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The Honorable Mike Green, Chair
Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations:
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The Honorable Jon Bumstead, Chair
House Subcommittee on Appropriations:
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Dear Senator Green and Representative Bumstead:

Pursuant to Section 603, PA 59 of 2013, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to submit quarterly reports on the use of funding provided for cormorant management. An agreement between the DNR and the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) was amended in October 2013. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 cooperative agreement was effective until September 30, 2014.

The purpose of the aforementioned agreement was to reduce damage by cormorants to public resources as allowed by the Public Resources Depredation Order. The agreement included the following work plan for accomplishing this purpose:

Planned USDA-APHIS Activities

1. Oil eggs and cull birds at or near nesting colonies
2. Conduct or organize efforts of harassment reinforced with limited lethal shooting during migration and at Michigan DNR fish stocking sites
3. Conduct monitoring and research
4. Conduct outreach and education
5. Coordinate cormorant management activities with the Michigan DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, tribes, and other agencies as appropriate

The agreement also included the following financial plan for the use of General Fund support provided for these efforts:

Expenditure Category	Spend Plan
Personnel Costs	\$58,147
Travel	\$6,000
Pooled Job Costs	\$8,651
Supplies	\$4,000
Equipment	\$4,500
Services	\$6,000
Indirect Costs	\$12,702
Total Spend Plan	\$100,000

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As noted in the agreement, the distribution of the budget could vary from the financial plan as necessary to accomplish the purpose of the agreement. However, total expenditures were not to exceed the budgeted distribution amount of \$100,000.

A FY 2014 purchase order was issued and fully expended in the State of Michigan accounting system in connection with this agreement.

If you have questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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