

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **WARROAD; PORT AUTHORITY.**

The city of Warroad may establish a port authority commission that has the same powers as a port authority established under Minnesota Statutes, section 458.09, or other law. If the city establishes a port authority commission, the city shall exercise all the powers relating to the port authority granted to a city by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 458, or other law. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 458.09, subdivision 1, or other law, the city may choose the name of the commission. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 458.10, subdivision 1, or other law, the city may appoint a seven-member commission.

Approved May 23, 1985

CHAPTER 190 — S.F.No. 643

An act relating to fish and game; changing designation of muskellunge lakes; providing for certain restrictions on designated muskellunge lakes; providing a penalty for a person that illegally takes or possesses a muskellunge; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, sections 97.55, by adding a subdivision; and 101.475, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 101.475, subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 97.55, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 17. MISDEMEANOR FOR ILLEGALLY TAKING OR POSSESSING MUSKELLUNGE. A person that takes or possesses a muskellunge in violation of chapters 97 to 102 is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 101.475, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **DESIGNATION OF MUSKELLUNGE WATERS.** The commissioner of natural resources, after notice and hearing, may designate not more than 40 lakes in the state, each of which is known to be the habitat of muskellunge, and provide special rules and regulations applicable only to these lakes for the management of fishing therein. Such special rules and regulations may include among other things prohibition of dark house spearing or angling or both in any one or more of these designated lakes, but must be designed and promulgated solely to further experiments, research and management of muskel-

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lunge in the state. (a) The commissioner may, after holding a public meeting, designate waters with muskellunge as muskellunge waters.

(b) The commissioner may prescribe rules for each designated muskellunge waters that:

- (1) restrict spearing from a darkhouse;
- (2) restrict angling from a darkhouse;
- (3) limit the open season to take fish;
- (4) limit the size of fish that may be kept; and
- (5) limit the number of each species of fish that may be kept.

(c) The commissioner must give notice and hold a hearing before adopting rules under this subdivision. The rules are effective for a specified period of time and may only be extended upon a showing by the commissioner, at a hearing, that the muskellunge population in the designated waters has been enhanced.

(d) The provisions of section 97.48, subdivision 1, requiring the angling season on a lake to be closed in proportion to the spearing season do not apply to designated muskellunge lakes.

Sec. 3. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 101.475, subdivision 2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective the day after final enactment.

Approved May 23, 1985

CHAPTER 191 — S.F.No. 664

An act relating to natural resources; revising the boundaries of certain state forests; creating a new state forest; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 89.021, subdivisions 18, 28, 33, and by adding a subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 89.021, subdivision 18, is amended to read:

Subd. 18. FOND DU LAC STATE FOREST.

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