

# Western Upper Peninsula Citizens Advisory Council

## Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 25, 2024

6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central

Delta County Chamber of Commerce Multi-Purpose Room

1001 N Lincoln Road, Escanaba

2024 Officers: Tom Solka, Chair – Kirk Schott, Vice Chair

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance – Chair Solka

Introductions of Council Members/DNR Staff/Public Attendees – Chair Solka

Adoption of Agenda – Chair Solka

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March & May) – Chair Solka

DNR Division Reports (***Bold** indicates expected attendance*)

1. **Stacy Haughey** – UP Field Deputy, Executive Division
2. **Darren Kramer** – Fisheries Division
3. **Dan Racine** – Forest Resources Division
4. **Sgt. Mark Zitnik** – Law Enforcement Division
5. **Doug Rich** – Parks & Recreation Division
6. **Ron Yesney** – UP Trails-Parks & Recreation Division
7. **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)

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- 2.

New Business

1. State Forest Management Plan Update – *Dan Heckman, Forest Resources Division*
2. Trails Update – *Ron Yesney*
3. Approved Deer Regulations from July Natural Resources Commission Meeting – *Stacy Haughey*

Old Business

1. Deer Management Initiative Summary – *Stacy Haughey*
2. DNR Update on January Resolution – *Stacy Haughey*
  - Crossbow Hunting Be Allowed in a Portion of the UP
3. DNR Response to March Resolutions – *David Caroffino, Fisheries Division*
  - Recommend any increase in DNR Fisheries revenue be prioritized to provide deliverables
  - Oppose expansion of underwater spearing under regulation FO 219.25

## **Committee Activity**

1. Fisheries – *Floyd Dropps, Committee Lead*
2. Wildlife – *George Lindquist, Committee Lead*
  - Proposed Resolution: Recommend Changes to UP Deer Regulations
  - Proposed Resolution: Create Long-Range UP Deer & Habitat Management Plan
3. Trails/Recreation/Law – *Barb Gajewski, Committee Lead*
4. Other Committee Activity (If Any)

## **Upcoming Meetings – Chair Solka**

1. Next WUPCAC Meeting: Thursday, September 19, 6pm Eastern/5pm Central, Lake Superior Sportsman’s Club Conference Room, Ontonagon
2. Upcoming Joint UPCAC Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 3:00-5:00pm Eastern/2:00-4:00pm Central, Marquette (Location TBD)
  - UP Welcome Reception, October 9, 6-8pm (Location TBD)
  - NRC Coffee with the Commissioners, October 10, 8-9am, NMU Northern Center
  - NRC Meeting, October 10, 9:00pm, NMU Northern Center
3. Suggestions for September Agenda & Joint UPCAC Agenda

## **Public Comments on Any Topic – Chair Solka**

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

## **Adjourn – Chair Solka**

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### **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~~
- ~~Wednesday, May 29, 2024, 6:00-8:30pm Eastern / 5:00-7:30pm Central, Ironwood *Changed to Virtual/Zoom*~~
- 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**

If you're unable to attend the meeting but wish to submit written comments on agenda items, please write to: Kristi Dahlstrom, UPCAC Assistant, 1990 US 41 South, Marquette, Michigan 49855, or email: [dahlstromk@michigan.gov](mailto:dahlstromk@michigan.gov). If you would like further information or would like to address the Council, please contact the UPCAC Assistant at 906-226-1331 or email [dahlstromk@michigan.gov](mailto:dahlstromk@michigan.gov). Persons registering at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting will be allowed five (5) minutes for their comments. Persons registering within five (5) business days prior to the meeting or at the meeting will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for their comments. Look for this agenda and other UPCAC items at the UPCAC webpage: [Michigan.gov/upcac](http://Michigan.gov/upcac). Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the UPCAC Assistant at 906-226-1331 or [dahlstromk@michigan.gov](mailto:dahlstromk@michigan.gov).