December 15, 2014

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Please find enclosed the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources report on aquatic plant management permitting policies for the management of narrow-leaved and hybrid cattail. The December 15, 2014, submittal of the report is required by Laws of 2014, Chapter 312, Section 6. Copies have been sent to the Legislative Reference Library.

The report describes the benefits and problems caused by narrow-leaved cattails in public waters and wetlands. The report also outlines the permitting process for the management of emergent vegetation in public waters and explains where flexibility exists in the aquatic plant management rules to accommodate requests for the management of narrow-leaved cattail.

This report is also being posted on the DNR website per DNR policy. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aquatic Plant Management Program Coordinator Steven Enger, Division of Fish and Wildlife at 651-259-5092, or steve.enger@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Tom Landwehr
Commissioner

Enclosure

To: Mr. Bob Meier, DNR Assistant Commissioner
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