

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

**Tuesday, June 2, 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 - *Sarah Malick-Wahls, Chair*
- 10:40 **DNR Program Updates - part 1 of 2**
- ❑ **Introduction of Katie Smith**, new Division Director, Ecological and Water Resources
  - ❑ **Legislative Update** – *Bob Meier*, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Government Relations
- 11:00 **NHAC Business - part 1 of 2**
- ❑ Approve minutes of April 7, 2021 meeting (attached)
  - ❑ Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Chris Smith*
  - ❑ Subcommittee reports: brief updates where relevant
    - SNA Long-Term Monitoring Subcommittee - *Kristen Blann*
    - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee - *Sarah Malick-Wahls*
      - NHAC Letter to Commissioner Strommen recommending the creation of a Lead Advisory Committee sent 4/13 sent through Ann Pierce (attached)
    - Legislation Subcommittee - *Tom Casey*
    - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
    - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
      - May 5 Subcommittee Meeting Notes (attached)
      - Outcome of electronic vote on Dimmick Island
  - ❑ Other NHAC business
- 12:00 pm **Lunch break**
- 12:30 **DNR Program Updates - part 2 of 2**
- Forest Management**
- ❑ **Leveraging State Trust Lands: Acceleration of Improved Forest Management to increase carbon storage in the U.S.** *Aaron Vande Linde, Director, Minnesota Office of School Trust Lands; Ashley McFarland, Executive Director, Dovetail Partners; and Jennifer Corcoran, Remote Sensing Consultant, DNR Division of Forestry*
- 1:15 **NHAC Business - continued**
- ❑ NHAC Appointment Schedule: outcome of electronic vote (spreadsheet attached)
- 2:00 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- ❑ Date of next meeting: August 4, 2021 – discuss format: is a field visit possible?
  - ❑ Proposed focus topics carried forward:
    - White-tailed deer feeding, invite DNR Wildlife professional
    - Conservation of State Listed Species Operational Order
    - “No Net Gain” philosophy of some counties and implications for SNA acquisitions
  - ❑ 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**