

**Western Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council (WUPCAC)**  
**Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, December 18, 2025**  
**6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central**  
**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

*2025 Officers: Tom Solka, Chair – George Lindquist, Vice Chair*

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Moment of Remembrance** – Chair Tom Solka

**Roll Call of Virtual Attendees / Confirm Quorum** – Chair Solka

**Adoption of Agenda** – Chair Solka

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (July WUPCAC & October Joint UPCAC)** – Chair Solka

**Reports from DNR Division Staff**

1. Darren Kramer – Fisheries Division
2. Tom Seablom – Forest Resources Division
3. Lt. Ryan Aho – Law Enforcement Division
4. Doug Rich – Parks & Recreation Division (*DNR Lead for Meeting*)
5. Ron Yesney – Parks & Recreation Division-UP Trails
6. Bill Scullon – Wildlife Division

**Public Comment (on Agenda Items Only)** – Chair Solka

(5 minutes pre-registered 5 business days prior to meeting/3 minutes after and day of meeting)

- 1.
- 2.

**Old Business**

1. Follow-Up from July & Joint UPCAC Meetings
  - UPDATE: Thompson Hatchery Pond Stocking Update (Dropps/July) – Darren Kramer

**New Business**

1. White Nose Syndrome Update – John DePue
2. Western UP Trails Update – Ron Yesney
3. Preliminary Overview of 2025 Deer Season – Dave Lemmien
4. Deer Advisory Team Update – Dave Johnson (*Member*)
5. Status of Council Member Term Expirations/Absences – Kristi Dahlstrom
6. Reminder of Officer Selection at January 2026 Meeting – Chair Solka

## **Committee Activity**

1. Trails/Recreation/Law – *Barb Gajewski, Committee Lead*
2. Fisheries – *Floyd Dropps, Committee Lead*
3. Forestry – *Lucas Vold, Committee Lead*
4. Wildlife – *George Lindquist, Committee Lead*

## **Next Meeting** – *Chair Solka*

1. Approval of 2026 Meeting Dates & Locations (see below)
2. Next WUPCAC Meeting (if approved): January 28, 2026, 6:00pm, Virtual via Zoom
3. Topic Suggestions for Next Meeting
  - *2026 Officer Selection (January)*
  - *Possibilities of Elk In the UP (January or March)*
  - *Guiding Process on the Great Lakes & Inland Lakes (TBD)*

## **Public Comments (Any Topic)** – *Chair Solka*

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## **Closing Comments from Council** – *Chair Solka*

## **Adjourn** – *Chair Solka*

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### **PROPOSED 2026 WUPCAC Meeting Schedule**

- Wednesday, January 28, 6:00-8:30pm, Virtual via Zoom
- Wednesday, March 25, 6:00-8:30pm, Baraga
- Wednesday, May 20, 6:00-8:30pm/5:00-7:30 CT, Ironwood
- Monday, July 20, 6:00-8:30pm, Escanaba
- JOINT UPCAC: Tuesday, October 13, 3:00-5:00pm, Marquette
- *Optional: UP NRC Meeting, Wednesday, October 14, 9am, Marquette*
- Wednesday, December 2, 6:00-8:30pm, Virtual via Zoom

### **Current WUPCAC Committees & Members (Dec 2025)**

- **Fisheries:** Floyd Dropps-Committee Lead, Dave Johnson, George Lindquist, Dave Hall, Barb Gajewski, Darren Kramer-DNR Advisor
- **Forestry:** Lucas Vold-Committee Lead, Skip Schulz, Carol Mason-Sherrill, Tom Seablom-DNR Advisor
- **Trails/Recreation/Law:** Barb Gajewski-Committee Lead, Skip Schulz, Dave Hall, Erik Bessonon, Chris Peterson, Ron Yesney, Doug Rich & Lt. Ryan Aho-DNR Advisors
- **Wildlife:** George Lindquist-Committee Lead, Chauncey Moran, Dave Johnson, Erik Bessonon, Barb Gajewski, Ryan Tanner, Bill Scullon-DNR Advisor

### **Meeting Notes**

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