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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

**HB 5532 – Defines and Regulates Wake Boats – Rep. Rogers**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to define and create new regulations for wake boats.

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

**HB 5553 – Provides Commercial Fishing Regulations – Rep. O’Neal**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to create allowable catch per species and percentage quota for commercial fishing.

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

**HB 5558-5560 – Eliminates License Fees for Certain Professions – Reps. Prestin, Carter and Smaltz**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide free hunting and fishing licenses, for which a lottery is not required, to first responders, law enforcement officers, and corrections officers.

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

**HB 5561-5562 – Allow the Use of Purple Paint to Designate a No Trespassing Area – Reps. Rogers and Markkanen**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to prohibit a person from engaging in recreational activity or trapping on another person's property if, among other things, the property was posted against entry with purple paint marks on trees or posts around the property.

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

**HB 5597 – Provides Michigan Residents First Opportunity for State Park Reservations – Rep. Cavitt**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act make reservations at state park campgrounds, shelters, cabins, yurts or lodges available to Michigan residents two weeks before non-residents.

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