



Natural Resources Commission

Meeting Agenda

Date: March 13, 2025

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Blandford Nature Center
1715 Hillburn Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

Coffee with Commissioners 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. [February 13, 2025](#)
- V. Director's Report
 - a. Wildlife Annual Report (*Dustin Isenhoff, Wildlife Division*)
 - b. [Dog Training Limit on Bears](#) (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division & Jason Haines, Chief, Law Enforcement Division*)
 - c. [Migratory Game Bird Hunting Season and Managed Waterfowl Area Regulations & Pointe Mouillee State Game Area Regulation](#) (*Kaitlyn Barnes, Wildlife Division*)
 - d. [Legislative Report](#) (*Informational Item*)
- VI. Public Comment – [NRC Public Appearance Guidelines](#)
 - a. 5 Minute Comment
 - i. Paul Sikkenga
 - ii. Ed Beckley – License Fee Increases
 - iii. B. Iris Potter – Wildlife Regulations
 - iv. Marcie Terwilliger – Wildlife Regulations
 - v. Pamela Alvesteffer – Wildlife Regulations
 - vi. Nichole Biber – Wolves
 - vii. Mitchell Nelson, Humane World for Animals – Coyote Season and Wolves

- viii. Mike Taylor, UP Whitetails of Marquette County – Coyotes and Predators in the Upper Peninsula
- ix. Ross Graveling, Executive Director, Sportsperson Ministries – Coyote Season and Deer Regulations
- x. Bryan Reynolds, President, UP Whitetails of Marquette County – Deer Regulations
- xi. George Lindquist, UP Whitetails of Marquette County – Coyotes and Bear Regulations
- xii. Ginny Mikita, Attorneys for Animals – Coyote Season
- xiii. Trish Marie – Coyote Season
- xiv. Merle Jones, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association – Coyote Season
- xv. Justin Tomei, Michigan United Conservation Clubs – Coyote Season
- xvi. Mike Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation – Bear Regulations
- xvii. Roger Thorman, Michigan Hunting Dog Federation – Bear Regulations
- xviii. Keith Shafer, Michigan Bear Hunters Association – Bear Regulations
- b. 3 Minute Comment
 - i. Naomi Louchouarn, Ph.D., Humane World for Animals – Coyote Season

VII. New Business

- a. Director Matters
 - i. [Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 5 of 2025](#)
[Pointe Mouillee State Game Area](#)
- b. Land Transactions
 - i. [Acquisition of State Land](#)
[Parks and Recreation Division, Wexford County](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20230005](#)
 - ii. [Acquisition of State Land](#)
[Wildlife Division, Montcalm County](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20240087](#)
 - iii. [Acquisition of State Land](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Presque Isle County](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20240126](#)
 - iv. [Land Exchange](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Alpena County](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20230175](#)
 - v. [Land Exchange](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Mackinac and Luce Counties](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20230239](#)

- c. NRC/Director Orders
 - i. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 3 of 2025 Waterfowl Regulations](#)
 - ii. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 4 of 2025 Coyote Hunting Season Dates](#)
 - iii. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 5 of 2025 Dog Training Limit on Bears](#)

- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Director Matters – None

 - b. NRC/Director Orders
 - i. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 1 of 2025 Hunting and Trapping North Central State Trail at the Gete Mino Mshkiigan](#)
 - ii. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 2 of 2025 Bear Regulations](#)

- IX. Commissioner Reports

- X. Closed Session

- XI. Adjournment

Meeting notes

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