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At the request of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and the NRC Governance Workgroup, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff members have conducted a review of the body of NRC policies, several of which date back to the 1970s. Since the adoption of many of these policies, the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality has been re-established as two separate departments with distinct and separate legal authorities. The roles and authorities of the NRC and the DNR also have been redefined pursuant to executive orders issued by governors Granholm and Snyder.

Many of the existing policies are no longer aligned with current authority.

A spreadsheet listing the current NRC policies with a brief synopsis of each can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/NRC_Policy_Project_Nov_2012_404375_7.xls Recommendations for those policies that require revision to reflect current conditions and others that no longer align with NRC authority and should be rescinded are imbedded within the table.

Draft revisions to policies 1001, 1005, 2101, 2103, 2502, 2503, 4102, 4103, 4104, 4107, and a proposed new policy 1012, can be viewed by clicking on the policy number.

The traditional process for repealing outdated policies is through adoption of a resolution.

A draft resolution is attached.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Resolution on Natural Resources Commission Policies

Whereas, there are numerous Natural Resources Commission (NRC) policies promulgated as far back as the 1970s when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) were one department; and

Whereas, the DNR and DEQ are now separate departments; and

Whereas, the role and authority of the NRC have been redefined by executive orders issued by the two most recent governors; and

Whereas, many existing policies are no longer current or consistent with existing NRC authority; and

Whereas, some existing policies are adequately covered by statute or department policies and procedures; and

Whereas, the NRC Governance Workgroup has recommended that the NRC seek staff assistance from the DNR in preparing a review of commission policies and identification of outdated policies, and

Whereas, staff has identified many NRC policies that require revision, consolidation or rescission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the existing NRC policies numbered 1002, 1006, 1010, 1022, 1031, 1042, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2102, 2104, 2107, 2109, 2110, 2112, 2115, 2201, 2202, 2204, 2205, 2207, 2208, 2300, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2407, 2504, 2505, 2601, 2607, 2608, 2612, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2702, 2703, 2704, 2705, 2706, 3101, 3104, 3108, 3110, 3112, 3201, 3401, 3402, 4206, 4208, 4503, 4505, 4601, 4602, 4605, 5001, 5204, 5501, 6121, 6122, be rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the existing policies numbered 2106 and 4102, shall be revised and consolidated into 4102 and 2106 be rescinded ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the existing NRC policies numbered 1001, 1005, 2101, 2103, 2502, 2503, 4103, 4104, and 4107 shall be revised in accordance with current NRC authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that new policy numbered 1012 shall be adopted.