

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, June 5th 10:15 am – 1:45 PM**

**pm**

**\*\*Hybrid Meeting at the St. Paul DNR and 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 Heidi: sound checks

10:30

**Call to Order:** Introductions / Overview of Meeting Agenda & Purpose – *Ryan Rothstein, Chair*

10:40

**NHAC Business**

- ❑ Approve minutes of April, 2024 meeting minutes (attached and on sharepoint)
- ❑ Member Spotlight: George Host
- ❑ 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*
  - Funding – *anyone interested*
  - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee- *John Pearson*
- ❑ Other NHAC business
  - Climate change meeting topic discussion – see attached list of Climate Change topic ideas
  - NHAC format- review of the charter and brainstorm areas of interest/impact for the 2024 meetings
  - Discussion on motion to sunset funding subcommittee and a motion to start a legislative subcommittee for when Keng is present (current funding subcommittee member)
  - Ideas for legislative changes are starting to be gathered now- brainstorm of what NHAC might want to suggest
    - Heidi requested a two year legislative calendar in April and hasn't gotten anything back yet, reached back out.
  - Field trip planning
    - Tour ideas pitched by SNA staff so far:
      - A few options in the NW:
        - Blanket Flower SNA/Parke NPB/Tansem NPB
        - Western Prairie SNA (TNC)/Tanberg NPB's
        - Agassiz Dunes SNA/ Garfield NPB
        - Felton Prairie SNA/Strand NPB/Flowing NPB
    - Past Tour Details for reference
      - 2023 was in the SE (Forestville Mystery Cave/Cherry Grove Blind Valley SNA)
      - 2022 was in South central (Jeffers Petroglyphs/Rock Ridge SNA)
      - 2021 COVID no tour
      - 2020 COVID no tour
      - 2019 was in the NE (Minnesota Point SNA and Hemlock Ravine SNA)

**DNR Program Updates**

- ❑ **EWR Division Leadership** – *Director Katie Smith and/or Deputy Director Melissa Kuskie and/or Heidi Wolf*
- ❑ **Topics next meetings next steps**

**Next Meeting /Next Steps**

- ❑ Date of next meeting: August 7th
- ❑ Other business to address at next meeting:
  - Please attend in person or have camera on
- ❑ Identify individual for Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight

12:00 Lunch- Chipotle

1:45 pm **Adjourn**