

2019 DNR Policy Fact Sheet



DNR 2019 Policy and Technical Bill

It is needed because

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing changes technical in nature for multiple programs the DNR administers.

Major program elements

This bill makes technical changes in law to enable the DNR to better manage its programs.

Policy changes include:

- technical clarification to DNR Grant-in-Aid, local recreation, and local law enforcement grants;
- removing burbot and cisco from the list of rough fish;
- Walk-in Access technical change to remove the word “private” from statute to make public lands eligible for the Walk-in Access program;
- small game surcharge technical change correcting what hunting licenses are subject to the small game surcharge; and
- establishing that beaver dams have similar protection and permitting requirements as beaver themselves and expand LGU authority to all governmental units to remove dams causing damage.

Grant-in-Aid programs

Sec 3. Amends M.S. 84.026 by adding a subdivision allowing the DNR to make payments to eligible grant program recipients, including for grant-in-aid programs.

Sec 4. Amends M.S. 84.794 to include grants for enforcement and public education to local law enforcement agencies as an acceptable expenditure of money in the off-highway motorcycle account.

Sec 5. Amends M.S. 84.83 to allow the DNR to use a performance-based funding formula for snowmobile grants-in-aid programs.

Sec 6. Amends M.S. 85.44 to allow the DNR to use a performance-based funding formula for cross-country ski trail grants-in-aid programs.

Fish

Sec 7. Amends M.S. 97A.015 to redefine “Game fish” species based on scientific names.

Sec 8. Amends M.S. 97A.015 to remove burbot and cisco (a.k.a. tulibee) from the rough fish species list.

Walk-in Access

Sec 9. Amends M.S. 97A.126 to remove the word “private” from statute, thereby allowing public lands that are not required to be open to the public to be eligible for the Walk-in Access program.

Technical Correction to Small Game

Hunting Licenses

Sec 10. Amends M.S. 97A.475 to correct what hunting licenses are subject to the small game surcharge.

Beaver dam removal

Sec 11. Amends M.S. 97B.655 to add tagging requirements to traps and to require a special permit for the removal of beaver dams associated with damage.

Sec 12. Amends M.S. 97B.665 to permit beaver dam removal associated with damaged by private property landowners or their agents.

Sec 13. Amends M.S. 97B.667 to permit any governmental unit to remove beaver dams associated with damage.

Sec 14. Amends M.S. 97B.667 modify beaver removal permit and notice requirements.

Sec 15. Amends M.S. 97B.667 to permit all governmental units to implement beaver control programs.

Sec 16. Amends M.S. 97B.667 to include trap tagging requirements for beaver traps under this subdivision.

Fiscal impacts

- This proposal does not have a fiscal impact.

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