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TO: Natural Resources Commission
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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

HB 4018 – Revise Penalty for Illegal Taking of Sturgeon - Rep. Allor

This bill will amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to increase the fine for the illegally taking of a sturgeon to \$5,000.00. The statute currently allows for a fine of between \$500.00 to \$2,000.00.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

HB 4244 Provide Appropriations for fiscal year 2018-2019; Natural resources trust fund – Rep. Green

This bill contains the recommendations made by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant awards. The recommendations include 30 land acquisitions and 34 development grants. The 64 total grant awards total \$26,044,000, while also leveraging \$15,877,600 in local match, for a total investment of \$41,921,600.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Appropriations. The bill passed out of committee as a substitute H-1, passed the House of Representatives and is now in the Senate.