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Table with columns: DATE, D-PG, OFFICIAL STATUS. Rows include dates from 01/28/2021 to 03/18/2021 and corresponding D-PG numbers and descriptions of legislative actions.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund;
1.3 modifying use of money from outdoor heritage fund to acquire lands in public
1.4 domain; extending certain prior appropriations; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.5 2020, section 97A.056, subdivision 9; Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section
1.6 2, subdivision 5.

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

1.8 Section 1. APPROPRIATIONS.

1.9 The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies
1.10 and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage
1.11 fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2022" and "2023" used in
1.12 this act mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year
1.13 ending June 30, 2022, and June 30, 2023, respectively. The "first year" is fiscal year 2022.
1.14 The "second year" is fiscal year 2023. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2022 and 2023. The
1.15 appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

Table with columns: APPROPRIATIONS Available for the Year Ending June 30, 2022, 2023. Rows 1.16-1.19.

1.20 Sec. 2. OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND

1.21 Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation \$ 127,837,000 \$ 557,000

1.22 This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage
1.23 fund. The amounts that may be spent for each
1.24 purpose are specified in the following
1.25 subdivisions.

- 2.1 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 42,784,000 -0-
- 2.2 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
- 2.3 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Phase**
- 2.4 **XIII**
- 2.5 \$1,948,000 the first year is to the
- 2.6 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
- 2.7 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
- 2.8 wildlife management under Minnesota
- 2.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and
- 2.10 to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural
- 2.11 area purposes under Minnesota Statutes,
- 2.12 section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to
- 2.13 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
- 2.14 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
- 2.15 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
- 2.16 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
- 2.17 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
- 2.18 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be
- 2.19 provided as part of the required
- 2.20 accomplishment plan.
- 2.21 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
- 2.22 **Program, Phase XIII**
- 2.23 \$4,715,000 the first year is to the
- 2.24 commissioner of natural resources for an
- 2.25 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
- 2.26 in fee and restore and enhance lands for
- 2.27 wildlife management under Minnesota
- 2.28 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
- 2.29 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
- 2.30 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
- 2.31 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
- 2.32 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
- 2.33 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
- 2.34 native prairie. A list of proposed land
- 2.35 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
- 2.36 required accomplishment plan.

3.1 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Phase**  
3.2 **XI**

3.3 \$2,794,000 the first year is to the  
3.4 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.5 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to  
3.6 acquire land in fee and restore and enhance  
3.7 native prairie, grasslands, wetlands, and  
3.8 savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
3.9 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority  
3.10 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
3.11 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
3.12 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
3.13 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual  
3.14 income statements and balance sheets for  
3.15 income and expenses from land acquired with  
3.16 this appropriation must be submitted to the  
3.17 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no  
3.18 later than 180 days after The Nature  
3.19 Conservancy's fiscal year closes. A list of  
3.20 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
3.21 as part of the required accomplishment plan.  
3.22 Land acquisitions must be consistent with the  
3.23 priorities identified in the Minnesota Prairie  
3.24 Conservation Plan.

3.25 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**  
3.26 **Refuge Land Acquisition, Phase XII**

3.27 \$3,280,000 the first year is to the  
3.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.29 agreement with The Nature Conservancy, in  
3.30 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
3.31 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee or  
3.32 permanent conservation easements and restore  
3.33 and enhance lands in the Northern Tallgrass  
3.34 Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western  
3.35 Minnesota for addition to the Northern  
3.36 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.

4.1 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
4.2 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
4.3 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
4.4 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.5 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
4.6 native prairie. A list of proposed land  
4.7 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
4.8 required accomplishment plan. Land  
4.9 acquisitions must be consistent with the  
4.10 priorities in the Minnesota Prairie  
4.11 Conservation Plan.

4.12 **(e) Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex,**  
4.13 **Phase X**

4.14 \$2,623,000 the first year is to the  
4.15 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.16 agreement with The Trust for Public Land, in  
4.17 cooperation with Great River Greening and  
4.18 the Cannon River Watershed Partnership, to  
4.19 acquire land in fee in the Cannon River  
4.20 watershed for wildlife management under  
4.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
4.22 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for aquatic  
4.23 management purposes under Minnesota  
4.24 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 14; to  
4.25 acquire land in fee for scientific and natural  
4.26 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
4.27 86A.05, subdivision 5; to acquire land in fee  
4.28 for state forests under Minnesota Statutes,  
4.29 section 86A.05, subdivision 7, and county  
4.30 forests; and to restore and enhance lands in  
4.31 the Cannon River watershed. Of this amount,  
4.32 \$1,784,000 is to The Trust for Public Land;  
4.33 \$687,000 is to Great River Greening; and  
4.34 \$152,000 is to the Cannon River Watershed  
4.35 Partnership. Subject to evaluation criteria in  
4.36 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority

5.1 must be given to acquiring lands that are  
 5.2 eligible for the native prairie bank under  
 5.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands  
 5.4 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of  
 5.5 proposed land acquisitions and restorations  
 5.6 must be provided as part of the required  
 5.7 accomplishment plan.

5.8 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection,**  
 5.9 **Phase VIII**

5.10 \$884,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 5.11 of natural resources to acquire permanent  
 5.12 conservation easements to protect and restore  
 5.13 native prairie according to the Minnesota  
 5.14 Prairie Conservation Plan. Of this amount, up  
 5.15 to \$120,000 is for establishing monitoring and  
 5.16 enforcement funds as approved in the  
 5.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 5.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.  
 5.19 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota  
 5.20 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given  
 5.21 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the  
 5.22 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,  
 5.23 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected  
 5.24 native prairie. A list of permanent conservation  
 5.25 easements must be provided as part of the final  
 5.26 report.

5.27 **(g) RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Phase**  
 5.28 **IX**

5.29 \$4,170,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 5.30 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 5.31 permanent conservation easements and restore  
 5.32 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 5.33 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance  
 5.34 habitat, including by expanding the riparian  
 5.35 buffer and floodplain program under the clean  
 5.36 water fund for wildlife benefits from buffers

6.1 on private land. Of this amount, up to  
6.2 \$195,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
6.3 enforcement fund as approved in the  
6.4 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
6.5 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
6.6 list of permanent conservation easements must  
6.7 be provided as part of the final report.

6.8 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of**  
6.9 **Southern Red River Valley, Phase VII**

6.10 \$2,264,000 the first year is to the  
6.11 commissioner of natural resources for an  
6.12 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
6.13 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie  
6.14 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and to  
6.15 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red  
6.16 River Valley for wildlife management under  
6.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
6.18 subdivision 8, or to be designated and  
6.19 managed as waterfowl production areas in  
6.20 Minnesota in cooperation with the United  
6.21 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to  
6.22 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part  
6.23 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring  
6.24 lands that are eligible for the native prairie  
6.25 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,  
6.26 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.  
6.27 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
6.28 provided as part of the required  
6.29 accomplishment plan.

6.30 **(i) Accelerating USFWS Habitat Conservation**  
6.31 **Easement Program, Phase III**

6.32 \$4,752,000 the first year is to the  
6.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
6.34 agreement with Ducks Unlimited, in  
6.35 cooperation with Pheasants Forever and the  
6.36 United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to

7.1 acquire permanent conservation working lands  
7.2 easements and to restore wetlands and prairie  
7.3 grasslands. Of this amount, \$3,153,000 is to  
7.4 Ducks Unlimited and \$1,599,000 is to  
7.5 Pheasants Forever. A list of proposed  
7.6 acquisitions and restorations must be provided  
7.7 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

7.8 **(j) Martin County DNR WMA Acquisition,**  
7.9 **Phase V**

7.10 \$2,864,000 the first year is to the  
7.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
7.12 agreements to acquire land in fee and restore  
7.13 and enhance strategic prairie grassland,  
7.14 wetland, and other wildlife habitat in Martin  
7.15 and Watonwan counties for wildlife  
7.16 management under Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.17 86A.05, subdivision 8, as follows: \$2,181,000  
7.18 to Fox Lake Conservation League, Inc;  
7.19 \$592,000 to Ducks Unlimited; and \$91,000 to  
7.20 the Conservation Fund. A list of proposed  
7.21 acquisitions must be provided as part of the  
7.22 required accomplishment plan.

7.23 **(k) RIM Grasslands Reserve, Phase III**

7.24 \$4,354,000 the first year is to the Board of  
7.25 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
7.26 permanent conservation easements and to  
7.27 restore and enhance grassland habitat under  
7.28 Minnesota Statutes, sections 103F.501 to  
7.29 103F.531. Of this amount, up to \$91,000 is  
7.30 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
7.31 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
7.32 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
7.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
7.34 conservation easements must be provided as  
7.35 part of the final report.

8.1 **(l) DNR Grassland Enhancement, Phase XIII**

8.2 \$3,534,000 the first year is to the  
8.3 commissioner of natural resources to  
8.4 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of  
8.5 prairies, grasslands, and savannas in wildlife  
8.6 management areas, in scientific and natural  
8.7 areas, in aquatic management areas, on lands  
8.8 in the native prairie bank, in bluff prairies on  
8.9 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota,  
8.10 and in waterfowl production areas and refuge  
8.11 lands of the United States Fish and Wildlife  
8.12 Service. A list of proposed land restorations  
8.13 and enhancements must be provided as part  
8.14 of the required accomplishment plan.

8.15 **(m) Enhanced Public Land - Grasslands, Phase**  
8.16 **V**

8.17 \$1,951,000 the first year is to the  
8.18 commissioner of natural resources for an  
8.19 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance  
8.20 and restore grassland and wetland habitat on  
8.21 public lands. A list of proposed land  
8.22 restorations and enhancements must be  
8.23 provided as part of the required  
8.24 accomplishment plan.

8.25 **(n) Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation,**  
8.26 **Phase VII**

8.27 \$2,651,000 the first year is to the  
8.28 commissioner of natural resources for  
8.29 agreements to acquire permanent conservation  
8.30 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife  
8.31 habitat on public lands and easements in the  
8.32 Anoka Sand Plain ecoregion and intersecting  
8.33 minor watersheds as follows: \$418,000 is to  
8.34 the Anoka Conservation District; \$700,000 is  
8.35 to Great River Greening; \$233,000 is to The



9.1 Nature Conservancy; and \$1,300,000 is to  
 9.2 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
 9.3 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for  
 9.4 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds  
 9.5 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 9.6 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 9.8 permanent conservation easements,  
 9.9 restorations, and enhancements must be  
 9.10 provided as part of the required  
 9.11 accomplishment plan.

9.12 **Subd. 3. Forests**

12,476,000

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9.13 **(a) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**  
 9.14 **Restoration, Phase IX**

9.15 \$4,068,000 the first year is to the  
 9.16 commissioner of natural resources for  
 9.17 agreements as follows: (1) \$1,294,000 to The  
 9.18 Nature Conservancy to acquire lands in fee  
 9.19 for wildlife management under Minnesota  
 9.20 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; for  
 9.21 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
 9.22 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; for  
 9.23 state forests under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 9.24 86A.05, subdivision 7; for aquatic  
 9.25 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
 9.26 section 86A.05, subdivision 14; and to restore  
 9.27 and enhance wildlife habitat; (2) \$1,393,000  
 9.28 to The Trust for Public Land to acquire lands  
 9.29 in fee for wildlife management under  
 9.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.31 subdivision 8; for scientific and natural areas  
 9.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.33 subdivision 5; for state forests under  
 9.34 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
 9.35 subdivision 7; and for aquatic management

10.1 areas under Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.2 86A.05, subdivision 14; and (3) \$1,381,000  
10.3 to Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent  
10.4 conservation easements and to restore and  
10.5 enhance wildlife habitat, of which up to  
10.6 \$168,000 is to establish a monitoring and  
10.7 enforcement fund as approved in the  
10.8 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
10.9 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
10.10 list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
10.11 provided as part of the required  
10.12 accomplishment plan.

10.13 **(b) Minnesota Forests for the Future, Phase VIII**

10.14 \$2,971,000 the first year is to the  
10.15 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
10.16 lands in conservation easements and to restore  
10.17 and enhance forests, wetlands, and shoreline  
10.18 habitat through working forest permanent  
10.19 conservation easements under the Minnesota  
10.20 forests for the future program according to  
10.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A  
10.22 conservation easement acquired with money  
10.23 appropriated under this paragraph must  
10.24 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section  
10.25 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment  
10.26 plan must include an easement monitoring and  
10.27 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to  
10.28 \$160,000 is for establishing a monitoring and  
10.29 enforcement fund as approved in the  
10.30 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
10.31 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
10.32 list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
10.33 provided as part of the required  
10.34 accomplishment plan. A list of permanent

11.1 conservation easements must be provided as  
 11.2 part of the final report.

11.3 **(c) Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape ACUB**  
 11.4 **Protection Program, Phase IX**

11.5 \$1,043,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 11.6 Water and Soil Resources, in cooperation with  
 11.7 the Morrison County Soil and Water  
 11.8 Conservation District, to acquire permanent  
 11.9 conservation easements and restore and  
 11.10 enhance forest wildlife habitat within the  
 11.11 boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard  
 11.12 Camp Ripley Sentinel Landscape and Army  
 11.13 Compatible Use Buffer. Up to \$59,000 to the  
 11.14 Board of Water and Soil Resources is to  
 11.15 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
 11.16 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
 11.17 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 11.18 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 11.19 conservation easements must be provided as  
 11.20 part of the final report.

11.21 **(d) DNR Forest Habitat Enhancement, Phase II**

11.22 \$1,338,000 the first year is to the  
 11.23 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 11.24 and enhance wildlife habitat in the northern  
 11.25 forest region on wildlife management areas,  
 11.26 scientific and natural areas, aquatic  
 11.27 management areas, and state forests. A list of  
 11.28 proposed land restorations and enhancements  
 11.29 must be provided as part of the required  
 11.30 accomplishment plan.

11.31 **(e) Floodplain Forest Enhancement, Phase IV**

11.32 \$1,247,000 the first year is to the  
 11.33 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 11.34 agreement with the National Audubon Society  
 11.35 to restore and enhance floodplain forest habitat

12.1 for wildlife on public lands along the  
 12.2 Mississippi River and Mississippi River  
 12.3 tributaries. A list of restorations and  
 12.4 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
 12.5 required accomplishment plan.

12.6 **(f) Moose Habitat Collaborative - NE MN Forest**  
 12.7 **Habitat Enhancement, Phase IV**

12.8 \$1,809,000 the first year is to the  
 12.9 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.10 agreement with the Ruffed Grouse Society to  
 12.11 restore and enhance public forest lands in the  
 12.12 northern forest region for moose habitat  
 12.13 purposes. A list of proposed land restoration  
 12.14 and enhancements must be provided as part  
 12.15 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.16 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

22,389,000

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12.17 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl Production Area**  
 12.18 **Acquisition Program, Phase XIII**

12.19 \$3,869,000 the first year is to the  
 12.20 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.21 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in  
 12.22 cooperation with the United States Fish and  
 12.23 Wildlife Service, to acquire land in fee and  
 12.24 restore and enhance wetlands and grasslands  
 12.25 to be designated and managed as waterfowl  
 12.26 production areas in Minnesota. A list of  
 12.27 proposed land acquisitions must be provided  
 12.28 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

12.29 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection and**  
 12.30 **Restoration Program, Phase X**

12.31 \$4,581,000 the first year is to the  
 12.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 12.33 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire  
 12.34 land in fee for wildlife management under  
 12.35 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,

13.1 subdivision 8, and to restore and enhance  
 13.2 prairie lands, wetlands, and land buffering  
 13.3 shallow lakes. A list of proposed acquisitions  
 13.4 must be provided as part of the required  
 13.5 accomplishment plan.

13.6 **(c) RIM Wetlands, Phase X**

13.7 \$3,051,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 13.8 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 13.9 permanent conservation easements and to  
 13.10 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat  
 13.11 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.  
 13.12 Of this amount, up to \$59,000 is for  
 13.13 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 13.14 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 13.15 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 13.16 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 13.17 conservation easements must be provided as  
 13.18 part of the final report.

13.19 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection and Restoration**  
 13.20 **Program, Phase VI**

13.21 \$3,088,000 the first year is to the  
 13.22 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 13.23 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
 13.24 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 13.25 and restore and enhance prairie, wetland, and  
 13.26 other habitat on permanently protected  
 13.27 conservation easements in high-priority  
 13.28 wetland habitat complexes in the prairie and  
 13.29 forest/prairie transition regions. Of this  
 13.30 amount, up to \$288,000 is to establish a  
 13.31 monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved  
 13.32 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 13.33 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 13.34 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
 13.35 conservation easement acquisitions and

14.1 restorations and enhancements must be  
 14.2 provided as part of the required  
 14.3 accomplishment plan.

14.4 **(e) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection, Phase VI**

14.5 \$1,251,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 14.6 Water and Soil Resources to acquire  
 14.7 permanent conservation easements on  
 14.8 shoreland habitat of wild-rice lakes for  
 14.9 protecting native wild rice beds. Of this  
 14.10 amount, up to \$78,000 is for establishing a  
 14.11 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
 14.12 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
 14.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
 14.14 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 14.15 conservation easements must be provided as  
 14.16 part of the final report.

14.17 **(f) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland**  
 14.18 **Enhancement, Phase XII**

14.19 \$2,589,000 the first year is to the  
 14.20 commissioner of natural resources to enhance  
 14.21 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat  
 14.22 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations  
 14.23 and enhancements must be provided as part  
 14.24 of the required accomplishment plan.

14.25 **(g) Living Shallow Lake Enhancement and**  
 14.26 **Wetland Restoration Initiative, Phase VII**

14.27 \$3,960,000 the first year is to the  
 14.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
 14.29 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore  
 14.30 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on  
 14.31 public lands and wetlands under permanent  
 14.32 conservation easements for wildlife  
 14.33 management. A list of proposed shallow lake  
 14.34 enhancements and wetland restorations must

15.1 be provided as part of the required  
 15.2 accomplishment plan.

15.3 Subd. 5. Habitats 49,254,000 -0-

15.4 **(a) St. Croix Watershed Habitat Protection and**  
 15.5 **Restoration, Phase II**

15.6 \$3,112,000 the first year is to the  
 15.7 commissioner of natural resources for  
 15.8 agreements as follows: (1) \$1,494,000 to The  
 15.9 Trust for Public Land to acquire land in fee;  
 15.10 (2) \$1,493,000 to Minnesota Land Trust to  
 15.11 acquire permanent conservation easements  
 15.12 and to restore and enhance natural habitat  
 15.13 systems in the St. Croix River watershed. Of  
 15.14 this amount, up to \$144,000 to Minnesota  
 15.15 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
 15.16 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 15.17 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 15.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17; and  
 15.19 (3) \$125,000 to the St. Croix River  
 15.20 Association to coordinate and administer the  
 15.21 program under this paragraph. A list of  
 15.22 proposed land acquisitions and permanent  
 15.23 conservation easements must be provided as  
 15.24 part of the required accomplishment plan.

15.25 **(b) Metro Big Rivers, Phase XI**

15.26 \$4,229,000 the first year is to the  
 15.27 commissioner of natural resources for  
 15.28 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
 15.29 permanent conservation easements and to  
 15.30 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
 15.31 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
 15.32 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
 15.33 the metropolitan area as follows: \$675,000 to  
 15.34 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
 15.35 Trust, Inc.; \$220,000 to Friends of the

16.1 Mississippi River; \$684,000 to Great River  
 16.2 Greening; \$800,000 to The Trust for Public  
 16.3 Land; and \$1,850,000 to Minnesota Land  
 16.4 Trust, of which up to \$192,000 to Minnesota  
 16.5 Land Trust is to establish a monitoring and  
 16.6 enforcement fund as approved in the  
 16.7 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
 16.8 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
 16.9 list of proposed land acquisitions and  
 16.10 permanent conservation easements must be  
 16.11 provided as part of the required  
 16.12 accomplishment plan.

16.13 **(c) Lower Otter Tail River Corridor Habitat**  
 16.14 **Restoration, Phase I**

16.15 \$2,335,000 the first year is to the Board of  
 16.16 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and  
 16.17 restore land in permanent conservation  
 16.18 easements along the lower Otter Tail River.  
 16.19 Of this amount, \$275,000 is for an agreement  
 16.20 with the Buffalo Red River Watershed District.  
 16.21 Up to \$111,000 of the total amount is for  
 16.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
 16.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
 16.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
 16.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
 16.26 conservation easements must be provided as  
 16.27 part of the final report.

16.28 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
 16.29 **North Central Minnesota Lakes, Phase VII**

16.30 \$2,838,000 the first year is to the  
 16.31 commissioner of natural resources for  
 16.32 agreements to acquire land in fee and in  
 16.33 permanent conservation easements and to  
 16.34 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
 16.35 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
 16.36 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard



17.1 counties as follows: \$975,000 to Northern  
17.2 Waters Land Trust; and \$1,863,000 to  
17.3 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to  
17.4 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
17.5 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
17.6 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
17.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
17.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions  
17.9 must be provided as part of the required  
17.10 accomplishment plan.

17.11 **(e) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
17.12 **Project, Phase V**

17.13 \$2,901,000 the first year is to acquire land in  
17.14 fee and permanent conservation easements  
17.15 and restore wildlife habitat in the Mississippi  
17.16 River headwaters. Of this amount, \$1,421,000  
17.17 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources,  
17.18 of which up to \$150,000 is for establishing a  
17.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
17.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
17.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
17.22 subdivision 17, and \$1,480,000 is to the  
17.23 commissioner of natural resources for  
17.24 agreements as follows: \$60,000 to the  
17.25 Mississippi Headwaters Board and \$1,420,000  
17.26 to The Trust for Public Land. A list of  
17.27 proposed fee-title acquisitions must be  
17.28 included as part of the required  
17.29 accomplishment plan. A list of permanent  
17.30 conservation easements must be provided as  
17.31 part of the final report.

17.32 **(f) Protecting Minnesota's Lakes of Outstanding**  
17.33 **Biological Significance**

17.34 \$1,477,000 the first year is to the  
17.35 commissioner of natural resources for an  
17.36 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to

18.1 acquire land in permanent conservation  
18.2 easements and to restore and enhance lakes of  
18.3 outstanding biological significance in  
18.4 northeast and north-central Minnesota. Of this  
18.5 amount, up to \$168,000 is for establishing a  
18.6 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
18.7 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
18.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
18.9 subdivision 17. A list of proposed acquisitions  
18.10 must be included as part of the required  
18.11 accomplishment plan.

18.12 **(g) Riparian Habitat Protection in Kettle and**  
18.13 **Snake River Watersheds**

18.14 \$1,435,000 the first year is to the Board of  
18.15 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and  
18.16 restore land in permanent conservation  
18.17 easements of high-quality forest, wetland, and  
18.18 shoreline habitat in the Kettle and Snake River  
18.19 watersheds. Of this amount, \$31,000 is for an  
18.20 agreement with the Pine County Soil and  
18.21 Water Conservation District. Up to \$72,000  
18.22 of the total amount is for establishing a  
18.23 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
18.24 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
18.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
18.26 subdivision 17. A list of permanent  
18.27 conservation easements must be provided as  
18.28 part of the final report.

18.29 **(h) DNR Trout Stream Conservation Easements**

18.30 \$500,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
18.31 of natural resources to acquire land in  
18.32 permanent conservation easements to protect  
18.33 trout stream aquatic habitat. Of this amount,  
18.34 up to \$65,000 is for establishing a monitoring  
18.35 and enforcement fund as approved in the

19.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
19.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
19.3 list of permanent conservation easements must  
19.4 be provided as part of the required  
19.5 accomplishment plan.

19.6 **(i) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**  
19.7 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds,**  
19.8 **Phase II**

19.9 \$1,609,000 the first year is to acquire and  
19.10 restore land in fee and permanent conservation  
19.11 easements of high-quality forest, wetland, and  
19.12 shoreline habitat. Of this amount, \$1,065,000  
19.13 is to the commissioner of natural resources for  
19.14 an agreement with the Crow Wing County  
19.15 Soil and Water Conservation District and  
19.16 \$544,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil  
19.17 Resources. Up to \$26,000 of the total amount  
19.18 is for establishing a monitoring and  
19.19 enforcement fund as approved in the  
19.20 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota  
19.21 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A  
19.22 list of permanent conservation easements must  
19.23 be included as part of the final report.

19.24 **(j) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**  
19.25 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Phase**  
19.26 **XIII**

19.27 \$1,033,000 the first year is to the  
19.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
19.29 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and  
19.30 enhance habitat for trout and other species in  
19.31 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams  
19.32 in Minnesota. A list of proposed land  
19.33 restorations and enhancements must be  
19.34 provided as part of the required  
19.35 accomplishment plan.

20.1 **(k) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
20.2 **Enhancement, Phase IV**

20.3 \$2,790,000 the first year is to the  
20.4 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
20.5 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
20.6 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
20.7 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
20.8 restorations and enhancements must be  
20.9 provided as part of the required  
20.10 accomplishment plan.

20.11 **(l) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative, Phase**  
20.12 **VIII**

20.13 \$2,024,000 the first year is to the  
20.14 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
20.15 and enhance priority aquatic, riparian, and  
20.16 forest habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.  
20.17 Of this amount, up to \$500,000 is for an  
20.18 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list  
20.19 of proposed restorations must be provided as  
20.20 part of the required accomplishment plan.

20.21 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
20.22 **Restoration Program, Phase X**

20.23 \$1,547,000 the first year is to the  
20.24 commissioner of natural resources for an  
20.25 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
20.26 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and  
20.27 to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the  
20.28 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
20.29 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
20.30 must be provided as part of the required  
20.31 accomplishment plan.

20.32 **(n) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation, Phase**  
20.33 **VI**

20.34 \$467,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
20.35 of natural resources for an agreement with

21.1 Zeitgeist, a nonprofit corporation, in  
21.2 cooperation with the Lake Superior Steelhead  
21.3 Association, to restore and enhance trout  
21.4 habitat in the Knife River watershed. A list of  
21.5 proposed enhancements must be provided as  
21.6 part of the required accomplishment plan.

21.7 **(o) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**  
21.8 **and Restoration, Phase III**

21.9 \$4,034,000 the first year is to the  
21.10 commissioner of natural resources for  
21.11 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
21.12 permanent conservation easements and to  
21.13 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the  
21.14 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$1,034,000  
21.15 to Sauk River Watershed District; \$1,618,000  
21.16 to Pheasants Forever; and \$1,382,000 to  
21.17 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$168,000 to  
21.18 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
21.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
21.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
21.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
21.22 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
21.23 provided as part of the required  
21.24 accomplishment plan.

21.25 **(p) Klondike Clean Water Retention Project,**  
21.26 **Phase I**

21.27 \$1,973,000 the first year is to the  
21.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
21.29 agreement with the Two Rivers Watershed  
21.30 District to construct a multipurpose water  
21.31 impoundment project in Kittson and Roseau  
21.32 Counties to provide fish and wildlife habitat.  
21.33 A list of restoration and enhancement projects  
21.34 must be provided as part of the required  
21.35 accomplishment plan.

22.1 **(q) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
22.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Phase**  
22.3 **XIII**

22.4 \$10,450,000 the first year is to the  
22.5 commissioner of natural resources for a  
22.6 program to provide competitive matching  
22.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
22.8 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
22.9 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
22.10 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
22.11 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
22.12 \$2,400,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
22.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
22.14 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made  
22.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
22.16 owners of lands subject to conservation  
22.17 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
22.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
22.19 that have a total project cost exceeding  
22.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000  
22.21 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
22.22 direct and necessary administrative costs.

22.23 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
22.24 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
22.25 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
22.26 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open  
22.27 to hunting and fishing during the open season  
22.28 unless otherwise provided by law. The  
22.29 program must require a match of at least ten  
22.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.

22.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
22.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
22.33 commissioner must provide a separate,  
22.34 simplified application process. Subject to  
22.35 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner must,  
22.36 when evaluating projects of equal value, give

23.1 priority to organizations that have a history of  
23.2 receiving, or a charter to receive, private  
23.3 contributions for local conservation or habitat  
23.4 projects. For grant requests to acquire land in  
23.5 fee or a conservation easement, the  
23.6 commissioner must give priority to projects  
23.7 associated with or within one mile of existing  
23.8 wildlife management areas under Minnesota  
23.9 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8;  
23.10 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota  
23.11 Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05,  
23.12 subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas  
23.13 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05,  
23.14 subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or  
23.15 enhancement projects must be on land  
23.16 permanently protected by a permanent  
23.17 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and  
23.18 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,  
23.19 by a conservation easement or public  
23.20 ownership, or in public waters as defined in  
23.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005,  
23.22 subdivision 15. Priority must be given to  
23.23 restoration and enhancement projects on public  
23.24 lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
23.25 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
23.26 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
23.27 available until June 30, 2025. No less than five  
23.28 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
23.29 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
23.30 recipient has completed a grant  
23.31 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
23.32 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
23.33 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
23.34 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
23.35 program in the summary of game and fish law

24.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
 24.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.

24.3 **(r) DNR Roving Crews**

24.4 \$4,500,000 the first year is to the  
 24.5 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
 24.6 and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on  
 24.7 permanently protected lands statewide using  
 24.8 the roving crew program of the Department  
 24.9 of Natural Resources. A list of restoration and  
 24.10 enhancement projects must be provided as part  
 24.11 of the required accomplishment plan.

24.12 **Subd. 6. Administration**

934,000

557,000

24.13 **(a) Contract Management**

24.14 \$210,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
 24.15 of natural resources for contract management  
 24.16 duties assigned in this section. The  
 24.17 commissioner must provide an  
 24.18 accomplishment plan in the form specified by  
 24.19 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 24.20 on expending this appropriation. The  
 24.21 accomplishment plan must include a copy of  
 24.22 the grant contract template and reimbursement  
 24.23 manual. No money may be expended before  
 24.24 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
 24.25 approves the accomplishment plan.

24.26 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

24.27 \$546,000 the first year and \$553,000 the  
 24.28 second year are to the Legislative  
 24.29 Coordinating Commission for administrative  
 24.30 expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor  
 24.31 Heritage Council and for compensating and  
 24.32 reimbursing expenses of council members.  
 24.33 This appropriation is available until June 30,



25.1 2023. Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.281,  
25.2 applies to this appropriation.

25.3 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

25.4 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
25.5 of natural resources for a technical evaluation  
25.6 panel to conduct up to 25 restoration and  
25.7 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota  
25.8 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

25.9 **(d) Legacy Website**

25.10 \$3,000 the first year and \$4,000 the second  
25.11 year are to the Legislative Coordinating  
25.12 Commission for the website required under  
25.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision  
25.14 10.

25.15 **(e) High-Priority Pre-Transaction Service**  
25.16 **Acceleration for Lessard-Sams Outdoor**  
25.17 **Heritage Council**

25.18 \$25,000 the first year is to the commissioner  
25.19 of natural resources to provide land acquisition  
25.20 pre-transaction services including but not  
25.21 limited to appraisals, surveys, or title research  
25.22 for acquisition proposals under consideration  
25.23 by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage  
25.24 Council. A list of activities must be included  
25.25 in the final accomplishment plan.

25.26 **Subd. 7. Availability of Appropriation**

25.27 Money appropriated in this section may not  
25.28 be spent on activities unless they are directly  
25.29 related to and necessary for a specific  
25.30 appropriation and are specified in the  
25.31 accomplishment plan approved by the  
25.32 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
25.33 Money appropriated in this section must not  
25.34 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional

26.1 overhead charges that are not directly related  
26.2 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.  
26.3 For acquiring real property, the amounts in  
26.4 this section are available until June 30, 2025.  
26.5 Money for restoration or enhancement is  
26.6 available until June 30, 2026. Money for  
26.7 restoration and enhancement of land acquired  
26.8 with an appropriation in this act is available  
26.9 for four years after the acquisition date with  
26.10 a maximum end date of June 30, 2029. If a  
26.11 project receives at least 15 percent of its  
26.12 funding from federal funds, the time of the  
26.13 appropriation may be extended to equal the  
26.14 availability of federal funding to a maximum  
26.15 of six years if the federal funding was  
26.16 confirmed and included in the original  
26.17 approved draft accomplishment plan. Money  
26.18 appropriated for acquiring land in fee title may  
26.19 be used to restore, enhance, and provide for  
26.20 public use of the land acquired with the  
26.21 appropriation. Public-use facilities must have  
26.22 a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

26.23 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**  
26.24 **Equipment Expenditures**

26.25 All agreements referred to in this section must  
26.26 be administered on a reimbursement basis  
26.27 unless otherwise provided in this section.  
26.28 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section  
26.29 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each  
26.30 appropriation's purpose made on or after July  
26.31 1, 2021, or the date of accomplishment plan  
26.32 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for  
26.33 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in  
26.34 this section. For purposes of administering  
26.35 appropriations and legislatively authorized  
26.36 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage

27.1 fund, an expense must be considered  
27.2 reimbursable by the administering agency  
27.3 when the recipient presents the agency with  
27.4 an invoice or binding agreement with the  
27.5 landowner and the recipient attests that the  
27.6 goods have been received or the landowner  
27.7 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement  
27.8 must be made upon receiving documentation  
27.9 that the items articulated in the  
27.10 accomplishment plan approved by the  
27.11 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have  
27.12 been achieved, including partial achievements  
27.13 as evidenced by progress reports approved by  
27.14 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.  
27.15 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to  
27.16 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,  
27.17 support future management of acquired lands,  
27.18 or match a federal share. The advances must  
27.19 be approved as part of the accomplishment  
27.20 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for  
27.21 specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be  
27.22 itemized in and approved as part of the  
27.23 accomplishment plan.  
27.24 **Subd. 9. Mapping**  
27.25 Each direct recipient of money appropriated  
27.26 in this section and each recipient of a grant  
27.27 awarded pursuant to this section must provide  
27.28 geographic information to the Lessard-Sams  
27.29 Outdoor Heritage Council for mapping of any  
27.30 lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated  
27.31 in this section and open to public taking of  
27.32 fish and game. The commissioner of natural  
27.33 resources must include the lands acquired in  
27.34 fee with money appropriated in this section  
27.35 on maps showing public recreation

- 28.1 opportunities. Maps must include information  
28.2 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor  
28.3 heritage fund, including a notation of any  
28.4 restrictions.
- 28.5 **Subd. 10. Carryforwards**
- 28.6 (a) The availability of the appropriations for  
28.7 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
28.8 2022:
- 28.9 (1) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
28.10 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (j), for Accelerated  
28.11 Prairie Restoration and Enhancement on DNR  
28.12 Lands - Phase VIII;
- 28.13 (2) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
28.14 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (k), for Anoka  
28.15 Sandplain Habitat Restoration and  
28.16 Enhancement - Phase IV;
- 28.17 (3) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
28.18 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (h), for Sand Hill  
28.19 River Fish Passage - Phase II;
- 28.20 (4) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
28.21 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (j), for Protect and  
28.22 Restore Minnesota's Important Bird Areas -  
28.23 Phase II, within the Tallgrass Aspen  
28.24 Parklands;
- 28.25 (5) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
28.26 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), for Minnesota  
28.27 Forests for the Future - Phase VI;
- 28.28 (6) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
28.29 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), for Metro Big  
28.30 Rivers Habitat - Phase VII; and
- 28.31 (7) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
28.32 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (b), for Mississippi

- 29.1 Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase  
29.2 IV.
- 29.3 (b) The availability of the appropriations for  
29.4 the following projects is extended to June 30,  
29.5 2023:
- 29.6 (1) Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter  
29.7 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph  
29.8 (j), for Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat  
29.9 Restoration;
- 29.10 (2) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
29.11 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (e), for Minnesota  
29.12 Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat  
29.13 Enhancement and Restoration - Phase VIII;
- 29.14 (3) Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section  
29.15 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (j), for Roseau  
29.16 Lake Rehabilitation;
- 29.17 (4) Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section  
29.18 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (c), for Goose  
29.19 Prairie;
- 29.20 (5) Laws 2017, chapter 91, article 1, section  
29.21 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (d), for Minnesota  
29.22 Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat  
29.23 Enhancement and Restoration - Phase IX;
- 29.24 (6) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
29.25 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (f), for Accelerated  
29.26 Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase VII;
- 29.27 (7) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
29.28 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (k), for Grassland  
29.29 Conservation Partnership - Phase III;
- 29.30 (8) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
29.31 2, subdivision 3, paragraph (e), for Critical  
29.32 Shoreland Habitat Program - Phase V;

30.1 (9) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
30.2 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (c), for Fisheries  
30.3 Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central  
30.4 Minnesota Lakes - Phase IV;

30.5 (10) Laws 2018, chapter 208, article 1, section  
30.6 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (g), for Hennepin  
30.7 County Habitat Conservation Program; and

30.8 (11) Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter  
30.9 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph  
30.10 (e), for Lower Wild Rice Corridor Habitat  
30.11 Restoration - Phase II.

30.12 (c) The availability of the appropriation in  
30.13 Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2,  
30.14 subdivision 5, paragraph (e), for Mustinka  
30.15 River Fish and Wildlife Habitat Corridor  
30.16 Rehabilitation, is extended to June 30, 2024.

30.17 **Subd. 11. Extension of Certain Appropriations**

30.18 (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
30.19 section 16A.28, or any other law to the  
30.20 contrary, the availability of any appropriation  
30.21 or grant of money from the outdoor heritage  
30.22 fund that would otherwise cancel, lapse, or  
30.23 expire on June 30, 2021, is extended to June  
30.24 30, 2022, if the recipient or grantee does both  
30.25 of the following:

30.26 (1) by June 30, 2021, notifies the  
30.27 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council in  
30.28 the manner specified by the council that the  
30.29 recipient or grantee intends to avail itself of  
30.30 the extension available under this subdivision;  
30.31 and

30.32 (2) modifies the applicable accomplishment  
30.33 plan in accordance with the council's  
30.34 accomplishment plan modification procedures.

31.1 (b) The council must notify the commissioner  
 31.2 of management and budget and the  
 31.3 commissioner of natural resources of any  
 31.4 extension granted under this subdivision.

31.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 10 is effective retroactively from July 1, 2019, for  
 31.6 projects funded under Laws 2016, chapter 172.

31.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 97A.056, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

31.8 Subd. 9. **Lands in public domain.** (a) Money appropriated from the outdoor heritage  
 31.9 fund shall not be used to purchase any land in fee title or a permanent conservation easement  
 31.10 if the land in question is fully or partially owned by the state of Minnesota or a political  
 31.11 subdivision of the state, unless: owns the land in fee or if the land is wholly or partially  
 31.12 subject to a conservation easement.

31.13 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply if:

31.14 (1) the purchase creates additional direct benefit to protect, restore, or enhance the state's  
 31.15 wetlands, prairies, forests, or habitat for fish, game, and wildlife; and

31.16 ~~(2) the purchase is approved by an affirmative vote of at least nine members of the~~  
 31.17 ~~council; or~~

31.18 (2) the purchase is for land that is partially subject to a conservation easement and no  
 31.19 money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund is used to pay the purchase price for  
 31.20 the portion of land that is subject to the easement. Nothing in this clause prohibits the use  
 31.21 of money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund to pay for costs and other expenses  
 31.22 associated with the acquisition of the land as part of the larger acquisition.

31.23 (c) For purposes of this subdivision, "conservation easement" means a conservation  
 31.24 easement as defined in section 84C.01.

31.25 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

31.26 Sec. 4. Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

31.27 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 55,429,000

31.28 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**  
 31.29 **Minnesota's North Shore**

31.30 \$1,809,000 the second year is to the  
 31.31 commissioner of natural resources for an

32.1 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
32.2 acquire permanent conservation easements  
32.3 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in  
32.4 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.  
32.5 Of this amount, up to \$144,000 is to establish  
32.6 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
32.7 approved in the accomplishment plan and  
32.8 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
32.9 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
32.10 conservation easement acquisitions,  
32.11 restorations, and enhancements must be  
32.12 provided as part of the required  
32.13 accomplishment plan.

32.14 **(b) Metro Big Rivers - Phase X**

32.15 \$6,473,000 the second year is to the  
32.16 commissioner of natural resources for  
32.17 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
32.18 permanent conservation easements and to  
32.19 restore and enhance natural habitat systems  
32.20 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,  
32.21 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in  
32.22 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,  
32.23 \$801,000 is to Minnesota Valley National  
32.24 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000 is to  
32.25 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$366,000 is  
32.26 to Great River Greening, \$3,406,000 is to The  
32.27 Trust for Public Land, and \$1,600,000 is to  
32.28 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to  
32.29 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a  
32.30 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
32.31 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
32.32 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
32.33 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land  
32.34 acquisitions and permanent conservation



33.1 easements must be provided as part of the  
33.2 required accomplishment plan.

33.3 **(c) Resilient Habitat for Heritage Brook Trout**

33.4 \$2,266,000 the second year is to the  
33.5 commissioner of natural resources for  
33.6 agreements to acquire land in fee and  
33.7 permanent conservation easements and to  
33.8 restore and enhance habitat in targeted  
33.9 watersheds of southeast Minnesota to improve  
33.10 heritage brook trout and coldwater  
33.11 communities. Of this amount, \$350,000 is to  
33.12 The Nature Conservancy, \$258,000 is to Trout  
33.13 Unlimited, \$857,000 is to The Trust for Public  
33.14 Land, and \$801,000 is to Minnesota Land  
33.15 Trust. Up to \$96,000 to Minnesota Land Trust  
33.16 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement  
33.17 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
33.18 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
33.19 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
33.20 land acquisitions and permanent conservation  
33.21 easements must be provided as part of the  
33.22 required accomplishment plan.

33.23 **(d) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**  
33.24 **North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase VI**

33.25 \$2,814,000 the second year is to the  
33.26 commissioner of natural resources for  
33.27 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
33.28 permanent conservation easements and to  
33.29 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain  
33.30 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in  
33.31 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard  
33.32 Counties. Of this amount, \$883,000 is to  
33.33 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$1,931,000  
33.34 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000  
33.35 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a

34.1 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
34.2 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
34.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
34.4 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be  
34.5 provided as part of the required  
34.6 accomplishment plan.

34.7 **(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**  
34.8 **Southwest Minnesota**

34.9 \$3,044,000 the second year is to the  
34.10 commissioner of natural resources for an  
34.11 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to  
34.12 acquire permanent conservation easements  
34.13 and to restore and enhance high-quality  
34.14 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of  
34.15 this amount, up to \$144,000 is to establish a  
34.16 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
34.17 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
34.18 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
34.19 subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
34.20 conservation easement acquisitions,  
34.21 restorations, and enhancements must be  
34.22 provided as part of the required  
34.23 accomplishment plan.

34.24 **(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**  
34.25 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds**  
34.26 **- Phase I**

34.27 \$2,458,000 the second year is to the Board of  
34.28 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and  
34.29 restore permanent conservation easements of  
34.30 high-quality forest, wetland, and shoreline  
34.31 habitat. Of this amount, \$164,000 is for an  
34.32 agreement with the Crow Wing County Soil  
34.33 and Water Conservation District. Up to  
34.34 \$97,000 of the total amount is for establishing  
34.35 a monitoring and enforcement fund as  
34.36 approved in the accomplishment plan and

35.1 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
35.2 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed  
35.3 acquisitions must be included as part of the  
35.4 required accomplishment plan.

35.5 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**  
35.6 **Project - Phase V**

35.7 \$3,695,000 the second year is to acquire lands  
35.8 in fee and conservation easement and restore  
35.9 wildlife habitat in the Mississippi headwaters  
35.10 as follows:

35.11 (1) \$2,177,000 is to the commissioner of  
35.12 natural resources for agreements as follows:  
35.13 \$69,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board  
35.14 and \$2,108,000 to The Trust for Public Land;  
35.15 and

35.16 (2) \$1,518,000 is to the Board of Water and  
35.17 Soil Resources, of which up to \$175,000 is  
35.18 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
35.19 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
35.20 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
35.21 97A.056, subdivision 17.

35.22 A list of proposed acquisitions must be  
35.23 included as part of the required  
35.24 accomplishment plan.

35.25 **(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**  
35.26 **Program - Phase II**

35.27 \$3,155,000 the second year is to the  
35.28 commissioner of natural resources for  
35.29 agreements with Hennepin County, in  
35.30 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to  
35.31 acquire permanent conservation easements  
35.32 and to restore and enhance habitats in  
35.33 Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to  
35.34 Hennepin County and \$2,709,000 to  
35.35 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$264,000 to

36.1 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a  
36.2 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
36.3 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
36.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
36.5 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent  
36.6 conservation easements, restorations, and  
36.7 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
36.8 required accomplishment plan.

36.9 **(i) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat**  
36.10 **Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XII**

36.11 \$1,474,000 the second year is to the  
36.12 commissioner of natural resources for an  
36.13 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and  
36.14 enhance habitat for trout and other species in  
36.15 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams  
36.16 in Minnesota. A list of proposed land  
36.17 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
36.18 must be provided as part of the required  
36.19 accomplishment plan.

36.20 **(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**  
36.21 **Enhancement - Phase III**

36.22 \$3,790,000 the second year is to the  
36.23 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
36.24 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded  
36.25 streams and aquatic management areas and to  
36.26 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land  
36.27 restorations and enhancements must be  
36.28 provided as part of the required  
36.29 accomplishment plan.

36.30 **(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**  
36.31 **VII**

36.32 \$2,280,000 the second year is to the  
36.33 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
36.34 priority aquatic and riparian habitats in the St.  
36.35 Louis River estuary. A list of proposed

37.1 restorations must be provided as part of the  
37.2 required accomplishment plan.

37.3 **(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**  
37.4 **V**

37.5 \$700,000 the second year is to the  
37.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.7 agreement with Zeitgeist, a nonprofit  
37.8 corporation, in cooperation with the Lake  
37.9 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and  
37.10 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River  
37.11 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements  
37.12 must be provided as part of the required  
37.13 accomplishment plan.

37.14 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**  
37.15 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

37.16 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the  
37.17 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.18 agreement with the Shell Rock River  
37.19 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and  
37.20 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the  
37.21 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed  
37.22 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements  
37.23 must be provided as part of the required  
37.24 accomplishment plan.

37.25 **(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat**  
37.26 **Enhancement Using Bioengineered Bank**  
37.27 **Stabilization**

37.28 \$816,000 the second year is to the  
37.29 commissioner of natural resources for an  
37.30 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and  
37.31 Water Conservation District to restore and  
37.32 enhance riverine habitat in the Rum River  
37.33 using eco-sensitive, habitat-building, and  
37.34 bioengineering approaches. A list of proposed  
37.35 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
37.36 required accomplishment plan.

38.1 **(o) Roseau River Habitat Restoration**

38.2 \$3,036,000 the second year is to the  
38.3 commissioner of natural resources for an  
38.4 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed  
38.5 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat  
38.6 in the Roseau River and the Roseau River  
38.7 Wildlife Management Area.

38.8 **(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection  
38.9 and Restoration - Phase II**

38.10 \$3,926,000 the second year is to the  
38.11 commissioner of natural resources for  
38.12 agreements to acquire lands in fee and  
38.13 permanent conservation easements and to  
38.14 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the  
38.15 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$430,000  
38.16 to the Sauk River Watershed District,  
38.17 \$2,073,000 to Pheasants Forever, and  
38.18 \$1,423,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to  
38.19 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to  
38.20 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund  
38.21 as approved in the accomplishment plan and  
38.22 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
38.23 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions  
38.24 must be provided as part of the required  
38.25 accomplishment plan.

38.26 **(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration**

38.27 \$1,351,000 the second year is to the  
38.28 commissioner of natural resources for an  
38.29 agreement with the city of Mankato to acquire  
38.30 land in fee in the city of Mankato for wetland  
38.31 and grassland restoration. A list of acquisitions  
38.32 must be provided as part of the required  
38.33 accomplishment plan.

39.1 **(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**  
39.2 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**  
39.3 **XII**

39.4 \$10,424,000 the second year is to the  
39.5 commissioner of natural resources for a  
39.6 program to provide competitive matching  
39.7 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
39.8 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
39.9 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
39.10 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife  
39.11 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least  
39.12 \$3,250,000 is for grants in the seven-county  
39.13 metropolitan area and cities with a population  
39.14 of 50,000 or more. Grants must not be made  
39.15 for activities required to fulfill the duties of  
39.16 owners of lands subject to conservation  
39.17 easements. Grants must not be made from the  
39.18 appropriation in this paragraph for projects  
39.19 that have a total project cost exceeding  
39.20 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000  
39.21 may be spent for personnel costs and other  
39.22 direct and necessary administrative costs.  
39.23 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.  
39.24 Easements must be permanent. Grants may  
39.25 not be used to establish easement stewardship  
39.26 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open  
39.27 to hunting and fishing during the open season  
39.28 unless otherwise provided by law. The  
39.29 program must require a match of at least ten  
39.30 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.  
39.31 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.  
39.32 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
39.33 commissioner must provide a separate,  
39.34 simplified application process. Subject to  
39.35 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
39.36 natural resources must, when evaluating

40.1 projects of equal value, give priority to  
40.2 organizations that have a history of receiving,  
40.3 or a charter to receive, private contributions  
40.4 for local conservation or habitat projects. For  
40.5 grant requests to acquire land in fee or a  
40.6 conservation easement, the commissioner must  
40.7 give priority to projects associated with or  
40.8 within one mile of existing wildlife  
40.9 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
40.10 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and  
40.11 natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
40.12 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or  
40.13 aquatic management areas under Minnesota  
40.14 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and  
40.15 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement  
40.16 projects must be on land permanently  
40.17 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring  
40.18 perpetual maintenance and protection of  
40.19 restored and enhanced habitat, by a  
40.20 conservation easement or public ownership or  
40.21 in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
40.22 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.  
40.23 Priority must be given to restoration and  
40.24 enhancement projects on public lands.  
40.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
40.26 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
40.27 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
40.28 available until June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024. No less  
40.29 than five percent of the amount of each grant  
40.30 must be held back from reimbursement until  
40.31 the grant recipient has completed a grant  
40.32 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
40.33 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
40.34 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
40.35 commissioner must provide notice of the grant  
40.36 program in the summary of game and fish law



- 41.1 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section  
41.2 97A.051, subdivision 2.