



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Estuaries are unique, coastal environments that support more life per square inch than any other ecosystem on Earth, and provide habitat for numerous species of fish, shellfish, birds, and marine mammals; and
- WHEREAS: Protecting fish habitats and populations also sustains recreational fishing and the commercial fishing industry in Minnesota, which harvests 3.5 million pounds of fish annually; and
- WHEREAS: Millions of tourists visit the estuarine areas of Minnesota's North Shore region annually, bringing more than \$1 billion each year into the economy and supporting more than 20,000 jobs; and
- WHEREAS: Coastal restoration projects can create more than 30 jobs for each million dollars invested—twice the rate of comparable projects in the oil, gas, or road construction industries; and
- WHEREAS: Protecting and restoring Minnesota's estuaries benefits the economy by ensuring the sustainability of the state's fisheries, creating outdoor recreational opportunities, reducing the costly impacts of natural disasters, and supporting jobs which cannot be exported.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
September 29, 2012 as:

ESTUARIES DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol
this 28th day of September.


GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE