

From: **Tom Landwehr, Commissioner - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**
Hunting and Fishing Stakeholder Meeting
Date: Tuesday, March 15th Time: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Location: MN National Wildlife Refuge Center, 3815 American Blvd. East, Bloomington, MN 55425
952-854-5900

Purpose: To seek NGO assistance in moving legislation in support of license restructuring. Help DNR by developing legislative strategy and leadership.

Folks:

I'm sure you are aware of the Department's request to restructure hunting and fishing license fees. We had 2 primary motivations for developing that proposal – with the help of many of you – first to keep the Game and Fish Fund in the black, and second to ensure we didn't price out a large number of constituents. Unfortunately, we are hearing that the proposal is not getting the momentum it needs in the Legislature if it is going to pass.

For this reason, I would very much like to request your participation in a short meeting next Tuesday, March 15, from 4-5pm at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters (3815 American Blvd. E., Bloomington; 952-854-5900). At the meeting, I'd like to again identify the need for the change, describe how the new fees would look, and most importantly – seek your guidance and support in devising a legislative strategy for moving this forward.

Fish and wildlife management has always been dependent upon support – and leadership – from the hunting and angling community. We are facing some very serious challenges to our resources in the absence of securing this funding initiative. I know you all understand this, and am asking for your help in convincing the Legislature. I hope you can please join us for an hour next week as we figure out how to move this forward, and very much appreciate your continued support for our cooperative efforts. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to see you next week.

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