

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, February 1<sup>st</sup> 10:15 am – 2:30 pm**

**\*\*Hybrid Meeting at the Sauk Rapids DNR office and 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 Heidi: sound checks  
10:30 **Call to Order:** Introductions / Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose – *Kelly Barrett, Chair*
- 10:40 **NHAC Business**
- Approve minutes of December 7, 2022 meeting (attached)
  - Welcome and Introductions of new members
  - Introductions of current members
  - Subcommittee reports: Chairs provide overview of subcommittee work
    - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee - *Alyssa Bloss*
    - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *Chris Smith*
    - Terrestrial Invasive Species Funding – *Breanna Wheeler*
    - Funding – *Keng Yang*
  - Other NHAC business
    - Motion to appoint new Vice Chair, Ryan Rothstein (biography attached)
    - Turtle harvest bill (Senate File 612 and House File 234)
- 12:00 pm **Lunch break**
- 12:30 **DNR Program Updates**
- EWR Division Leadership** – *Director Katie Smith and/or Deputy Director Melissa Kuskie and/or Heidi Wolf*
  - Program Overviews- 20 minutes each**
    - MBS**
    - SNA**
    - CMRR**
    - NONGAME**
    - TERRESTRIAL INVASIVES**
- 2:10 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- Date of next meeting: April 5th, 2023
  - Proposed future topics carried forward:
    - Conservation of State Listed Species Operational Order
    - Summary of NHAC recommendations & DNR responses during Walz/Strommen Administration
    - Rough Fish Petition from Izaak Walton League
    - NHAC facilitated Goal setting and prioritization proposal for the April Meeting
  - 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**