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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to game and fish; adding legislative members to the Game and Fish
1.3 Oversight Committee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.055,
1.4 subdivision 4b.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.055, subdivision 4b, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 4b. **Citizen oversight subcommittees.** (a) The commissioner shall appoint
1.9 subcommittees of affected persons to review the reports prepared under subdivision 4;
1.10 review the proposed work plans and budgets for the coming year; propose changes
1.11 in policies, activities, and revenue enhancements or reductions; review other relevant
1.12 information; and make recommendations to the legislature and the commissioner for
1.13 improvements in the management and use of money in the game and fish fund.

1.14 (b) The commissioner shall appoint the following subcommittees, each comprised
1.15 of at least three affected persons:

1.16 (1) a Fisheries Operations Subcommittee to review fisheries funding, excluding
1.17 activities related to trout and salmon stamp funding;

1.18 (2) a Wildlife Operations Subcommittee to review wildlife funding, excluding
1.19 activities related to migratory waterfowl, pheasant, and turkey stamp funding and
1.20 excluding review of the amounts available under section 97A.075, subdivision 1,
1.21 paragraphs (b) and (c);

1.22 (3) a Big Game Subcommittee to review the report required in subdivision 4,
1.23 paragraph (a), clause (2);

2.1 (4) an Ecological Services Operations Subcommittee to review ecological services
2.2 funding;

2.3 (5) a subcommittee to review game and fish fund funding of enforcement, support
2.4 services, and Department of Natural Resources administration;

2.5 (6) a subcommittee to review the trout and salmon stamp report and address funding
2.6 issues related to trout and salmon;

2.7 (7) a subcommittee to review the report on the migratory waterfowl stamp and
2.8 address funding issues related to migratory waterfowl;

2.9 (8) a subcommittee to review the report on the pheasant stamp and address funding
2.10 issues related to pheasants; and

2.11 (9) a subcommittee to review the report on the turkey stamp and address funding
2.12 issues related to wild turkeys.

2.13 (c) The chairs of each of the subcommittees; one member of the senate, appointed by
2.14 the senate Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration;
2.15 and one member of the house, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives,
2.16 shall form a Budgetary Oversight Committee to coordinate the integration of the
2.17 subcommittee reports into an annual report to the legislature; recommend changes on a
2.18 broad level in policies, activities, and revenue enhancements or reductions; provide a
2.19 forum to address issues that transcend the subcommittees; and submit a report for any
2.20 subcommittee that fails to submit its report in a timely manner.

2.21 (d) The Budgetary Oversight Committee shall develop recommendations for a
2.22 biennial budget plan and report for expenditures on game and fish activities. By August 15
2.23 of each even-numbered year, the committee shall submit the budget plan recommendations
2.24 to the commissioner and to the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over natural
2.25 resources finance.

2.26 (e) Each subcommittee shall choose its own chair, except that the chair of the
2.27 Budgetary Oversight Committee shall be appointed by the commissioner and may not
2.28 be the chair of any of the subcommittees.

2.29 (f) The Budgetary Oversight Committee must make recommendations to the
2.30 commissioner and to the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over natural
2.31 resources finance for outcome goals from expenditures.

2.32 (g) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, or other law to the contrary, the
2.33 Budgetary Oversight Committee and subcommittees do not expire until June 30, 2010.