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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

HB 4969 – Require Conservation Officers to Wear Body Cameras While on Patrol – Rep. LaFave

House Bill 4969 would require conservation officers to wear body cameras while on patrol.

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

HB 5642 – Designate Official State Butterfly – Rep. Brixie

This bill designates the black swallowtail butterfly as the official butterfly of the state of Michigan.

- This bill was reported with recommendation from the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and is awaiting a vote on the House floor.
- The Administration is neutral on this legislation.

HB 5740 – Seven Day Hunting License for Senior Citizens – Rep. Eisen

This bill would create a seven-day senior deer license for a fee of \$12.00 that would be valid for taking antlered or antlerless deer during any seven-day period from October 1 to November 1 with a firearm on private land.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and one hearing has been held.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HB 5902 – Regulate the Use of Bait During Hunting Season – Rep. Eisen

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow for the baiting of deer and elk.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and one hearing has been held.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HB 5972 – Modify Water Resource Improvement District Definition – Rep. Mueller

The bill would amend the Recodified Tax Increment Financing Act to modify definition of water resource improvement district to include water trails.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HB 6023 – Modify Regulations for Mining Gravel Operations – Rep. Damoose

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit the Department from charging royalties to a state department, local government, or government entity such as a county road commission for the taking of gravel from state-owned land.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HB 6066 – Eliminate the Ability of the Department to Prosecute Certain Offenses Without the Prosecuting Attorney – Rep. LaFave

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to eliminate the Department's ability to prosecute certain offenses without the prosecuting attorney of any county.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HB 6067 – Modify the Distribution of Revenue from Carbon Credits – Rep. VanSingel

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide the Department with the conditions under which the sale of carbon credits or other ecological services is allowed and specifies the fund to which that revenue is directed.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and one hearing has been held.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

SB 1003 – Include Definition of Peace Officer in ORV Laws – Sen. VanderWall

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow seasonal deputies, those not certified by Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) that have limited authorities, to work specific ORV patrols, similar to marine or snowmobile deputies that are currently allowed.

- This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

SB 1028 – Provide Appropriations from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – Sen. Huizenga

This bill contains the recommendations made by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant awards for Fiscal Year 2022. The proposed appropriation totals almost \$45.6 million in project funding from the trust fund.

- The bill was passed by the Senate and referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.