Natural Resources Commission

Draft Meeting Agenda

Date: September 9, 2026
Meeting time: 9:30 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. August 12, 2026

V. Director's Report

a. Howard Tanner Recognition (*Randy Claramunt, Chief, Fisheries Division*)
b. Parks & Recreation Division Award of Honor Certificates (*Tom Bissett, Acting Chief, Parks & Recreation)*
   - Matthias Bares
   - Austin Macera
   - Gerald Molaison
   - Royce Goulette
c. Law Enforcement Division Awards (*Brandon Kieft, Chief, Law Enforcement Division)*
   i. 2025 Shikar Safari International Wildlife Officer of the Year – Conservation Officer Carter Woodwyk
   ii. Mississippi Flyway and Waterfowl Officer of the Year Award – Conservation Officer Anna Cullen

d. Law Enforcement Cadet Academy (*Brandon Kieft, Chief, Law Enforcement Division*)
e. The National Wild Turkey Federation Michigan State Chapter Presentations (*Jon Gray, President, National Wild Turkey Federation, Michigan State Chapter*)
   i. Robo-Turkey Donation
   ii. Check Presentation to Hunters Feeding Michigan
f. Hunters Feeding Michigan Program Update (*Joe Presgrove, Marketing and Outreach Division*)
g. Fisheries Orders (*Dr. Lucas Nathan, Fisheries Division*)
h. Hunting and Trapping in Fort Wilkins Historic State Park (*Chris Stark, Parks and Recreation Division*)
i. Scientific Deer Management Resolution Monthly Update (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division*)
j. Deer Disease and Baiting Presentations
   - National Overview of Chronic Wasting Disease (*Dr. Sonja Christensen, Michigan State University*)
   - Chronic Wasting Disease and Bovine Tuberculosis Surveillance and Monitoring Strategy (*Melinda Cosgrove, Wildlife Division*)
   - Bovine Tuberculosis Memorandum of Understanding (*Emily Sewell, Wildlife Division*)
   - Michigan Response to Chronic Wasting Disease Detection (*Chad Stewart, Wildlife Division*)
k. Legislative Report (*Informational Item*)

VI. Public Comment – NRC Public Appearance Guidelines

a. 5 Minute Comment
   i. Marcie Terwilliger – Rules and Regulations
   ii. Thad Dickinson – Public Comments
   iii. Tom Talaski
   iv. Merle Jones, MTPCA

b. 3 Minute Comment
   i.

VII. New Business

a. Director Matters – None

b. Land Transactions
   i. Parks and Recreation Division, Land Acquisition
      Western Upper Peninsula District – Keweenaw County
      Tip of the Keweenaw Phase II
      Land Transaction Case #20250021
   ii. Forest Resources Division, Land Exchange
      Gladwin Management Unit – Gladwin County
      Land Transaction Case #20240250
   iii. Forest Resources Division, Land Exchange and Direct Sale
      Gaylord Management Unit – Emmet & Charlevoix Counties
      Atlanta Management Unit – Cheboygan County
      Land Transaction Case #20260037
   iv. Forest Resources Division, Conveyance of Land for Public Purposes
      Cadillac Management Unit – Wexford County
      Land Transaction Case #20260026

c. NRC/Director Orders
   i. Fisheries Order 204.26A
      Spawning Closures
   ii. Fisheries Order 206.26A
      Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters
   iii. Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 11 of 2026
      Hunting and Trapping Fort Wilkins Historic State Park

VIII. Old Business

a. Director Matters
   i. Prairie River Stream Temperature Redesignation of Management Area 20781
   ii. Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 3 of 2026
      Parks and Boating Access Site Authorized Parking
   iii. Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 4 of 2026
      Holt-Rice Creek Prohibit Firearm Hunting
   iv. Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 5 of 2026
      Ionia Recreation Area Snowmobile Restriction
   v. Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 6 of 2026
      Leelanau State Park Great Lakes Piping Plover Protections
   vi. Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 7 of 2026
      Pinckney Recreation Area Alcohol Restriction

b. NRC/Director Orders
   i. Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 9 of 2026
      Hunting and Trapping William Mitchell State Park
   ii. Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 10 of 2026
      Hunting and Trapping Waterloo Recreation Area
   iii. Fisheries Order 205.26A
      Lake Sturgeon Boundary Waters
   iv. Fisheries Order 210.27
      Inland Trout – Designated Trout Streams
   v. Fisheries Order 254.26
      Inland Trout – Lakes

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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