



# Natural Resources Commission

## Meeting Agenda

Date: October 12, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Bay College

2001 N. Lincoln Road

JHUC 952 Conference Room

Escanaba, MI 49829

### **Coffee with Commissioners – 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**

### **Committee Agendas – 9:00 a.m.**

- I. Fisheries Committee
  - a. Reconsidering Northern Pike Regulating in the Upper Peninsula Inland Lakes (*Bill Ziegler, Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance*)
  - b. [Status of Lake Trout Populations at Offshore Reefs in Lake Superior](#) (*Patrick Hanchin & Shawn Sitar, Fisheries Division*)
  
- II. Wildlife Committee
  - a. [Grouse Enhancement Management Sites Overview](#) (*Adam Bump, Wildlife Division*)

### **Committee of the Whole Agenda – Immediately following Wildlife Committee**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. [September 14, 2023](#)
- V. Director's Report
  - a. Life Saving Awards
    - Law Enforcement Division (*David Shaw, Chief, Law Enforcement Division*)
      - Conservation Officer Brandon Benedict
      - Conservation Officer Tim Barboza

- Conservation Officer Jeff Ginn
- [Parks and Recreation Division](#) (*Ron Olson, Chief, Parks and Recreation Division*)
- b. [White-Nose Syndrome in Bats](#) (*John DePue, Wildlife Division*)
- c. [Status of Wolves in Michigan](#) (*Brian Roell, Wildlife Division*)
- d. [Legislative Report](#) (*Informational Item*)

**BREAK FOR LUNCH – RETURN AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M.**

VI. Public Comment – [NRC Public Appearance Guidelines](#)

- a. 5 Minute Comment
  - i. Steve Dey – Wolves
  - ii. Jack Thomas – Wolves
  - iii. Nancy Warren – Wolves
  - iv. Gary Gorniak, Upper Peninsula Sportsmen’s Alliance – Wolves
  - v. Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – Wolves
  - vi. George Lindquist, UP Whitetails of Marquette County – Wolves
  - vii. Mike Thorman – Wolves
- b. 3 Minute Comment
  - i. Tom Solka, Chair, Western Upper Peninsula Citizens’ Advisory Council – Update on WUPCAC
  - ii. Tom Buckingham, Chair, Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizens' Advisory Council – Update on EUPCAC
  - iii. Richard Larson – Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
  - iv. Charles Westerberg – Commercial Logging Practices
  - v. Gary Charles – Bear Hunting Seasons and Tags

VII. New Business

- a. Director Matters
  - i. [Proposed October 24, 2023, Oil and Gas Lease Auction](#) – ACTION ITEM
- b. Land Transactions
  - i. [State Land Review Group 8](#)  
[Baraga, Benzie, Clare, Clinton, Genesee, Ionia, Manistee, Mecosta, Newaygo, Shiawassee, and Wayne Counties](#)  
[Land Transaction Case #20230095](#)
  - ii. [Sale of Surplus Land](#)  
[Parks and Recreation Division, Kent County](#)  
[Land Transaction Case #19980218](#)

- iii. [Sale of Surplus Land](#)  
[Parks and Recreation Division, Berrien County](#)  
[Land Transaction Case #20230141](#)
- iv. [Acquisition of State Land](#)  
[State Trail Acquisition, Dickinson County](#)  
[The Branz Tract](#)  
[Land Transaction Case #20230118](#)
- v. [Acquisition of State Land](#)  
[Forest Resources Division, Cheboygan County](#)  
[The Mackinaw Township Tract](#)  
[Land Transaction Case #20230028](#)
- vi. [Land Exchange](#)  
[Forest Resources Division, Gladwin County](#)  
[The Johnson Exchange](#)  
[Land Transaction Case #20220208](#)

c. NRC/Director Orders – None

## VIII. Old Business

a. Director Matters – None

b. NRC/Director Orders

- i. [Fisheries Order 200.23A](#)  
[Inland River and Stream – Trout and Salmon Regulations](#)
  - Commissioner Nyberg Amendment
- ii. [Fisheries Order 204.24](#)  
[Spawning Closures](#)
- iii. [Fisheries Order 206.23A](#)  
[Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters](#)
  - [Commissioner Cozad Amendment](#)
- iv. [Fisheries Order 252.23](#)  
[Statewide Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish, Cisco, Rainbow Smelt and Arctic Grayling Regulations](#)
- v. [Fisheries Order 253.24](#)  
[Great Lakes and Connecting Waters – Trout and Salmon Regulations](#)
- vi. [Fisheries Order 254.23A](#)  
[Inland Lakes – Trout and Salmon Regulations](#)

## IX. Commissioner Reports

X. Adjournment

**Meeting notes**

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