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Representative Rick Hansen, Ranking Minority Member
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Subject: Annual Report on Rulemaking Docket and Official Records for Rules Completed in 2016 as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 14.116(a)

Dear Senators and Representatives:

In 2012, the Legislature amended Minnesota Statutes, section 14.116 to require each agency to submit its rulemaking docket and official rulemaking records for rules completed during the preceding calendar year.

Accordingly, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is submitting its current rulemaking docket, which can be found on the DNR's rulemaking webpage at www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/rulemaking.html.

The DNR completed the following five permanent rules projects in 2016 under the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 14:

1. Exempt Permanent Rules Relating to Spearing and Northern Pike Restrictions, Revisor's File No. [R-04367](#), effective 1/19/2016
2. Exempt Permanent Rules Relating to Personal Flotation Devices and Water Surface Use Restrictions, Revisor's File No. [R-04357](#), effective 6/13/2016
3. Expedited Permanent Rules Relating to Prohibited and Regulated Invasive Species, Revisor's File No. [R-04328](#), effective 8/01/2016
4. Expedited Permanent Rules Relating to Taking Fish on Boundary Waters, Revisor's File No. [R-04393](#), effective 12/12/2016
5. Permanent Rules Relating to Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area, Revisor's File No. [R-04240](#), effective 1/04/2017 (notice of adoption published 12/27/2016)

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Please note that you also have access to the key documents for any agency rulemaking at the Revisor's website www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/rule_search.php. The relatively new database is entitled, "Minnesota Rule Status—Basic Search." Among other options, you can search the State rulemaking documents by agency, keyword, rule type, dates, or statutory authority. You can open documents related to an adopted rule, or the documents already made public for a rule that is still being adopted.

If you have questions about this report, please contact Beth Carlson, DNR Rules Coordinator, at 651-259-5531 or beth.carlson@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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Beth Carlson, DNR Rules Coordinator, Operations Services Division

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Annual Report on Rulemaking Docket and Official Records for Rules Completed in 2016

Based on: Records maintained by DNR Rules Coordinator

Minnesota Statute Reference: **Minnesota Statutes, section 14.116(a)**

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