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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

**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 was reported with recommendation by the Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee and is awaiting a vote on the Senate Floor.
- The Administration is in support of 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.

- This bill has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

**SB 860 – Creates Plan to Restore American Woodcock – Sen. Cherry**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to create a plan to restore American Woodcock populations in alignment with the American Woodcock Conservation Plan.

- This bill was reported with recommendation by the Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee and is awaiting a vote on the Senate Floor.
- The Administration is neutral on this legislation.

**SB 996 – Modifies Independence and Liberty Hunts – Sen. Albert**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to establish the take of antlerless or antlered deer during the Independence and Liberty hunts.

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

**SB 1013 – Modifies Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Recipients – Sen. Hoitenga**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to modify the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant recipients to include state departments, counties, and road commissions.

- This bill has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this bill.