



Natural Resources Commission

***Draft* Meeting Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Meeting Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Treetops Resort

Conference Center

3962 Wilkinson Rd.

Gaylord, Michigan 49735

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Coffee with Commissioners – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 8, 2026
- V. Director's Report
 - a. Fisheries Advisory Committees (*Dave Caroffino, Fisheries Division*)
 - b. Department Response to Requested Deer Regulation Amendments (*Wildlife and Law Enforcement Divisions*)
 - c. Law Enforcement Division Medal of Valor – Conservation Office Luke Robare
 - d. Legislative Report (*Informational Item*)
- VI. Public Comment – [NRC Public Appearance Guidelines](#)
 - a. 5 Minute Comment
 - i.
 - b. 3 Minute Comment
 - i.
- VII. New Business

- a. Director Matters – None
- b. Land Transactions
 - i. [Sale of Surplus DNR Managed Land
Wildlife Division, Tuscola County
Vassar Wildlife Game Area
Land Transaction Case #20240084](#)
 - ii. [Sale of Surplus DNR Managed Land
Forest Resources Division, Marquette County
Gwinn Management Unit
Land Transaction Case #20240200](#)
 - iii. [Land Acquisition
Wildlife Division, Lenawee County
Seneca State Game Area, Wetlands America Trust/State Line Tract
Land Transaction Case #20260013](#)
- c. NRC/Director Orders – None

VIII. Old Business

- a. Director Matters – None
- b. NRC Resolutions
 - i. Commissioner Fewins – Scientific Deer Management
 - ii. Commissioner Eardley – Earn a Second Buck
- c. NRC/Director Orders
 - i. [Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 6 of 2026
Deer Regulations](#)
 - Amendments *subject to change****
 - Commissioner Walters – Eliminate Limited Firearm Deer Zone
 - Commissioner Walters – Antlerless Use Limits
 - Commissioner Walters – Hunting after January 1st
 - Commissioner Walters – Rescind DMUs 351 and 352

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Fisheries Committee
- b. Wildlife Committee

X. Commissioner Reports

XI. Adjournment

Meeting notes

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