

MINUTES

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources & Environmental Quality

March 12, 2020

Meeting called to order by Representative Allor at 10:30 a.m.

Present – Allor, Glenn, VanSingel, Green, Slagh, Cherry, Hood

Absent – none

Excused – none

1. Approval of minutes dated 3-5-2020 Rep. Cherry
2. DNR presentation: Forest Resources Division
 - a. Debbie Begalle, Division chief
 - b. Shannon Hannah
 - Overview of Michigan's 20 million acres of forests
 - 2019 forest management
 - 55,000 acres of state forest timber sales (1 million timber cords)
 - Good neighbor authority
 - 6,400 acres of timber in national forests in Michigan
 - \$8.1 million increase in federal authority in FY 2020-21
 - Forest economy & economic impacts
 - Cooperation with Wildlife Division
 - Forest health
 - FY 2019-20 division appropriations
 - FY 2020-21 division appropriations
 - \$500,000 Forest Development Fund for cedar forest research
 - \$2.5 million Forest Development Fund for state forest infrastructure
 - \$1.0 million one-time & \$375,000 ongoing Forest Development Fund for wildfire equipment & mechanic
 - Wildfire suppression
 - Questions – VanSingel, Allor, Cherry
3. DNR presentation: Parks & Recreation Division
 - a. Ron Olson, Division chief
 - b. Shannon Hannah
 - Overview of parks & recreation opportunities
 - FY 2019-20 division appropriations
 - FY 2019-20 capital outlay appropriations
 - FY 2020-21 division appropriations
 - State parks operations \$1.0 million increase (restricted funding)
 - \$1.0 million GF/GP for Michigan Conservation Corps
 - Infrastructure improvements (capital outlay)
 - Stakeholder advisory groups
 - Natural Resources Commission
 - Belle Isle Advisory Committee
 - Michigan State Waterways omissions
 - Michigan Trails Advisory Committee
 - State park facility infrastructure system & improvement needs
 - FY 2018-19 Recreation Passport
 - 35.1% participation rate
 - \$31.6 million revenue
 - State park accessibility
 - Michigan Conservation Corps
 - Trails

- Motorized (snowmobiles & ORVs) – 7,900 miles
 - Iron Belle Trail
- Questions – Slagh, Hood, Allor
- 4. Legislative cards –
 - a. none
- 5. Adjourn
 - a. Meeting adjourned by Representative Allor at 11:37 am.