



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
The State of Minnesota

State Office Building, Room G95 100 Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

January 9, 2017

The Honorable Mark Dayton
Governor of Minnesota
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton,

On behalf of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, it is my honor to present a bill jacketed for introduction incorporating the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council's recommendations for FY 18 appropriations from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, as required by law. This proposed legislation contains the Council's eighth annual appropriation recommendations to protect, enhance, and restore Minnesota's prairies, wetlands, forests, and habitat for fish, game, and wildlife which are consistent with and effectively address the Council's strategic statewide and regionally-based conservation and habitat priorities from the Outdoor Heritage Fund's 25-Year Framework.

The Council received 44 requests totaling over \$317 million from a cross-section of public and non-profit organizations and levels of government. The Council's FY 18 recommendations include 36 proposed appropriations with expenditures totaling \$103,978,000.

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- 11,762 acres of wetlands and wetland systems protected, restored, and enhanced;
- 46,116 acres of prairies and prairie systems protected, restored, and enhanced;
- 11,385 acres of forest protected, restored and enhanced; and
- 3,506 acres of aquatic habitat protected, restored, and enhanced.

Restoration and enhancement of public lands accounts for the majority of acres impacted by these recommendations. Over 72,000 acres are to be affected and will improve habitat for a range of species, from duck habitat in the prairie pothole region, to pheasants in the tall grass regions, to trout streams in the southeast and northeast, to habitat in the metropolitan region. Habitat restoration and enhancement activity puts money on the ground by creating and supporting jobs in local economies.

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On behalf of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, I thank you for the opportunity to serve the people of Minnesota in improving our state's great outdoors habitat heritage.

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Robert W. Anderson
Chair, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

C: Members and staff, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

Attachment: Jacketed bill



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January 11, 2017

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Speaker, House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
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The Honorable Michelle Fischbach
President, Minnesota Senate
95 University Avenue W.
Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2113
St. Paul, MN 55155

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A bill for an act

relating to natural resources; appropriating money from outdoor heritage fund; modifying recipient requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended; Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2, subdivisions 2, 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivision 8.

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

Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2018" and "2019" used in this act mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019, respectively. The "first year" is fiscal year 2018. The "second year" is fiscal year 2019. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2018 and 2019, respectively. The appropriations in this act are onetime appropriations.

<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>	
<u>Available for the Year</u>	
<u>Ending June 30</u>	
<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>

Sec. 2. **OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND**

Subdivision 1. <u>Total Appropriation</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>103,978,000</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>585,000</u>
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This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage fund. The amounts that may be spent for each

2.1 purpose are specified in the following
2.2 subdivisions.

2.3 **Subd. 2. Prairies** 30,862,000 -0-

2.4 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
2.5 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**
2.6 **IX**

2.7 \$4,437,000 the first year is to the
2.8 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
2.9 in fee and restore lands for wildlife
2.10 management purposes under Minnesota
2.11 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, and
2.12 to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural
2.13 area purposes under Minnesota Statutes,
2.14 section 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to
2.15 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
2.16 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
2.17 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
2.18 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
2.19 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
2.20 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be
2.21 provided as part of the required
2.22 accomplishment plan.

2.23 **(b) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area**
2.24 **Acquisition - Phase IX**

2.25 \$5,603,000 the first year is to the
2.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
2.27 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
2.28 in fee and restore lands for wildlife
2.29 management area purposes under Minnesota
2.30 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
2.31 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
2.32 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
2.33 to acquiring lands that are eligible for the
2.34 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
2.35 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
2.36 native prairie. A list of proposed land

3.1 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
3.2 required accomplishment plan.

3.3 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
3.4 **VII**

3.5 \$1,901,000 the first year is to the
3.6 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.7 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
3.8 acquire land in fee for native prairie, wetland,
3.9 and savanna and to restore and enhance
3.10 grasslands, wetlands, and savanna. Subject to
3.11 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
3.12 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
3.13 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
3.14 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
3.15 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.

3.16 No later than 180 days after The Nature
3.17 Conservancy's fiscal year ends, The Nature
3.18 Conservancy must submit to the Lessard-Sams
3.19 Outdoor Heritage Council annual income
3.20 statements and balance sheets for income and
3.21 expenses from land acquired with this
3.22 appropriation. A list of proposed land
3.23 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
3.24 required accomplishment plan and must be
3.25 consistent with the priorities identified in
3.26 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

3.27 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
3.28 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VIII**

3.29 \$2,683,000 the first year is to the
3.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.31 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in
3.32 cooperation with the United States Fish and
3.33 Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or
3.34 permanent conservation easements and restore
3.35 lands in the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat
3.36 Preservation Area in western Minnesota for

- 4.1 addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie
4.2 National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to
4.3 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
4.4 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
4.5 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
4.6 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
4.7 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
4.8 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be
4.9 provided as part of the required
4.10 accomplishment plan, and the acquisitions
4.11 must be consistent with the priorities in
4.12 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.
- 4.13 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex**
4.14 **- Phase VII**
- 4.15 \$1,436,000 the first year is to the
4.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
4.17 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to
4.18 acquire in fee and restore lands in the Cannon
4.19 River watershed for wildlife management
4.20 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
4.21 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation
4.22 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
4.23 priority must be given to acquiring lands that
4.24 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
4.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
4.26 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
4.27 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
4.28 as part of the required accomplishment plan.
- 4.29 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
4.30 **- Phase VI**
- 4.31 \$2,481,000 the first year is to the
4.32 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
4.33 permanent conservation easements to
4.34 implement the strategies in Minnesota Prairie
4.35 Conservation Plan to protect and restore native
4.36 prairie. Of this amount, up to \$140,000 is for

5.1 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds
5.2 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
5.3 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.4 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation
5.5 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
5.6 priority must be given to acquiring lands that
5.7 are eligible for the native prairie bank under
5.8 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
5.9 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
5.10 permanent conservation easements must be
5.11 provided as part of the final report.

5.12 **(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for**
5.13 **Wildlife and Water - Phase VII**

5.14 \$5,333,000 the first year is to the Board of
5.15 Water and Soil Resources to restore habitat
5.16 and acquire permanent conservation easements
5.17 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515,
5.18 to protect, restore, and enhance habitat by
5.19 expanding the riparian-buffer program of the
5.20 clean water fund for at least equal wildlife
5.21 benefits from buffers on private land. Of this
5.22 amount, up to \$858,000 is for establishing a
5.23 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
5.24 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
5.25 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
5.26 subdivision 17. A list of permanent
5.27 conservation easements must be provided as
5.28 part of the final report.

5.29 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
5.30 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase III**

5.31 \$1,908,000 the first year is to the
5.32 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.33 agreement with Pheasants Forever in
5.34 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
5.35 Chicken Society to acquire land in fee and
5.36 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red

6.1 River valley for wildlife management purposes
 6.2 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 6.3 subdivision 8, or to be designated and
 6.4 managed as waterfowl-production areas in
 6.5 Minnesota in cooperation with the United
 6.6 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
 6.7 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part
 6.8 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquiring
 6.9 lands that are eligible for the native prairie
 6.10 bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96,
 6.11 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie.
 6.12 A list of proposed land acquisitions must be
 6.13 provided as part of the required
 6.14 accomplishment plan.

6.15 **(i) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
 6.16 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase IX**

6.17 \$3,950,000 the first year is to the
 6.18 commissioner of natural resources to
 6.19 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
 6.20 prairies, grasslands, and savannas on wildlife
 6.21 management areas, scientific and natural areas,
 6.22 native prairie bank land, bluff prairies on state
 6.23 forest land in southeastern Minnesota, and
 6.24 United States Fish and Wildlife Service
 6.25 waterfowl-production area and refuge lands.

6.26 A list of proposed land restorations and
 6.27 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 6.28 required accomplishment plan.

6.29 **(j) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**
 6.30 **Enhancement - Phase V**

6.31 \$1,130,000 the first year is to the
 6.32 commissioner of natural resources for
 6.33 agreements to acquire permanent conservation
 6.34 easements and to restore and enhance wildlife
 6.35 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Benton,
 6.36 Isanti, Morrison, and Stearns Counties as

7.1 follows: \$41,000 is to the Anoka Conservation
 7.2 District, \$231,000 is to the Isanti County Soil
 7.3 and Water Conservation District, \$345,000 is
 7.4 to Great River Greening, \$163,000 is to the
 7.5 Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation
 7.6 District, and \$350,000 is to Minnesota Land
 7.7 Trust. Up to \$40,000 to Minnesota Land Trust
 7.8 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement
 7.9 funds as approved in the accomplishment plan
 7.10 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 7.11 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
 7.12 permanent conservation easements,
 7.13 restorations, and enhancements must be
 7.14 provided as part of the required
 7.15 accomplishment plan.

7.16 **Subd. 3. Forests**

16,824,000

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7.17 **(a) Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor**

7.18 \$2,458,000 the first year is to the
 7.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
 7.20 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 7.21 acquire permanent conservation easements in
 7.22 Washington County. Of this amount, up to
 7.23 \$30,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
 7.24 enforcement fund as approved in the
 7.25 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 7.26 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
 7.27 list of proposed permanent conservation
 7.28 easements and an annual public hunting and
 7.29 fishing plan must be provided as part of the
 7.30 required accomplishment plan.

7.31 **(b) Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat**
 7.32 **Project**

7.33 \$2,400,000 the first year is to the
 7.34 commissioner of natural resources for
 7.35 agreements with the Minnesota Deer Hunters
 7.36 Association in cooperation with The

8.1 Conservation Fund and St. Louis County to
8.2 acquire land in fee to be transferred to St.
8.3 Louis County for wildlife habitat purposes.
8.4 The amount is for agreements as follows:
8.5 \$2,292,000 to the Minnesota Deer Hunter
8.6 Association and \$108,000 to The Conservation
8.7 Fund. A list of proposed land acquisitions
8.8 must be provided as part of the required
8.9 accomplishment plan.

8.10 **(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and**
8.11 **Restoration - Phase V**

8.12 \$2,375,000 the first year is to the
8.13 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
8.14 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
8.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
8.16 subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for
8.17 scientific and natural areas under Minnesota
8.18 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 5; to
8.19 acquire land in fee for state forest purposes
8.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
8.21 subdivision 7; to acquire permanent
8.22 conservation easements; and to restore and
8.23 enhance prairie, grassland, forest, and savanna.

8.24 The amount is for agreements as follows:
8.25 \$1,000,000 to The Nature Conservancy,
8.26 \$675,000 to The Trust for Public Land, and
8.27 \$700,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
8.28 \$80,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
8.29 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
8.30 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
8.31 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
8.32 97A.056, subdivision 17. No later than 180
8.33 days after the The Nature Conservancy's fiscal
8.34 year ends, The Nature Conservancy must
8.35 submit to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
8.36 Council annual income statements and balance

9.1 sheets for income and expenses from land
9.2 acquired in fee with this appropriation and not
9.3 transferred to the state or a local governmental
9.4 unit. A list of proposed land acquisitions must
9.5 be provided as part of the required
9.6 accomplishment plan.

9.7 **(d) Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase V**

9.8 \$2,291,000 the first year is to the
9.9 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
9.10 easements for forest, wetland, and shoreline
9.11 habitat through working forest permanent
9.12 conservation easements under the Minnesota
9.13 forests for the future program pursuant to
9.14 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66. A
9.15 conservation easement acquired with money
9.16 appropriated under this paragraph must
9.17 comply with Minnesota Statutes, section
9.18 97A.056, subdivision 13. The accomplishment
9.19 plan must include an easement monitoring and
9.20 enforcement plan. Of this amount, up to
9.21 \$72,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
9.22 enforcement fund as approved in the
9.23 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
9.24 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
9.25 list of permanent conservation easements must
9.26 be provided as part of the final report.

9.27 **(e) State Forest Acquisitions - Phase IV**

9.28 \$1,000,000 the first year is to the
9.29 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
9.30 lands in fee for wildlife habitat purposes in
9.31 the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood
9.32 State Forest under Minnesota Statutes, section
9.33 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land
9.34 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
9.35 required accomplishment plan.

10.1 **(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program -**
10.2 **Phase IV**

10.3 \$1,700,000 the first year is to the
10.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.5 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
10.6 acquire permanent conservation easements
10.7 along rivers and lakes in the northern forest
10.8 region. Of this amount, up to \$120,000 is for
10.9 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
10.10 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
10.11 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
10.12 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
10.13 permanent conservation easements must be
10.14 provided as part of the required
10.15 accomplishment plan.

10.16 **(g) Bushmen Lake**

10.17 \$4,600,000 the first year is to the
10.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.19 agreement with The Conservation Fund in
10.20 cooperation with the United States Forest
10.21 Service to acquire lands in fee adjacent to
10.22 Bushmen Lake in St. Louis County to be
10.23 managed for wildlife habitat purposes. A list
10.24 of proposed land acquisitions must be
10.25 provided as part of the required
10.26 accomplishment plan.

10.27 **Subd. 4. Wetlands**

28,869,000

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10.28 **(a) Accelerating Waterfowl-Production Area**
10.29 **Acquisition - Phase IX**

10.30 \$5,500,000 the first year is to the
10.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
10.32 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
10.33 land in fee and restore and enhance wetlands
10.34 and grasslands to be designated and managed
10.35 as waterfowl-production areas in Minnesota
10.36 in cooperation with the United States Fish and

11.1 Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
11.2 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
11.3 required accomplishment plan.

11.4 **(b) Shallow Lakes and Wetland Protection**
11.5 **Program - Phase VI**

11.6 \$5,750,000 the first year is to the
11.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
11.8 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
11.9 land in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands,
11.10 and land-buffering shallow lakes for wildlife
11.11 management purposes under Minnesota
11.12 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list
11.13 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as
11.14 part of the required accomplishment plan.

11.15 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VIII**

11.16 \$10,398,000 the first year is to the Board of
11.17 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
11.18 permanent conservation easements and to
11.19 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
11.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
11.21 Of this amount, up to \$306,000 is for
11.22 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
11.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
11.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
11.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
11.26 conservation easements must be provided as
11.27 part of the final report.

11.28 **(d) Wild-Rice Shoreland Protection Program -**
11.29 **Phase V**

11.30 \$750,000 the first year is to the Board of
11.31 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
11.32 permanent conservation easements on
11.33 wild-rice lake shoreland habitat for native
11.34 wild-rice bed protection. Of this amount, up
11.35 to \$59,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
11.36 enforcement fund as approved in the

12.1 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 12.2 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
 12.3 list of permanent conservation easements must
 12.4 be provided as part of the final report by the
 12.5 Board of Water and Soil Resources.

12.6 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
 12.7 **Enhancement - Phase IX**

12.8 \$1,755,000 the first year is to the
 12.9 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
 12.10 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
 12.11 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
 12.12 and enhancements must be provided as part
 12.13 of the required accomplishment plan.

12.14 **(f) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland Initiative**
 12.15 **- Phase VI**

12.16 \$4,716,000 the first year is to the
 12.17 commissioner of natural resources for an
 12.18 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to restore
 12.19 and enhance shallow lakes and wetlands on
 12.20 public lands and wetlands under permanent
 12.21 conservation easement for wildlife
 12.22 management purposes. A list of proposed
 12.23 shallow-lake enhancements and wetland
 12.24 restorations must be provided as part of the
 12.25 required accomplishment plan.

12.26 **Subd. 5. Habitats**

26,554,000

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12.27 **(a) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
 12.28 **Partnership - Phase III**

12.29 \$1,617,000 the first year is to the
 12.30 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 12.31 lands in fee and restore wildlife habitat in the
 12.32 Mississippi headwaters and for agreements as
 12.33 follows: \$60,000 to the Mississippi
 12.34 Headwaters Board and \$1,557,000 to The
 12.35 Trust for Public Land. \$779,000 the first year
 12.36 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources

- 13.1 to acquire lands in permanent conservation
13.2 easements and to restore wildlife habitat. Up
13.3 to \$59,000 to the Board of Water and Soil
13.4 Resources is for establishing a monitoring and
13.5 enforcement fund as approved in the
13.6 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
13.7 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A
13.8 list of proposed acquisitions must be included
13.9 as part of the required accomplishment plan.
- 13.10 **(b) Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic**
13.11 **North-Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase III**
- 13.12 \$1,716,000 the first year is to the
13.13 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
13.14 land in permanent conservation easements to
13.15 sustain healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes
13.16 in Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
13.17 Counties for agreements as follows: \$113,000
13.18 to the Leech Lake Area Watershed Foundation
13.19 and \$1,603,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up
13.20 to \$120,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is for
13.21 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
13.22 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
13.23 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
13.24 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
13.25 conservation easements must be provided as
13.26 part of the required accomplishment plan.
- 13.27 **(c) Goose Prairie**
- 13.28 \$600,000 the first year is to the commissioner
13.29 of natural resources for an agreement with the
13.30 Wild Rice Watershed District, in cooperation
13.31 with the Department of Natural Resources, to
13.32 enhance aquatic and upland habitat in and
13.33 adjacent to the Goose Prairie Marsh Wildlife
13.34 Management Area in Clay County. A list of
13.35 proposed land enhancements must be provided
13.36 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.1 **(d) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish**
14.2 **Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase**
14.3 **IX**

14.4 \$2,403,000 the first year is to the
14.5 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.6 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited
14.7 to restore or enhance habitat for trout and other
14.8 species in and along coldwater rivers, lakes,
14.9 and streams in Minnesota. A list of proposed
14.10 restorations and enhancements must be
14.11 provided as part of the required
14.12 accomplishment plan.

14.13 **(e) DNR Stream Habitat - Phase II**

14.14 \$2,166,000 the first year is to the
14.15 commissioner of natural resources to restore
14.16 and enhance habitat in degraded streams and
14.17 critical aquatic-species habitat and to facilitate
14.18 fish passage. A list of proposed land
14.19 restorations and enhancements must be
14.20 provided as part of the required
14.21 accomplishment plan.

14.22 **(f) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**
14.23 **IV**

14.24 \$3,392,000 the first year is to the
14.25 commissioner of natural resources to restore
14.26 aquatic habitats in the St. Louis River estuary.
14.27 Of this appropriation, up to \$226,000 is for an
14.28 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust. A list
14.29 of proposed restorations must be provided as
14.30 part of the required accomplishment plan.

14.31 **(g) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
14.32 **Restoration Program - Phase VI**

14.33 \$1,779,000 the first year is to the
14.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
14.35 agreement with the Shell Rock River
14.36 Watershed District to acquire land in fee and
14.37 restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell

15.1 Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
15.2 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
15.3 must be provided as part of the required
15.4 accomplishment plan.

15.5 **(h) Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project**

15.6 \$921,000 the first year is to the commissioner
15.7 of natural resources for an agreement with
15.8 Kandiyohi County to enhance aquatic habitat
15.9 in and adjacent to Lake Wakanda in Kandiyohi
15.10 County. A list of proposed land enhancements
15.11 must be provided as part of the required
15.12 accomplishment plan.

15.13 **(i) Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration**

15.14 \$1,877,000 the first year is to the
15.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
15.16 agreement with the Buffalo-Red River
15.17 Watershed District to acquire permanent
15.18 conservation easements and restore and
15.19 enhance aquatic and upland habitat associated
15.20 with Wolverton Creek in the Buffalo-Red
15.21 River watershed. A list of proposed
15.22 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
15.23 must be provided as part of the required
15.24 accomplishment plan.

15.25 **(j) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
15.26 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**
15.27 **IX**

15.28 \$9,294,000 the first year is to the
15.29 commissioner of natural resources for a
15.30 program to provide competitive matching
15.31 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
15.32 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
15.33 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
15.34 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
15.35 in Minnesota. Of this amount, up to
15.36 \$2,660,000 is for grants in the seven-county

16.1 metropolitan area and cities with a population
16.2 of 50,000 or greater. Grants must not be made
16.3 for activities required to fulfill the duties of
16.4 owners of lands subject to conservation
16.5 easements. Grants must not be for projects
16.6 that have a total project cost exceeding
16.7 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$634,000
16.8 may be spent for personnel costs and other
16.9 direct and necessary administrative costs.
16.10 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.
16.11 Easements must be permanent. Grants may
16.12 not be used to establish easement stewardship
16.13 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open
16.14 to hunting and fishing during the open season
16.15 unless otherwise provided by law. The
16.16 program must require a match of at least ten
16.17 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
16.18 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
16.19 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the
16.20 commissioner must provide a separate,
16.21 simplified application process. Subject to
16.22 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner must,
16.23 when evaluating projects of equal value, give
16.24 priority to organizations that have a history of
16.25 receiving or a charter to receive private
16.26 contributions for local conservation or habitat
16.27 projects. If acquiring land in fee or a
16.28 conservation easement, priority must be given
16.29 to projects associated with or within one mile
16.30 of existing wildlife management areas under
16.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
16.32 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas
16.33 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and
16.34 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic management
16.35 areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections
16.36 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All

17.1 restoration or enhancement projects must be
 17.2 on land permanently protected by a permanent
 17.3 covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and
 17.4 protection of restored and enhanced habitat,
 17.5 by a conservation easement, or by public
 17.6 ownership, or must be in public waters as
 17.7 defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
 17.8 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority must be
 17.9 given to restoration and enhancement projects
 17.10 on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section
 17.11 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants
 17.12 awarded under this paragraph. This
 17.13 appropriation is available until June 30, 2021.
 17.14 No less than five percent of the amount of each
 17.15 grant must be held back from reimbursement
 17.16 until the grant recipient has completed a grant
 17.17 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
 17.18 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
 17.19 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
 17.20 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
 17.21 program in the game and fish law summary
 17.22 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
 17.23 97A.051, subdivision 2.

17.24 **Subd. 6. Administration**

879,000

585,000

17.25 **(a) Contract Management**

17.26 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner
 17.27 of natural resources for contract management
 17.28 duties assigned in this section. The
 17.29 commissioner must provide an
 17.30 accomplishment plan in the form specified by
 17.31 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
 17.32 for expending this appropriation. The
 17.33 accomplishment plan must include a copy of
 17.34 the grant contract template and reimbursement
 17.35 manual. No money may be expended before

18.1 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
18.2 approves the accomplishment plan.

18.3 **(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission**

18.4 \$571,000 the first year and \$578,000 the
18.5 second year is to the Legislative Coordinating
18.6 Commission for Lessard-Sams Outdoor
18.7 Heritage Council administrative expenses and
18.8 for compensating and reimbursing expenses
18.9 of council members. This appropriation is
18.10 available until June 30, 2019. Minnesota
18.11 Statutes, section 16A.281, applies to this
18.12 appropriation.

18.13 **(c) Technical Evaluation Panel**

18.14 \$150,000 the first year is to the commissioner
18.15 of natural resources for a technical evaluation
18.16 panel to conduct up to 15 restoration and
18.17 enhancement evaluations under Minnesota
18.18 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

18.19 **(d) Legacy Website**

18.20 \$8,000 the first year and \$7,000 the second
18.21 year is to the Legislative Coordinating
18.22 Commission for the website required in
18.23 Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision
18.24 10.

18.25 **Subd. 7. Appropriation Availability**

18.26 Money appropriated in this section may not
18.27 be spent on activities unless they are directly
18.28 related to and necessary for a specific
18.29 appropriation and are specified in the
18.30 accomplishment plan approved by the
18.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

18.32 Money appropriated in this section must not
18.33 be spent on indirect costs or other institutional
18.34 overhead charges that are not directly related
18.35 to and necessary for a specific appropriation.

19.1 Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in
19.2 this section are available until June 30, 2020.
19.3 For acquiring real property, the amounts in
19.4 this section are available until June 30, 2021,
19.5 if a binding agreement with a landowner or
19.6 purchase agreement is entered into by June
19.7 30, 2020, and closed no later than June 30,
19.8 2021. Appropriations for restoration or
19.9 enhancement are available until June 30, 2022,
19.10 or five years after acquisition, whichever is
19.11 later, so that initial restoration or enhancement
19.12 work can be completed. If a project receives
19.13 at least 15 percent of its funding from federal
19.14 funds, the appropriation period may be
19.15 extended to equal the availability of federal
19.16 funding to a maximum of six years, provided
19.17 the federal funding was confirmed and
19.18 included in the first draft accomplishment
19.19 plan. Money appropriated for fee title
19.20 acquisition of land may be used to restore,
19.21 enhance, and provide for public use of the land
19.22 acquired with the appropriation. Public use
19.23 facilities must have no more than a minimal
19.24 impact on habitat in acquired lands.

19.25 **Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital**
19.26 **Equipment Expenditures**

19.27 All agreements referred to in this section must
19.28 be administered on a reimbursement basis
19.29 unless otherwise provided in this section.
19.30 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section
19.31 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each
19.32 appropriation's purpose made on or after July
19.33 1, 2017, or the date of accomplishment plan
19.34 approval, whichever is later, are eligible for
19.35 reimbursement unless otherwise provided in
19.36 this section. For the purposes of administering

20.1 appropriations and legislatively authorized
20.2 agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage
20.3 fund, an expense must be considered
20.4 reimbursable by the administering agency
20.5 when the recipient presents the agency with
20.6 an invoice or binding agreement with the
20.7 landowner and the recipient attests that the
20.8 goods have been received or the landowner
20.9 agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement
20.10 must be made upon receiving documentation
20.11 that the items articulated in the
20.12 accomplishment plan approved by the
20.13 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council have
20.14 been achieved, including partial achievements
20.15 as evidenced by progress reports approved by
20.16 the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.
20.17 Reasonable amounts may be advanced to
20.18 projects to accommodate cash-flow needs,
20.19 support future management of acquired lands,
20.20 or match a federal share. The advances must
20.21 be approved as part of the accomplishment
20.22 plan. Capital equipment expenditures for
20.23 specific items over \$10,000 must be itemized
20.24 in and approved as part of the accomplishment
20.25 plan.

20.26 **Subd. 9. Mapping**

20.27 Each direct recipient of money appropriated
20.28 in this section, as well as each recipient of a
20.29 grant awarded pursuant to this section, must
20.30 provide geographic information to the
20.31 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council for
20.32 mapping any lands acquired in fee with money
20.33 appropriated in this section and open to public
20.34 taking of fish and game. The commissioner
20.35 of natural resources must include the lands
20.36 acquired in fee with money appropriated in

21.1 this section on maps showing public recreation
 21.2 opportunities. Maps must include information
 21.3 on and acknowledgment of the outdoor
 21.4 heritage fund, including a notation of any
 21.5 restrictions.

21.6 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to
 21.7 read:

21.8 Subd. 22. Revenues. (a) A recipient must disclose to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage
 21.9 Council and the commissioner all revenues that are received by the recipient before the
 21.10 availability of the appropriation ends and that are generated from activities on land acquired
 21.11 in fee title or easement, restored, or enhanced with money from the outdoor heritage fund.
 21.12 The revenues must be disclosed to the council and commissioner no later than 60 days after
 21.13 the availability of the appropriation ends.

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

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

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

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

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

21.23 Sec. 4. Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, as
 21.24 amended by Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 5, is amended to read:

21.25 Subd. 2. **Prairies** 40,948,000 -0-

21.26 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
 21.27 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**
 21.28 **VII**

21.29 \$4,570,000 in the first year is to the
 21.30 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 21.31 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 21.32 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 21.33 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for

22.1 scientific and natural area purposes under
 22.2 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 22.3 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
 22.4 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 22.5 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
 22.6 eligible for the native prairie bank under
 22.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 22.8 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 22.9 proposed land and permanent conservation
 22.10 easement acquisitions must be provided as
 22.11 part of the required accomplishment plan.

22.12 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
 22.13 **Acquisition - Phase VII**

22.14 \$7,452,000 in the first year is to the
 22.15 commissioner of natural resources for an
 22.16 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 22.17 land in fee for wildlife management area
 22.18 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 22.19 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation
 22.20 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
 22.21 priority must be given to acquisition of lands
 22.22 that are eligible for the native prairie bank
 22.23 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or
 22.24 lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A
 22.25 list of proposed land acquisitions must be
 22.26 provided as part of the required
 22.27 accomplishment plan.

22.28 **(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project - Phase**
 22.29 **VI**

22.30 \$4,032,000 in the first year is to the
 22.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
 22.32 agreement with The Nature Conservancy to
 22.33 acquire native prairie, wetlands, and savanna
 22.34 and restore and enhance grasslands, wetlands,
 22.35 and savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in
 22.36 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority

23.1 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
23.2 eligible for the native prairie bank under
23.3 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
23.4 adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual
23.5 income statements and balance sheets for
23.6 income and expenses from land acquired with
23.7 this appropriation must be submitted to the
23.8 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no
23.9 later than 180 days following the close of The
23.10 Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of
23.11 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
23.12 as part of the required accomplishment plan
23.13 and must be consistent with the priorities
23.14 identified in the Minnesota Prairie
23.15 Conservation Plan.

23.16 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
23.17 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VI**

23.18 \$3,430,000 in the first year is to the
23.19 commissioner of natural resources for an
23.20 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in
23.21 cooperation with the United States Fish and
23.22 Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or
23.23 permanent conservation easements within the
23.24 Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation
23.25 Area in western Minnesota for addition to the
23.26 Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife
23.27 Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in
23.28 Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
23.29 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
23.30 eligible for the native prairie bank under
23.31 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
23.32 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
23.33 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
23.34 as part of the required accomplishment plan
23.35 and must be consistent with the priorities in
23.36 the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

24.1 **(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
24.2 **- Phase IV**

24.3 \$3,740,000 in the first year is to the
24.4 commissioner of natural resources to
24.5 implement the Minnesota Prairie Conservation
24.6 Plan through the acquisition of permanent
24.7 conservation easements to protect native
24.8 prairie and grasslands. Up to \$165,000 is for
24.9 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds
24.10 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
24.11 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
24.12 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation
24.13 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
24.14 priority must be given to acquisition of lands
24.15 that are eligible for the native prairie bank
24.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or
24.17 lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A
24.18 list of permanent conservation easements must
24.19 be provided as part of the final report.

24.20 **(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water -**
24.21 **Phase V**

24.22 \$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board of
24.23 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
24.24 permanent conservation easements to protect
24.25 and enhance habitat by expanding the clean
24.26 water fund riparian buffer program for at least
24.27 equal wildlife benefits from buffers on private
24.28 land. Up to ~~\$72,500~~ \$728,000 is for
24.29 establishing a monitoring and enforcement
24.30 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
24.31 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
24.32 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
24.33 conservation easements must be provided as
24.34 part of the final report.

24.35 **(g) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex**
24.36 **- Phase V**

25.1 \$1,380,000 in the first year is to the
25.2 commissioner of natural resources for an
25.3 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to
25.4 acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River
25.5 watershed for wildlife management purposes
25.6 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
25.7 subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria
25.8 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
25.9 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
25.10 eligible for the native prairie bank under
25.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
25.12 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
25.13 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
25.14 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

25.15 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
25.16 **Southern Red River Valley**

25.17 \$1,800,000 in the first year is to the
25.18 commissioner of natural resources for an
25.19 agreement with Pheasants Forever in
25.20 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
25.21 Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands
25.22 in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife
25.23 management purposes under Minnesota
25.24 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8, or for
25.25 designation and management as waterfowl
25.26 production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation
25.27 with the United States Fish and Wildlife
25.28 Service. A list of proposed land acquisitions
25.29 must be provided as part of the required
25.30 accomplishment plan.

25.31 **(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's**
25.32 **Important Bird Areas**

25.33 \$1,730,000 in the first year is to the
25.34 commissioner of natural resources for
25.35 agreements to acquire conservation easements
25.36 within important bird areas identified in the

26.1 Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan, to be
26.2 used as follows: \$408,000 is to Audubon
26.3 Minnesota and \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota
26.4 Land Trust, of which up to \$100,000 is for
26.5 establishing monitoring and enforcement funds
26.6 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
26.7 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
26.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
26.9 conservation easements must be provided as
26.10 part of the final report.

26.11 **(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat**
26.12 **Restoration**

26.13 \$2,270,000 in the first year is to the
26.14 commissioner of natural resources for an
26.15 agreement with the Wild Rice Watershed
26.16 District to acquire land in fee and permanent
26.17 conservation easement and to restore river
26.18 and related habitat in the Wild Rice River
26.19 corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and
26.20 restorations must be provided as part of the
26.21 required accomplishment plan.

26.22 **(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
26.23 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VII**

26.24 \$4,880,000 in the first year is to the
26.25 commissioner of natural resources to
26.26 accelerate the restoration and enhancement of
26.27 prairie communities on wildlife management
26.28 areas, scientific and natural areas, state forest
26.29 land, and land under native prairie bank
26.30 easements. A list of proposed land restorations
26.31 and enhancements must be provided as part
26.32 of the required accomplishment plan.

26.33 **(l) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands - Phase**
26.34 **II**

26.35 \$1,120,000 in the first year is to the
26.36 commissioner of natural resources for an

27.1 agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance
 27.2 and restore habitat on public lands. A list of
 27.3 proposed land restorations and enhancements
 27.4 must be provided as part of the final report.

27.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2015.

27.6 Sec. 5. Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

27.7 **Subd. 2. Prairies** -0- 31,000,000

27.8 **(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and**
 27.9 **Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition - Phase**
 27.10 **VIII**

27.11 \$3,250,000 the second year is to the
 27.12 commissioner of natural resources to acquire
 27.13 land in fee for wildlife management purposes
 27.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 27.15 subdivision 8, and to acquire land in fee for
 27.16 scientific and natural area purposes under
 27.17 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,
 27.18 subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria
 27.19 in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900, priority
 27.20 must be given to acquisition of lands that are
 27.21 eligible for the native prairie bank under
 27.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or lands
 27.23 adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of
 27.24 proposed land acquisitions must be provided
 27.25 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

27.26 **(b) Accelerating Wildlife Management Area**
 27.27 **Acquisition - Phase VIII**

27.28 \$5,229,000 the second year is to the
 27.29 commissioner of natural resources for an
 27.30 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 27.31 in fee and restore lands for wildlife
 27.32 management area purposes under Minnesota
 27.33 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
 27.34 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 27.35 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given

28.1 to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the
 28.2 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
 28.3 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
 28.4 native prairie. A list of proposed land
 28.5 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 28.6 required accomplishment plan.

28.7 **(c) Martin County/Fox Lake Wildlife**
 28.8 **Management Area Acquisition**

28.9 \$1,000,000 the second year is to the
 28.10 commissioner of natural resources for an
 28.11 agreement with Fox Lake Conservation
 28.12 League, Inc. to acquire land in fee and restore
 28.13 strategic prairie grassland, wetland, and other
 28.14 wildlife habitat for wildlife management area
 28.15 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
 28.16 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed
 28.17 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 28.18 required accomplishment plan.

28.19 **(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife**
 28.20 **Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII**

28.21 \$2,754,000 the second year is to the
 28.22 commissioner of natural resources for an
 28.23 agreement with The Nature Conservancy in
 28.24 cooperation with the United States Fish and
 28.25 Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or
 28.26 permanent conservation easements and restore
 28.27 lands within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie
 28.28 Habitat Preservation Area in western
 28.29 Minnesota for addition to the Northern
 28.30 Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge.
 28.31 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 28.32 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
 28.33 to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the
 28.34 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
 28.35 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
 28.36 native prairie. A list of proposed land

29.1 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
29.2 required accomplishment plan and must be
29.3 consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota
29.4 Prairie Conservation Plan.

29.5 **(e) Cannon River Headwaters Habitat Complex**
29.6 **- Phase VI**

29.7 \$583,000 the second year is to the
29.8 commissioner of natural resources for an
29.9 agreement with The Trust for Public Land to
29.10 acquire land in fee and restore lands in the
29.11 Cannon River watershed for wildlife
29.12 management purposes under Minnesota
29.13 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8.
29.14 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
29.15 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
29.16 to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the
29.17 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
29.18 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
29.19 native prairie. A list of proposed land
29.20 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
29.21 required accomplishment plan.

29.22 **(f) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection**
29.23 **- Phase V**

29.24 \$2,541,000 the second year is to the
29.25 commissioner of natural resources to
29.26 implement the Minnesota Prairie Conservation
29.27 Plan through the acquisition of permanent
29.28 conservation easements to protect and restore
29.29 native prairie. Of this amount, up to \$120,000
29.30 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement
29.31 funds as approved in the accomplishment plan
29.32 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
29.33 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation
29.34 criteria in Minnesota Rules, part 6136.0900,
29.35 priority must be given to acquisition of lands
29.36 that are eligible for the native prairie bank

30.1 under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96, or
30.2 lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A
30.3 list of permanent conservation easements must
30.4 be provided as part of the final report.

30.5 **(g) Reinvest In Minnesota (RIM) Buffers for**
30.6 **Wildlife and Water - Phase VI**

30.7 \$6,708,000 the second year is to the Board of
30.8 Water and Soil Resources to acquire
30.9 permanent conservation easements and restore
30.10 habitat under Minnesota Statutes, section
30.11 103F.515, to protect, restore, and enhance
30.12 habitat by expanding the clean water fund
30.13 riparian buffer program for at least equal
30.14 wildlife benefits from buffers on private land.
30.15 Of this amount, up to ~~\$130,000~~ \$1,079,000 is
30.16 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
30.17 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
30.18 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
30.19 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
30.20 conservation easements must be provided as
30.21 part of the final report.

30.22 **(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the**
30.23 **Southern Red River Valley - Phase II**

30.24 \$2,269,000 the second year is to the
30.25 commissioner of natural resources for an
30.26 agreement with Pheasants Forever, in
30.27 cooperation with the Minnesota Prairie
30.28 Chicken Society, to acquire land in fee and
30.29 restore and enhance lands in the southern Red
30.30 River Valley for wildlife management
30.31 purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section
30.32 86A.05, subdivision 8, or for designation and
30.33 management as waterfowl production areas
30.34 in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United
30.35 States Fish and Wildlife Service. Subject to
30.36 evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules, part

31.1 6136.0900, priority must be given to
 31.2 acquisition of lands that are eligible for the
 31.3 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
 31.4 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
 31.5 native prairie. A list of proposed land
 31.6 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 31.7 required accomplishment plan.

31.8 **(i) Grassland Conservation Partnership - Phase**
 31.9 **II**

31.10 \$1,475,000 the second year is to the
 31.11 commissioner of natural resources for an
 31.12 agreement with The Conservation Fund, in
 31.13 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
 31.14 acquire permanent conservation easements
 31.15 and restore high priority grassland, prairie,
 31.16 and wetland habitats as follows: \$64,000 to
 31.17 The Conservation Fund; and \$1,411,000 to
 31.18 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to
 31.19 \$100,000 is for establishing a monitoring and
 31.20 enforcement fund, as approved in the
 31.21 accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota
 31.22 Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17.

31.23 Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota
 31.24 Rules, part 6136.0900, priority must be given
 31.25 to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the
 31.26 native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes,
 31.27 section 84.96, or lands adjacent to protected
 31.28 native prairie. A list of proposed acquisitions
 31.29 must be provided as part of the required
 31.30 accomplishment plan and must be consistent
 31.31 with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie
 31.32 Conservation Plan.

31.33 **(j) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and**
 31.34 **Enhancement on DNR Lands - Phase VIII**

31.35 \$3,983,000 the second year is to the
 31.36 commissioner of natural resources to

32.1 accelerate restoration and enhancement of
 32.2 prairies, grasslands, and savannas on wildlife
 32.3 management areas, scientific and natural areas,
 32.4 native prairie bank land, and bluff prairies on
 32.5 state forest land in southeastern Minnesota. A
 32.6 list of proposed land restorations and
 32.7 enhancements must be provided as part of the
 32.8 required accomplishment plan.

32.9 **(k) Anoka Sandplain Habitat Restoration and**
 32.10 **Enhancement - Phase IV**

32.11 \$1,208,000 the second year is to the
 32.12 commissioner of natural resources for
 32.13 agreements to restore and enhance wildlife
 32.14 habitat on public lands in Anoka, Isanti,
 32.15 Morrison, Sherburne, and Todd Counties as
 32.16 follows: \$93,000 to Anoka Conservation
 32.17 District; \$25,000 to Isanti County Parks and
 32.18 Recreation Department; \$813,000 to Great
 32.19 River Greening; and \$277,000 to the National
 32.20 Wild Turkey Federation. A list of proposed
 32.21 land restorations and enhancements must be
 32.22 provided as part of the required
 32.23 accomplishment plan.

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

32.25 Sec. 6. Laws 2016, chapter 172, article 1, section 2, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

32.26 Subd. 4. **Wetlands** -0- 31,055,000

32.27 **(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area**
 32.28 **Acquisition - Phase VIII**

32.29 \$5,650,000 the second year is to the
 32.30 commissioner of natural resources for an
 32.31 agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire
 32.32 in fee and restore and enhance wetlands and
 32.33 grasslands to be designated and managed as
 32.34 waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in
 32.35 cooperation with the United States Fish and

33.1 Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land
 33.2 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
 33.3 required accomplishment plan.

33.4 **(b) Shallow Lake and Wetland Protection**
 33.5 **Program - Phase V**

33.6 \$5,801,000 the second year is to the
 33.7 commissioner of natural resources for an
 33.8 agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire
 33.9 in fee and restore prairie lands, wetlands, and
 33.10 land buffering shallow lakes for wildlife
 33.11 management purposes under Minnesota
 33.12 Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list
 33.13 of proposed acquisitions must be provided as
 33.14 part of the required accomplishment plan.

33.15 **(c) RIM Wetlands Partnership - Phase VII**

33.16 \$13,808,000 the second year is to the Board
 33.17 of Water and Soil Resources to acquire lands
 33.18 in permanent conservation easements and to
 33.19 restore wetlands and native grassland habitat
 33.20 under Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515.
 33.21 Of this amount, up to ~~\$195,000~~ \$410,000 is
 33.22 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
 33.23 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
 33.24 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
 33.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent
 33.26 conservation easements must be provided as
 33.27 part of the final report.

33.28 **(d) Wetland Habitat Protection Program - Phase**
 33.29 **II**

33.30 \$1,629,000 the second year is to the
 33.31 commissioner of natural resources for an
 33.32 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
 33.33 acquire permanent conservation easements in
 33.34 high-priority wetland habitat complexes in the
 33.35 prairie and forest/prairie transition regions. Of
 33.36 this amount, up to \$180,000 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 proposed easement
34.5 acquisitions must be provided as part of the
34.6 final report.

34.7 **(e) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands**
34.8 **Enhancement - Phase VIII**

34.9 \$2,167,000 the second year is to the
34.10 commissioner of natural resources to enhance
34.11 and restore shallow lakes and wetland habitat
34.12 statewide. A list of proposed land restorations
34.13 and enhancements must be provided as part
34.14 of the required accomplishment plan.

34.15 **(f) Marsh Lake - Phase II**

34.16 \$2,000,000 the second year is to the
34.17 commissioner of natural resources to modify
34.18 the dam at Marsh Lake for improved habitat
34.19 management and to return the historic outlet
34.20 of the Pomme de Terre River to Lac Qui Parle.

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

34.22 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

34.23 Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 97A.056, subdivision 8, is repealed.

97A.056 OUTDOOR HERITAGE FUND; LESSARD-SAMS OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL.

Subd. 8. **Revenues.** (a) When a parcel of land that was previously purchased with money from the outdoor heritage fund is transferred to the state, the owner of the land shall disclose to the council and commissioner of natural resources:

(1) all revenues generated from activities on the land from the time the land was purchased with money from the outdoor heritage fund until the land was transferred to the state;

(2) all holding costs associated with managing the land between the time of purchase with money from the outdoor heritage fund and the time the land was transferred to the state; and

(3) the total net revenues as determined by subtracting the costs described in clause (2) from the revenues described in clause (1).

(b) The owner of the land shall submit the total net revenues determined under paragraph (a), clause (3), to the state no later than 60 days after the land is transferred to the state.