Natural Resources Commission

Draft Meeting Agenda

Date: July 8, 2026
Meeting time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Lansing Community College
West Campus Rooms M119-121
5708 Cornerstone Drive
Lansing, Michigan 48917

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Committee of the Whole Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

a. June 10, 2026

V. Director's Report

a. Law Enforcement Division Awards (*Brandon Kieft, Chief, Law Enforcement Division*)
   - 2025 Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor of the Year Brandon Poel
   - 40-year Hunter Education Volunteer Instructor Donald McLellan
b. Centrarchid Committee Update (*Matt Diana & Heather Hettinger, Fisheries Division*)
c. Muskrat Trapping Season Updates (*Dr. Barb Avers, Wildlife Division)*
d. Earn a Second Buck Pilot Program for 2027 (*Dr. Brent Rudolph, Dr. Dwayne Etter, and Dr. Emily Pomeranz, Wildlife Division*)
e. Scientific Deer Management Resolution Monthly Update (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division*)
f. Preview of Forthcoming Deer Disease and Baiting Presentations (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division & Dr. Sonja Christensen, Michigan State University*)
g. Legislative Report (*Informational Item*)

VI. Public Comment – NRC Public Appearance Guidelines

a. 5 Minute Comment
   i. Marcie Terwilliger – Rules and Regulations
   ii. Allen Johnston – Electronic Unicycles in State Parks
   iii. Bee Friedlander, Attorneys for Animals – Muskrat Trapping
   iv. Merle Jones, MTPCA – Muskrat Trapping

v. Dan Ulfig – Deer Regulations
vi. Jim Sweeney – Deer Regulations
vii. Rashel Hubbard – Deer Regulations
viii. Elliot Hubbard – Deer Regulations
ix. Skeeter Beckman, ROAM Outdoors Podcast – Outdoor Community Feedback

b. 3 Minute Comment
i.

VII. New Business

a. Director Matters
i. May 5, 2026, Oil and Gas Lease Auction Results – Action Item
ii. Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 2 of 2026
Pere Marquette State Game Area Closure, Proposal to Rescind

b. Land Transactions
i. Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Forest Resources Division – Kalkaska, Crawford, Presque Isle, and Antrim Counties
Traverse City, Grayling, Atlanta, and Gaylord Management Units
Land Transaction Case #20260019
ii. State Trail Easement Acquisition and Gift
West Riverfront Park Trail Connection – DDA Parcel
Detroit Riverwalk/Iron Belle Trail, Wayne County
Land Transaction Case #20200197
iii. Land Exchange and Purchase
Forest Resources Division, Menominee and Iron Counties
Menominee River Recreation Area and Baraga Management Unit
Land Transaction Case #20230078
iv. Consent to Assignment of Land for Public Purposes
Forest Resources Division, Chippewa County
Newberry Management Unit
Land Transaction Case #20250219

c. NRC/Director Orders
i. Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 7 of 2026
Earn A Second Buck Pilot Program Implementation for 2027
ii. Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 8 of 2026
Muskrat Trapping Season

VIII. Old Business

a. Director Matters – None

b. NRC/Director Orders – None

IX. Committee Reports

a. Governance and Finance Committee

b. Fisheries Committee

c. Wildlife Committee

X. Commissioner Reports

XI. Adjournment

Meeting notes

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