

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

10:15 am – 2:00 pm

****Virtual Meeting in response to COVID-19 – Using ZOOM platform****

(Should ZOOM 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 ZOOM hosted by NHAC committee member (or revert to call-in code above)
- 10:30 **Call to Order:** Introductions / Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose - *Mike Spry*
- 10:40 **NHAC Business**
- Approve minutes of August 5, 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
- 11:30 **DNR Program Updates:**
- Legislative Update** – *Bob Meier*, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Government Relations
 - SNA Virtual Field Trip** – *Kelly Randall*, SNA Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator
- Noonish **Lunch break**
- 12:30 **DNR Updates (continued)**
- Bat Habitat Conservation Plan** – *Bridget Henning-Randa*, Minnesota Endangered Species Consultant, Conservation and Management Rare Resources Unit
 - Also: Update of Minnesota’s 20-year old wolf plan: how to participate, public engagement opportunities
 - New state records!!** – *Fred Harris, Mike Lee, and Courtney Millaway*, Minnesota Biological Survey
 - EWR Division Leadership** comments (tentative) - *Steve Colvin* and/or *Ann Pierce*
 - CAC/NHAC Charter** approval process update - *Jan Shaw Wolff*
- 1:30 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- Date of next meeting: December 2, 2020 – format given COVID-19 circumstances
 - Proposed focus topics carried forward for longer meeting:
 - Enforcement & Wildlife perspectives on restitution – before John S leaves us
 - White-tailed deer feeding, invite DNR Wildlife professional
 - 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**