

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 2, 2020

10:15 am – 2:30 pm

****Virtual Meeting in response to COVID-19 – Using ZOOM platform hosted by Nancy Braker****

(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**

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- 10:15 am Participants link in using ZOOM hosted by Nancy Braker (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 October 7, 2020 meeting (attached)
 - Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Sarah Malick-Wahls*
 - Subcommittee reports: brief updates where relevant
 - Peatland Conservation/Ramsar Subcommittee: final update - *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*
 - Proposed resolution on recommendations for uses (attached)
 - Other NHAC business
 - Proposed resolution from Tom Casey (attached)
- 11:00 **DNR Program Updates:**
- Legislative Update** – *Bob Meier*, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Government Relations and *Annalee Garletz*, Government Relations Unit Supervisor
 - EWR Division Leadership** - *Steve Colvin's last NHAC meeting*
- Noonish **Lunch break**
- 12:30 **DNR Updates (continued)**
- Let's Get Wild! Wildlife Diversity Outreach** *Cynthia Osmundson, Lori Naumann* and *Elizabeth Nault-Maurer*
 - Divisions' Approach to Revising Restitution Statute and Rule** – *Cynthia Osmundson*
 - DNR Roundtable** Event in January 2021 - *Jan Shaw Wolf*
- 1:45 **Recognizing member and role changes**
- Thank You! to:
 - Departing members: *Peg Furshong* and *John Schladweiler*
 - Extending Committee service for another year: *Nancy Braker*
 - Retiring 2020 Chair: *Mike Spry*
 - Retiring 2020 Vice-Chair & Welcome and Congrats as 2021 Chair: *Sarah Malick-Wahls*
 - Request Nominations for 2021 Vice Chair

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Next Meeting /Next Steps

- ❑ Date of next meeting: February 3, 2021 – virtual format given COVID-19 circumstances
- ❑ Proposed focus topics carried forward:
 - White-tailed deer feeding, invite DNR Wildlife professional
 - Conservation of State Listed Species Operational Order
- ❑ Other business to address at next meeting
 - NHAC Appointment Schedule: sharing committee member ideas (spreadsheet attached)
- ❑ Identify individual for Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight
- ❑ Actions needed before next meeting

2:30 pm

Adjourn