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Washington, D.C., March 08, 2010 – U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar announced that Minnesota will receive \$30,978,760 to support hunting, sport fishing, fish and wildlife conservation and education programs across Minnesota. The funds will be made available through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR).

“No matter what the season, Minnesotans proudly carry on long-standing outdoor traditions, including hunting and fishing,” said Klobuchar. “In the land of 10,000 lakes, we recognize the value of the great outdoors, and these funds will continue to protect our natural land, water and wildlife habitats so that we can enjoy them for generations to come.”

The WSFR program works to conserve and manage fish and wildlife and their habitats. Minnesota is expected to use the funding to provide technical assistance, instructor training, curriculum development and other support to the Minnesota Hunter Recruitment and Retention Program.

Klobuchar serves on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and is a cosponsor of the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act.