

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 710, the first engrossment, as follows:

1.2 Page 21, after line 22, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 4. Laws 2012, chapter 264, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, as amended by Laws  
1.4 2015, First Special Session chapter 2, article 1, section 7, is amended to read:

1.5 Subd. 5. **Habitats** -0- 28,620,000

1.6 (a) **DNR Aquatic Habitat - Phase IV**

1.7 \$3,480,000 in the second year is to the  
1.8 commissioner of natural resources to acquire  
1.9 interests in land in fee or permanent  
1.10 conservation easements for aquatic  
1.11 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
1.12 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02,  
1.13 and to restore and enhance aquatic habitat. A  
1.14 list of proposed land acquisitions must be  
1.15 provided as part of the required  
1.16 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment  
1.17 plan must include an easement stewardship  
1.18 plan. Up to \$25,000 is for establishing a  
1.19 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
1.20 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
1.21 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
1.22 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is  
1.23 required for any monitoring and enforcement  
1.24 fund established, including expenditures from  
1.25 the fund and a description of annual  
1.26 monitoring and enforcement activities.

2.1 **(b) Metro Big Rivers Habitat - Phase III**

2.2 \$3,680,000 in the second year is to the  
2.3 commissioner of natural resources for  
2.4 agreements to acquire interests in land in fee  
2.5 or permanent conservation easements and to  
2.6 restore and enhance natural systems associated  
2.7 with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix  
2.8 Rivers as follows: \$1,000,000 to the  
2.9 Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
2.10 Trust, Inc.; \$375,000 to the Friends of the  
2.11 Mississippi; \$375,000 to Great River  
2.12 Greening; \$930,000 to The Minnesota Land  
2.13 Trust; and \$1,000,000 to The Trust for Public  
2.14 Land. A list of proposed acquisitions,  
2.15 restorations, and enhancements must be  
2.16 provided as part of the required  
2.17 accomplishment plan. The accomplishment  
2.18 plan must include an easement stewardship  
2.19 plan. Up to \$51,000 is for establishing a  
2.20 monitoring and enforcement fund as approved  
2.21 in the accomplishment plan and subject to  
2.22 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
2.23 subdivision 17. An annual financial report is  
2.24 required for any monitoring and enforcement  
2.25 fund established, including expenditures from  
2.26 the fund and a description of annual  
2.27 monitoring and enforcement activities.

2.28 **(c) Dakota County Riparian and Lakeshore**  
2.29 **Protection and Management - Phase III**

2.30 \$480,000 in the second year is to the  
2.31 commissioner of natural resources for an  
2.32 agreement with Dakota County to acquire  
2.33 permanent conservation easements and restore  
2.34 and enhance habitats along the Mississippi,  
2.35 Cannon, and Vermillion Rivers. A list of  
2.36 proposed acquisitions, restorations, and

3.1 enhancements must be provided as part of the  
3.2 required accomplishment plan. The  
3.3 accomplishment plan must include an  
3.4 easement stewardship plan. Up to \$20,000 is  
3.5 for establishing a monitoring and enforcement  
3.6 fund as approved in the accomplishment plan  
3.7 and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section  
3.8 97A.056, subdivision 17. An annual financial  
3.9 report is required for any monitoring and  
3.10 enforcement fund established, including  
3.11 expenditures from the fund and a description  
3.12 of annual monitoring and enforcement  
3.13 activities.

3.14 **(d) Lower St. Louis River Habitat Restoration**

3.15 \$3,670,000 in the second year is to the  
3.16 commissioner of natural resources to restore  
3.17 habitat in the lower St. Louis River estuary.  
3.18 A list of proposed projects must be provided  
3.19 as part of the required accomplishment plan.

3.20 **(e) Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement - Phase**  
3.21 **IV**

3.22 \$2,120,000 in the second year is to the  
3.23 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.24 agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited  
3.25 to restore and enhance coldwater fish lake,  
3.26 river, and stream habitats in Minnesota. A list  
3.27 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
3.28 must be provided as part of the required  
3.29 accomplishment plan.

3.30 **(f) Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration**

3.31 \$2,320,000 in the second year is to the  
3.32 commissioner of natural resources for an  
3.33 agreement with the Red Lake Watershed  
3.34 District to restore and enhance stream and  
3.35 related habitat in Grand Marais Creek. A list

4.1 of proposed restorations and enhancements  
4.2 must be provided as part of the required  
4.3 accomplishment plan.

4.4 **(g) Knife River Habitat Restoration**

4.5 \$380,000 in the second year is to the  
4.6 commissioner of natural resources for an  
4.7 agreement with the Lake Superior Steelhead  
4.8 Association to restore trout habitat in the  
4.9 Upper Knife River Watershed. A list of  
4.10 proposed restorations must be provided as part  
4.11 of the required accomplishment plan.

4.12 Notwithstanding rules of the commissioner of  
4.13 natural resources, restorations conducted  
4.14 pursuant to this paragraph may be  
4.15 accomplished by excavation.

4.16 **(h) Protect Aquatic Habitat from Invasive Carp**

4.17 \$7,500,000 in the second year is to the  
4.18 commissioner of natural resources for design  
4.19 construction, including acquisition, operation,  
4.20 and evaluation of structural deterrents for  
4.21 invasive carp to protect Minnesota's aquatic  
4.22 habitat. Use of this money requires a  
4.23 one-to-one match for projects on state  
4.24 boundary waters. A match is not required for  
4.25 design or feasibility studies. This appropriation  
4.26 is available until June 30, 2019.

4.27 **(i) Outdoor Heritage Conservation Partners**  
4.28 **Grant Program - Phase IV**

4.29 \$4,990,000 in the second year is to the  
4.30 commissioner of natural resources for a  
4.31 program to provide competitive, matching  
4.32 grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional,  
4.33 state, and national organizations for enhancing,  
4.34 restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands,  
4.35 prairies, and habitat for fish, game, or wildlife

5.1 in Minnesota. Grants shall not be made for  
5.2 activities required to fulfill the duties of  
5.3 owners of lands subject to conservation  
5.4 easements. Grants shall not be made from  
5.5 appropriations in this paragraph for projects  
5.6 that have a total project cost exceeding  
5.7 \$575,000. \$366,000 of this appropriation may  
5.8 be spent for personnel costs and other direct  
5.9 and necessary administrative costs. Grantees  
5.10 may acquire land or interests in land.  
5.11 Easements must be permanent. Land acquired  
5.12 in fee must be open to hunting and fishing  
5.13 during the open season unless otherwise  
5.14 provided by state law. The program shall  
5.15 require a match of at least ten percent from  
5.16 nonstate sources for all grants. The match may  
5.17 be cash or in-kind resources. For grant  
5.18 applications of \$25,000 or less, the  
5.19 commissioner shall provide a separate,  
5.20 simplified application process. Subject to  
5.21 Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of  
5.22 natural resources shall, when evaluating  
5.23 projects of equal value, give priority to  
5.24 organizations that have a history of receiving  
5.25 or charter to receive private contributions for  
5.26 local conservation or habitat projects. If  
5.27 acquiring land or a conservation easement,  
5.28 priority shall be given to projects associated  
5.29 with existing wildlife management areas under  
5.30 Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05,  
5.31 subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas  
5.32 under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and  
5.33 86A.05, subdivision 5; and aquatic  
5.34 management areas under Minnesota Statutes,  
5.35 sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02.  
5.36 All restoration or enhancement projects must

6.1 be on land permanently protected by a  
6.2 conservation easement or public ownership or  
6.3 in public waters as defined in Minnesota  
6.4 Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15.  
6.5 Priority shall be given to restoration and  
6.6 enhancement projects on public lands.  
6.7 Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056,  
6.8 subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded  
6.9 under this paragraph. This appropriation is  
6.10 available until June 30, 2016. No less than five  
6.11 percent of the amount of each grant must be  
6.12 held back from reimbursement until the grant  
6.13 recipient has completed a grant  
6.14 accomplishment report by the deadline and in  
6.15 the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the  
6.16 Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The  
6.17 commissioner shall provide notice of the grant  
6.18 program in the game and fish law summaries  
6.19 that are prepared under Minnesota Statutes,  
6.20 section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

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

6.22 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

6.23 Amend the title accordingly