

## Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

**MEMO:** Agenda Item #9  
**DATE:** June 23, 2000  
**SUBJECT:** Revenue Transfers (97A.056, Subd. 22 b(3))  
**PRESENTER:** LSOHC Staff

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### **Suggested Motion:**

Motion by Member XX to approve allowing DNR Grants Management staff to have grantees report and return net revenues, under Subdivision 22, approximately 90 days after the end of their appropriation availability in conjunction with their final reports.

### **Background:**

Within some appropriations, revenue is sometimes earned during the restoration/enhancement activities. This may be due to the sale of an old building that is subsequently removed, or a farming lease that is utilized as part of the restoration process, or timber that is sold and removed, etc. These revenues are subsequently used in accordance with the accomplishment plan or returned to the fund.

Current statutory guidance (97A.056, subd. 22) requires that OHF recipients disclose revenues to the council 60 days after the availability of the appropriation ends and return unused revenues to the fund 60 days after the availability of the appropriation ends.

In reviewing this with Grants Management, it has come to light that currently grantees report revenue under Subdivision 22 on their final reports, which are due to the Council 90 days after the end of appropriations. Because the DNR Grants Unit does not process final payments until final reports are approved, the most efficient way to process the return of funds is for the Grants Unit to subtract any returning revenues from final payment requests. This saves both partners and the Grants Unit administrative time and ensures consistency between the final report and what partners return to the DNR.

Grants Management staff would like the Council to consider providing a formal allowance for them to have recipients report and return revenues up to 90 days after the end of appropriation availability as that would then be in conjunction with the due date of the final report. This action is allowable per subd. 22 b(3) and would help streamline the process as well as avoid more administrative costs.

LSOCH staff feels the request is reasonable.

*97A.056, Subd. 22. Revenues.*

*(a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money*

*from the outdoor heritage fund. The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than 60 days after the availability of the appropriation ends.*

*(b) For all revenues disclosed under paragraph (a), a recipient must:*

*(1) use the revenues to protect, restore, or enhance wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife according to the appropriation purposes and the approved accomplishment plan;*

*(2) use the revenues for other purposes as approved in the accomplishment plan by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council; or*

*(3) transfer the revenues to the outdoor heritage fund no later than 60 days after the availability of the appropriation ends, unless otherwise approved by the council.*

*(c) Paragraph (b), clause (3), does not apply to the state and its departments and agencies.*