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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

HB 4021 – Include Definition of Peace Officer in ORV Laws – Rep. 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.

- The bill has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- The Administration is in support of 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 has passed the House and Senate and awaiting the Governor's Signature.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

HB 5086 – Eliminates License Fees for Veterans – Rep. Markkanen

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow any resident who is a veteran to obtain any resident license, for which a lottery is not required, free of charge.

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

HB 5108 – Amends Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Regulations – Rep. Morgan

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to alter commercial fishing in the Great Lakes in terms of laws, license fees, fines, penalties, species allocation, reporting, resource management, and societal desires.

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

SB 441 – Provides Management and Regulation of State and Tribal Fisheries – Sen. Shink

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to update the requirements and penalties for submitting catch activity reports by charter boats, commercial fishers and wholesale fish dealers.

- The bill was reported with recommendation by the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation and is awaiting a vote on the House Floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.