

2007 Natural Resources Legislation

A Summary of the Actions of the 2007 Regular Session Eighty-Fifth Minnesota Legislature

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
July 2007**

For further information please contact:

Bob Meier
Assistant Commissioner of Government Relations
651-259-5024
bob.meier@dnr.state.mn.us

Kathleen S. Anderson
Legislative Affairs Coordinator
651-259-5025
Kathy.Anderson@dnr.state.mn.us

Website Reference:
<http://www.leg.state.mn.us/>

**Department of Natural Resources Legislative Summary
Table of Contents**

LANDS AND MINERALS	Page 3
WATERS	Page 6
FORESTRY	Page 9
PARKS AND RECREATION	Page 13
TRAILS AND WATERWAYS	Page 16
FISH AND WILDLIFE	Page 20
ECOLOGICAL SERVICES	Page 28
ENFORCEMENT	Page 31
OPS SUPPORT	Page 33
ENERGY AND CLIMATE	Page 34
LCCMR	Page 36
REPEALERS FOR SF 2096	Page 39
LINE ITEM VETOES	Page 40
REPORTS	Page 41

LANDS & MINERALS

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 2. Mineral Management Account

\$5,896,000. Ensures that the state is properly paid for the state owned minerals mined by companies under leases negotiated by the Department of Natural Resources.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 2. Land Records Management System

\$1,902,000. Update the Department of Natural Resources land record system to improve its utility for DNR staff, other government agencies, and the public.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 2. Land Asset Management

\$1,000,000. Accelerate land transactions focusing on larger and more expeditious land exchanges, more expeditious land acquisitions, and developing plans for better managing the state's land base.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 2. Reporting Requirements

\$15,000. Requirement for preparation of a report to identify minimum legal and conservation standards that could be applied to conservation easements acquired with public money.

Article 1, Sec. 77. Minerals Coordinating Committee

This extends the life of a committee that has provided advice on mineral issues to the DNR and other agencies since 1978. The committee was scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2007. This date has been extended to 2011.

Article 1, Sec. 78. Mineral Management Program

Reinstate use of mineral income to support DNR's Mineral Management Program.

Chapter 129 SF 496 HF 1360
Landowner Bill of Rights
Omnibus Data Practices Bill

OVERVIEW

This bill contains language that authorizes the Department to provide appraised value information to the potential sellers of land.

Sec. 32, Subd. 3.

Real property; appraisal data. (a), (b), (c). Confidential or protected nonpublic data.

Sec. 47, Subd. 5.

Owner's rights.

Chapter 131 SF 1131 HF 1021
Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Policy Bill

Article 2, Sec. 1, Subd. 3. Minimal Value Acquisition.

Appraisals have become very expensive and time consuming. The Department has successfully used means other than appraisals for evaluation of lands it has been selling over the past few years. These land evaluations would only be used with the approval of the landowner, and would use published data related to the land being purchased.

Article 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 5. Owner's Rights.

Resolution of current statutory language in the Land Owner's Bill of Rights and The Minnesota Data Practices Act, that gives conflicting directions on the type of appraisal data that can be shared with a willing seller of land. The language contained in the bill will allow the DNR to share with a willing seller the value of their land prior to making the landowner declare their intention to sell.

Article 2, Sec. 3, Subd. 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 93.55, Subd. 1, is amended.

Article 2, Section 4, Subd. 1b.

Statutory language relating to the recording of severed minerals. As a result of the amended language there will be a permanent tracking of severed mineral ownership that will be a vital part of the planning for future mineral development.

Land Sales (Public, Private, Conveyance)

Article 2, Sections 7 – Sec. 39

Authorizes sale of 20 parcels of land, it administers, that are otherwise prevented from sale by existing legislation (such as lands adjacent to waters, or when it is reasonable to direct the sale to a specific local unit of government for a public use, or to an adjoining landowner to resolve a trespass or to create a parcel that conforms with local zoning requirements).

Article 2, Sec. 5 – Additions to State Parks

Subd. 1. [85.012] [Subd. 16.] Flandrau State Park, Brown County.

Subd. 2. [85,012] [Subd. 59] Whitewater State Park, Winona County

Article 2, Sec. 6 – Deletions from State Parks

[85.012] [Subd. 16.] Flandrau State Park, Brown County.

Two additions and one deletion of lands currently within State Park boundaries. The request for deletions and additions are necessary to resolve trespass issues that have occurred in the parks.

Sale/Conveyance of Tax-Forefeited Parcels

Article 2, Sec. 19, Sec. 20, Sec. 21, Sec. 28, Sec. 34, Sec. 35, Sec. 36.

Approval of requests by several counties to sell tax-forfeited parcels that are prevented from sale by existing legislation (such as lands adjacent to waters, or when it is reasonable to direct the sale to a specific local unit of government for a public use, or to an adjoining landowner to resolve a trespass or to create a parcel that conforms with local zoning requirements).

Article 2, Sec. 37.

Sparta Beach in City of Gilbert; St. Louis County.

LAND EXCHANGE

Article 2, Sec. 33. Land Exchange; St. Louis County.

Article 2, Sec. 13. Land Exchange; Land Bordering Public Waters in Beltrami County.

WATERS

Chapter 2 HF 110 HF 38 Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact

OVERVIEW

Chapter 2, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact, is a binding agreement between the 8 Great Lake states to better protect the health of the Great Lakes. This compact was developed over the last 6 years and Minnesota is the first to pass the compact. The compact needs to be passed by the other 7 states and approved by Congress before it becomes effective. Minnesota's regulatory program is stronger than the compact requires and new regulations are not needed in Minnesota.

Article 1

Definitions, purposes and duration

Article 2

Organization

Article 3

General powers and duties

Article 4

Water management and regulation

Article 5

Tribal consultation

Article 6

Public participation

Article 7

Dispute resolution and enforcement

Article 8

Additional provisions

Article 9

Effectuation

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 3. Red River Mediation Implementation.

\$310,000/\$310,000. Grants associated with implementation of the Red River Mediation Agreement.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 3. Impaired Waters-Clean Water Legacy.
\$2,250,000. Funding will accelerate stream gauging, continue lakeshed delineation, and increase shoreland stewardship. One time appropriation.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 3. Ethanol/Water Supply.
\$500,000. Funding helps address water supply/environmental review issues that occur when high capacity water uses are proposed.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Section 134. Ethanol Water Supply Issues.
Creation of natural resources statutory fund.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 3. Shoreland Rulemaking.
Update the minimum shoreland standards in Minnesota Rules, C. 6120.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 3. Rapidan Dam Study.
\$60,000. USCE study of the foundation of Rapidan Dam. Study is needed whether the dam is removed or repaired. *One time appropriation.*

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 8. Critical Area Study.
\$50,000 for Mississippi River critical area program study and report.

Chapter 92 SF 961 HF 849
Regulation of Shoreland Resorts

OVERVIEW

Chapter 92 provides a definition of resorts and preempts local ordinances that do not allow maintenance and replacement or expansions required to minimally comply with federal, state or local codes. Allows for maintenance and repair of aging or damaged structures and expansions of structures if required to comply with current codes.

Sec. 1, Subd. 1

Applicability

Sec. 2 [103F.227]

Shoreland Development; Existing Resorts

Sec. 2, Subd. 1

Applicability

Sec. 2, Subd. 2

Resort Defined

Sec. 2, Subd. 3

Maintenance and Replacement

Sec. 2, Subd. 4

Expansion

Sec. 2, Subd. 5

Change in Ownership

Chapter 131 SF 1131

HF 1021

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Policy Bill

Article 1, Sec. 57, Subd. 3

Water Supply Plans: Demand Reduction

Article 1, Sec. 79, Subd. 1

Planning Activities

Article 1, Sec. 80

Public Facilities Plan

Article 1, Sec. 88

Public Meetings Required; Construction of Mooring Facilities

Article 1, Sec. 92. Big Island.

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 83A.02, the commissioner of natural resources shall initiate a process to rename Big Island on Pelican Lake in St. Louis County.

Article 1, Sec. 94

Appeals Board of Adjustment

FORESTRY

Chapter 36 SF 420 HF 1106 Firewood Pest Control, Sale and Distribution Regulation

OVERVIEW

Chapter 36 addresses the issue of recreationally used firewood serving as a vector for the spread of invasive species. Restricts firewood from being brought onto state-administered lands unless the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources approves that firewood.

Sec. 1, 89.55

Infestation Control, Costs

Sec. 2, [89.551]

Approved Firewood Required

Article 1, Sec. 3, 239.092

Sale From Bulk

Article 1, Sec. 4, 239.093

Information Required with Package

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410 Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 4.

\$14,434,000. Wildfires - Prevention, Presuppression, and Suppression Costs. Costs of emergency firefighting and other costs incurred under Minn. Stat. Sec. 88.12.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 4.

\$700,000. Forestry Information System (FORIST). Funding for the Forestry Information System (FORIST), other information systems, and forest management.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 4.

\$521,000. Ecological Classification System (ECS). Implementation of ecological classification system (ECS) standards on forested landscapes.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 4

Forest Management Investment Account

\$36,276,000. Purposes specified in MN Stat., Sec. 89.039, subd 2.

For the biennium, of this amount:

- \$750,000/\$750,000. Additional staff to enhance timber sales.
- \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000. Forest improvements.
- \$1,100,000/\$1,100,000. Forest road maintenance.
- \$600,000/\$600,000. Ecological Classification System on state forest lands.
- \$350,000/\$350,000. Invasive species prevention on state forest lands.
- \$400,000/\$400,000. State forest land re-inventory.

Minnesota Forest Resources Council

\$780,000/\$780,000. For implementation of the Sustainable Forest Resources Act.

\$40,000. For a grant to the University of Minnesota. The funding will be used for preparation of a statewide plan to address fragmentation and parcelization of large blocks of forest land in the state.

\$200,000. Forest Resources Research Advisory Committee. This funding will provide direction on research topics recommended by the Governor's Task Force on the Competitiveness of Minnesota's Primary Forest Products Industry.

\$110,000. Firewood Limitation. This funding to be used for firewood restrictions prohibitions on state lands. Monies will be used for the development and implementation of statewide information and education campaign regarding restrictions on transport, storage, and use of non-approved firewood on state-administered lands. This is a one-time appropriation.

\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000. Technical and Cost-Share Assistance to Non-Industrial Private Forest Landowners.

\$200,000/\$200,000. Land Asset Management Demands. Address escalating demands, including boundary disputes, access easements, and sale, exchange, and acquisition of forest lands.

\$1,500,000. From the Forest Management Investment Account to be used for relief payments to state timber sale permit holders. This is a one-time appropriation.

\$75,000. Minnesota Forest Resources Council. Task force on forest protection. Line item veto by Governor.

\$75,000. Allocation of Grants (through Commissioner, DNR). Cities, counties, townships, special recreation areas, and park and recreation boards in cities of the first class for the identification, removal, disposal, and replacement of dead or dying shade trees lost to forest pests or disease. Line item veto by Governor.

\$200,000. Grant to Natural Resources Research Institute. Silvicultural research to improve the quality and quantity of timber fiber. Appropriation must be matched by cash or in-kind contributions from forest products industry members of Minnesota Forest Productivity Research Cooperative.

Forestry Policy

Article 1, Sec. 18, Sec. 22, Sec. 57, Sec. 75.

Creates a forest resource assessment products and services account in the state treasury in the natural resources fund.

Use of State Forest Land: Fees

Article 1, Sec. 56

Credit fees collected for use of state forest lands (e.g., dog sled races, dog trials, snowmobile races, sports car rallies) to the special revenue fund and annually appropriated to the DNR commissioner.

Article 1, Sec. 76 & Section 148.

Returns a surety bond or letter of credit to a holder of a forfeited timber sale permit if harvest operations have not been started (the permittee will still be responsible to the state for the required down payment on the permit).

Article 1, Sec. 148.

Allows counties to sell timber, including biomass, as appraised or scaled, instead of just as scaled.

Community Forest Management and Pest Control Bill

Article 1, Sec. 44, Sec. 45, Sec. 46, Sec. 47, Sec. 48, Sec. 49, Sec. 50, Sec. 51, Sec. 52, Sec. 53, Sec. 54, Sec. 55, Sec. 58, Sec. 59, Sec. 60, Sec. 61, Sec. 62, Sec. 63, Sec. 64, Sec. 65, Sec. 66, Sec. 67, Sec. 68, Sec. 69, Sec. 70, Sec. 71, Sec. 72, Sec. 73, Sec. 74.

Assigns DNR commissioner authority to provide assistance to local units of government for the purpose of managing urban forest ecosystem health.

Forest pests and shade tree pests, addition to general powers and duties of DNR commissioner.

Broadens practices eligible for cost-share dollars within the Minnesota Releaf program. Outlines community eligibility for assistance grants.

Reassigns inspector certification program to the DNR.

Authorizes Minnesota Department of Agriculture to make grants or enter into agreements with municipalities, nurseries, etc. on issues related to new and emerging plant pests.

Relief Payments for Timber Sale Permits

Sec. 158

Provides relief to holders of state timber sale permits (permittees) issued on or after June 1, 2004, but before April 1, 2006, for which there has been no harvesting, road building, or other on-the-ground actions taken.

Forest Protection Plan

Article 1, Sec. 159

Minnesota Forest Resources Council creation of task force to develop plan to prepare state for early detection, appropriate response, and education of public regarding invasive pests threatening tree cover of Minnesota.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 5

Water Recreation Account

\$640,000/\$640,000. State water access projects.

Sec. 4, Subd. 5

DNR Budget Reallocation

\$150,000/\$150,000. Additional interpretive and educational services.

Sec. 4, Subd. 5

Natural Resources Fund

\$3,996,000/\$3,996,000. State park and recreation area operations.

Sec. 4, Subd. 5

State Park Appropriation Increase

\$500,000/\$750,000. Increased park maintenance work, resource management projects and conservation education for park users.

Sec. 4, Subd. 5

Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area

\$10,000. Payment of Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council expenses. Line item veto by Governor.

Sec. 4, Subd. 5

Mississippi Whitewater Park

Appropriation in Laws 2003, C. 128, Art. 1, Sec. 5, Subd. 6 provides initial appropriation of \$700,000 for cooperative project with the US Army Corps of Engineers to develop the Mississippi Park until June 30, 2009.

Sec. 39, Subd. 11b

Greenleaf Lake State Park

Greenleaf State Park is renamed Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area.

Sec. 167, Subd. 1 and Subd. 2.

Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area

Adds lands to the statutory boundary of Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area. Requests development of a comprehensive management plan for recreational opportunities in the area.

Sec. 40, [85.0146], Subd. 1.

Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council

Establishes advisory council, designates membership and provides for administrative functions.

Sec. 41, Subd. 13.

Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area. Eliminates permit or fees charged at the Croft Mine Historical Park and Portsmouth Mine Lake Overlook in the Cuyuna State Recreation Area, except for overnight camping.

Chapter 131 SF 1131

HF 1021

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Policy Bill

Article 1, Sec. 17

State Park Permits

Allows the Commissioner, by written order, to provide an alternate means to display and validate state park permits.

Article 1, Sec. 18

Military Personnel on Leave

Clarifies the process for *one-day* park entrance permit without a fee, to active military on leave or 90 days immediately thereafter if the person presents their current military orders to a park attendant or Commissioner's designee.

Article 2, Sec. 5

Additions to State Parks

Subd. 1, [85.012] [Subd. 16] Flandrau State Park, Brown County

Necessary to resolve trespass issue.

Subd. 2, [85.012] [Subd. 59] Whitewater State Park, Winona County

Necessary to resolve trespass issue.

Article 2, Sec. 6

Deletions to State Parks

[85.012] [Subd. 16] Flandrau State Park, Brown County

Necessary to resolve trespass issue.

TRAILS AND WATERWAYS

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 6.

Wallop-Breaux Motor Boat

\$1,965,000/\$2,040,000. Expenditures on water access sites according to the requirements of the federal sport and fish restoration program.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 6.

Non-Motorized Forest Recreation

\$400,000/\$400,000. Funding for the operation and maintenance of state forest non-motorized recreational trails and enforcement of state forest trail regulations.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 6.

Wild & Scenic Rivers

\$75,000/\$75,000. Provides funding to allow Trails and Waterways to focus on priority areas for monitoring and management of Wild and Scenic Easements.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 6.

Natural Resources Fund Change Items

Grant-in-Aid Trails (ATV Fee Increase)

\$1,175,000/\$1,325,000. Additional resources will be granted to local units of government to support the development and maintenance of ATV grant-in-aid trails.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 6.

Trail Specialist (ATV Fee Increase)

\$150,000/\$150,000. Funding to provide resources for additional staff specialists to assist and consult with on all-terrain vehicle grant-in-aid education and training for sustainable trail development and maintenance as well as providing training for public and private sector trail monitoring.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 6.

Canoe Route Designations

\$120,000 until expended in cooperation with local units of government, private individuals and groups, when feasible, to mark a canoe and boating route on the Redwood River. It will allow the DNR to map the river for recreational canoeing purposes and in cooperation with local governments identify and provide access and recreational points along the river.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 6.

Snowmobile Grant-in-Aid.

\$8,424,000/\$8,424,000. Monies from snowmobile trails and enforcement account in the natural resources fund for snowmobile grant-in-aid. Monies used to develop, maintain, and groom snowmobile trails throughout Minnesota.

Article 1, Sec. 29, Subd. 5.

ATV Registration Fee Increases

ATV registration fee increase from \$30 to \$45 dollars. Registration is good for three years.

Article 1, Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 84.780, is amended:

84.780 Off-Highway Damage Account

Extends sunset date of the OHV Damage Account until funds are expended. Changes existing language from “unpermitted” operation of OHVs to “illegal” operation of OHVs. Minn. Stat. Section 84.780 (2003) authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources to provide funds for the repair or restoration of property damaged by the unpermitted operation of OHVs subject to specific pre-conditions.

Article 1, Sec. 30, Subd. 2.

Minimum Maintenance Forest Road Added to ATV Account

Maintenance of minimum-maintenance forest roads designated under section 89.71, subd. 5, and county forest roads that are part of a designated trail system within state forest boundaries as established under section 89.021.

Amends Laws of 2005, Special Session Chapter 1, Article 2, Sec. 3, Subd. 6.

Extends local trail grant funding available until June 30, 2009.

**Amends Laws 2005, Special Session Chapter 1, Article 2, Sec. 11, Subd. 6,
Paragraph (h):**

Extends LCMR acquisition money for the Paul Bunyan Trail within the city of Bemidji until June 30, 2008. Agency recommended.

Article 1, Section 24, Minnesota Statutes 2006, Sec. 84.777, is amended:

ATV Designated Trails: Vehicle Seasons

Subdivision 2. Off-highway vehicle seasons.

Subdivision 3. Mapped Trails.

Subdivision 4. Exemption from rulemaking.

Article 1, Sec. 26. [84.8045]. Restrictions on Off-Road Vehicle Trails.

Restricts the use and development of off road vehicle (truck) trails in Cass, Crow Wing and Hubbard Counties.

Article 1, Sec. 28, Subd. 1a, (4)

Provides exemptions on ATV's 25 years old or older.

Chapter 131 SF 1131

HF 1021

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Policy Bill

Article 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2

Clarifies acquisition authority for state trails

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 1

Requires OHM registration anywhere in the State

Article 1, Sec. 5, Subd. 6

Exempts snowmobiles from registering if used only for grooming state or grant-in aid trails

Article 1, Sec. 6

Exempts snowmobiles from the trail pass if used only for grooming state or grant-in-aid trails

Article 1, Sec. 7

Clarifies ATV training is needed on all public ATV trails and public waters

Article 1, Sec. 12, Subd. 7

Removes the unintended impacts to snowmobiles in a closed forest as the result of 2003 and 2004 OHV legislation

Article 1, Sec. 13

(MS 2006, Sec. 84.928, Subd. 1). Correct the establishment of Class 2 ATV regulations established and passed last session

Article 1, Sec. 14

(MS 2006, Sec. 84.929). Clarification to penalty section.

Article 1, Sec. 15

Clarifications sections of Willard Munger Trail System and adds Browns Creek System.

Article 1, Sec. 16

(MS 2006, Sec.85.015, Subd. 22. Adds loop between Fort Ridgely State Park, Redwood Falls and Sleepy Eye. Reaffirms segment between Granite Falls and Montevideo.

Article 1, Sec. 3

84.777 Off-Highway Vehicle Use of State Lands Restricted

(MS 2006, Sec. 84.777). Requires the Commissioner to establish seasons for OHV use. Commissioner may designate and post winter trails for OHV's. Requires the DNR to publish maps for trails open for OHV use, exempt from the mapping are forest access routes within state forests lying north of Highway 2.

FISH AND WILDLIFE

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 4

Prairie Wetland Initiative

\$2,300,000. Funding for programs and efforts to preserve, restore and enhance grassland/wetland complexes on public and private lands to meet Minnesota's long-term waterfowl and pheasant population goals, and improve water quality.

Wildlife Disease Management

\$186,000/\$132,000. Acceleration of the wildlife health management program. Accelerated response to disease threats related to wildlife and their interactions with livestock, poultry and humans.

\$54,000 (year one) for fencing cattle-feeding areas in bovine tuberculosis control zones, under the emergency deterrent materials assistance program in Minn. Stat. Sec. 97A.028, Subd. 3.

Hunter/Angler Recruitment and Retention

\$150,000/\$150,000. Accelerate, integrate and expand hunting and angling recruitment and retention efforts in light of demographic data that indicates declining participation rates in hunting and fishing.

Fishing Tournament Fees

\$108,000/\$108,000. Provides the commissioner authority to set and collect contest permit fees; amends language and establishes caps on fees for various classes of contests.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7.

Roadsides Habitat

\$150,000/\$150,000. Provide roadside management practices which provide native prairie habitat, technical support and education.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7

Disease Management Fencing

\$54,000. Fencing around livestock feeding operations to prevent disease transfer.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7

Let's Go Fishing

\$350,000. This grants Let's Go Fishing of Minnesota funds to promote opportunities for fishing. Funds are to be matched one to one.

Venison Donation Program

\$485,000/\$485,000. Administration of venison donation, processing and distribution in DNR and MDA. (Statutorily approved funding).

Report required by DNR on the participation in and effectiveness of the donation program by Feb. 1, 2010.

\$1 surcharge added to all deer management tags purchased starting in FY09.

\$5 surcharge on all non-resident hunting licenses will be applied starting in FY08.

Voluntary donation options of \$1, \$3 and \$5 will also be offered.

Free License for Military

Provision allows a resident who has served at any time in the preceding 24 months in federal active service outside the United States and who has been discharged from active service to take small game and fish without a license (with official military discharge papers) and to obtain one free deer license.

Portable Fish House License Elimination

Provision eliminates the requirement for fish houses that are left unattended on the ice overnight to be licensed.

Provision increases non-resident fishing licenses in the estimated amount of \$675,000 to offset the lost revenue.

Article 1, Sec. 163.

Wild Rice Study

\$38,000. This provision requires the Commissioner to complete a study on the natural stands of wild rice by February 15, 2008.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7.

Prairie/Wetland Complex Report

Report to legislature on outcomes of the Prairie/Wetland funding initiative during the 2008-09 biennium.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7.

Game and Fish Fund Imbalance Report

Requires the commissioner to report to the legislature by November 15, 2008 on Game and Fish Fund receipt and expenditure imbalances between hunting-related and fishing related activities.

Article 1, Sec. 14, Subd. 1, (f).

Aquaculture Policy Report

By January 15, 2008, the commissioner shall report to the senate and house of representatives committees on natural resource policy and finance policy recommendations regarding aquaculture.

Article 1, Sec. 20, Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.027, is amended by adding a subdivision:

Subd. 13a. Game and fish expedited permanent rules. In addition to the authority granted in subdivision 13, the commissioner of natural resources may adopt rules under section 14.389 that are authorized under: (1) chapters 97A, 97B, and 97C to describe zone or permit area boundaries, to designate fish spawning beds or fish preserves, to select hunters or anglers for areas, to provide for registration of game or fish, to prevent or control wildlife disease, or to correct errors or omissions in rules that do not have a substantive effect on the intent or application of the original rule; or (2) section 84D.12 to designate prohibited invasive species, regulated invasive species, and unregulated nonnative species.

Article 1, Sec. 79, Subd. 12.

Establishing Fees (WMAs and AMAs)

Provides authority to charge fees for special events on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) and Aquatic Management Areas (AMA). Allows collection of fees for permits to harvest bait, conduct dog trials, or other special events or activities.

Article 1, Sec. 81, Subd. 6, (b).

Venison Donation Report

To report on the participation in and the effectiveness of the venison donation program. mentioned above.

Article 1, Sec. 82, Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.133, is amended by adding a Subd. to read:

Subd. 66. Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area, Dakota County.

Article 1, Sec. 86, Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.451, Subd. 3a, is amended.

Nonresident youth small game license fees.

Allows nonresident youth to obtain a license to take small game at the resident youth fee.

Article 1, Sec. 87, Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.465, is amended.

Subd. 1a. Spouses of residents on active military duty.

Allows the spouse of a resident on active military duty to obtain a resident hunting or fishing license.

Article 1, Sec. 91.

Elimination of Reciprocal Nonresident Archery Deer License Fee

Makes archery deer hunting nonresident fees consistent with other nonresident hunting fees; simplification of licensing system. No other nonresident hunting or fishing fees are reciprocal.

Nonresident youth big game license fees

Allows nonresident youth to obtain a license to take deer at the resident youth fee.

Article 1, Sec. 99, Sec. 100.

Eliminate the Pictorial Stamp Requirement for Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamps

DNR initiative to allow the endorsement of purchasing a stamp on the license to be the legal documentation for hunting. The pictorial stamp requirement as licenses for trout/salmon and for wild turkeys were eliminated by previous legislation so these changes will make all of the stamps consistent.

Article 1, Sec. 168.

Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area

Establishes and designates “UMore” property as a modified wildlife management area, subject to special permitted uses.

Article 1, Sec. 85, 94, 95.

Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 97A.411, Subd. 1.

Establishes a three year fish house license.

Article 1, Sec. 102.

Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 97C.355, Subd. 2.

Exempts dark houses and fish houses that are not left unattended on the ice overnight from licensing.

Article 1, Sec. 89, 90.

Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 97A.473, Subd. 3 and 4.

Addition of trapping to the lifetime small game license and applies retroactively to licenses issued after February 28, 2001.

Article 1, Sec. 91.

Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 97A.475, Subd. 3.

Changes to Non-Resident Furbearer Hunting License

Exemption of fox and coyote from the non-resident furbearer hunting license. The license would now be required only for non-residents seeking raccoon or bobcat; non-resident small game license is still required to take small game species.

Chapter 131 SF 1131

HF 1021

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Policy Bill

Article 1, Sec. 19

Clarify the definitions of “pheasant” and “turkey”

Article 1, Sec. 20

Define “immediately released” and “immediately returned to the water”

Article 1, Sec. 21

Clarify and expand authorities for issuing permits for locally nesting Canada geese and animals causing damage or nuisance

Article 1, Sec. 22

Clarify provisions for upgrading deer licenses

Article 1, Sec. 22, (b)

A person charged with violating the license possession requirement of Minnesota Statutes 2006, Sec. 97A.405, Subd. 2, shall not be convicted if the person produces the license that was valid at the time of arrest.

Article 1, Sec. 23, Minnesota Statutes 2006, Sec. 97A.406

Subd. 4, is amended

Article 1, Sec. 24

Extend the license year for fishing and fish houses to March 1 through April 30

Article 1, Sec. 25

Clarify that taking a protected wild animal while prohibited from obtaining a license to take that protected wild animal is a different violation than hunting without a license

Article 1, Sec. 26, Subd. 7

Eliminate the "live on" requirement for owners or tenants of at least 80 acres of agricultural land to get a free deer license in managed or intensive deer areas

Article 1, Sec. 27

Provide a three-day take a kid ice fishing weekend

Article 1, Sec. 28, Sec. 34, Sec. 35

Establishment and guidelines of apprentice hunter program

Article 1, Sec. 29

Technical correction on number of deer that may be taken on all-season license

Article 1, Sec. 30

Allow only resident individuals to obtain a bear guide license

Article 1, Sec. 31

Allow a person to use commercial cold storage facilities for any species of protected wild animal, not just for fish and furs

Article 1, Sec. 32

Eliminate the prohibition on transporting meat of beaver, raccoon, rabbits and hares out of state

Article 1, Sec. 33

Exempt military personnel who have completed basic training from the range and shooting exercise portion of firearms safety training

Article 1, Sec. 34 (continued)

Establishment and guidelines of apprentice hunter program

Article 1, Sec. 35 (continued)

Establishment and guidelines of apprentice hunter program

Article 1, Sec. 36

Legalize various Spencer cartridges for big game hunting

Article 1, Sec. 37, Subd. 1a.

Reduce minimum bow draw weight for taking big game from 40 pounds to 30 pounds

Article 1, Sec. 38

Allow taking deer by crossbow during the regular firearms season with a firearms deer license

Article 1, Sec. 39

Make a technical change to when the commissioner can prescribe waterfowl shooting hours, to be consistent with dates for use of motorized decoys

Article 1, Sec. 40

Allow wireless radio remote controls for electronic callers for crows, fur-bearing animals and unprotected animals

Article 1, Sec. 41

Regulate the use of night vision equipment similar to current regulations on use of artificial lights

Article 1, Sec. 42

Provide authority for how antler less deer may be taken under an all-season deer license

Article 1, Sec. 43

Repeal the smokeless powder prohibition for muzzleloaders

Article 1, Sec. 44

Modify the shotgun zone for deer hunting to include that portion of Clay county west of Highway 32 in the vicinity of Moorhead

Article 1, Sec. 45

Modifications to deer baiting restrictions

Article 1, Sec. 46

Allow use of the Minnesota DNR identification number on trap tags and phase out old driver's license numbers

Article 1, Sec. 47

Provide authority to regulate fishing to protect water quality or improve habitat

Article 1, Sec. 48

Allow use of a lighted decoy for spearing fish

Article 1, Sec. 49

Establish a civil penalty for fish houses left on the ice

Article 1, Sec. 51

Clarify the number of commercial licenses for Lake Superior

Article 1, Sec. 52

Clarify legal species and the boundaries for use of pound and trap nets in St. Louis Bay

Article 1, Sec. 53

Clarify permit authority to conduct fisheries assessments

Article 1, Sec. 54

Expand taking of lake trout for assessment and sale

Article 1, Sec. 84

Require a report on the pros and cons of changing the winter lake trout season to the Saturday nearest Jan. 1 – March 31

Article 1, Sec. 85

Require a plan and recommendations for providing walk-in access for hunting and fishing

Article 1, Sec. 85, Subd. 3

Requires the DNR to prepare and report a walk-in access plan to the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over natural resources policy and finance, with recommendations on program implementation by January 15, 2008

Article 1, Sec. 86

Allow an angler in a fish or dark house to possess fillets of a fish with size restrictions if the angler is preparing and using the fish for a meal

Article 1, Sec. 87

Requires DNR to conduct a dietary study of the cormorant population on Lake of the Woods, in consultation with and paid for by local units of government bordering the lake

Article 1, Sec. 89

Add a member of the House and a member of the Senate to the Game and Fish Fund Budget Oversight Committee through June 30, 2009

Article 1, Sec. 90

Requires DNR to report on the status of the Leech Lake fishery by January 15, 2008.

Article 1, Sec. 96, repealer language

Repeal the fish buyers' license

Repeal the prohibition on having a spear in a dark house while fishing

ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Subd. 8. Clean Water Legacy Act

\$2,250,000 allocated in new dollars for Clean Water for Ecological Services. *One time appropriation.* Additional funding allows DNR to meet PCA targets for biological monitoring.

Article 1, Subd. 8. Invasive Species

\$2,938,000 (year one)/\$4,385,000 (year two). Appropriated for invasive species. \$1,968,000. Appropriated for aquatic invasive species prevention, management. \$2,195,000. Appropriated for aquatic invasive species prevention, management and grants.

Requires applicants for grants to manage invasive plants in public waters; **must** have a workable plan for improving water quality and reducing need for additional treatment.

Requires DNR to produce a plan to prevent the introduction of Asian carp to Minnesota waters by November 1, 2007.

Article 1, Subd. 8.

Wildlife Education - Project Wild

\$115,000/\$116,000. Project Wild, wildlife educational program.

Article 1, Subd. 8.

Prairie Seed Harvesting & Replanting

\$125,000. Support development of native prairie seed harvesting for restoration work on state-owned lands and for a technical advisory committee to prepare a report by December 15, 2007 to address several native prairie issues including biomass production.

Article 1, Subd. 8.

ATV Environmental Review and Trail Development

\$150,000/\$150,000. Monies appropriated for environmental review for motorized trails and development and maintenance of all-terrain vehicle trails.

Article 1, Subd. 8.

Critical Area Report

\$50,000. Mississippi River Critical Area Program. Report to the House and Senate on the program required. Dollars would be transferred to the Division of Waters.

Article 1, Subd. 8.

International Wolf Center (Pass Through Funding)

\$350,000 for the International Wolf Center

Article 1, Subd. 8.

National Bald Eagle Center (Pass Through Funding)

\$500,000 for the National Bald Eagle Center

Article 1, Subd. 8.

Wildlife Rehabilitation Center (Pass Through Funding)

\$100,000 for the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

Article 1, Sec. 36, Subd. 7.

Invasive Species Account

Creation of an invasive species account, which receives revenues from watercraft and non-resident fishing license surcharges.

Article 1, Sec. 17, [84.02].

Native Prairie Definitions

Provides various definitions for native prairie and associated ecotypes and management practices.

Environmental Review Coordinator

The bill includes funding for an environmental review coordinator. General Fund monies.

Chapter 131 SF 1131

HF 1021

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Policy Bill

Article 1, Sec. 50.

Asian Carp

Requires anglers who take Asian carp to report it to the DNR within seven days.

Article 1, Sec. 82.

Ecological Services Appropriations

Technical corrections to the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Appropriations bill (SF 2096).

Article 1, Sec. 87.

Cormorant Dietary Study

This provision requires the DNR to conduct a dietary study of the cormorant population on Lake of the Woods in consultation with the local units of government bordering the lake. Local units of government to cover cost of study.

Article 1, Sec. 91.

Aquatic Plant Rulemaking

Requires DNR to report to the natural resource policy committees in the House and Senate on the proposed rule changes by January 15, 2008; and not adopt the rules prior to April 1, 2008.

ENFORCEMENT

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 9.

\$1,082,000/\$1,082,000. Boat & Water Safety Grants

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 9.

\$100,000/\$100,000. Solid Waste Enforcement

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 9.

\$315,000/\$315,000. Snowmobile Enforcement Grants

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 9.

\$1,164,000/\$1,164,000. Heritage Enhancement Account to Improve, Enhance or Protect Fish & Wildlife Resources

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 9.

\$325,000/\$325,000. Off-Highway Vehicle Enforcement & Public Education Grants

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 9. Sec. Mississippi Headwaters State Forest Conservation Officer Position.

\$100,000/\$100,000. Conservation officer must be stationed at Mississippi Headwaters State Forest to work with local jurisdictions in enforcing state law along the Mississippi River from Lake Itasca downstream to Lake Bemidji and in the Bemidji region. **Position sunsets June 30, 2009.**

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 9.

\$250,000/\$250,000. Safety & Environmental Education and Monitoring Trails Grant.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 9.

Recruitment Policy

The Commissioner must publicize opportunities for conservation officer employment and recruit, when possible, conservation officer candidates from the biological sciences departments at colleges and universities. The division

currently has a recruitment coordinator which will be able to fulfill this requirement.

Chapter 131 SF 1131 HF 1021
Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Policy Bill

Article 1, Sec. 7.

Clarify training requirements.

Article 1, Sec. 14.

Clarify criminal and civil penalties for violations of OHV's operated in public waters or wetlands.

Article 1, Sec. 45. [97B.328].

Clarify deer baiting provisions, including 10-day removal regulations and feeding on another person's private property.

Article 1, Sec. 22, Subd. 2.

Provides changes to the personal possession provision of a fish and game license, preventing conviction for the offense if the person produces the license to the court or arresting officer.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 7.

Game & Fish Fund Oversight Position

\$90,000/\$90,000. Funding in Fish and Wildlife for a DNR position in OMBS. Responsible for ensuring fund integrity and providing detailed analysis and reports to external constituents related to the Game & Fish Fund. Fish and Wildlife to be billed through Operations Support Governance.

Article 1, Sec. 4, Subd. 10

Operations Support – Budgetary Allocation (Appropriations by Fund)

\$4,288,000 / \$3,813,000 of which:

- \$1,187,000 / \$1,218,000 is for the Commissioner's Office.
- \$2,263,000 / \$2,318,000 is for Regional Operations Support.
- \$270,000 / \$270,000 is to be divided equally between the City of St. Paul for the Como Zoo and Conservatory and the City of Duluth for the Duluth Zoo.
- \$38,000 is for a study on the natural stands of wild rice in the state.
- \$55,000 / \$7,000 is to be transferred to the Environmental Quality Board to fulfill the requirement of Minnesota Statutes, sections 116C.92 and 116C.94 on wild rice.
- \$475,000 in funding, of which \$385,000 is for payment to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for the purposes of terrestrial carbon sequestration activities, and \$90,000 is for payment to the Minnesota Geological Survey for the purposes of geologic carbon sequestration assessment.

Operations Support Reallocation.

DNR funding reallocation to implement the next phase of Operations Support Governance. Implementation funding reallocation raises the awareness of agency program managers and holds them accountable for total program costs.

ENERGY AND CLIMATE

Chapter 57 SF 2096 HF 2410

Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Finance Bill

Article 1, Sec. 5.

BWSR Appropriations:

\$500,000 is appropriated to BWSR for research Grants to identify ecological and environmental outcomes from energy crop production.

\$300,000 allocated for research on site level impacts by the Forest Resources Council. The research outcomes are to inform the development of RIM-Clean Energy program guidelines. This is part of the Clean Energy Minnesota Bioenergy/cellulosic ethanol proposal.

\$200,000 is appropriated to BWSR to establish a RIM – Clean Energy program that is authorized in Article 2.

Article 1, Sec. 119.

RIM-CE program is established. This establishes a technical advisory committee similar to the Native Seed Committee to help develop program guidelines. This Committee will be the responsibility of BWSR rather than DNR.

Article 2, Sec. 3.

\$4.5 million provided through Department of Commerce to evaluate and develop preliminary plans for a renewable (biomass) steam plant to serve the Rock-Tenn facility in St. Paul. Rock Tenn will potentially be a large biomass market. \$500,000 of money appropriate will be made available to the Division of Ecological Services to support removal of unwanted woody biomass on conservation lands to be used by this facility, or other potential higher value markets.

Article 2, Sec. 35.

\$385,000 to the U of MN/\$90,000 to the MGS (Pass Through Funding). Initiative will work in concert with the Minnesota Climate Strategies initiative that has been launched.

Requests the U of MN to complete a Terrestrial Carbon Sequestration Study and the MN Geological Survey to complete a Geological Sequestration Study.

The Commissioner of Natural Resources is to provide a Report to the Legislature by Feb. 1, 2008.

Employee Suggestions Energy Savings Incentive Program

Directs the Department of Administration to develop a program that shares 50% of energy cost savings with employees in the year immediately following acceptance of a suggestion, up to 1,000 per suggestion.

Legislation creates a new water appropriation fee for users of more than 100,000,000 gallons of water or more.

**Chapter 131 SF 1131 HF 1021
Omnibus Environment and Natural Resources Policy Bill**

Article 1, Sec. 1 [16B.328].

Outdoor Lighting Fixtures Model Ordinance

**Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
Appropriations**

**Chapter 30 HF 293 HF 450
LCCMR Funding Bill**

Section 1:

Appropriations

Sec. 2, Subd. 2

Definitions

Sec. 2, Subd. 3

LCCMR and Contract Administration

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (a)

Land – Forest Legacy Conservation Easements

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (b)

Minnesota Habitat Corridors Partnership – Phase IV

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (c)

Metro Conservation Corridors – Phase III

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (d)

Prairie Stewardship Assistance for Private Landowners

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (e)

State Park and Trail Land Acquisition

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (f)

Metropolitan Regional Park System Land Acquisition

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (g)

Non-metropolitan Regional Parks and Natural and Scenic Area Acquisitions

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (h)

LAWCON Federal Reimbursements

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (i)

Biological Control of European Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard

Sec. 2, Subd. 4, (j)

Neutralization of Reed Canary Grass Root Exudates

Sec. 2, Subd. 5 - Water Resources, (a)

Local Water Management Matching Challenge Grants

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (b)

Protection of Rare and Unique Rock Outcrop Wetlands

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (c)

Land Retirement Effects on Minnesota River Basin Streams

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (d)

Demonstrating Benefits of Conservation Grasslands on Water Quality

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (e)

Improved River Quality Monitoring Using Airborne Remote Sensing

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (f)

Evaluating Riparian Timber Harvesting Guidelines – Phase III

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (g)

Innovative Springshed Mapping for Trout Stream Management

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (h)

Intra-lake Zoning to Protect Sensitive Lakeshore Areas

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (i)

Water Resource Sustainability

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (j)

County Geologic Atlas Program Acceleration

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (k)

Minnesota's Water Resources: Impacts of Climate Change – Phase II

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (l)

Pharmaceutical and Microbiological Pollution

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (m)

Threat of Emerging Contaminants to Upper Mississippi Walleye

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (n)

Cedar Creek Groundwater Project using Prairie Biofuel Buffers

Sec. 2, Subd. 5, (o)

Pyrolysis Pilot Project

Sec. 2, Subd. 6 – Natural Resource Information, (a)

Minnesota County Biological Survey

Sec. 2, Subd. 6, (b)

Soil Survey

Sec. 2, Subd. 6, (c)

Field Guide for Evaluating Vegetation of Restored Wetlands

Sec. 2, Subd. 6, (d)

Natural Resource Data Collection and Mapping

Sec. 2, Subd. 7

Emerging Issues Account

Sec. 2, Subd. 8

Availability of Appropriations

Sec. 2, Subd. 9

Leveraged Funds for Real Property Interest Requirement

Sec. 2, Subd. 10, (a), (b)

Data Availability Requirements

Sec. 2, Subd. 11

Project Requirements

Sec. 2, Subd. 12

Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures

Sec. 2, Subd. 13

Purchase of Recycled and Recyclable Materials

Sec. 2, Subd. 14

Energy Conservation and Sustainable Building Guidelines

Sec. 2, Subd. 15

Accessibility

Sec. 2, Subd. 16, (a) (1 – 3), (b) (1-2)

Carryforward

Sec. 3, Subd. 5

Public Meetings

REPEALERS
SF 2096 – Omnibus Finance Bill

SFRA Repealer (66.13-66.15): To extend the Sustainable Forest Resources Act an additional 10 years.

89A.11 REPEALER.

Sections 89A.01; 89A.02; 89A.03; 89A.04; 89A.05; 89A.06; 89A.07; 89A.08; 89A.09; 89A.10; and 89A.11 are repealed June 30, ~~2007~~ 2017.

This repealer is from the DNR/MDA Forest Shade Tree Pest Bill

Sec. 169. REPEALER.

Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 18G.16; and 89.51, subdivision 8, are repealed.
131.13(b)

Greenleaf State Park change to State Recreation area repealer.

Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.012, subdivision 24b, is repealed.

Line Item Vetoes by Governor SF 2096

Senate File 2096, Chapter 57, the Omnibus Environment, Natural Resources & Energy bill was received, approved, signed, and delivered to the Secretary of state with the exception of the line-item vetoes listed below. All line item vetoes to the bill are listed.

- A \$150,000 appropriation, \$75,000 each year, in Chapter 57, Article 1, Section 4, for a shade-tree protection task force and grants.
- A \$10,000 appropriation in Chapter 57, Article 1, Section 4, for the Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council.
- A \$200,000 appropriation in Chapter 57, Article 1, Section 5, for a grant to the city of Gaylord for storm water and sewer reconstruction. BWSR.
- Page 142, line 142.19, Chapter 47, Article 2, Section 3, page 142. Center for Rural Policy and Development at Minnesota State University at Mankato to make a grant to a non-profit organization. Line item elimination of wording “each year” from the designated appropriated, which eliminates the appropriation in the second year.
- Page 146, lines 146.10-146.25. A \$45,000 appropriation for FY 2008 in Chapter 57, Article 2, Section 3, to fund a grant to Linden Hills Power and Light for preliminary engineering and design work.

REPORTS

November, 2007:

- Asian Carp Plan. C. 57, p. 20; C. 131, p. 44.

Date of Action: Plan Made Available to Public: November 1, 2007.

December, 2007:

- Clean Energy Program. In conjunction with the NextGen Energy Board, the technical advisory committee will work to develop a clean energy program and report the outcomes to the House and Senate Environment Finance committee chairs. C. 57, p. 21; C. 131, p. 46.

H/S: Environment Finance (Chairs). Date of Action: December 15, 2007.

- Forest Resources Council shall create a task to develop plan to prepare the state for early detection, response, education regarding invasive pests that threaten the tree cover of Minnesota. Report and recommendations required. C. 57, p. 87, 88

H/S: Policy/Finance Committees (Full Committee Membership) and the LCCMR. Date of Action: December 15, 2007.

- Game & Fish Reports. C. 57, p. 49.

**H/S: Policy/Finance/Division (Full Committee Membership).
Date of Action: December 15 each year.**

January, 2008:

- Feedlots in the state that are under 300 animal units into compliance with PCA rules by October 1, 2010, and statutory compliance. (BWSR) C. 57, p. 28.

H/S: Environment Finance (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: January 1, 2008.

- Commence rulemaking under Minn.Stat. C. 14 to update minimum shoreland standards in Minnesota Rules, C. 6120. C. 57, p. 11.

Commissioner Directs. Date of Action: January 15, 2008.

- Aquaculture Report. C. 57, p. 33.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance Committees (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: January 15, 2008.

- Aquatic Plant Rulemaking. C. 131, p. 50.
**H/S: Environment Policy Committee (Full Committee Membership).
Date of Action: January 15, 2008.**

- Forest Classification Review. Report on status. C. 57, p. 86.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance Committees (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: January 15, 2008.

- Endocrine Disruptor Report. (PCA). C. 57, p. 89.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance/Divisions (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: January 15, 2008.

- Walk-In Public Access Plan with Recommendations on Program Implementation. C. 131, p. 48.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance/Division (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: January 15, 2008.

- Leech Lake Fishery Report. C. 131, p. 49.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance/Division (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: January 15, 2008.

February, 2008:

- Minimum legal/conservation standards that could be applied to conservation easements acquired with public money. C. 57, p.10 and C. 57, p. 89.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: February 1, 2008 (January 1, 2008). Please Note: there is a question as to the due date of this report. Note the cross-references.

- Mississippi River Critical Area Program. DNR, in conjunction with EQB. Status report and recommendations. C. 57, p. 21; C. 131, p. 46.
**H/S: Environment Policy/Finance (Full Committee Membership).
Date of Action: February 1, 2008.**

- BWSR evaluation and report. Provide analysis of local water management entity performance. C. 57, p. 55.

H/S: Environment Policy/Finance/Division. (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: February 1, 2008 and annually thereafter.

- Terrestrial Carbon Sequestration Report. C. 57, p. 117.
**H/S: Environment Policy/Energy Policy (Full Committee Membership).
Date of Action: February 1, 2008.**

- Geologic Carbon Sequestration Assessment, Study, Report. C. 57, p. 117.
**H/S: Environment Policy/Energy Policy (Full Committee Membership).
Date of Action: February 1, 2008.**

- Wild Rice Study prepared for submission. C. 57, p. 89.
**H/S: Environment Policy/Finance/Division (Full Committee Membership).
Date of Action: February 15, 2008.**

- Lake Trout Report. C. 131, p.48.
**H/S: Environment Policy/Finance (Full Committee). Date of Action:
February 1, 2008.**

- ISTS Licensing Report. (PCA).
**H/S: Environment Policy (Full Committee Membership).
Date of Action: February 15, 2008.**

November, 2008:

- Report on fire suppression. C. 57, p. 11.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance/Respective Divisions (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: November 15, 2008 and November 15, 2009.

- Report fund imbalances between hunting-related & fishing-related activities. DNR, in conjunction with BOC. C. 57, p. 18, 19.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance/Division (Full Committee Membership). Date of Action: November 15, 2008.

REPORTS: Ongoing, 2008/Beyond 2008/No Date Specified:

- Implement statewide plan; fragmentation-parcelization; blocks of forest land. C. 57, p. 12. (Forest Resources Council).
Date of Action: Report due in 2008. No date specified.
- Feasibility study with Army Corps regarding foundation/hydraulics of Rapidan Dam, Blue Earth County. C. 57, p. 11.
Commissioner Directs. Date of Action: 2008. No date specified.
- Direction for research topics recommended by Governor's Task Force on Competitiveness. C. 57, p. 12. (Forest Resources Research Advisory Committee).
Date of Action: Report due in 2008. No date specified.
- Prairie Wetland Complex Report. C. 57, p. 18.
H/S: Environment Finance (Full Committee). Date of Action: Date Of Action: Report due in 2008. No date specified.
- Establish technical advisory committee-optimize native prairie seed harvest and replanting on state-owned lands. C. 57, p. 20, 21.
Date of Action: Report due in 2008. No date specified.
- Rulemaking Required by changes to the Wetland Conservation Act. (BWSR) C. 57, p. 28.
Date of Action: 2008. No date specified.
- From organizations receiving a grant. Report directed to the Commissioner with details on expenditures from the grant. C. 57, p. 23.
Date of Action: Report required by December 15 of each year.
- Contract Report.
Report presented to: House Chair, Committee on Ways & Means; Senate Chair, Finance Committee. Date of Action: Report required by January 1 of each odd-numbered year.
- Statewide education campaign on non-approved firewood. C. 57, p. 13.
No Reporting Information Required.

- Grassland/Wetland complexes with outcomes, including acres of wetlands and prairie grasses and forbs of local ecotype preserved, restored, and enhanced during the 2008-2009 biennium. C. 57, p. 19.
H/S: Environment Finance (Chairs). Date of Action: No date specified.

- Outcomes of the land records management support. C. 57, p. 10.
H/S: Environment Finance (Committee Chairs). Date of Action: No date specified.

- BWSR appointment of technical committee to ensure public benefits, including water quality, soil health, reduction of chemical inputs, soil carbon storage, biodiversity, and wildlife habituate are secured along with bioenergy crop production. Ch. 57, p. 61.
Review and make recommendations on guidelines and standards. Date of Action: Every five years.

- Natural Heritage Data from respective county biological surveys will be provided, if available, to each county/municipality for use in planning. C. 57, p. 85.
Date of Action: No date specified. Ongoing as requested.

- Venison Donation Report. C. 57, p. 49.
February 20, 2010. Report to the Legislature.

- Habitat restoration plans on public or private properties to fulfill ecological principles of restoration ecology, while providing roadside access to the byproduct of the management actions at no cost to the operator of a biomass-fueled cogeneration facility located in St. Paul. C. 57, p. 96, 97.
H/S: Environment Policy/Finance Committees (Full Committee Membership). Annual progress report regarding the expenditures and Results of the program are due. Date of Action: No date specified.

- Grassland/Wetland complexes report with outcomes, including areas of wetlands and prairie grasses and forbs of a local ecotype preserved, restored, and enhanced during the 2008-2009 biennium. C. 131, p. 43.
Date of Action: No date specified.

- Cormorant Dietary Study. DNR, in conjunction with local units of government shall conduct a dietary study. The cost of the study shall be paid by local units of government associated with the study. C. 131, p. 49.
Date of Action: No date specified.