

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources

DATE: March 2, 2017

The DNR House Appropriations Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative Allor at 9:00 a.m.

Roll was taken: Present – Representatives Allor, Victory, Hernandez, Marino, VanSingel, Pagan,
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Absent – none

Excused – none

1. DNR Presentation: FY 2017-18 Executive Budget Recommendation

- a. Keith Creagh, Director
- b. Erik Eklund, Budget Officer
- c. Director Creagh gave a presentation on DNR's FY 2017-18 executive budget recommendation. Subcommittee members were provided with a PowerPoint presentation handout. Highlights of the presentation:
 - i. DNR introductions
 - ii. DNR economic impact
 1. Hunting
 2. Fishing
 3. Recreation – camping, boating, trails, snowmobiles, shooting sports
 - iii. Resource-based industry
 - iv. FY 2017-18 budget priorities and changes
 1. Improve state park experience
 2. Connect trails to communities
 3. Sustainable harvest for Great Lakes fish
 4. Protect public safety
 5. Forest fire equipment replacement

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6. LOTS – land ownership tracking system
7. Public records retention and access
8. Wetlands mitigation banking
9. Wildlife Council
10. Compliance with oil, gas, and mineral lease environmental monitoring
11. Gas tax revenue used for public recreation

v. Discussion ensued (questions and answers)

2. DNR Presentation: Wetland Mitigation Banking

- a. Steve Shine, Program Manager, Wetland Mitigation Banking
- b. Deena Bosworth, Michigan Municipal Wetland Alliance
- c. Steve Shine and Deena Bosworth on wetland mitigation banking. Subcommittee members were provided with a PowerPoint presentation handout. Highlights of the presentation:

i. Definition

ii. Objectives

1. Replace lost wetlands: 1 acre = 1 credit

iii. Budget request

1. \$4.35 million GF/GP

a. \$500,000 GF/GP in FY 2016-17

b. \$3,850,000 GF/GP in FY 2017-18

2. \$1.0 million in federal funds

d. Discussion ensued (questions and answers)

3. Legislative cards

- a. None

4. Adjournment – Representative Allor adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 10:00 am