Natural Resources Commission

Draft Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Treetops Resort
Conference Center
3962 Wilkinson Rd.
Gaylord, Michigan 49735

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Coffee with Commissioners – 8:30 to 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. April 8, 2026

V. Director's Report

a. Fisheries Advisory Committees (*Dave Caroffino, Fisheries Division*)
b. Department Response to Requested Deer Regulation Amendments (*Wildlife and Law Enforcement Divisions*)
c. Law Enforcement Division Award (*Brandon Kieft, Chief, Law Enforcement Division)*
   - Medal of Valor and Lifesaving Award – Conservation Officer Luke Robare
d. Legislative Report (*Informational Item*)

VI. Public Comment – NRC Public Appearance Guidelines
There will be a break for lunch at noon

a. 5 Minute Comment
   i. Tony Demboski – Deer Regulations
   ii. Susan Hoppe – Deer Regulations
   iii. Marcie Terwilliger – Rules and Regulations
   iv. Vincent Call – Black River Ranch Acquisition
   v. Mike Thorman – Deer Regulations
   vi. Roger Thorman – Deer Regulations

vii. Merle Jones – Deer Regulations
viii. Justin Tomei, Farm Bureau – Deer Regulations
ix. Kevin Gould – Deer Regulations
x. George Quackenbush – Deer Regulations
xi. Brent Kniss – Deer Regulations
xii. Matt Reinker – Deer Regulations
xiii. Adam Putney – Deer Regulations
xiv. George Lindquist, WUPCAC – Deer Regulations
xv. Jeffery Antes – Deer Regulations
xvi. Erik Schnelle – Deer Regulations
xvii. Drew Whalen – Deer Regulations
xviii. Mark Badour – Deer Regulations
xix. Jeremy Fourman – Deer Regulations
xx. Adelaide Halstead – Deer Regulations
xxi. Dan Stewart – Deer Regulations
xxii. Bryan Reynolds – UP Whitetails of Marquette County
xxiii. Mike Taylor – UP Whitetails of Marquette County – Deer Regulations
xxiv. Troy Parks – Deer Regulations
xxv. Rashel Hubbard – Deer Regulations
xxvi. JJ Mertz – Deer Regulations
xxvii. David Bryce – Deer Regulations
xxviii. Josh Arbogast – Deer Regulations
xxix. Carlton Miller – Deer Regulations
xxx. Jarett Moskwa – Deer Regulations
xxxi. Ken Bryan – Deer Regulations
xxxii. James St. John – Deer Regulations
xxxiii. Brad DeJohn – Deer Regulations
xxxiv. Elliot Hubbard – Deer Regulations
xxxv. Jordan Hoover – Deer Regulations
xxxvi. Jason Perry – Deer Regulations
xxxvii. Fred Truschke – Deer Regulations
xxxviii. Paul Sikkenga – Deer Regulations
xxxix. Justin Root – Deer Regulations
xl. Dave Buikema – Deer Regulations
xli. Sam Rhodea – Deer Regulations
xlii. William Estlack – Deer Regulations
xliii. Nick Onstott – Deer Regulations
xliv. Lincoln Rohn – Deer Regulations
xlv. Brad Grim – Deer Regulations
xlvi. Kenneth Bryan – Deer Regulations
xlvii. Bob Jones – Deer Regulations
xlviii. Kyle Yoder – Deer Regulations

b. 3 Minute Comment
   i.

VII. New Business

a. Director Matters – None

b. Land Transactions
   i. Sale of Surplus DNR Managed Land
   Wildlife Division, Tuscola County
   Vassar Wildlife Game Area
   Land Transaction Case #20240084
   ii. Sale of Surplus DNR Managed Land
   Forest Resources Division, Marquette County
   Gwinn Management Unit
   Land Transaction Case #20240200
   iii. Land Acquisition
   Wildlife Division, Lenawee County
   Seneca State Game Area, Wetlands America Trust/State Line Tract
   Land Transaction Case #20260013

c. NRC/Director Orders – None

VIII. Old Business

a. Director Matters – None

b. NRC Resolutions
   - Commissioner Fewins – Scientific Deer Management

c. NRC/Director Orders
   i. Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 6 of 2026
   Deer Regulations

   Amendments *in no particular order and subject to change*
   - Commissioner Eyster – Upper Peninsula Crossbow Use for Senior Deer License Holders
   - Commissioner Nyberg – Maintain Hunter's Choice in Upper Peninsula, One Buck Lower Peninsula, Earn-A-Second Buck Pilot in Lower Peninsula
   - Commissioner Walters – Eliminate Limited Firearm Deer Zone
   - Commissioner Walters – Antlerless Use Limits
   - Commissioner Walters – Hunting after January 1st
   - Commissioner Walters – Rescind DMUs 351 and 352
   - Commissioner Walters – Upper Peninsula Single Tag APRs
   - Commissioner Walters – Lower Peninsula Single Tag APRs
   - Commissioner Walters – Lower Peninsula Combo Tag APRs

IX. Committee Reports

a. Fisheries Committee

b. Wildlife Committee

X. Commissioner Reports

XI. Adjournment

Meeting notes

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