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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 252 of 2014, 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 State Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) was amended in October 2014. The cooperative agreement is effective until September 30, 2015.

The purpose of the aforementioned agreement is to reduce damage by cormorants to public resources as allowed by the Public Resources Depredation Order. The agreement includes 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 includes the following financial plan for the use of General Fund support provided for these efforts:

Expenditure Category	Spend Plan
Personnel Costs	$73,971
Travel	$9,000
Pooled Job Costs	$12,977
Supplies	$25,000
Equipment	$10,000
Indirect Costs	$19,052
Total Spend Plan	**$150,000**

As noted in the agreement, the distribution of the budget may vary from the financial plan as necessary to accomplish the purpose of the agreement. However, total expenditures may not exceed the budgeted distribution amount of $150,000.

A purchase order has been 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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