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SUBJECT: Department of Natural Resources (Department) Legislative Update

HB 4026 (S-1) – Provide for 2-Year Recreation Passport Renewal – Rep. Eisen

This bill would amend the Motor Vehicle Code to allow for a 2-year renewal of the Recreation Passport when an individual obtains a 2-year vehicle registration.

- The bill was passed by the House, reported with recommendation from the Senate Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.

HB 4050 – Exempt Certain Game Location Data from FOIA – Rep. Cherry

This bill amends the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to allow for a disclosure exemption of public records revealing the specific location or GPS coordinates of game animals.

- The bill was passed by the House, reported with recommendation by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and is currently awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

HB 4080 – Allow Pneumatic Guns During Certain Seasons – Rep. LaFave

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to provide the NRC the ability to allow an individual to use a pneumatic gun during any firearm season. The bill would also give the Department the ability to determine whether a pneumatic gun could be allowed during archery season for individual with a disability or physical limitation.

- This bill was reported with recommendation from the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and awaiting a vote on the House floor.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HB 4088 (H-1) – Allow Supplemental feeding of Wildlife and Birds – Rep. Borton

This bill amends the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to allow for the feeding of wildlife and birds if both of the following conditions are met: the feed is located within 300 feet from a residence and the quantity of feed placed, scattered, or distributed within 300 feet of that residence does not exceed two gallons.

- The bill was passed by the House, reported with recommendation by the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and is currently awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.
- The Administration is opposed to this legislation.

HB 4242 – Allow Export of Live Minnows, Wigglers or Crayfish as Bait – Rep. Alexander

This bill would allow for the export of live minnow, wigglers, or crayfish as bait.

- The bill passed the House and was referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration is neutral on this legislation.

HB 4332 (H-1)– Modify Placement of Off-Road Vehicle Stickers – Rep. S. Johnson

This bill would amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to require the license for a 2-wheel vehicle to be attached to either of the following: centered on the exposed surface of the rear fender or located at a visible place on a front suspension fork.

- The bill was reported with recommendation by House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation and is awaiting a vote on the House floor.
- The Administration is neutral on this legislation.

HB 4363 (H-1) – Modify Time Periods for Certain DNR Land Transactions – Rep. Howell

The bill would extend the time-period for the DNR to approve or deny an application for a proposed exchange of state land and for a proposed sale of surplus land, from 180 days to 210 days. The bill would also require the DNR to provide public notice at least 30 days before making a decision to dispose of, lease, or develop certain public land of more than 80 acres in size.

- The bill was passed by the House and referred to the Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
- The Administration is in support of this legislation.

**SB 486 – Modify Membership on the Wolf Management Advisory Council
– Sen. McBroom**

The bill modifies the membership of the Wolf Management Advisory Council to require all members be residents of the Upper Peninsula unless wolves are found to be present in the Lower Peninsula, if so a majority of the members must be from the Upper Peninsula.

- The bill reported with recommendation from the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and is awaiting a vote on the Senate floor.
- The Administration has not yet taken a position on this legislation.