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OPPOSE CONVEYANCE OF DNR LAND SALES PROCEEDS
TO THE GENERAL FUND

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been instructed by the Minnesota Legislature to sell lands valued altogether at \$6,440,000.00. These lands are to be considered "surplus" or lands that can no longer meet the original intent. The proceeds of such sales are to go to the General Fund.

Already nearly one third of that goal has been met. Most of these lands (including wetlands and shoreline) were purchased with various funds derived from taxpayers, license fees and excise taxes. Some lands were outright gifts from various parties for dedicated purposes. Some lands were outright gifts from various parties for dedicated purposes.

At the same time the Outdoor Heritage Council (Lessard) and the Parks and Trails interests are attempting to expand outdoor opportunities. It seems incongruous for the State to expedite the sale of these lands for general revenue purposes.

Therefore be it resolved: that the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America in convention April 26, 2009 strongly advises the Minnesota Legislature to alter their statutes or rules to insure the money raised from such sales must go to DNR funding to purchase other lands or initiate equal land trades for the same dedicated purposes as the original intent.

Submitted by the Walter J. Breckenridge Chapter