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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

HB 4088 (H-1) – Allow Supplemental feeding of Wildlife and Birds – Rep. Borton

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow for the feeding of wildlife and birds if both of the following conditions are met: the feed is located within 300 feet from a residence and the quantity of feed placed, scattered, or distributed within 300 feet of that residence does not exceed two gallons.

- The bill was passed by the Michigan House and Senate and was vetoed by the Governor.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HB 4969 – Require Conservation Officers to Wear Body Cameras While on Patrol – Rep. LaFave

House Bill 4969 would require conservation officers to wear body cameras while on patrol.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Military, Veterans and Homeland Security and one hearing has been held.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HB 5324 – Use of Sinking Funds for Michigan State Parks – Rep. VanSingel

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to establish a subaccount within the state park improvement account. The bill would allow for money from the subaccount to be expended for only capital improvements and maintenance of state parks and recreation areas and would be capped at \$50 million in appropriated funds each fiscal year.

- The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HB 5342 – Prevents the DNR from Enforcing or Issuing Prohibitions on Entering the Water– Rep. Meerman

The bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to prohibit the DNR from promulgating or enforcing an order or issuing or enforce a rule to prohibit an individual from entering a body of water from state managed land because of temporary conditions of waves or currents.

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

HBs 5358-5360 – Provide Regulations for Commercial Hunting and Sport Fishing Guides – Reps. Howell, Cherry and Martin

These bills would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, to provide for the licensure and regulation of commercial hunting and sport fishing guides and to provide the Natural Resources Commission with the exclusive authority to regulate hunting and fishing guides.

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