

Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #11

DATE: May 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Accomplishment Plan Amendments:
ML 2021, First Sp. Session, Ch. 1, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(d) – Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lake, Phase VII
ML 2022, Ch. 77, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(l) – Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase VIII
ML 2023, Ch. 40, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(g) – Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North-Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase IX
ML 2023, Ch. 40, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5(f) – Protecting Minnesota’s Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance, Phase II

PRESENTERS: Kathy DonCarlos, Northern Waters Land Trust
Wayne Ostile, Minnesota Land Trust

Suggested Motion:

Motion by Member XX to approve/deny accomplish plan amendments that will allow the Minnesota Land Trust to also acquire lands in fee with PILT for priority parcels near Mantrap Lake in Hubbard County, MN. The Mantrap Lake parcels identified within the above referenced appropriations must be owned and managed in perpetuity by the MN DNR as a Wildlife Management Area and/or Aquatic Management Area.

Background:

A priority parcel(s) has recently become available for potential permanent protection near Mantrap Lake in Hubbard County, MN. The seller’s timeline prevents partners from submitting a proposal for ML2024 OHF. Partners would like to utilize existing OHF funding to acquire the parcel(s) in fee.

The four referenced above appropriations are partnership projects between the Northern Waters Land Trust and Minnesota Land Trust. Historically, Northern Waters Land Trust acquires land in fee and Minnesota Land Trust acquires land in conservation easement. Due to the large size of the parcel(s) and resulting purchase price, Minnesota Land Trust is requesting Council approval to allow them to also acquire lands in fee and shift their budgets into fee acquisition with PILT. Partners believe that approval of this amendment will provide a combination of funding between the two partners and four appropriations to permanently protect the parcel(s).

The amendment request requires Council approval because it is a major change in intent of the accomplishment plan and a major change in budget.

Accomplishment Plans for ML 2021 and ML 2022 Can be Found Here:

[ML 2021, First Sp. Session, Ch. 1, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5\(d\) – Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lake, Phase VII](#)

[ML 2022, Ch. 77, Art. 1, Sec. 2, subd. 5\(l\) – Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase VIII](#)

ML 2023 Accomplishment Plans have not been reviewed or approved by the Council. Council will give final approval to ML 2023 accomplishment plans at the June 2023 meeting.

Attachments:

- Budget Spreadsheet provided by Partners
- ML 2021, ML 2022, and DRAFT ML 2023 Affected Accomplishment Plans