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

From: Kate Fairman, EAW Project Manager

Subject: Interstate Island Avian Habitat Restoration Project Record of Decision / EQB Monitor Notice

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), as the Responsible Governmental Unit for environmental review of the Interstate Island Avian Habitat Restoration Project, located in Duluth, Minnesota and Superior, Wisconsin, has issued the attached Record of Decision regarding the Need for an Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The project's Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) notice was published in the EQB Monitor on November 25, 2019 (Vol. 43, No. 47).

A copy of the [Record of Decision](#) is also available on line at:

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/environmentalreview/interstate-island/index.html>

The DNR has concluded that an Environmental Impact Statement (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 Record of Decision. The Record of Decision also contains the Department's responses to all substantive written comments received on the EAW during the 30-day public review and comment period.

Issuing this Record of Decision concludes the state environmental review process for this project according to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board rules, Minnesota Rules, part 4410.1000 to 4410.1700. This project can proceed to permitting and approvals.

For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5082.

Attachment: Record of Decision (February 10, 2020)
Attachment 1: Public Comments Received