December 26, 2019

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Senator David Tomassoni, Ranking Minority Member
  Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee

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  House Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee

Representative Rick Hansen, Chair
Representative Dan Fabian, Republican Lead
  House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

Representative Jeanne Poppe, Chair
Representative Rod Hamilton, Republican Lead
  House Agriculture and Food Finance and Policy Division

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Enclosed you will find the quarterly report Emergency Response to Disease Outbreaks in Wildlife. This report covers the period July 1 to September 30, 2019, and fulfills the requirements of 2019 Minnesota Session Laws, First Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 1, Section 3, Subdivision 6(b), which states:

$1,595,000 the first year and $275,000 the second year are from the general fund, and $1,125,000 the first year and $1,675,000 the second year are from the game and fish fund for planning for and emergency response to disease outbreaks in wildlife. The commissioner and board must each submit quarterly reports on the activities funded under this paragraph to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources and agriculture.
Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner

c  Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources
    David Olfelt, Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife
    Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife
    Dr. Beth S. Thompson, Executive Director, MN Board of Animal Health
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