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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

HB 4078 – Allow an Individual to Possess a Loaded Firearm in or on a Vehicle when on Private Property – Rep. LaFave

The bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual to possess or transport a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle, including an ATV or UTV, if the individual owns the private land or is accompanied by or has permission of the owner or lessee of the private land.

- The bill was passed by the House of Representatives and was referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HB 4080 (S-1) – Allow Pneumatic Guns During Certain Seasons – Rep. LaFave

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide the NRC the ability to allow an individual to use a pneumatic gun during any firearm season. The bill would also give the Department the ability to determine whether a pneumatic gun could be allowed during archery season for individual with a disability or physical limitation for the 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 archery season. The legislation caps the available permit up to ten individuals who submit certification from medical professional on a form the department must develop.

- The bill was passed by the House of Representatives and reported with recommendation as an S-1 by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. The bill is currently awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HBs 5358 (H-1), 5359 (H-1), 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 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 reported with recommendation by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and are currently awaiting a vote on the House floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

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

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit the Department from charging a state department or local unit of government in this state for royalties for taking gravel from state owned lands.

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

SB 955 – Repeal Wolf Management Advisory Council – Sen. McBroom

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to repeal the wolf management advisory council.

- The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

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

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to include the definitions of a peace officer in ORV laws.

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