STATE of MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

JESSE VENTURA
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 99-12
PROVIDING FOR A GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL
ON MINNESOTA'S LAKE SUPERIOR COASTAL PROGRAM,
AND ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITY TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

I, JESSE VENTURA, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Minnesota is nationally recognized for its leadership in resource protection programs; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota state agencies are committed to operating consistently with state and federal rules, regulations, statutes and authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources, with the advice of local units of government, the general public, other state and appropriate federal agencies, has developed Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 provides funds to states that voluntarily implement a federally approved Coastal Zone Management Program; and
WHEREAS, Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program is based on existing policies and authorities that address land and water uses and resource protection in the coastal area; and

WHEREAS, public participation is a fundamental aspect of program development and implementation of an advisory council with specific functions and responsibilities is an integral part of Minnesota's Lake Superior Coastal Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources be designated the lead state agency to act for the Governor in preparing an application for, receiving, accepting and expending federal funds, and act for implementation and administration of Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program as specified by the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

2. To the extent permitted by law, state administrative departments, independent administrative boards and commissions, and all other state agencies shall, to the extent practicable and upon federal approval of Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program, enforce and act consistently with the goals, policies and objectives of the Coastal Program.

3. The Governor's Council on Minnesota’s Coastal Program is established and shall:
   a. Make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on Minnesota’s Lake Superior Coastal Program priorities;
      1. With the assistance of program staff; and
      2. Reflect a balance between preservation, protection, development and, where possible, the restoration and enhancement of the coast for present and future generations.
   b. Review and make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources on select programs and projects for funding.
   c. Review annual administrative (non-project) budget with the Department of Natural Resources and make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.
   d. Review the Coastal Program every two years and make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.
4. Membership in the Governor's Coastal Council shall consist of 15 members to be appointed by the Governor according to Minnesota Statutes, section 15.0593.
   a. Twelve of the members shall consist of three persons per county appointed from a pool of names submitted by each of the cities, townships and counties within the Lake Superior coastal boundary in Minnesota. Each entity may submit up to three nominees.
   b. Three at-large members shall be selected from individuals nominated by the public statewide and submitted to the Governor.
   c. A minimum of three and a maximum of five Council members may represent any one county at any time.
   d. No more than one elected official from each county shall be represented on the Council.

5. The Chair of the Council is elected by the Council membership.

6. The Council shall be operated in accordance with adopted rules of procedure and bylaws.

   This Order shall be reviewed by the Governor, in consultation with the affected agency or agencies, every two years in order to assess its reasonableness and need.

   Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 3.

   IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this third day of May, 1999.

Filed According to Law:

JESSE VENTURA
Governor

MARY KIEFFMEYER
Secretary of State