



Western Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council (WUPCAC)
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
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 – Chair Tom Solka

Roll Call of Virtual Attendees / Confirm Quorum – Chair Solka

Adoption of Agenda – Chair Solka

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (December WUPCAC) – Chair Solka

Reports from DNR Division Staff

1. Doug Rich – Parks & Recreation Division (DNR lead for the meeting)
2. Darren Kramer – Fisheries Division
3. Tom Seablom – Forest Resources Division
4. Lt. Ryan Aho – Law Enforcement Division
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.

Annual Election of Officers – Doug Rich

(Newly elected officers to take effect next meeting)

1. Nominations & Voting for Chairman (Current-Tom Solka)
2. Nominations & Voting for Vice Chairman (Current-George Lindquist)

Old Business

1. Follow-Up from December Meeting
 - **UPDATE:** White Nose Syndrome Q&A (All/Dec) – John DePue
 - **UPDATE:** Wolf Management Plan – Status of Public Education Plan on Wolf Harvesting (Lindquist/Dec) – Update Planned for March

New Business

1. Guiding Process for Great Lakes & Inland Lakes – *Dave Caroffino / Lt. Ryan Aho*
2. Western UP Snowmobile Trail Update – *Ron Yesney*
3. Annual Winter Boating Access Site Partnership – *Doug Rich*

Committee Activity

1. Committee Membership Interest – Chair Solka
2. Wildlife – *George Lindquist, Committee Lead*
 - *Proposed Resolution: Balance Bear Numbers in Michigan’s U.P.*
3. Trails/Recreation/Law – *Barb Gajewski, Committee Lead*
4. Fisheries – *Floyd Dropps, Committee Lead*
5. Forestry – *Lucas Vold, Committee Lead*

Next Meeting – Chair Solka

1. Alternate May 2026 Meeting Date: May 21, 2026, 6:00pm ET, Ironwood
 - *Changed from May 20, 2026 due to Council schedule conflicts (surveyed via email)*
2. Next WUPCAC Meeting: March 25, 2026, 6:00pm, Baraga
3. Topic Suggestions for Upcoming Meetings
 - *Final 2025 Deer Season Report/Deer Camp Survey Results (March)*
 - *Deer Regulations Being Considered by NRC (March)*
 - *Wolf Abundance Survey/Moose Research Project Update (March or May)*
 - *Possibility of Elk In the UP (March)*

Public Comments (Any Topic) – Chair Solka

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1. Matthew Emeott, Michigan Backcountry Alliance: *Introduction (5 min)*
2. Ken Yonker, Lower Michigan: *Michigan Resettlement Program-Ironwood (5 min)*
- 3.

Closing Comments from Council – Chair Solka

Adjourn – Chair Solka

APPROVED 2026 WUPCAC Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, January 28, 6:00-8:30pm, Virtual via Zoom
- Wednesday, March 25, 6:00-8:30pm, Baraga
- Thursday, May 21, 6:00-8:30pm/5:00-7:30pm 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, Dave Hall, Brian Driscoll, Bill Scullon-DNR Advisor

Meeting Notes

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