

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Division of Ecological and Water Resources

Natural Heritage Advisory Committee

Scientific and Natural Area, Minnesota Biological Survey, Nongame Wildlife, and Terrestrial Invasive Species programs and
Conservation Management & Rare Resources unit

10:25 AM – 3:00 PM February 4th, 2026

**** Meeting on MS Teams platform hosted by DNR****

A G E N D A

- 10:25 Participants join via MS Teams link embedded in appointment sent by Heidi: sound checks
- 10:30 **Call to Order:** Introductions for new members/ Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose *Breanna Wheeler, Chair*
- 10:35 **NHAC Business**
- ❑ Natural Heritage spotlight- examples share info about an SNA you have visited, work you are involved in or an outreach opportunity you know of *Breanna Wheeler*
 - ❑ New member introductions- all members will share a short background
 - ❑ Subcommittee reports: Chairs provide overview of subcommittee work
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *Haleigh Ziebol*
 - Terrestrial Invasive Species Funding – *Breanna Wheeler*
 - Legislative Funding (as needed) – *anyone interested*
 - Foraging Task Force- *John Moriarty will track the Foraging Task Force and report back to NHAC*
 - NHAC Field Trips – *need new members!*
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 12:30 **NHAC Business**
- ❑ **DNR structure overview**
 - ❑ **Review of potential meeting topics and voting process**
 - Overview of process with timelines
 - Directions on when to vote
 - ❑ **Natural Area Registry** *Judy Elbert*
- 2:00 **DNR Program Updates**
- ❑ **EWR Division Leadership** – *Director Katie Smith*
 - **Legislative and Budget update**
 - **Program Updates** – *Heidi Wolf*
 - ❑ **Topics next meetings next steps**
- 2:30 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- ❑ Date of next meeting: April 1st (hybrid)
 - ❑ Other business to address at next meeting:
 - Please attend in person or have camera on
 - Lead Tackle and Ammo- opportunities for NHAC to educate the public?
 - ❑ Identify individual for Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight
- 3:00 **Adjourn**