

2019 DNR Policy Fact Sheet



Game and Fish Fund Oversight Committees Date Extension

It is needed because

The Game and Fish Fund Fisheries Oversight Committee, Wildlife Oversight Committee, and Budgetary Oversight Committee are set to expire June 30, 2020. This proposal will extend each committee's authority for another five years, continuing a citizen oversight function created by the legislature in 1994. The committees aid the legislature, the agency, and interested citizens by providing greater transparency about and advice into how Game and Fish Fund dollars are spent and budgeted.

Game and Fish Fund citizen oversight committees meet with managers and staff of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to review the DNR's annual Game and Fish Fund Report including expenditures, budgets, spending plans and other information related to the Game and Fish Fund under the citizen committees' authority in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.055, subd. 4b.

Five members are selected by each committee to serve on an umbrella Budgetary Oversight Committee (BOC). The BOC prepares an annual report with findings and recommendations for improvement and other observations. Their report is delivered to the DNR commissioner and legislative committees with jurisdiction over natural resources financing and policy for further consideration.

More information and committee reports since 2002 are available on the [agency website](#).

Major program elements

This provision would authorize the Game and Fish Fund Oversight Committees to provide annual reports on the Game and Fish Fund through 2025. Without this change, the end date is June 30, 2020.

Sec 1. Amends M.S. 97A.055 to change the expiration date from June 30, 2020 to June 30, 2025.

Fiscal impacts

- This proposal does not have a fiscal impact.

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