

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 2, 2022

10:15 am – 2:45 pm

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

A G E N D A

- 9:15 NEW MEMBERS are encouraged to join the meeting between 9:15-10:15 to troubleshoot IT issues
10:15 am Participants join via MS Teams link embedded in appointment: sound checks
10:30 **Call to Order:** Introductions / Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose – *Alyssa Bloss, Chair*
10:40 **NHAC Business**
- ❑ Approve minutes of December 1, 2021 meeting (attached)
 - ❑ Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Alyssa Bloss*
 - ❑ 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*
 - 12-22-2021 Letter from Commissioner Strommen to Tom Casey (attached)
 - Legislation Subcommittee - *Tom Casey*
 - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - ❑ Other NHAC business
 - Motion to appoint new Vice Chair, Kelly Barrett (biography attached)
- 12:00 pm **Lunch break**
12:30 **NHAC Business (continued)**
1:15 **DNR Program Updates**
- ❑ **EWR Division Leadership** – *Director Katie Smith and/or Deputy Director Ann Pierce*
 - NHAC letter to Commissioner Strommen to support pollinator letter (attached)
 - Pollinator Letter from Schneider, Larson et al. (attached)
 - ❑ **Overview of Programs supported by NHAC**
 - Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS)** – *Bruce Carlson, Holly Bernardo, Gerda Nordquist*
 - Nongame Wildlife** – *Kristin Hall, for Cynthia Osmundson*
 - Terrestrial Invasive Species** – *Laura Van Riper*
 - Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA)** – *Molly Roske*
 - SNA Program Ecological Monitoring 2021 Field Recap, 2/9/2022 from 12:30 – 3:00 pm
 - Conservation Management and Rare Resources (CMRR)**
 - Wetland Systems and Management – *Jennie Skancke*
 - Forest Systems and Management – *Emily Peters*
 - Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species – *Bridget Henning-Randa*
- 2:30 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- ❑ Date of next meeting: April 6, 2022
 - ❑ Proposed future topics carried forward:
 - Sand Dunes State Forest
 - Pollinator Protection
 - 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
- 2:45 pm **Adjourn**