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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act.

Citizens for Professional Wildlife Management gathered the required signatures for a citizen's initiated legislation - Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. This initiative would give the NRC the authority to designate game species, along with providing earmarked funding for invasive species response and free hunting licenses for active military. If the citizen-initiated legislation becomes law, the other two referendums would be moot; if all three referendums are on the ballot, the one with the most votes in favor will be the one that 'wins' (even if all three pass with voter approval).

- Senate approved (23-10) the citizens-initiated legislation on August 13, 2014. This initiative is now before the House for consideration.

If you would like to learn more about these and other bills, you can access the Michigan Legislature website at www.legislature.mi.gov.