

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, August 4, 2021

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

- 10:15 am Participants join via MS Teams link embedded in appointment sent by Molly Roske: sound checks
10:30 **Call to Order:** Introductions / Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose – Alyssa Bloss, *Acting Chair*
- 10:40 **NHAC Business – part 1 of 3**
- ❑ Approve minutes of June 2, 2021 meeting (attached)
 - ❑ Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Angie Smith*
- 11:00 **DNR Program Updates – part 1 of 2**
- ❑ **White-tailed Deer feeding and effects on rare resources**
Co-presentation by *Sarah Malick-Wahls & Leslie McInenly, DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, Wildlife Populations & Regulations Manager*
 - ❑ **EWR Division Leadership** – *Katie Smith, Division Director and/or Ann Pierce, Deputy Director*
- 11:45 **NHAC Business – part 2 of 3**
- ❑ Subcommittee reports: brief updates where relevant
 - SNA Long-Term Monitoring Subcommittee - *Kristen Blann*
 - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee – *Tom Casey*
 - Legislation Subcommittee - *Tom Casey*
 - Vote for DNR to comment on non-toxic ammunition and tackle on all federal NWR
- 12:30 pm **Lunch break**
- 1:00 **DNR Program Updates – part 2 of 2**
- ❑ **DNR’s SLAM Approach to “No Net Gain” counties and implications for acquisitions**
Theresa Ebbenga, Northwest Regional Director
Kerstin Larson, Division of Lands & Minerals Planning Director
- 1:30 **NHAC Business – part 3 of 3**
- ❑ Subcommittee reports (continued)
 - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - Vote on Rochester Heron Rookery
 - ❑ Other NHAC business
 - New member welcome packet – *Kathryn Keller-Miller (attached)*
 - Discussion about process for continuing email voting (time allowing) – *Alyssa Bloss*
- 2:15 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- ❑ Date of next meeting: October 6, 2021 – potential field trip? Or virtual format?
 - ❑ Proposed focus topics carried forward:
 - 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
- 2:30/2:45 pm **Adjourn**