

04-2017 Minnesota Threatened and Endangered Species Act

The Federal Endangered and Threatened Species Act protects not only the species listed, but also their habitats; and

The Minnesota Endangered and Threatened Species Act protects only the species listed but not their habitats; and

Minnesota Rules, Parts 6212.1800 to 6212.2300 authorizes the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) to adopt rules that regulate treatment of species endangered or threatened; and

Whereas: New wording should be inserted in "6212.18 general restrictions for permits to possess threatened or endangered species" to address species habitat requirements; and

Whereas: under subpart 1. Permit requirements: there is no reference to saving such specie's habitat; and

Whereas: Protecting a species habitat is extremely important to saving such species from decline or extinction;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Minnesota Division of the Izaak Walton League of America in convention April 30, 2017, asks the Minnesota Legislature and/or the MN DNR to insert into "MN. Rules 6212.1800 general restrictions for permits to possess Threatened and Endangered Species; sub part 1." The protection of endangered species "and their habitats".

Be it further resolved that the MN DNR be encouraged to establish a plan on state lands and projects that follows the federal law.

And be it further resolved that the Minnesota rules may be more protective of a species than Federal rules when necessary for their protection

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