

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

10:15 am – 2:00

****Virtual Meeting in response to COVID-19 - Use Microsoft Teams
as first choice platform****

(Should MS Teams not work, contingency plan is to use Conference Call-in system)

CALL-IN CODE for participants: **1 (415) 655-0003** followed by ACCESS CODE: **3 5 2 1 6 0 9 7**

A G E N D A

- 10:15 am Participants link in using Microsoft Teams (if unsuccessful, will revert to call-in code above)
- 10:30 **Call to Order:** Introductions / Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose (*Mike Spry*)
- 11:00 **NHAC Business**
- ❑ Approve minutes of June 1, 2020 meeting (attached)
 - ❑ Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – (*Doug McArthur*)
 - ❑ Subcommittee reports: brief updates where relevant
 - Peatland Conservation/Ramsar Subcommittee (*John Schladweiler*)
 - SNA Long-Term Monitoring Subcommittee (*Kristen Blann*)
 - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee (*Sarah Malick-Wahls*)
 - Legislation Subcommittee (*Tom Casey*)
 - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee (*John Pearson*)
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee (*John Pearson*)
 - ❑ Other NHAC business
 - Meeting format given COVID-19 circumstances
- 11:30 **DNR Program Updates:**
- ❑ Introduce *Fred Harris* and *Kelly Pennington*, new acting supervisors for the MBS Plant Survey and Conservation and Management Rare Resources Unit, respectively
 - ❑ EWR Division Leadership comments (*Steve Colvin* and/or *Ann Pierce*)
 - ❑ CAC/NHAC Charter approval process update (*Jan Shaw Wolff*)
- 12:00 Noon **Lunch break**
- 12:30 **DNR Legislative Update** – Bob Meier, Asst Commissioner for Policy and Government Relations
- 1:00/1:15 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- ❑ Date of next meeting: October 7, 2020 – Field Trip: pending status of COVID
 - Testing an SNA virtual field trip – led by SNA Outreach Coordinator Kelly Randall
 - ❑ Proposed focus topics carried forward for longer meeting:
 - White-tailed deer feeding, invite DNR Wildlife professional
 - Enforcement & Wildlife perspectives on restitution
 - Conservation of State Listed Species Op Order
 - ❑ Other business to address at next meeting
 - ❑ Identify individual for Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight
 - ❑ Actions needed before next meeting
- 2:00 pm **Adjourn**