Natural Resources Commission Meeting

NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

January 9, 2020
Proposed Orders

• For Information – NRC
  – Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters (Fisheries Order 206.20A)
NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

• Fisheries Chief Update
• Wildlife Chief Update
  – Elk Season Results
Fisheries Orders
For Information Only

• 206: Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Lakes
Fisheries Orders 206
For Information Only

- Protect high-quality bluegill population in Walled Lake – Pigeon River Country
- Recommendation:
  - Zero daily possession limit
  - Artificial lures only
  - Last Saturday in April through Sept. 30th
  - Effective Immediately
- Supported by PRC Advisory Council
Thank You!
Wildlife Chief Update

Dan Kennedy
Wildlife Chief Update

• Pure Michigan Hunt Statistics
  – Sales and applicant numbers are similar to previous years
    • 54,709 applications
    • 18,385 applicants
  – Sales in 2019 were +29% over the 5-year average
  – Revealing 2020 winners live on Facebook Friday, January 24th
  – Winners will be awarded at the March NRC Meeting
2020 Proposed Orders Schedule

• February
  – For Information
    • 2020 – 2021 Furbearer Regulations
    • Use of Electronic Trap Monitors for Nuisance Animal Control Businesses
  – For Action
    • Fisheries Order 206

• March
  – For Information
    • 2020 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons
    • 2020 – 2021 Elk Regulations
    • Fisheries Order 200
  – For Action
    • 2020 – 2021 Furbearer Regulations
    • Use of Electronic Trap Monitors for Nuisance Animal Control Businesses
2020 Proposed Orders Schedule

• April
  – For Information
    • N/A
  – For Action
    • 2020 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons
    • 2020 – 2021 Elk Regulations
    • Fisheries Order 200

• May
  – For Information
    • 2020 – 2022 Antlerless Deer License Quotas
    • 2020 – 2022 Deer Regulations
  – For Action
    • N/A
2020 Proposed Orders Schedule

- June
  - For Information
    - N/A
  - For Action
    - 2020 – 2022 Antlerless Deer License Quotas
    - 2020 – 2022 Deer Regulations

- July – N/A

- August
  - For Information
    - Fisheries Order – TBD
  - For Action
    - N/A
2020 Proposed Orders Schedule

• September
  – For Information
    • Fisheries Order – TBD
  – For Action
    • Fisheries Order – TBD

• October
  – For Information
    • N/A
  – For Action
    • Fisheries Order - TBD

• November and December – N/A
Thank You!
2019 Elk Season Results

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January 9, 2020
2019 Late Elk Season Summary

• Hunt Period 2:
  – December 14-22

• Weather was ideal
  – Light to moderate snowfall throughout season and consistent below freezing temperatures provided great visibility and tracking conditions

• License Quota: 100
  – 30 any elk
  – 70 antlerless only elk
Elk Harvest – Late Season

- Hunt Period 2 Harvest
  - State hunter harvest: 89 legally harvested elk
    - 30 antlered bulls
    - 54 cows
    - 5 calves
    - 92% success (99 hunters)
  - 3 illegal takes (not included in harvest totals)
- Tribal harvest: 13 elk
  - 3 bulls, 10 cows
Late Hunt Harvest Map
2019 Total Elk Season Summary

• Hunt Period 1 Harvest:
  – State hunter harvest: 71 legally harvested elk
    • 29 bulls, 42 cows/calves; 74% success

• Hunt Period 2 Harvest:
  – State hunter harvest: 89 legally harvested elk
    • 30 bulls, 59 cows/calves; 92% success

• Tribal Harvest: 21 elk

• All 3 Pure Michigan hunters successful

January Hunt is not recommended
2020-2021 Regulations

- Proposed package of regulations brought forward for information
  - March 19 NRC meeting

- Proposed package of regulations considered for action
  - April 16 NRC meeting
Thank You

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