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December 15, 2014

The Honorable John Marty
Chair, Senate Environment and Energy Committee
232 Capitol

The Honorable David M. Brown
Ranking Minority Member, Senate Environment and
Energy Committee
109 State Office Building

The Honorable David Tomassoni
Chair, Senate Environment, Economic Development, and
Agriculture Finance Division
G-9 Capitol

The Honorable Bill Ingebrigtsen
Ranking Minority Member, Senate Environment,
Economic Development, and Agriculture Finance
Division
143 State Office Building

The Honorable David Dill
Chair, House Environment and Natural Resources Policy
Committee
571 State Office Building

The Honorable Tom Hackbarth
Ranking Minority Member, House Environment and
Natural Resources Policy Committee
309 State Office Building

The Honorable Jean Wagenius
Chair, Environment, House Natural Resources and
Agriculture Finance Committee
449 State Office Building

The Honorable Denny McNamara
Ranking Minority Member, House Environment, Natural
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359 State Office Building

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Landwehr".

Tom Landwehr
Commissioner

Enclosure

- c Mr. Bob Meier, DNR Assistant Commissioner
- Mr. Ed Boggess, Director Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Ms. Kathy DonCarlos, Deputy Director, Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Dr. Don Pereira, Chief, Section of Fisheries, Division of Fish and Wildlife
- Dr. Martin Jennings, Manager, Fisheries Habitat Unit, Section of Fisheries