DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Date: October 9, 2026

To: Parties on the EQB EAW Distribution List/Other Interested Parties

From: Kathy Metzker, EAW Project Manager

RE: Cedar Lake Manoomin Restoration Project EAW

The Minnesota Department of Natural resources (DNR), as the as the Responsible Governmental Unit for environmental review of the Cedar Lake Manoomin Restoration Project, located in Carlton County, Minnesota, has issued the Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. The project's Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) Monitor on July 28, 2026 (Vol. 50; No.30).

Attached is a copy of the ROD. It is also available online at the DNR webpage for the project.
The DNR has concluded that an EIS is not required because the project does not have the potential for significant environmental effects. The justification for this determination is contained in the ROD.

Issuing the ROD concludes the state environmental review process for this project according to the Minnesota EQB rules, Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. This project can proceed to permitting and approvals. Please contact me at 651-259-5694 or at kathleen.metzker@state.mn.us if you require further information. Thank you for your assistance during the course of environmental review for this project.