

1.1 Senator moves to amend S.F. No. 573 as follows:

1.2 Page 17, line 26, delete "North Shore" and insert "Southeast Minnesota"

1.3 Page 26, after line 32, insert:

1.4 "(e) The availability of the appropriation for
1.5 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
1.6 subdivision 5, paragraph (a), for Protecting
1.7 Coldwater Fisheries on MN North Shore, is
1.8 extended to June 30, 2025.

1.9 (f) The availability of the appropriation for
1.10 Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2,
1.11 subdivision 5, paragraph (h), for Hennepin
1.12 County Habitat Protection Program, Phase II,
1.13 is extended to June 30, 2025."

1.14 Page 27, after line 16, insert:

1.15 "Sec. 4. Laws 2020, chapter 104, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws
1.16 2021, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 4, is amended to read:

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

1.18 **(a) Protecting Coldwater Fisheries on**
1.19 **Minnesota's North Shore**

1.20 \$1,809,000 the second year is to the
1.21 commissioner of natural resources for an
1.22 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
1.23 acquire permanent conservation easements
1.24 and to restore and enhance wildlife habitat in
1.25 priority coldwater tributaries to Lake Superior.

1.26 Of this amount, up to ~~\$144,000~~ \$240,000 is
1.27 to establish a monitoring and enforcement
1.28 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
1.29 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
1.30 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
1.31 conservation easement acquisitions,
1.32 restorations, and enhancements must be

2.1 provided as part of the required
2.2 accomplishment plan.

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

2.4 \$6,473,000 the second year is to the
2.5 commissioner of natural resources for
2.6 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
2.7 permanent conservation easements and to
2.8 restore and enhance natural habitat systems
2.9 associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota,
2.10 and St. Croix Rivers and their tributaries in
2.11 the metropolitan area. Of this amount,
2.12 \$801,000 is to Minnesota Valley National
2.13 Wildlife Refuge Trust Inc., \$300,000 is to
2.14 Friends of the Mississippi River, \$366,000 is
2.15 to Great River Greening, \$3,406,000 is to The
2.16 Trust for Public Land, and \$1,600,000 is to
2.17 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$144,000 to
2.18 Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
2.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
2.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
2.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
2.22 subdivision 17. A list of proposed land
2.23 acquisitions and permanent conservation
2.24 easements must be provided as part of the
2.25 required accomplishment plan.

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

2.27 \$2,266,000 the second year is to the
2.28 commissioner of natural resources for
2.29 agreements to acquire land in fee and
2.30 permanent conservation easements and to
2.31 restore and enhance habitat in targeted
2.32 watersheds of southeast Minnesota to improve
2.33 heritage brook trout and coldwater
2.34 communities. Of this amount, \$350,000 is to
2.35 The Nature Conservancy, \$258,000 is to Trout

3.1 Unlimited, \$857,000 is to The Trust for Public
3.2 Land, and \$801,000 is to Minnesota Land
3.3 Trust. Up to \$96,000 to Minnesota Land Trust
3.4 is to establish a monitoring and enforcement
3.5 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
3.6 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
3.7 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
3.8 land acquisitions and permanent conservation
3.9 easements must be provided as part of the
3.10 required accomplishment plan.

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

3.13 \$2,814,000 the second year is to the
3.14 commissioner of natural resources for
3.15 agreements to acquire lands in fee and
3.16 permanent conservation easements and to
3.17 restore and enhance wildlife habitat to sustain
3.18 healthy fish habitat on coldwater lakes in
3.19 Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard
3.20 Counties. Of this amount, \$883,000 is to
3.21 Northern Waters Land Trust and \$1,931,000
3.22 is to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$192,000
3.23 to Minnesota Land Trust is to establish a
3.24 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
3.25 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
3.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
3.27 subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions must be
3.28 provided as part of the required
3.29 accomplishment plan.

3.30 **(e) Accelerating Habitat Conservation in**
3.31 **Southwest Minnesota**

3.32 \$3,044,000 the second year is to the
3.33 commissioner of natural resources for an
3.34 agreement with Minnesota Land Trust to
3.35 acquire permanent conservation easements
3.36 and to restore and enhance high-quality

4.1 wildlife habitat in southwest Minnesota. Of
4.2 this amount, up to \$144,000 is to establish a
4.3 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
4.4 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
4.5 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
4.6 subdivision 17. A list of proposed
4.7 conservation easement acquisitions,
4.8 restorations, and enhancements must be
4.9 provided as part of the required
4.10 accomplishment plan.

4.11 **(f) Targeted RIM Easement Program to**
4.12 **Individual Parcel: Pine and Leech Watersheds**
4.13 **- Phase I**

4.14 \$2,458,000 the second year is to the Board of
4.15 Water and Soil Resources to acquire and
4.16 restore permanent conservation easements of
4.17 high-quality forest, wetland, and shoreline
4.18 habitat. Of this amount, \$164,000 is for an
4.19 agreement with the Crow Wing County Soil
4.20 and Water Conservation District. Up to
4.21 \$97,000 of the total amount is for establishing
4.22 a monitoring and enforcement fund as
4.23 approved in the accomplishment plan and
4.24 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
4.25 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed
4.26 acquisitions must be included as part of the
4.27 required accomplishment plan.

4.28 **(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor**
4.29 **Project - Phase V**

4.30 \$3,695,000 the second year is to acquire lands
4.31 in fee and conservation easement and restore
4.32 wildlife habitat in the Mississippi headwaters
4.33 as follows:

4.34 (1) \$2,177,000 is to the commissioner of
4.35 natural resources for agreements as follows:
4.36 \$69,000 to the Mississippi Headwaters Board

5.1 and \$2,108,000 to The Trust for Public Land;
5.2 and

5.3 (2) \$1,518,000 is to the Board of Water and
5.4 Soil Resources, of which up to \$175,000 is
5.5 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement
5.6 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan
5.7 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
5.8 97A.056, subdivision 17.

5.9 A list of proposed acquisitions must be
5.10 included as part of the required
5.11 accomplishment plan.

5.12 **(h) Hennepin County Habitat Conservation**
5.13 **Program - Phase II**

5.14 \$3,155,000 the second year is to the
5.15 commissioner of natural resources for
5.16 agreements with Hennepin County, in
5.17 cooperation with Minnesota Land Trust, to
5.18 acquire permanent conservation easements
5.19 and to restore and enhance habitats in
5.20 Hennepin County as follows: \$446,000 to
5.21 Hennepin County and \$2,709,000 to
5.22 Minnesota Land Trust. Up to \$264,000 to
5.23 Minnesota Land Trust is for establishing a
5.24 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved
5.25 in the accomplishment plan and subject to
5.26 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
5.27 subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent
5.28 conservation easements, restorations, and
5.29 enhancements must be provided as part of the
5.30 required accomplishment plan.

5.31 **(i) Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat**
5.32 **Enhancement and Restoration - Phase XII**

5.33 \$1,474,000 the second year is to the
5.34 commissioner of natural resources for an
5.35 agreement with Trout Unlimited to restore and

6.1 enhance habitat for trout and other species in
6.2 and along coldwater rivers, lakes, and streams
6.3 in Minnesota. A list of proposed land
6.4 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
6.5 must be provided as part of the required
6.6 accomplishment plan.

6.7 **(j) DNR Aquatic Habitat Restoration and**
6.8 **Enhancement - Phase III**

6.9 \$3,790,000 the second year is to the
6.10 commissioner of natural resources to restore
6.11 and enhance aquatic habitat in degraded
6.12 streams and aquatic management areas and to
6.13 facilitate fish passage. A list of proposed land
6.14 restorations and enhancements must be
6.15 provided as part of the required
6.16 accomplishment plan.

6.17 **(k) St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase**
6.18 **VII**

6.19 \$2,280,000 the second year is to the
6.20 commissioner of natural resources to restore
6.21 priority aquatic and riparian habitats in the St.
6.22 Louis River estuary. A list of proposed
6.23 restorations must be provided as part of the
6.24 required accomplishment plan.

6.25 **(l) Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase**
6.26 **V**

6.27 \$700,000 the second year is to the
6.28 commissioner of natural resources for an
6.29 agreement with Zeitgeist, a nonprofit
6.30 corporation, in cooperation with the Lake
6.31 Superior Steelhead Association, to restore and
6.32 enhance trout habitat in the Knife River
6.33 watershed. A list of proposed enhancements
6.34 must be provided as part of the required
6.35 accomplishment plan.

7.1 **(m) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat**
7.2 **Restoration Program - Phase IX**

7.3 \$1,918,000 the second year is to the
7.4 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.5 agreement with the Shell Rock River
7.6 Watershed District to acquire lands in fee and
7.7 to restore and enhance aquatic habitat in the
7.8 Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed
7.9 acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements
7.10 must be provided as part of the required
7.11 accomplishment plan.

7.12 **(n) Rum River Wildlife and Fish Habitat**
7.13 **Enhancement Using Bioengineered Bank**
7.14 **Stabilization**

7.15 \$816,000 the second year is to the
7.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.17 agreement with the Anoka County Soil and
7.18 Water Conservation District to restore and
7.19 enhance riverine habitat in the Rum River
7.20 using eco-sensitive, habitat-building, and
7.21 bioengineering approaches. A list of proposed
7.22 enhancements must be provided as part of the
7.23 required accomplishment plan.

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

7.25 \$3,036,000 the second year is to the
7.26 commissioner of natural resources for an
7.27 agreement with the Roseau River Watershed
7.28 District to restore and enhance riverine habitat
7.29 in the Roseau River and the Roseau River
7.30 Wildlife Management Area.

7.31 **(p) Sauk River Watershed Habitat Protection**
7.32 **and Restoration - Phase II**

7.33 \$3,926,000 the second year is to the
7.34 commissioner of natural resources for
7.35 agreements to acquire lands in fee and

8.1 permanent conservation easements and to
8.2 restore and enhance wildlife habitat in the
8.3 Sauk River watershed as follows: \$430,000
8.4 to the Sauk River Watershed District,
8.5 \$2,073,000 to Pheasants Forever, and
8.6 \$1,423,000 to Minnesota Land Trust. Up to
8.7 \$168,000 to Minnesota Land Trust is to
8.8 establish a monitoring and enforcement fund
8.9 as approved in the accomplishment plan and
8.10 subject to Minnesota Statutes, section
8.11 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of acquisitions
8.12 must be provided as part of the required
8.13 accomplishment plan.

8.14 **(q) Southeast Wetland Restoration**

8.15 \$1,351,000 the second year is to the
8.16 commissioner of natural resources for an
8.17 agreement with the city of Mankato to acquire
8.18 land in fee in the city of Mankato for wetland
8.19 and grassland restoration. A list of acquisitions
8.20 must be provided as part of the required
8.21 accomplishment plan.

8.22 **(r) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**
8.23 **Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat - Phase**
8.24 **XII**

8.25 \$10,424,000 the second year is to the
8.26 commissioner of natural resources for a
8.27 program to provide competitive matching
8.28 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,
8.29 state, and national organizations for enhancing,
8.30 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,
8.31 prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife
8.32 in Minnesota. Of this amount, at least
8.33 \$3,250,000 is for grants in the seven-county
8.34 metropolitan area and cities with a population
8.35 of 50,000 or more. Grants must not be made
8.36 for activities required to fulfill the duties of

9.1 owners of lands subject to conservation
9.2 easements. Grants must not be made from the
9.3 appropriation in this paragraph for projects
9.4 that have a total project cost exceeding
9.5 \$575,000. Of the total appropriation, \$475,000
9.6 may be spent for personnel costs and other
9.7 direct and necessary administrative costs.
9.8 Grantees may acquire land or interests in land.
9.9 Easements must be permanent. Grants may
9.10 not be used to establish easement stewardship
9.11 accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open
9.12 to hunting and fishing during the open season
9.13 unless otherwise provided by law. The
9.14 program must require a match of at least ten
9.15 percent from nonstate sources for all grants.
9.16 The match may be cash or in-kind resources.
9.17 For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the
9.18 commissioner must provide a separate,
9.19 simplified application process. Subject to
9.20 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of
9.21 natural resources must, when evaluating
9.22 projects of equal value, give priority to
9.23 organizations that have a history of receiving,
9.24 or a charter to receive, private contributions
9.25 for local conservation or habitat projects. For
9.26 grant requests to acquire land in fee or a
9.27 conservation easement, the commissioner must
9.28 give priority to projects associated with or
9.29 within one mile of existing wildlife
9.30 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,
9.31 section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and
9.32 natural areas under Minnesota Statutes,
9.33 sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or
9.34 aquatic management areas under Minnesota
9.35 Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and
9.36 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement

- 10.1 projects must be on land permanently
- 10.2 protected by a permanent covenant ensuring
- 10.3 perpetual maintenance and protection of
- 10.4 restored and enhanced habitat, by a
- 10.5 conservation easement or public ownership or
- 10.6 in public waters as defined in Minnesota
- 10.7 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.
- 10.8 Priority must be given to restoration and
- 10.9 enhancement projects on public lands.
- 10.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,
- 10.11 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded
- 10.12 under this paragraph. This appropriation is
- 10.13 available until June 30, 2024. No less than five
- 10.14 percent of the amount of each grant must be
- 10.15 held back from reimbursement until the grant
- 10.16 recipient has completed a grant
- 10.17 accomplishment report by the deadline and in
- 10.18 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the
- 10.19 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The
- 10.20 commissioner must provide notice of the grant
- 10.21 program in the summary of game and fish law
- 10.22 prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section
- 10.23 97A.051, subdivision 2."
- 10.24 Amend the title accordingly