

Operations Support Division

2016-2017 Base Budget Report

**Laws of 2015, First Special Session,
Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 142**



Introduction

This report explores the central question of what current and past riders constitute the Department of Natural Resources 2016-2017 operating budget. Our methodology consisted of:

- 1) Determining our total operating appropriations for FY 2016-2017;
- 2) Identifying current riders from Laws of 2015 and 2016;
- 3) Conducting a 20-year look-back to Laws of 1995 to determine when these riders originated; and
- 4) Conducting a 4-year look-back to Laws of 2011 to identify riders that provided funding that became part of our on-going base appropriation.

Please note that appropriations from the following funds were out-of-scope for this report: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, Outdoor Heritage Legacy Fund, Parks and Trails Legacy Fund, Clean Water Fund, and Bond/Capital Funds.

The report is organized by divisions according to the DNR's budget structure. For each division, it shows the total appropriation by fund, riders from 2016-17, and riders prior to 2016-17 (if relevant). The report provides additional information for each rider including 1) the full rider language, 2) the year it originated unless prior to 1995, and 3) when the funds were incorporated into DNR base funding (if relevant). Please note that riders have a "legal lifespan" of two years and will expire at the end of FY 2017. To be consistent with this legal rule, the report does not show appropriations at the rider level in FY 2018 and FY 2019.

This report was prepared as directed by Minnesota Laws 2015 First Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 4, Section 142.

BASE BUDGET REPORT.

The commissioners of agriculture, natural resources, and the Pollution Control Agency shall each submit a report that contains the details of their base budgets, including prior appropriation riders, to the chairs and ranking minority members of the House of Representatives and Senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources by October 15, 2016.

Preparing this report took approximately 30 hours and cost approximately \$1,040.