

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 3, 2021

10:15 am – 2:30 pm

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

A G E N D A

- 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 - *Sarah Malick-Wahls, Chair*
- 10:40 **NHAC Business**
- Approve minutes of December 2, 2020 meeting (attached)
 - Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Alyssa Alness*
 - Subcommittee reports: brief updates where relevant
 - SNA Long-Term Monitoring Subcommittee - *Kristen Blann*
 - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee - *Sarah Malick-Wahls*
 - Legislation Subcommittee - *Tom Casey*
 - Governor’s Budget for Natural Resources (attached)
 - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - Proposed resolutions and meeting notes (attached)
 - Discussion and Vote for Committee Vice Chair
 - Alyssa Alness Biography (attached)
- 11:45 **DNR Program Updates**
- EWR Division Leadership** – *Ann Pierce, Acting Division Director*
 - Endangered and Threatened Species in Road Rights-of-Way (attachment)
 - Legislative Update** – *Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner for Policy & Government Relations*
- 12:30 **Lunch break**
- 1:00 **Forest Management**
- The Sustainable Timber Harvest Analysis impacts on Wildlife Management Areas: efforts of the Minnesota Chapter of The Wildlife Society** – *Chris Smith*
 - Attachment: MNTWS and wildlife impacts of STH
 - Old Growth Forests: Monitoring effort-** *Jan Shaw Wolff*
- 1:45 **Recognizing NHAC member changes**
- Confirm member roster for 2021 and contact information (draft 2021 roster attached)
 - Announce and Welcome 2021 Vice Chair
- 2:00 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- Date of next meeting: April 7, 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
 - Identify individual for Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight
 - Actions needed before next meeting
- 2:30 pm **Adjourn**