

Western Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, January 24, 2024
6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central
Virtual Meeting (via Zoom)

Officers: Tom Solka, Chair – Kirk Schott, Vice Chair

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Tom Solka

Adoption of Agenda – Chair Solka

Introductions of Council Members/DNR Staff/Public Attendees – All

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (September WUPCAC & Joint UPCAC) – Chair Solka

DNR Division Reports

1. Ms. Stacy Haughey – UP Field Deputy, Executive Division
2. Mr. Darren Kramer – Fisheries Division
3. Sgt. Mark Leadman – Law Enforcement Division
4. Mr. Doug Rich – Parks & Recreation Division
5. Mr. Ron Yesney – Parks & Recreation Division-UP Trails
6. Mr. Dave Lemmien – Wildlife Division

Annual Election of Officers – Ms. Haughey

(Newly elected officers to take effect next meeting)

1. Nominations & Voting for Chairman (Current-Tom Solka)
2. Nominations & Voting for Vice Chairman (Current-Kirk Schott)

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – Chair Solka

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

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Old Business

1. Trail Updates – Ron Yesney, DNR UP Trails Supervisor
 - a. Gogebic County: Trail 2 Update
 - b. Houghton County: Lake Linden Trail Opening
 - c. Follow-Up to Public Comment From September Meeting: Trail Proposals

New Business

1. Great Lakes Fishing Agreement – Dave Caroffino, DNR Tribal Coordination Unit Manager
2. UP Deer Season Feedback – John Pepin, Dave Lemmien, Stacy Haughey
3. UP Habitat Workgroup Update – Stacy Haughey

Committee Activity

1. Fisheries – *Mr. Dropps, Committee Lead*
2. Wildlife – *Mr. Lindquist, Committee Lead*
 - a. DNR Response to September Council Resolution: Implement Michigan Moose Hunt
 - b. Council Consideration of Two Proposed Committee Resolutions:
 - *Allow December Crossbow Use in a Portion of the UP*
 - DNR Input from Dave Lemmien
 - Council Vote
 - *Include Crop Damage & DMAP Take in Harvest Reports*
 - DNR Input from Dave Lemmien
3. Other Committee Activity (Trails/Recreation/Law, Forestry)

Next Meeting – *Chair Solka*

1. Next Regular WUPCAC Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 25, 6pm, in Baraga
2. Items for Next Agenda

Public Comments on Any Topic – *Chair Solka*

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Closing Comments from Council – *Chair Solka*

Adjourn – *Chair Solka*

Future Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central, Virtual/Zoom
- Monday, March 25, 2024, 6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central, Baraga
- Thursday, May 30, 2024, 6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central, Ironwood
- Thursday, July 25, 2024, 6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central, Escanaba
- Thursday, September 19, 2024, 6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central, Ontonagon
- JOINT UPCAC MEETING: Wednesday, October 9, 2024, 3:00-5:00pm Eastern / 2:00-4:00pm Central, Marquette
- *UP NRC Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 9:00am Eastern / 8:00am Central, Marquette*

WUPCAC Committees & Members

- **Fisheries:** Floyd Dropps-Committee Lead, Mike Holmes, Dave Johnson, George Lindquist, Dave Hall, Dr. Kirk Schott, Barb Gajewski, Jeff Sierpien, Darren Kramer-DNR Advisor
- **Forestry:** Lucas Vold-Committee Lead, Warren Suchovsky, Horst Schmidt, Skip Schulz, Carol Mason-Sherrill, Tom Seablom-DNR Advisor
- **Trails/Recreation/Law:** Barb Gajewski-Committee Lead, Skip Schulz, Dave Hall, Erik Bessonon, Ron Yesney, Doug Rich & Lt. Ryan Aho-DNR Advisors
- **Wildlife:** George Lindquist-Committee Lead, Chauncey Moran, Dave Johnson, Warren Suchovsky, Dr. Kirk Schott, Erik Bessonon, Jeff Sierpien, Dwaine Starr, Barb Gajewski, Dave Lemmien-DNR Advisor

Meeting Notes

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