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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

**HBs 4567, 4568, 4569 – Update Commercial Fishing Statute –
Reps. O’Malley, Wendzel, Lilly**

The legislative package will update the commercial fishing statute. The bills include language that establishes/updates fees and penalties, clarifies authority regarding the commercial fishing industry, updates reporting requirements and codifies several existing practices under administrative rules or Director’s Orders.

- The bills were passed out of the House of Representatives and have been transmitted to the Senate.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

**HBs 4735, 4736, 4737 – Prohibit Certain Activities with Information Obtained under
Freedom of Information Act – Reps. VanSingel, Cherry, and Love**

This legislation amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by preventing an individual from using information listing the location of game obtained under the Freedom of Information Act to take game. The individual would be required to sign an affidavit stating that the data would not be used to take game or assist others in taking game.

- The bills were passed out of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and the House Committee on Judiciary. The bills are currently on the House floor awaiting consideration by the full House.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

House Bills 5002 and 5003 – Youth Fishing License – Reps. Howell and Brixie

This bill package would reinstitute a \$2.00 fee for resident and nonresident youth under 17 years of age who wish to obtain an all-species fishing license. Youth under 17, would still be allowed to fish in Michigan without a license. However, youth under 17 who wish to purchase an all-species fishing license, would once again be able to do so for a \$2.00 fee.

- The bills were passed by the House of Representatives and have been referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and a hearing has been scheduled for February 12th.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

HB 5333 – Place Restrictions on Forest Development Fund Monies – Rep. Markkanen

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to prohibit the use of Forest Development Funds for certain administrative costs or for making PILT payments.

- The bill was passed by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

HBs 5401-5402 – Create Emergency Temporary Speed Restrictions on Local Waters – Rep. Eisen

These bills would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to grant authority to the Department of Natural Resources, local sheriff, or county emergency management coordinator to create an emergency temporary speed restriction on local waters.

- The bills were passed by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and have been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

HB 5463 – Provide for Temporary Emergency Rules in Water Control Zones – Rep. Lilly

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to provide for procedures to allow local political subdivisions to apply for temporary emergency rules for local watercraft controls.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and one hearing has been held.
- The Administration supports this legislation.