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## CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

### An Inventory of Its Miscellaneous Records

#### OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

<b>Agency:</b>	Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation.
<b>Series Title:</b>	Miscellaneous records.
<b>Dates:</b>	1920s-1966.
<b>Quantity:</b>	1.1 cu. ft. (1 box, 1 partial box, 1 map folder).
<b>Location:</b>	See Detailed Description section for box locations.

#### SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Assorted reports, correspondence, testimony transcripts, speeches, maps, circulars, indexes, and related materials mainly documenting aspects of departmental administration, including planning, personnel, organization, and accomplishments. Includes files dealing with such varied topics as wildlife restoration (1934), water levels on Big Stone Lake (1939), sportsmen's organizations (1955-1963), receipts and expenditures of department finances in individual counties (1933), Grindstone River fish kill (1959), federal aid funds, state parks, water resources, *Minnesota Conservationist* cash journal (1931-1939), and Game and Fish Division plans and statistics, including construction costs on the Carlos Avery Game Refuge (1937) and correspondence regarding licensing and regulations. Also architectural drawings of the Pine County conservation building (1938).

#### INDEX TERMS

*This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.*

#### **Topics:**

Conservation of natural resources—Minnesota—Finance.  
Federal aid to outdoor recreation—Minnesota.  
Fish and game licenses—Minnesota.  
Fish kills—Minnesota.

Game reserves—Minnesota.  
Hunting and fishing clubs—Minnesota.  
Parks—Minnesota.  
Public buildings—Minnesota—Pine County.  
Water conservation—Minnesota.  
Water levels—Minnesota.  
Wildlife management—Minnesota.  
Wildlife refuges—Minnesota.

**Places:**

Big Stone Lake Watershed (Minn. and S.D.).  
Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area (Minn.).  
Grindstone River (Pine County, Minn.).

**Organizations:**

Minnesota. Dept. of Conservation—Officials and employees.  
Minnesota. Game and Fish Division.

**Types of Documents:**

Architectural drawings.  
Blueprints.  
Maps—Minnesota.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Preferred Citation:**

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*See the Chicago Manual of Style for additional examples.*

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION**

**Location**

107.H.12.1B                      Report to President's Special Committee on Wild Life Restoration, April 1934. 1 volume.  
By Commissioner E. V. Willard; compilation of maps and descriptions of Minnesota wildlife areas. Accompanied by a mimeographed Report of President's Committee on Wild Life Restoration, February 8, 1934.

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- South Dakota-Minnesota Boundary Waters Commission: Transcript of Testimony, September 28-29, 1939. 1 volume.  
Testimony in a hearing called to obtain evidence that would assist the Commission in determining the maintenance of water levels on Big Stone Lake, a part of the boundary waters between Minnesota and South Dakota.
- Minnesota Conservation of the Administration of Natural Resources in Minnesota, July 1949. 1 volume.  
University of Minnesota thesis of Julius Frederic Wolff, Jr.
- Proposed Plan for Division of Game and Fish, February 1960. 1 volume in folder.  
Prepared by the Self-Survey and Planning Committee.
- Operations Study Committee Report, 1961. 1 volume in 2 folders.  
A compilation of data on each of the Conservation Department's operating divisions.
- Gordon Wollan: Miscellaneous correspondence and reference materials, 1920s–1940s. 3 folders.  
Kept by the Division of Game and Fish's chief clerk; includes 1937 construction costs on the Carlos Avery Game Refuge, correspondence with field employees and letters from members of the public mostly regarding licensing issues and fish and game regulations, a 1939 report on the burning of a state boat at Warroad, a March 1935 list of Game and Fish Division employees, information on a Madelia game farm in 1936, and a 1941 Attorney General's opinion on use of funds appropriated for fish propagation.
- Resource Management and the Future – Operation Blueprint, Ten-Year Program 1960-1970, November 6, 1959. 1 volume.  
By Commissioner George A. Selke.
- Game and Fish Facts and Figures, 1960. 2 volumes.  
Prepared by Gordon Wollan.
- Miscellaneous speeches and circulars, 1946-1960. 1 folder.  
Speeches by governor, lieutenant governor, and department officials on conservation issues, proposed statements regarding soil and water conservation needs, and miscellaneous departmental circulars and memoranda.
- Division of Game and Fish: Statistics on Finances and Personnel, circa 1960. 1 volume in folder.  
Compilation of assorted statistics with a three page narrative introduction.

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- Unidentified indexes, December 17, 1927–March 1, 1928; November 1, 1931–January 1, 1932. 2 volumes in 1 folder.  
Possibly indexes to unidentified letterpress books; entries are for individuals including Conservation Department personnel, and for state and local offices, lumber companies, northern Minnesota banks, and others.
- Minnesota's Natural Resources 1967 to 1971, A Report to Governor Harold LeVander on Department of Conservation Activities and Accomplishments from Jarle Leirfallom, Commissioner of Conservation. 1 volume in folder.
- Department of Conservation Report on Organizational Changes and Internal Improvements during the 1966-67 Biennium, November 1966. 1 volume in folder.
- Commissioner's Report, circa 1947. 1 volume in folder.  
Typed with handwritten annotations.
- Sportsmen's Organizations – Lists, 1955-1963. 2 folders.
- Highlights of a Plan for the Division of Game and Fish, October 1959. 1 folder.  
Prepared by the Self-Survey and Planning Committee.
- Receipts and Expenditures of Individual Counties for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1933. 1 volume in folder.  
County by county recapitulation of receipts from hunting and fishing licenses and fines, and expenses for distribution of fish and game birds, warden's salaries and expenses, fish lakes improvement, and administrative expenses.
- Reports on Water Conditions and Fish Kill on Grindstone River, Hinkley, 1959.
- Planning and Program Reports, 1955-1963. 2 folders.  
Organization and Functions of the Department of Conservation, October 13, 1955.  
Draft Memo on Federal Aid Funds, James W. Kimball, Director of Game and Fish, to George A. Selke, Commissioner, undated.  
Lands and Minerals Program, Memo to Selke from Ray D. Nolan, September 23, 1959.  
A Program for the Division of Forestry, September 1959.  
Division of Game and Fish: Program, Organization and Biennial Report of the Section of Research and Planning, December 15, 1958.  
The Present and Future in State Management of Water Resources, circa 1959.

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- 107.H.12.1B                      Project '70' Minnesota, Division of State Parks, April 1962.  
   Ten-Year Capital Improvement Plan, 1965-1975, Division of State  
   Parks, August 8, 1963.
- 108.D.8.4F-2                      *Minnesota Conservationist* cash journal, 1931-1939. 1 volume.
- 102.A.14                              Pine County conservation building blueprints, May 16, 1938. 2 items in  
   1 folder.  
   Section thru Hall, South and West Elevations, and Basement and  
   First Floor Plan, East and West Elevations; 43 inches by 25  
   inches. Drawn by O. N. Newstrom, architect; signed by Herman  
   C. Wenzel, Commissioner.