

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 1, 2022

10:15 am – 2:45 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 – *Kelly Barrett, Vice Chair*
- 10:40 **NHAC Business**
- Approve minutes of April 6, 2022 meeting (attached)
 - Natural Heritage Advisory Committee member spotlight – *Sara Reagan*
 - Subcommittee reports: Chairs provide overview of subcommittee work
 - Lead Tackle Impact on Loons Subcommittee - *Alyssa Bloss* (Alyssa absent, may not cover)
 - Legislation Subcommittee - *Tom Casey*
 - Outreach Advisory Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - SNA Acquisition & Use Subcommittee - *John Pearson*
 - Terrestrial Invasive Species Subcommittee – *Breanna Wheeler*
 - Funding Subcommittee - *Keng Yang*
 - Other NHAC business
- 12:00 pm ----- **Lunch break** -----
- 12:30 **DNR Program Updates**
- EWR Division Leadership** – *Director Katie Smith*
 - Introduce new Deputy Director Melissa Kuskie
 - High level summary of 2022 legislative session
 - May 4, 2022 NHAC letter re: notification of county SNA acquisition hearings (attached)
 - EWR Ecosystem Management and Protection Section and Program updates**
 - Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS)** – *Bruce Carlson, Holly Bernardo, Gerda Nordquist*
 - *White Nose Syndrome conference 6/7 - Gerda Nordquist*
 - Nongame Wildlife** – *Kristin Hal and/or Cynthia Osmundson*
 - Update on federal Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA)
 - Scientific and Natural Areas (SNA)** – *Molly Roske*
 - Update on non-toxic ammo on SNAs and State Parks with special hunts
 - Conservation Management and Rare Resources (CMRR)** - *Jan Shaw Wolff*
 - Pollinator Week and Kickoff Event – *Christina Locke*
- 1:00 **Sand Dunes State Forest** – *Introduction and facilitation by Jan Shaw Wolff*
- Overview of DNR’s Interdisciplinary Forest Coordination Framework - *Emily Peters*
 - Overview of Forest Resources Management Planning - *Katie Zlonis and Alex Brothen*
 - Rusty patched bumble bee – *Bridget Henning-Randa*
- Time for questions and discussion**
- 2:00 **Next Meeting /Next Steps**
- August 3 Field Trip update to SW MN: *Davis Harder, Sara Reagan and planning team*
 - Administrative procedures for travel reimbursement – *Jan Shaw Wolff*
 - Proposed future topics carried forward:
 - Shooting range funding grants
 - Conservation of State Listed Species Operational Order
 - 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**