



Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Agenda

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Lansing Community College, Downtown Campus
600 North Grand Avenue
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Committee Agendas – 9:30 a.m.

- I. Fisheries Committee
 - a. [Update on Invasive Carp](#) (*Lucas Nathan, Fisheries Division*)
- II. Wildlife Committee
 - a. White-tailed Deer Predation in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (*Dr. Jerrold Belant, Michigan State University*)

Committee of the Whole Agenda – 10:45 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. [February 8, 2024](#)
- V. Director's Report
 - a. Hunter Education 40 Years of Service Award Recipient Gerry Dibble (*Jason Haines, Chief, Law Enforcement Division*)
 - b. Wildlife Annual Report (*Dustin Isenhoff, Wildlife Division*)
 - c. [Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons](#) (*Barb Avers, Wildlife Division*)
 - d. [Elk Regulations](#) (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division*)
 - e. Deer Management Initiative Update (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division*)
 - f. [Legislative Report](#) (*Informational Item*)

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VI. Public Comment – [NRC Public Appearance Guidelines](#) – **1:00 p.m.**

a. 5 Minute Comment

- i. Zhiliang Xu, Michigan State University – Elk Regulations
- ii. Chenxi Li, Michigan State University – Elk Regulations
- iii. Jim Sweeney, The Concerned Sportsmen of Michigan – Deer Management Initiative
- iv. Dr. Nichole Biber – Deer Predation and Wildlife Report
- v. Elliot Hubbard – Coyote Season
- vi. Shane Hammond, Battle Creek Sportsman’s Club – Coyote Season
- vii. Jill Fritz, Humane Society of the United States – Furbearer Regulations
- viii. Jordan Hoover – Coyote Season
- ix. Millard Holton – Furbearer Regulations
- x. Mark Brandli – Furbearer Regulations
- xi. Marcie Terwilliger – Furbearer Regulations
- xii. Bee Friedlander, Attorneys for Animals – Furbearer Regulations
- xiii. Lauren Dolega – Coyote Season
- xiv. George Graves – Proposal G and Coyote Season
- xv. Kim Sneden – Furbearer Regulations
- xvi. Bob Jones, Michigan Bow Hunters – Coyote Season
- xvii. Mitchell McEachern, Fur Down Outdoors LLC – Coyote Season
- xviii. Irene Hibbard – Coyote Season
- xix. Justin Tomei, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – Coyote Season
- xx. Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – Coyote Season
- xxi. Carol Misseldine, Project Coyote – Trapping Signage and Coyote Season
- xxii. Merle Jones, Michigan Trapper and Predator Callers Association – Furbearer Regulations
- xxiii. Ross Graveling, Sportspersons Ministries – Coyote Season
- xxiv. David Lanting – Coyote Season
- xxv. Trish Marie – Furbearer Regulations
- xxvi. Bartt Brenton – Coyote Season Decision Making Process
- xxvii. Carl Roeller – Coyote Season
- xxviii. Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation – Furbearer Regulations
- xxix. Roger Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation – Furbearer Regulations

b. 3 Minute Comment

VII. New Business

a. Director Matters – None

b. Land Transactions

- i. [Acquisition of State Land](#)
[Wildlife Division, Ingham County](#)
[The Higgins Tract](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20230037](#)
 - ii. [Gift of Land](#)
[Wildlife Division, Barry County](#)
[Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, Donor](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20240002](#)
 - iii. [Gift of Land](#)
[Parks and Recreation Division, Genessee County](#)
[Lurvey White Ventures 1, LLC, Donor](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20230250](#)
 - iv. [Public Use Conveyance](#)
[Parks and Recreation Division, Mackinac County](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20230109](#)
 - v. [Sale of Surplus Land](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Gladwin County](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20230231](#)
- c. NRC/Director Orders
- i. [Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons](#)
[Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 2 of 2024](#)
 - ii. [Elk Regulations](#)
[Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 3 of 2024](#)

VIII. Old Business

a. Director Matters – None

b. NRC/Director Orders

- i. [Furbearer Regulations](#)
[Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 1 of 2024](#)
 - [Amendment Request – Commissioner Walters](#)

IX. Commissioner Reports

X. Closed Session

XI. Adjournment

Meeting notes

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