

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, December 7, 2022

10:15 am – 3:00 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: sound checks

10:30

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

10:40

NHAC Business

- Approve minutes of October 5, 2022 meeting (attached)
- Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Ryan Rothstein*
- Subcommittee reports: Chairs provide overview of subcommittee work
 - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee - *Alyssa Bloss*
 - Legislation Subcommittee - *Tom Casey*
 - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
Notes from November 2, 2022 meeting (attached)
 - Terrestrial Invasive Species Subcommittee – *Breanna Wheeler*
 - Funding Subcommittee - *Keng Yang*
- Other NHAC business
 - Nominations for Vice Chair with February 2023 vote and immediate appointment
 - Welcome back Angela Smith, returning from military deployment
 - Fond farewells to committee members whose terms expire 12/31/2022:
Tom Casey, Kathryn Keller-Miller, John Pearson, and Jeanette Eller Watland

12:15 pm

----- **Lunch break** -----

12:45

DNR Program Updates

- Introduce new EMP Section Hires – *Bruce Carlson*
 - Lacy Levine, Conservation Management and Rare Resources Supervisor
 - Judy Schulte, SNA Program Supervisor
 - Nicholas Snavely, SNA Statewide Resource Management Coordinator
- At 1:00, join the Minnesota Biological Survey, Nongame Wildlife Program, and Scientific and Natural Area Program end of field season session. These three programs are combining forces to share their exciting accomplishments from the 2022 season and other important work.

2:30

Next Meeting /Next Steps

- Date of next meeting: February 1, 2023
- Proposed future topics carried forward:
 - Shooting range funding grants
 - Conservation of State Listed Species Operational Order
 - Summary of NHAC recommendations & DNR responses during Walz/Strommen Administration
 - Sand Dunes State Forest – follow-up to 1 June 2021 presentation
 - Rough Fish Petition from Izaak Walton League
- Other business to address at next meeting
- Identify individual for Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight
- Actions needed before next meeting

2:45 pm

Adjourn