Wolf Management Advisory Council

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

1. Public comment will begin following the Wolf Management Advisory Council (WMAC) Updates. If there is a change in this scheduled time, it will be noted on the agenda in advance of the meeting.

2. Persons addressing the WMAC will be requested to provide their name, city of residence, the organization (if any) to which they belong, and the issue they wish to address. In those instances, in which a person is representing an organization, the presenter should indicate whether their comments represent the official views of the group.

3. All persons wishing to address the WMAC must declare their intent by completing a public comment sign-up card prior to or during the Public Comment portion of the meeting unless they have already contacted the assistant to the WMAC and their names appear on the agenda.

4. Persons contacting the assistant to the WMAC on or before the Friday preceding the WMAC meeting will be allowed up to five (5) minutes for their comments, providing the topic pertains to an item specifically related to wolf conservation in Michigan. Persons registering after the Friday preceding the meeting, or during the meeting, will be allowed up to three (3) minutes for their presentation. Extensions shall be at the discretion of the WMAC chairperson.

   In instances where there are three (3) or more individuals present, representing the same group, that wish to speak on the same topic, the chairperson is authorized to request that the group appoint a representative to address the WMAC on the group's behalf. If a spokesperson is designated, that individual will be granted ten (10) minutes.

   a. A group of persons speaking on a common subject are encouraged to choose a spokesperson for their group.

   b. Persons speaking on a common subject may be scheduled and grouped without regard to the order in which the requests were received.

   c. A substitute for the person making the original request shall be heard at the discretion of the chairperson.

d. The WMAC will make every attempt to accommodate all individuals who wish to speak and may set timeframes different from those referenced above in order to encourage and allow maximum public input.

5. Persons wishing to address the WMAC on topics for which a public forum, meeting, or hearing has been planned or may be scheduled in the near future should be informed of the fact by the chairperson, and it should be indicated that such a public forum, meeting or hearing may be the appropriate forum for the expression of views.

6. Six (6) copies of written comments should be provided (if possible) to the assistant to the WMAC for distribution, either prior to or during the meeting. This will allow the individual to include detail and background not possible within the allowed timeframe scheduled for public comment. These written comments will become a part of the formal WMAC record and will provide the WMAC with a precise, clear reference upon which to base their response to concerns.

   All documents distributed at the meeting will be considered public documents. It is the responsibility of the presenter to make sure all statements made are accurate and based on fact.

   Use of audio, video, PowerPoint, etc., are not allowed during Public Comment.

7. The WMAC, at its discretion, may or may not hear matters relative to litigation. The WMAC **will not** comment on or answer questions related to matters that are in litigation.