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As a resident of northern Minnesota who hunts, fishes, and eats the fish and game I harvest, I heartily support the MPCA in adding 20 more wild rice waters impaired by sulfate to the impaired waters list. I also support the addition of 2,400 lakes and rivers to list of the state's wild rice waters. This expanded list is long overdue. I encourage the MPCA to do more to control sulfate discharges into our northern waters with lower pH values because of the role sulfate plays in the methylation of mercury and mercury contamination of the fish we eat. I want to see our regulatory agencies like the MPCA and DNR be more aggressive in defending our natural resources. It would be encouraging to Minnesotans to see our regulatory agencies being taken to court for doing the right thing as our public trust agencies, rather than being taken to court for soft-pedaling permits to corporations who want to violate the environmental quality rules.