



# *Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet*



## **2015 POLICY FACT SHEET DNR Lands Bill**

### **It is needed because**

Legislative approval is needed for certain land management transactions that aid the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in meeting its conservation agenda and goals.

### **Major program elements**

This bill authorizes the DNR to sell certain lands to meet its conservation mission.

### **Key measures and outcomes**

**Sec. 1. Private sale of state land bordering public water; Cass County.** Authorizes sale of 0.02 acres of land bordering Leech Lake. The land will be sold for market value, and the buyer will in turn sell a small parcel of other shoreline to the DNR. The state parcel will provide the buyer sufficient riparian frontage for expansion of a marina, and the private parcel being sold to the state will protect high quality aquatic habitat.

**Sec. 2. Public or private sale of state land bordering public water; Pine County.** Authorizes DNR to sell 81.4 acres of acquired forestry land by public or private sale for less than the appraised value of land. The property borders the Lower Tamarack River. This property was the site for the Wilder Foundation's St. Croix Boys Camp. Buildings on site are in fair to poor condition. The DNR has had the property for sale for several years, but no buyers. With unoccupied buildings in a remote location, the DNR needs to be able to sell for less than market value.

**Sec. 3. Private sale of state land bordering public water; Todd County.** Authorizes the DNR to sell 0.36 acres of acquired land bordering the Long Prairie River. The land would be sold at market value to an adjacent landowner. The property was

acquired from a state agency in 1938 and used for a dam, but the dam has long been removed and the property no longer needed for management purposes.

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