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The Leech Lake Fishing Task Force is concerned about stopping the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and a number of efforts are underway statewide. However, AIS decontamination units are not readily available statewide for recreationalists to practice "personal responsibility" and decontaminate high risk watercraft to reduce the threat of transferring AIS when moving between waterbodies.

We support the MN COLA grant request proposal for Statewide AIS Equipment and Facilities which would provide one-time capital grants for local governments.

We believe this proposal would accelerate the local government efforts to stop the spread of AIS, and we encourage your support.

Zebra mussels have already infested many of our most important lakes in Minnesota, but many thousands more are still unaffected. These infestations permanently affect the fish habitat which is central to your mission. Please fund this proposal and help prevent further ecological damage to our public waters.


Chairman of the Leech Lake Fishing Task Force

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Mr. George Fenwick
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Mr. Fenwick:

Dr. Jeffery Larkin provided me with a copy of your Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) proposal and asked that I provide a letter summarizing how that proposal relates to the research that my students and I have engaged in regarding golden-winged warblers, other forest birds, and American woodcock in Minnesota and the western Great Lakes region. As summarized in your proposal, Minnesota harbors significant portions of the global golden-winged warbler population. In addition, Minnesota supports a host of forest bird species, including a significant portion of the U.S. American woodcock population. As such, Minnesota has an important stewardship responsibility for these and other forest birds, and providing suitable habitat for these species will help encourage their continued presence in Minnesota forests.

Our work with golden-winged warblers, other forest songbirds, American woodcock, and forest-nesting raptors over the past 2 decades has provided considerable information about bird-habitat relations in Minnesota and other forested portions of the western Great Lakes region. An interesting thread through much of our forest bird work has been that many forest birds rely on a variety of land-cover types throughout the breeding season. For example, ovenbirds, which were thought to use primarily mature forest during the breeding season, also use early successional cover types and areas with shrubby vegetation once young leave nests. Conversely, golden-winged warblers, birds thought to rely heavily on early successional forest, both nest in relatively mature forest, and use those forests to raise their young. Northern goshawks and red-shouldered hawks both nest in relatively older forest, but also rely on prey associated with younger forests or edges between cover types. Overall, and perhaps not surprisingly, it appears that a mix of forest cover types are used by many forest birds, and landscapes that provide a mix of cover types are important from a management perspective to Minnesota's wildlife.

Focus on golden-winged warbler habitat in Minnesota likely benefits a variety of forest bird species, and some of the results of our research can help guide habitat management for this

species and other birds that share their habitats. Should your LSOHC proposal be funded, we look forward to working with you to help maximize the positive impact of your activities on golden-winged warblers.

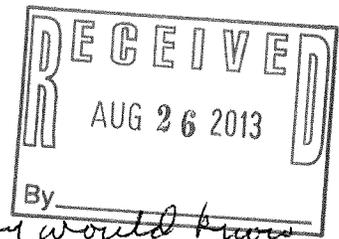
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. E. Andersen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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Council
Legislators

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If people were paying attention they would know that we have a white good ole boys club in Minnesota spending hundreds of millions of taxpayers dollars. Its called the Outdoor Heritage fund council.

Sportemen complain that the legislators and especially a couple of women legislators are questioning how the council wants to spend the taxpayers money. I have news for the council, these women legislators were elected. The fund council is appointed - maybe by more old white men?

Does anyone know that women and people of all colors pay tax as in Minnesota. If the council represented Minn as I see it these vicious attacks on these woman legislators would stop.

How on Gods earth in this day and age can this happen. White men only need apply. Who do you represent, white good ole boys?

cc Dayton
cc legislators
cc fund council
cc DNR
cc Dolon
cc Swanson
cc Star Tribune
cc Pioneer Press
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~~Dayton~~

Senator Ingebrigtsen

Thanks for calling me. I enjoyed the conversation.

When I wrote the letter of which you got a copy, I had no idea if the Heritage fund council was racist. I only said it was a white good ole boys club that didnt look like Minnesota.

But our visit confirmed that you are a racist. By your own words you have ill will toward Native Americans, that is racism. You are not alone, many sportsmen feel as you do. But others are not on the council that hosts pass judgement on Native American projects, you are. Add to that the way you treated Senator Cohen in the legislature, you acted like no more than a school yard bully, and when I questioned you at the time about it you seemed pleased with yourself. A bully. You dont belong on the council, at the very least you should excuse yourself when Native American issues come before you. Man up.

The next question is are there others on the council that feel as you do about Native Americans or others?

You and many others just dont seem to be able to accept Native American treaty rights. Always remember we stole this land.

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cc council members

cc Dayton

cc Native Americans

cc legislators

ps Im sorry George Bushs economy destroyed your sons business.

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Letter to the Editor - Outdoor News

In reading Governor Dayton's letter it's obvious that he feels strongly along with many others that the Outdoor Heritage Fund money should only be spent on projects approved by the Jessard-Dams Council. I don't agree with ~~that~~ that position but I can understand it. But with that in mind then every effort for the Council to represent all of Minnesota should be made. I dare Outdoor News to print a picture of the Council and pretend that they represent all of Minnesota.

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