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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

HB 4313 (H-2) – Create a Pheasant Stamp – Rep. Howell

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection act by creating an annual pheasant hunting license. The annual license would cost \$25.00 and would require all hunters to also have the base hunting license. The Department shall use the money to acquire, restore or enhance lands to be managed for the benefit of pheasants, and to release pheasants on lands managed for the benefit of pheasants.

- This bill was passed by the House of Representative and referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. A hearing has been held in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration is neutral on this legislation.

HB 4332 (H-1) – Allow Pneumatic Guns During Certain Seasons – Rep. LaFave

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide the NRC the ability to allow an individual to use a pneumatic gun during any firearm season. The bill would also give the department the ability to determine whether a pneumatic gun could be allowed during archery season for individual with a disability or physical limitation.

- This bill was passed by the House of Representatives and was referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. A hearing has been held in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration is opposed to 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 by the House of Representatives and have referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources. A hearing has been held in the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration supports this legislation.