

**March 22, 2021**

**MN DNR Update**

* Fisheries staff have been given approval to proceed with the spring egg take; DNR was not able to last year due to COVID.  DNR believes missing one year won’t seriously affect stocking programs, however, we are on track this year to resume the program.
* Governor Walz’ new EO allows many Minnesotans to start to return to the office, however it still requires state agencies to telework to the maximum extent possible. DNR will be teleworking at least until June.
* DNR’s budget and policy bills are making their way through the legislature. This includes the Lands bills from both FY20 and FY 21 which authorizes sale of state lands in several counties including Aitkin, Itasca, Roseau, Beltrami, and St. Louis Counties.
* DNR is finishing up timber sales for this FY in the next two months.
* New panfish regulations are in place on a number of lakes for 2021 so anglers should closely check regulations for new daily limits on specific lakes by:
	+ Searching for the lake you're fishing in [LakeFinder](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakefind/index.html) and scrolling down to view any special regulations.
	+ Finding the lake's listing in the [special regulations section](https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/fishing/fishing_regs.pdf#page=38&20210301&view=fit) of the 2021 regulations booklet.