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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources Legislative Update

SB 880 – Great Lakes Bottomlands Easements for Pipelines – Sen. Jones

This bill seeks to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act and add a new Section 32517, which seeks to prohibit the DEQ from issuing easements for pipelines shipping crude oil or other liquid petroleum products on Great Lakes bottomlands. In addition, the bill provides for risk analysis for existing pipelines, and possible termination if the public trust in the waters of the Great Lakes is at risk of being impaired or adversely affected.

- This bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Technology.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

HB 5484 – Allow Hunter Pink as a Hunting Apparel Color– Rep. Lyons

This bill seeks to amend Section 40116 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow an individual to wear hunter pink in addition to hunter orange while engaged in the taking of game species as provided in the section.

- This bill was referred to the full House for consideration.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

HB 5631 – Modify Allowable Uses of the Forest Development Fund – Rep. Pscholka

This bill seeks to amend Section 50507 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow the use of money in the forest development fund for any purpose specifically authorized by law.

- This bill was referred to the House Committee on Appropriations.
- The Administration has not taken a position on this legislation.

If you would like to learn more about these and other bills, you can access the Michigan Legislature website at www.legislature.mi.gov.