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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

**HB 4331 Allow an Individual to Possess a Loaded Firearm in or on a Vehicle when on Private Property – Rep. LaFave**

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual to possess or transport a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle, including an ATV or UTV, if the individual owns the private land or is accompanied by or has permission of the owner or lessee of the private land.

- This bill passed the House on May 24, 2019 by a vote of 67-42. The bill has been rereferred to the Senate Committee on Government Operations.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation

**HB 4340 (H-1) Prohibit the recording of individuals to obstruct or interfere with taking of animals or fish – Rep. Reilly**

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection act to prohibit an individual from photographing or recording an individual lawfully taking an animal or fish with the intent to harass that individual. This language will join a list of other actions currently prohibited when the intent is to obstruct or interfere with an individual's lawful taking of animal or fish.

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

**HB 4519 (H-1) Provide a 24 Hour Preference of State Camp Sites for State Residents – Rep. Steven Johnson**

This legislation amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require that all state camp sites be first offered for reservation to residents of the state for 24 hours. The legislation includes reservations for all campground sites, cabins, yurts and lodges.

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

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

**HB 4589 Eastern Wild Turkey as State Game Bird – Rep. Howell**

The legislation would name the Eastern Wild Turkey as the state’s official game bird.

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

**HB 4659 Require Tick Signage – Rep. Kennedy**

This legislation amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require that all state park entrances, state park and state forest campgrounds and access points to state trails have uniform signs alerting that ticks may be found in the area and that bites may result in Lyme disease or other tick-borne diseases.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Health Policy
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

**HB 4661 Karner Blue Butterfly as State Butterfly – Rep. VanSingel**

This legislation would name the Karner Blue Butterfly as the state’s official butterfly.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Government Operation
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation

**HB 4687 Deer and Elk Feeding – Rep. Hoitenga**

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual to engage in deer and elk feeding during the open seasons.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Government Operations.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.