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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

HB 5665 – Provides for Waiver of Hunters Safety Course – Rep. Hoadley

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide for a waiver of hunter safety course for individuals with a valid concealed pistol license and military service members.

- The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Judiciary.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HB 5685 – Designates Official State Duck – Rep. Farhat

This bill designates the Wood duck as the official duck of the state of Michigan.

- 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.

SB 803 – Extends Sunset on Pheasant License Fee– Sen. Cherry

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to extend the sunset on the Pheasant License Fees

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

SB 817 – Provide Appropriations from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – Sen. Cherry

This bill contains the recommendations made by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant awards for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The proposed appropriation totals more than \$27.3 million in project funding from the trust fund.

- The bill was passed by the Senate, received by the House and is awaiting committee assignment.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.