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TO: Natural Resources Commission

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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

**HBs 6307 and 6308 – Prohibit Anchor Strikes in the Straits of Mackinac – Reps. Hood and Allor**

This legislative package provides for a requirement for maritime pilot and prohibition of anchors in Straits of Mackinac.

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

**HB 6316 – Prohibit Antler Point Restrictions in Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Zones - Rep. Albert**

The bill would prohibit the DNR from having antler point restrictions (APR) in CWD zones. In addition, the DNR would be required to deposit fifty cents from each deer license and antlerless deer license in a newly created CWD testing and research subaccount with funds used to conduct research and surveillance, to create educational materials, and to enforce orders related to CWD. The DNR would also be required to sell a CWD testing tag for \$5 to any individual who wishes to have their deer tested and the fee would be deposited into new account. In addition, the DNR would be required to make at least one CWD check station or drop station available during any deer hunting season in any county in a CWD area.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and one hearing has been held.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

**HB 6321 – Exempt Certain Game Location Data from FOIA – Rep. Cherry**

This bill amends the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to allow for a disclosure exemption of public records revealing the specific location or GPS coordinates of game animals.

- The bill was passed by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

### **HBs 6327 and 6328 – Provide Free Snowmobile Weekend on Snowmobile Trails – Rep. S. Johnson**

House Bill 6327 would require that before the start of each snow mobile season, the DNR would be required to designate one weekend in the snowmobile season during which a registration would not be required to operate a snowmobile on snowmobile trails. House Bill 6328 would require that before the start of each snow mobile season, the DNR would be required to designate one weekend in the snowmobile season during which a trail permit would not be required to operate a snowmobile on snowmobile trails.

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

### **HB 6466 – Provide for Lake Level Assessment Fee Reimbursement Under Certain Circumstances – Rep. VanSingel**

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA), 1994 PA 451, to specify that PILT paid by the Department of Treasury to each county for DNR-managed swamp and tax reverted lands is to be in lieu of all special assessments levied against these state lands under existing law, in addition to all other taxes.

- The bill was passed by the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and referred to the House Committee Ways and Means.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.