

Sec. 77. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103G.615, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

42.11 Subdivision 1. **Authorization Issuance; validity.** (a) The commissioner may issue
42.12 permits, with or without a fee, to:

42.13 (1) gather or harvest aquatic plants, or plant parts, other than wild rice from public
42.14 waters;

42.15 (2) transplant aquatic plants into public waters;

42.16 (3) destroy harmful or undesirable aquatic vegetation or organisms in public waters
42.17 under prescribed conditions to protect the waters, desirable species of fish, vegetation,
42.18 other forms of aquatic life, and the public.

42.19 (b) Application for a permit must be accompanied by a permit fee, if required.

42.20 (c) An aquatic plant management permit is valid for one growing season and expires
42.21 on December 31 of the year it is issued unless the commissioner stipulates a different
42.22 expiration date in rule or in the permit.

42.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
42.24 and applies to violations committed on or after that date.

42.25 Sec. 78. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 103G.615, is amended by adding a
42.26 subdivision to read:

42.27 **Subd. 3a. Invasive aquatic plant management permit.** (a) "Invasive aquatic plant
42.28 management permit" means an aquatic plant management permit as defined in rules of the
42.29 Department of Natural Resources that authorizes the selective control of invasive aquatic
42.30 plants at a scale to cause a significant lakewide or baywide reduction in the abundance of
42.31 the invasive aquatic plant.

42.32 (b) The commissioner may waive the dated signature of approval requirement in
42.33 rules of the Department of Natural Resources for invasive aquatic plant management
42.34 permits if obtaining signatures would create an undue burden on the permittee or if
43.1 the commissioner determines that aquatic plant control is necessary to protect natural
43.2 resources.

43.3 (c) If the signature requirement is waived under paragraph (b) because obtaining
43.4 signatures would create an undue burden on the permittee, the commissioner shall require
43.5 an alternate form of landowner notification, including news releases or public notices in
43.6 a local newspaper, a public meeting, or a mailing to the most recent permanent address
43.7 of affected landowners. The notification must be given annually and must include: the
43.8 proposed date of treatment, the target species, the method of control or product being
43.9 used, and instructions on how the landowner may request that control not occur adjacent
43.10 to the landowner's property.

43.11 (d) The commissioner may allow dated signatures of approval obtained for an
43.12 invasive aquatic plant management permit to satisfy rules of the Department of Natural
43.13 Resources to remain valid for three years if property ownership remains unchanged.

43.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
43.15 and applies to violations committed on or after that date.