



2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Scan QR code to learn more



mn-fish.com

Funding Request:

- \$14.8 million in GO bonds for statewide fish hatchery system
- \$2 million in GO bonds for planning and design for replacement of St. Paul fish hatchery
- \$12 million in GO bonds for statewide Public Water Accesses (PWAs)

Bill and Authors:

HF4003 primary author is Rep. Jeff Brand

Co-authors: Reps. Kaohly Her, Erin Koegel, Josh Heintzeman, Dawn Gillman & Isaac Schultz

SF4090 primary author is Sen. Jordan Rasmusson

Co-authors: Sens. Susan Pha, John Hoffman, Eric Pratt & Grant Hauschild

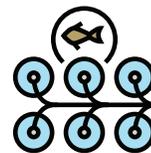
MINNESOTA'S FISH HATCHERY SYSTEM: Transforming the state's aging fish hatcheries into state-of-the-art facilities

Minnesota's fish hatchery system is an important part of ensuring our state has strong and healthy lakes, rivers, streams, and aquatic habitats. The system also facilitates critical fish stocking - without which, many of our rivers, lakes and other waterways would be largely without fish.

Much of the fish hatchery system in Minnesota was constructed in the 1950s with few, if any, upgrades until the legislature appropriated funding as part of the Get Out More Initiative. Needed fish hatchery upgrades will help fight aquatic invasive species (AIS), improve energy efficiency, and ensure the long-term sustainability of our fish stocking system.

The \$14.8 million request will ensure completion of rebuilds of the highest-need fish hatcheries, in Waterville, Crystal Springs, and Spire Valley. It will also fund upgrades to the four cold water fish hatcheries and 11 cool-to-warm water fish hatcheries across the state.

The proposal also starts the process of rebuilding the St. Paul fish hatchery, either at its current location or at another metro location. Currently, the St. Paul facility is the only fish hatchery in Minnesota's seven-county metro area.



MINNESOTA'S PUBLIC WATER ACCESSSES (PWAs): All Minnesotans deserve quality access to our state's lakes

The DNR maintains 1,691 state public water accesses across Minnesota - in many cases, in partnership with local governments. Most of the state's PWA infrastructure was constructed before the passage of the federal Americans for Disabilities Act and prior to the state's focus on stopping the spread of AIS.

New investment in PWAs was limited for decades until the passage of the Get Out More Initiative. The \$12 million request in the bill continues repairs and modernizations of the numerous PWAs around the state, expanding safe, quality access for more Minnesotans.

MN-FISH also supports funding for

- Funding and barrier to stop invasive carp in the Mississippi River
- Keep It Clean campaign
- Shoreline fishing piers and sites

ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN MN

TOTAL ANNUAL ECONOMIC IMPACT = \$6.9 BILLION

+ 25,887 JOBS SUPPORTED + 717 BUSINESSES SUPPORTED

SUPPORTERS:

