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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

SB 59 – Modify Definition of a Peace Officer in the Mental Health Code – Sen. Cherry

This bill would amend the Mental Health Code, Act 258 of 1974, to modify the definition of a peace officer by adding an officer or agency who is licensed under the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), Act 203 of 1965. The changes to this bill would allow an expansion of officers, including Conservation Officers, able to engage with a person requiring treatment under the Mental Health Code.

- The bill was reported with recommendation by the House Health Policy Committee and is awaiting a vote on the House Floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

SBs 103, 104, 105 – Provide Regulations for Commercial Hunting and Sport Fishing Guides – Sens. Cherry, Daley and McCann

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 were reported with recommendation by the Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee and is awaiting a vote on the Senate Floor.
- The Administration is in support this legislation.

SB 310 – Remove Need for CPL in Certain Situations – Sen. Hoitenga

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to remove the requirements for a CPL on game bird hunting preserve. This is a part of a larger package of bills to remove requirements for CPL all together.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary and Public Safety
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this Legislation.

HB 4506, 4507, 4508, 4509– Creates an Upper Peninsula Natural Resources Commission – Reps. Markkanen, Friske & Prestin

These bills would create an Upper Peninsula Natural Resources Commission and establish membership and authority for the Commission to make certain decisions regarding game in the Upper Peninsula.

- The 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 4515 – Removes sunset on ORV License Fees – Rep. Hill

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to remove the sunset on ORV License Fees.

- The bill was reported with recommendation from the Committee on Transportation, Mobility and Infrastructure and is awaiting a vote on the House floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

HB 4593 – Allow Supplemental Feeding of Wildlife and Birds – Rep. Borton

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow for the feeding of wildlife and birds if both of the following conditions are met: the feed is located within 300 feet from a residence and the quantity of feed placed, scattered, or distributed within 300 feet of that residence does not exceed two gallons.

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

HB 4682 – Modifies the Responsibilities of Property Owners Under the Recreational Trespassing Law – Rep. Slagh

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require property owners to post signs at an interval of not more than 250 along the boundary of the property.

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