

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 5th 10:15 AM – 3:00 PM

**** Meeting on 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 Heidi: sound checks
10:30 **Call to Order:** Introductions for new members/ Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose – *Jackson Miller, Chair*
- 10:40 **NHAC Business**
- Introduction to the committee- Jackson Miller
 - Vice Chair nomination and voting
 - Overview of meeting dates and legislative calendar
 - Overview of sharepoint and potential meeting topics
 - Selection of April Meeting topic
 - Please look at meeting topics for 2025 for the remaining meetings, add to those by February 19th and vote on topics by March 4th
 - Charter review
 - March meeting will be on March 12th due to section wide meeting
 - Approve minutes of October 2024 meeting minutes (attached and on sharepoint)
- Additional NHAC business if we have time**
- Member Spotlight: Chris Smith
 - Subcommittee reports: Chairs provide overview of subcommittee work
 - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee - *Dawn Doering*
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - Terrestrial Invasive Species Funding – *Breanna Wheeler*
 - Legislative Funding (as needed) – *anyone interested*
 - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee (as needed)- *John Pearson*
- 12:00 **Join the Biodiversity Highlight Report Out- Meeting link sent by Heidi (Teams meeting)**
Please join us for the annual Biodiversity Highlights Series hosted by the Minnesota Biological Survey, Nongame Wildlife Program, Scientific & Natural Areas Program, Conservation Management and Rare Resources Unit, and Invasive Species Program at the MN Department of Natural Resources. The purpose of this series is for these programs to highlight new biodiversity information from the past year or so that is relevant to natural resource professionals working to protect, manage and better understand biodiversity in Minnesota. Speakers will present on new plant and animal discoveries, monitoring and research outcomes, management and protection accomplishments, community science initiatives, policy updates and emerging threats facing biodiversity. This year there are 3 online events (Feb. 5, 11, and 25), each one about 3 hours with about 10 speakers.
- Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- Date of next meeting: April 2nd, 2025
 - Foraging as a topic -State forests and State parks
 - Other business to address at next meeting:
 - Please attend in person or have camera on
 - Identify individual for Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight