cover FY 23	\$9M		\$9M		\$9M
Biennium		FY22/23 biennium		FY24/25 biennium		

Overall proposal amount

Should the Council choose to consider the consolidated roving crews scenario, DNR’s total request is \$50.7M, or \$61.5M including ongoing awards. This is \$21M less than DNR’s total as submitted in May, with the traditional complement of combined habitat enhancement/roving crew proposals.

Program or Project Title	Consolidated RCs	As Submitted
DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition, Phase XIII (PA01)	\$4.5M	\$4.5M
Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection-Phase VIII (PA06)	\$1.5M	\$1.5M
DNR Grassland Phase XIII - with Roving Crew (PRE01a)	\$0	\$11.1M
DNR Grassland Phase XIII (PRE01b)	\$7.1M	\$7.1M
Minnesota Forests for the Future Phase 8 (FA02)	\$8.4M	\$8.4M
DNR Forest Enhancement (FRE01)	\$3.7M	\$3.7M
Accel. Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhance. Ph. 13 (with RC) (WRE01a)	\$0	\$5.4M
Accel. Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhance. Ph. 13 (w/o RC) (WRE01b)	\$4.3M	\$4.3M
MNDNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements (HA06)	\$1.2M	\$1.2M
DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement - Phase 4 (HRE02)	\$6.5M	\$6.5M
St. Louis River Restoration Initiative Phase 8 (HRE03)	\$6.3M	\$6.3M
Targeted Culvert Replacement to Enhance Fish Passage (HRE09 - new)	\$2.7M	\$2.7M
DNR Roving Crews (O1)	\$4.5M	\$9.1M
Subtotal	\$50.7M	\$71.8M
Ongoing awards		
Contract Management	\$210K	\$210K
Restoration Evaluation	\$150K	\$150K
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program – Phase XIII	\$10.5M	\$10.5M
Subtotal	\$10.8M	\$10.8M
Total	\$61.5M	\$82.6M