Overview

Contains a number of miscellaneous changes to law that are administrative and technical for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

This bill does the following:

- Allows the DNR to sponsor or cosponsor conferences and seminars, with an accounting of any state expenditures.
- Provides specific authority for the DNR to acquire Aquatic Management Areas, and clarifies any liability for injuries to users of them.
- Clarifies that license commercial fishing operators can take catfish with hoop nets permanently on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters.
- Clarifies law for minnow dealers selling minnows at retail, and when a turtle seller's license is required for commercially harvested turtles.
- Eliminates obsolete muzzle loader season language.
- Clarifies certain prohibitions related to the operation of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and motorboats.
- Amends and repeals various sections of chapter 93 on mining laws and leases, so that the overall process is streamlined.
- Gives legislative approval for the Red River municipal water intake for Grand Forks, N.D., because it is a consumptive water use that exceeds two million gallons per day and needs approval by law.