



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
- xl. William Estlack – Deer Regulations
- xl. Nick Onstott – Deer Regulations
- xl. Lincoln Rohn – Deer Regulations
- xl. Brad Grim – Deer Regulations
- xl. Kenneth Bryan – Deer Regulations
- xl. Bob Jones – Deer Regulations
- xl. 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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