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**HB 4149 (H-1) – Modify Certain Penalties for Certain Fishing Violations
– Rep. Damoose**

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to modify the following fishing violations to a civil infraction with a fine of not more than \$150.00: fails to attach the individual's name and address to tip-ups in violation of section 48703(2); or fishes with more than the authorized number of lines in violation of section 48703(1).

- The bill was passed by the House and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources has held one hearing on the legislation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

**HB 4151 – Modify Penalties for Certain Hunting and Fishing Licensing Violations
– Rep. S. Johnson**

The bill would decriminalize failure to carry your hunting or fishing license to a civil infraction with a fine of up to \$150.00.

- The bill was passed by the House and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources has held one hearing on the legislation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

**HB 4152 (H-2) – Modify Penalties for Violations of Certain Hunting Provisions
– Rep. Howell**

The bill would decriminalize the following hunting provisions from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction with a fine up to \$150.00: failure to attach individual's name, driver license number, or sportcard number to a ground blind; failure to attach individual's name, driver license number, or sportcard number to a tree stand, scaffold, or raised platform; and supplemental feeding of deer.

- The bill was passed by the House and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources has held one hearing on the legislation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

**HB 4242 – Allow Export of Live Minnows, Wigglers or Crayfish as Bait
– Rep. Alexander**

This bill would allow for the export of live minnow, wigglers, or crayfish as bait.

- The bill was passed by the House and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources has held one hearing on the legislation.
- The Administration is neutral on this legislation

HBs 5358-5360 – Provide Regulations for Commercial Hunting and Sport Fishing Guides – Reps. Howell, Cherry and Martin

These bills would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to provide for the licensure and regulation of commercial hunting and sport fishing guides and to provide the Natural Resources Commission with the exclusive authority to regulate hunting and fishing guides.

- The bills have been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and two hearings have been held.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

SB 251 (S-2) – Modify Commercial Fishing Regulations – Sen. McBroom

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act for the purpose of restricting the DNR's authority to issue Fisheries Orders for the management of the state-licensed commercial fishery. In addition, the bill would make a number of changes including putting current fisheries orders into statute.

- The bill was passed by the Senate and the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation has held on hearing on the legislation.
- The Administration is neutral on the S-2 version of this legislation.

**SBs 702-704 – Appropriate Additional Funds for State and Local Parks
– Sens. Bumstead, McBroom, and MacDonald**

These bills would provide additional appropriations for state and local park systems. Senate Bill 702 would appropriate \$508,000,000 into the State Park Endowment Fund. Senate Bill 703 would appropriate \$250,000,000 for state park infrastructure, \$30,000,000 for Mackinac Island State Park Fund, and \$30,000,000 for the Northern Michigan tourism and sports fund. Senate Bill 704 would appropriate \$150,000,000 for the local parks grant program.

- The bills have been referred to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.