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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

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 bill has passed the House Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee and was reported with recommendation.
- The Administration is in support of 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 has passed the Senate and has been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

SB 456 & 457 – Creates Medical Exemption to Snowmobile Helmet Laws – Sen. McBroom

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to update and allow a medical exemption from wearing a snowmobile or off-road vehicle crash helmet for an individual who possesses written verification from a physician that for physical or medical reasons is unable to wear a crash helmet.

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