



Natural Resources Commission

Draft Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Lansing Community College
West Campus Rooms M119-122
5708 Cornerstone Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48917

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Fisheries Committee

- I. Proposed Sale of Consumers Energy's 13 Hydro Dams to Confluence Hydro
(*Rick Blumenstock & Adam Monroe, Consumer's Energy and Jillian Lawrence & Natalie Joubert, Confluence Hydro*)

Committee of the Whole Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 11, 2026
- V. Director's Report
 - a. CWD Monitoring and Surveillance Reports (*Melinda Cosgrove, Wildlife Division*)
 - b. bTB Surveillance Report Presentation (*Melinda Cosgrove, Wildlife Division and Dr. Shannon Cerveney, MDARD*)
 - c. Privately Owned Cervidae Facilities (*Tressa Hubbard, Wildlife Division & Dr. Nora Wineland, MDARD*)
 - d. Deer Permits (*Samantha Courtney, Wildlife Division*)
 - e. Winter Severity Index (*David Jentoff & Caleb Eckloff, Wildlife Division*)
 - f. Deer Regulations (*Dr. Brent Rudolph, Wildlife Division*)
 - g. [Legislative Report](#) (*Informational Item*)

VI. Public Comment – [NRC Public Appearance Guidelines](#)

****Estimated to begin around 12:30-1:00***

a. 10 Minute Comment

**Three or more individuals present may relinquish their time to another individual who will be allotted 10 minutes to comment*

- i. Mike Thorman – Deer Regulations

b. 5 Minute Comment

- i. Monika Sipe – Furbearer and Small Game
- ii. Shera Chirstensen, Detroit Animal Welfare Group
- iii. Marcie Terwilliger
- iv. Thad Dickinson – Furbearer Regulations
- v. Bee Friedlander – Furbearer Regulations
- vi. Millard Holton – Furbearer and Small Game
- vii. Merle Jones, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers – Furbearer Regulations
- viii. Tom Baird – Consumers Dams
- ix. Bryan Burroughs – Consumers Dams
- x. Russ Mason – Deer Regulations and CWD
- xi. Troy Parks – Deer Regulations
- xii. Paul Sikkenga – Deer Regulations
- xiii. Jordan Hoover – Deer Regulations
- xiv. Jacob Ostermeyer, UP Whitetails Baraga County – Deer Regulations
- xv. Lincoln Rohn – Deer Regulations
- xvi. Rashel Hubbard – Deer Regulations
- xvii. Heather Rymar – Deer Regulations
- xxviii. Jim Bogema – Deer Regulations
- xix. Josh Arbogast – Deer Regulations
- xx. Justin Root – Deer Regulations
- xxi. Elliott Hubbard – Deer Regulations
- xxii. Derek Rauch – Deer Regulations
- xxiii. Dave Buikema – Deer Regulations
- xxiv. Justin Tomei, Farm Bureau – Deer Regulations
- xxv. Logan Crumbaugh – Deer Regulations
- xxvi. Corby Werth – Deer Regulations
- xxvii. Boyd Endsley – Deer Regulations
- xxviii. Matt Reinker – Deer Regulations
- xxix. Ross Graveling, Sportspersons Ministries – Deer Regulations
- xxx. Gary Gorniak, Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance – Deer Regulations
- xxxi. Robert Steenbergh – Deer Regulations
- xxxii. Dan Stewart – Deer Regulations
- xxxiii. Dan Ulfig – Deer Regulations
- xxxiv. Fred Bigler – Deer Regulations
- xxxv. Rhonda Lansing – Deer Regulations
- xxxvi. Mitchell Blevins – Deer Regulations
- xxxvii. Jim Sweeney – Deer Regulations

- xxxviii. Dave Pagel – Deer Regulations
- xxxix. Nate Kuenzer – Deer Regulations
 - xl. Jason Perry – Deer Regulations
 - xli. Craig Holland – Deer Regulations
 - xlii. Carlton Miller, Montcalm County Quality Deer Cooperative – Deer Regulations
 - xliii. Jeffery Antes, Montcalm County Quality Deer Cooperative – Deer Regulations
 - xliv. Bob Jones – Deer Regulations

- c. 3 Minute Comment
 - i.

VII. New Business

- a. Director Matters
 - i. [Proposed May 5, 2026, Oil and Gas Lease Auction](#) (*Action Item*)
- b. Land Transactions
 - i. [Land Exchange](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Marquette County](#)
[Gwinn Management Unit](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20240067](#)
 - ii. [Land Acquisition](#)
[Forest Resources Division, Montmorency County](#)
[Atlanta Management Unit](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20250041](#)
 - iii. [Land Acquisition](#)
[Wildlife Division, Barry County](#)
[Barry State Game Area, The Peake Tract](#)
[Land Transaction Case #20250117](#)
- c. NRC/Director Orders
 - i. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 6 of 2026](#)
[Deer Regulations](#)

VIII. Old Business

- a. Director Matters – None
 - b. NRC/Director Orders
 - i. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 2 of 2026 Furbearer Regulations](#)
 - ii. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 3 of 2026 Furbearer and Small Game Management Seasons](#)
 - iii. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 4 of 2026 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons](#)
 - iv. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 5 of 2026 Elk Regulations](#)
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Fisheries Committee
 - b. Wildlife Committee
- X. Deer Regulations Discussion
- XI. Commissioner Reports
- [Commissioner Fewins' Resolution](#)
- XII. Adjournment

Meeting notes

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