

Minnesota Pheasant Summit Purpose and Agenda



FOCUS:

- 1) Identifying and promoting strategies to increase the state's pheasant population;
- 2) Supporting actions to improve pheasant habitat;
- 3) Making sure today's and future generations of Minnesota Hunters have the opportunity to enjoy one of the state's most popular and iconic game birds.

GOAL:

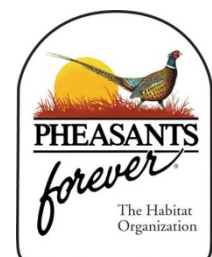
To identify specific initiatives and actions that will be used to develop a four-year action plan for accelerating the restoration of pheasant habitat. Summit participants will focus their efforts within three areas and deliver prioritized recommendations.

OUTCOME:

The collection of ideas and strategies from today's discussion will be refined and shared at the January 16, 2015 DNR Roundtable for further discussion and commitments.

Governor Mark Dayton will convene the state's first-ever Minnesota Pheasant Summit with hunters, farmers, policy makers, conservationists, DNR, other stakeholders, and key members of the Governor's Cabinet.

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AGENDA
Minnesota Governor's Pheasant Summit
December 13, 2014
Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall
9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- 8:00 REGISTRATION IN LOBBY –coffee & pastries available - *move to Upper Ballroom*
- 9:30 WELCOME, HABITAT OBSERVATIONS, & OBJECTIVES OF THE DAY – Ron Schara, Emcee
- 9:40 WELCOME TO THE SMSU CAMPUS – Connie Gores, SMSU President
- 9:45 COMMENTS BY LEADERSHIP
- 9:55 STATUS AND TRENDS OF PHEASANTS IN MINNESOTA
Nicole Davros-DNR Pheasant Biologist and Matt Holland, PF Director of Grant Development
- 10:25 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS – about pheasant biology, habitat or programs
- 10:40 ADDRESS BY GOVERNOR DAYTON -Pheasant hunting memories and building a strong conservation future
- 10:50 SUMMARY OF PRE-SUMMIT SURVEY RESULTS – Online survey responses were used to guide today's discussion – Tom Landwehr, DNR Commissioner
- 11:00 BREAK-OUT SESSION GAME PLAN – *after instructions, move to breakout rooms*
- 11:15 BREAK-OUT SESSION – PART I – *Upper Ballroom, Lower Ballroom or Bellows Classrooms*
- 12:30 LUNCH
- 1:15 BREAK-OUT SESSION - PART II – *Pick one topic and move there for one hour*
- 2:15 BREAK – *move to Upper Ballroom*
- 2:30 PHEASANTS AND FARMING: LOOKING BACK AND LOOKING FORWARD– Dave Fredrickson, Department of Agriculture Commissioner
- 2:45 REPORT BACK FROM BREAK-OUTS AND ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR TOP ACTION ITEMS
- 4:00 CLOSING REMARKS BY TOM LANDWEHR & RON SCHARA –What's next? What did we heard today and how we can move forward
- 4:30 Adjourn - *travel safely!*

Break-out Topics

- Public Land Habitat
- Private Land Habitat
- Hunting Opportunities

See Worksheet for Details