



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
The State of Minnesota

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Senator Tom Saxhaug
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Representative Denny McNamara
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Representative Leon Lillie
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Dear Sen. Saxhaug, Sen. Ingebrigtsen, Rep. McNamara and Rep. Lillie:

Please be advised that in light of Minnesota Management and Budget's February economic forecast, the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council's (LSOHC) recommendations for FY 17 appropriations from the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF), as previously forwarded and currently outlined in HF2611/SF2527, may need revisions to avoid an unobligated negative balance to the OHF.

At its March 11, 2016 meeting, the LSOHC approved, by super-majority vote, a set of four recommended proposal reductions to address this issue for your consideration:

Subd. 2(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VII. Reduce appropriation from \$3,411,000 to \$2,754,000 (reduction of \$657,000).

Subd. 4(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase VIII. Reduce appropriation from \$6,307,000 to \$5,650,000 (reduction of \$657,000).

Subd. 5(e) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - Phase VIII. Reduce appropriation from \$2,632,000 to \$1,975,000 (reduction of \$657,000)

Subd. 5(k) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat – Phase VIII. Reduce appropriation from \$9,412,000 to \$7,438,000 (reduction of \$1,974,000)

These adjustments would result in a total allocation reduction of \$3,945,000 and a total recommendation package of \$111,809,000, which includes a 3% reserve balance for the OHF.

On behalf of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, I thank you for your consideration of this council recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'A'.

Robert W. Anderson
Chair, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

C: Speaker of the House of Representatives, Kurt Daudt
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