

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, April 7, 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 **NHAC Business**
- Approve minutes of February 3, 2021 meeting (attached)
 - Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Nancy Braker*
 - Subcommittee reports: brief updates where relevant
 - SNA Long-Term Monitoring Subcommittee - *Kristen Blann*
 - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee - *Sarah Malick-Wahls*
 - Motion for non-toxic ammunition and tackle sent 3/30 to Ann Pierce (attached)
 - Document with motion requested for April meeting discussion (attached)
 - Legislation Subcommittee - *Tom Casey*
 - RIM legislative proposal – *Chris Smith*
 - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - March 3 Subcommittee Meeting Notes (attached)
 - Summary for proposed motion regarding Dimmick Island (attached)
 - Other NHAC business
- 12:15 **Lunch break**
- 12:45 **DNR Program Updates**
- EWR Division Leadership** – *Ann Pierce, Acting Division Director (time subject to change)*
 - DNR’s Center for Aquatic Mollusk Programs (CAMP) and Freshwater Mussel Conservation**
EWR Malacologists Madeline Pletta and Bernard Sietman, Lake City Office
- 2:00 **NHAC/DNR collaborative item**
- NHAC Appointment Schedule: sharing committee member ideas (spreadsheet attached)
- 2:15 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- Date of next meeting: June 2, 2021 – virtual format given COVID-19 circumstances
 - Proposed focus topics carried forward:
 - White-tailed deer feeding, invite DNR Wildlife professional (tentative for June meeting)
 - 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**