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TO: Natural Resources Commission
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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

PA 61 of 2016 (HB 5377) – Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – Rep. Bumstead
This act appropriates $27.9 million from the MNRTF for 26 acquisition projects ($20.0 million) and 44 development projects ($8.0 million). Matching funds of $21.6 million result in total project costs of $49.6 million.

SB 773 – Nonresident Commercial Fishing Guides – Sen. Zorn
This bill seeks to repeal Section 48714 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act which limits the ability of nonresidents to act as commercial fishing guides.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration supports this legislation.

HB 5275 – Forest Roads, Pack & Saddle and ORV Use– Rep. Cole
This bill seeks to add a new Section 72117 and amend Section 72115 of Part 721 and amend Section 81133 and repeal Section 81126 of Part 811 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow pack and saddle animals and ORVs to be used to retrieve legally harvested large game, to require that an inventory of forest roads be created, and to require that forest roads be open to motorized use by the public unless designated otherwise.

- The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

HB 5330 – Conveyance of Property in Muskegon County – Rep. Hughes
This bill seeks to provide for the conveyance of state owned property in Muskegon County to Sullivan Township for public purposes.

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

HB 5484 – Allow Hunter Pink as a Hunting Apparel Color– Rep. Lyons
This bill seeks to amend Section 40116 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual to wear hunter pink in addition to hunter orange while engaged in the taking of game species as provided in the section.

- The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

If you would like to learn more about these and other bills, you can access the Michigan Legislature website at www.legislature.mi.gov.