

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, December 1, 2021 10:15 am – 2:30 pm**

**\*\*Virtual Meeting in response to COVID-19 – Using MS Teams platform hosted by DNR\*\***

**A G E N D A**

- 10:15 am Participants join via MS Teams link embedded in appointment sent by Jan: sound checks  
10:30 **Call to Order:** Introductions / Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose – *Alyssa Bloss, Acting Chair*
- 10:40 **NHAC Business - part 1 of 2**
- ❑ Approve minutes of October 6, 2021 meeting (attached)
  - ❑ Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Mike Spry*
  - ❑ Subcommittee reports: brief updates where relevant
    - SNA Long-Term Monitoring Subcommittee - *Kristen Blann*
      - Need to identify new chair
      - SNA Program Ecological Monitoring 2021 Field Recap, 2/9/2022 from 12:30 – 3:00 pm
    - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee
      - Revisit membership and chair with Sarah’s departure
    - Legislation Subcommittee - *Tom Casey*
    - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
    - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
  - ❑ Other NHAC business
    - Nominations for Vice Chair with February vote and immediate appointment
    - Follow-up to *Pollinator, Bird, and Wildlife Conservation* presentation and subsequent letter from Laurie Schneider to Commissioner Strommen et al. (attached) – *Alyssa Bloss*
- 11:40 **DNR Program Updates - part 1 of 2**
- ❑ **EWR Division Leadership** – *Director Katie Smith and/or Deputy Director Ann Pierce*
  - ❑ **Future Funding Effort** - *Deputy Director Ann Pierce*
- 12:00 pm **Lunch break**
- 12:30 **NHAC Business - part 2 of 2 Other NHAC Business (continued)**
- Sand Dunes State Forest and timber sales: introduction of topics – *Chris Smith*
  - Deer Feeding: email vote on statewide feeding ban after 10/6 meeting tabled to allow discussion at December meeting (resolution attached) – *Alyssa et al.*
- 1:30 **DNR Program Updates - part 2 of 2**
- ❑ New Approved Charter (attached) – *Jan Shaw Wolff*
    - Role of NHAC and intended nature of relationship to DNR – *open dialog led by Jan*
  - ❑ Update on 2022 New Member Application Process – *Jane Cowan*
    - New member welcome packet, revised from August draft – *Jan Shaw Wolff*
- 2:10 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- ❑ Date of next meeting: February 2, 2022: Welcome new Members!
  - ❑ Vote and election of Vice Chair and official appointment of Chair Alyssa Bloss
  - ❑ Proposed focus topics carried forward:
    - Conservation of State Listed Species Operational Order
  - ❑ Other business to address at next meeting:
  - ❑ Identify individual for Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight
  - ❑ Actions needed before next meeting

2:30 pm

**Adjourn**