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 11th 10:15 AM – 3:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting at the Central Office 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*
Introductions, Ice Breaker Question- What is your favorite snow activity and why?

10:40   **NHAC Business**
- Approve minutes of October 2024 meeting minutes (attached and on sharepoint)
- 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 – *anyone interested*
  - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee- *John Pearson*

12:00   **Lunch**

12:40   **Other NHAC business**
- SNA Volunteer Engagement Presentation and Brainstorming (Kelly & Steph) ~40 min
- SNA Outreach Update (Kelly)~10 min
- SNA Strategic Land protection Plan Presentation and Brainstorming (Bill) ~40 min
- SNA 2023-2024 Permit Summary (Kevin) ~10 min

2:30   **DNR Program Updates**
- **EWR Division Leadership** – *Director Katie Smith and/or Deputy Director Melissa Kuskie and/or Heidi Wolf*
  - **Legislative update**
  - **Program Updates**
- **Topics next meetings next steps**

Next Meeting /Next Steps
- Date of next meeting: February 5th, 2025 (Virtual only)
  - 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

3:00 pm   **Adjourn**