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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

HB 4018 (H-2) 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 passed the House of Representatives on September 4, 2019 and has been referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

HB 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 bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and a hearing was held on September 3, 2019.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

HB 4817 Designate Dragonfly as State Insect - Rep. Lightner

The bill seeks to designate the dragonfly as the official state insect.

- This bill has been referred to the House Committee on Government Operations.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

HB 4827 Establish Best Stewardship Practices for Dealing with Oak Wilt - Rep. Sabo

The bill seeks to amend Part 501 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to add a section on Oak Wilt control.

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

HB 4833 Prohibit Import or Transfer of Live Cervidae from CWD Positive Region - Rep. Albert

The bill seeks to amend the Animal Industry Act to prohibit the import or transfer of privately owned live cervidae from a region that has tested positive for chronic wasting disease.

- This bill has been referred to the House Standing Committee on Agriculture.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

SBs 391, 392, and 405 State Recreation Passport Opt-out - Sens. Zorn and Hollier

This package of bills amends the Michigan Vehicle Code and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) requiring that an individual needs to elect not to pay for the state recreation passport during the issuance or renewal of a motor vehicle registration and modifies how revenue will be distributed from the state recreation passport fee. This is similar to a package of bills in the House, HBs 4486, 4775 and 4776.

- The bills were referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

SB 407 Allow Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at State Parks and State-operated Harbors - Rep. LaSata

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act by allowing the Department of Natural Resources to install charging stations for electric vehicles at State Parks and State-operated harbors. The bill also allows the department the ability to enter a lease for the installation or operation of the charging station infrastructure. Revenue from any lease shall be deposited into either the State Park Improvement Account or the Waterways Account. This bill is identical to HB 4788.

- This bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Transportation.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.