

Eastern Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council (EUPCAC)

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Wednesday, April 27, 2022

6:00-8:30pm Eastern

LMAS Health Department Conference Room, Newberry

Chair: Tom Buckingham Vice-Chair: Gary Gorniak Secretary: Jack Thomas

Council Members Present

Jarrold Biebel	Kevin Erickson	Robert Liebermann
Ken Collier	Gary Gorniak	David Lieble
Jeff Cox	Tim Hass	Tom Paquin
Grant Dewitt	Bernie Hubbard	Julie Weist
Kyle Edwards	Travis Kangas	Tony Wright

Council Members Excused/Absent

Tom Buckingham	Al Garavaglia	Jack Thomas
AJ Downey	Mark Spencer	

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Staff Liaisons & Guests

NRC Commissioner Dave Anthony, Bark River
Randy Claramunt, Fisheries Division, Oden
Eric Cowing, Parks & Recreation Division, Newberry
Kristi Dahlstrom, Executive Division, Marquette
Lt. Skip Hagy, Law Enforcement Division, Newberry
Stacy Haughey, UP Field Deputy, Executive Division, Marquette
Cory Kovacs, Fisheries Division, Newberry
Scott Lakosky, Forest Resources Division, Newberry
Jayne Roohr, Wildlife Division, Newberry
Karen Sexton, Wildlife Division, Escanaba
Jon Spieles, Marketing & Outreach Division, Newberry

Call to Order/Introductions

The Eastern UP Citizens' Advisory Council meeting began at 6:00pm with **Vice Chair Gary Gorniak** welcoming everyone to the in-person meeting. Council members, staff, and public attendees in the room introduced themselves. **Vice Chair Gorniak** was filling in for Chair Tom Buckingham who could not be present.

Adoption of Agenda

Vice Chair Gorniak asked the Council if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda; none were brought forth. **Mr. Paquin motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; Mr. Cox supported the motion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See listing on page 1. Motion carried.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Gorniak asked the Council if there were any corrections to the February 15, 2022, EUPCAC meeting minutes, which were emailed to the Council previously; none were brought forth. **Mr. Collier motioned to approve the minutes as submitted; Mr. Paquin supported the motion. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See listing on page 1. Motion carried.**

Chair Comments

Vice Chair Gorniak spoke about communication issues between the DNR and hunter safety instructors, the need for new instructors, the difficulty older instructors are having with online certification, and many instructors leaving the program. **Ms. Haughey** indicated she has had several conversations with staff regarding this topic and plans to continue to work on the issues. She noted the hiring of a field staff person is being considered. **Lt. Hagy** added the large backlog of students resulting from the pandemic may be a contributing factor. **Vice Chair Gorniak** stated the difficulty in getting answers has been the main problem for instructors. **Lt. Hagy** stated volunteer instructors are very important and are the backbone of the program; he will look into the matter. **Ms. Haughey** suggested including the topic on the next agenda for an update and continued discussion; **Vice Chair Gorniak** agreed.

Public Comments on Agenda Items

Vice Chair Gorniak opened the floor for public comments on agenda items only; none were brought forth.

DNR Reports from Division Staff

Written staff reports were provided via email to Council members on April 20, 2022. The following were verbal additions to those reports:

1. **Stacy Haughey, UP Field Deputy:**

- On behalf of Mr. Yesney who couldn't attend this evening, it was announced that Mr. Pete (PJ) Costa has filled the position left by Mr. Paul Gaberdiel, Eastern UP Trails Specialist, who retired recently. Mr. Costa will begin his new role on May 2.
- Chair Buckingham planned to add an item to the agenda regarding Great Lakes and inland lake shoreline ownership; however, it will be deferred to the next meeting when he is present.
- The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) will be meeting on May 12th in Thompsonville in the lower peninsula. On May 17th, both the Wolf Management Advisory Council and the Western UP Citizens' Advisory Council will hold their meetings (separate times) at the same location in Marquette. In between those meetings at 3pm, a tour of the Marquette State Fish Hatchery will be offered and all EUPCAC council members are welcome to attend the meetings and tour that day.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** complimented DNR staff on their comprehensive division reports. He stated the reports provide an excellent snapshot of all the activities and work occurring in the eastern UP by the DNR and he appreciates the efforts staff put forth to provide them. **Ms. Haughey** encouraged members to share the reports with friends and sportsmen's groups and added she found them posted in a Lansing legislative office for reference if a constituent called their office regarding an issue. Ms. Dahlstrom noted the reports are also distributed to UP legislative offices as well as NRC commissioners.

2. **Cory Kovacs, Fisheries Division:**

- Steelhead runs have been occurring for over month. Calls and emails to record steelhead have been busy.
- Smelt runs have been very good over the past week at the mouth of the Tahquamenon River and now on the Carp River. Conservation officers have been on site at various areas and reporting good results as well.

- Several lakes are experiencing slow ice out and some are still ice covered. Use extreme caution on remote trout lakes which still may have snow covered access at this time. Small brook trout fishing should be good this coming weekend.
- Staff are gearing up for important walleye population estimates, one of which will take place at Lake Gogebic in the western UP as soon as the ice melts. It is necessary to get an idea and assess the walleye population in that lake related to population increases and decreases and feedback from the public. North Manistique Lake in the eastern end of the UP will also be assessed; DNR staff from Newberry will be doing walleye netting and conducting nighttime shocking. The public is encouraged to view the activities.
- The public may see several hatchery trucks on the road with most of them heading to the lower peninsula, since many of the northern areas are not yet passable due to lingering snow.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** asked about the results of the walleye egg take this year. **Mr. Kovacs** stated it went very well with the target number of eggs achieved in order to produce the number of fry needed. Due to the remaining ice conditions, the process is late this year.

3. Scott Lakosky, Forest Resources Division:

- **Mr. Lakosky** introduced himself as the new permanent Forest Resources Division Eastern UP District Manager and provided a brief background of his forestry experience, having spent a majority of his career in the fire section.
- **Mr. Wright** indicated the conservation district found out today that the Wyman Nursery will no longer be growing evergreens and asked why. He also noted the conservation district board feels Wyman would be a nice nursery to repurpose into growing disease resistant trees, like chestnut, beech, and other tree species like hickory, etc. **Mr. Lakosky** confirmed the nursery will no longer be producing conifer seedlings. The facility is transitioning to primarily hardwood production as well as species like walnut and butternut. They will also be looking to develop a seed orchard to utilize the facility to its potential. He added that a study of nursery operations determined that it would be more efficient, less costly, and improve survivability to contract the seedlings from a company who offers containerized stock (the nursery produced bare root stock).

4. Lt. Skip Hagy, Law Enforcement Division:

- The snowmobile season crash and fatality data listed in the division report were referenced. There were 8 fatalities in the UP.
- Search and rescues and snowmobile activity during the winter months kept officers busy. There were a few dangerous situations that thankfully ended positively.
- Officers are now busy with fishing season. The smelt run is going well and there have been some large over limit cases. It should be a great opener this coming weekend.

5. Jon Spieles, Marketing & Outreach Division:

- DNR Customer Service Centers will be opening up from their current 3-days a week to 5-days a week on May 2. Although some staff will continue with remote work and others will be back in the office, all will be able to serve customers as they have been doing.
- Improvements are being made at the DNR Pocket Park in Escanaba with new siding on the education building, a new overhead door, etc.
- The new DNR veterinarian, Megan Moriarty, will be providing a presentation on Friday to over 100 non-formal educators at nature centers and other similar organizations around Michigan on avian influenza, which affects all types of waterfowl. If anyone is interested, a link can be provided.

6. Eric Cowing, Parks & Recreation Division:

- **Vice Chair Gorniak** asked when boat launches will be put in place. **Mr. Cowing** stated as soon as the ice is out and conditions warrant, they will be going in. **Mr. Paquin** stated it usually depends on the hiring of summer staff as well.
- **Ms. Haughey** noted the Parks and Recreation Division is in desperate need of summer workers; those interested should contact Mr. Cowing.

7. Jayne Roohr, Wildlife Division:

- In response to **Vice Chair Gorniak's** question about how deer fared over the winter, **Ms. Roohr** stated there were over 95 days with a snow depth of 12 inches or greater, which is considered a severe winter and may impact overwinter deer survival. Areas of the southern UP may fare better than other areas. **Vice Chair Gorniak** stated that although he hasn't seen as many deer as he used to, the ones he has seen look good. **Ms. Roohr** indicated staff are conducting spring deer surveys and will be monitoring deer conditions.

Old Business

1. Wolf Management Advisory Council (WMAC) Update (Ms. Haughey):

- A copy of the presentation from the April WMAC meeting was provided in the meeting packets.
- The next meeting will be held on May 17th in Marquette. This will be the last meeting of the WMAC before they submit their non-binding recommendations as to the proper management of wolves in Michigan to the DNR and legislature. A work session will be held the day before.
- Meeting information, public comment instructions and the current wolf management plan can be viewed at: www.michigan.gov/wmac.

New Business

1. Cormorant Update (Mr. Randall Claramunt):

- In 2016, the depredation order that allowed for lethal control of cormorants in Michigan was overturned by a federal court.
- Since then, there has been several years without management. 2021 was the first year with a new permit system. The new system requires the state to justify what sites need cormorant control: how the conflicts exist, what has been done to utilize non-lethal harassment, what lethal reinforcement or measures would be needed and to what degree. The goal is to alleviate conflict and not put an emphasis on cormorant populations or fisheries impacts.
- Michigan is the first state in the region to receive a permit. In perspective, there are about 120,000 birds allowed to be taken nationally, and in the Great Lakes region, there were 70,000 allowed. Michigan requested a permit for 11,000 and received it, which is about 10% of the entire take nationally.
- Michigan did not reach the target take for last year: 2,529 adults and 1,097 nests were controlled last year. Why the difference between the allowable amount and what was taken? Previously, there was a general fund allotment of \$150,000 that the Fisheries Division received to work with the USDA under the previous depredation order. This funding was eliminated. Currently, under the new system, the DNR has the ability and a permit to control but does not have the funding to implement the level of control needed.
- The birds controlled under the permit last year were done by USDA Wildlife Services who acted on the DNR's behalf as a sub-permittee. DNR is responsible for identifying who will be the sub-permittee and for all the reporting, assessment, applying for the permit, etc. The USDA only has

the ability to control a colony site as they are using their own funding, limited number of staff and it's cost effective for them. They can do the most work at the colony level.

- Michigan received a permit for 2022 for a total take of 9,650, which includes adults and nests in 7 different nesting colonies. Without funding, this goal will most likely not be met.
- *Questions:*
 - **Vice Chair Gorniak** stated he has been stressing the seriousness of this issue at all meetings he attends. Cormorants are degrading fisheries across the state, especially in the northern tier. He added from a recent study, two birds/one family of cormorants consume 670 pounds of fish biomass in one breeding season. He indicated the fisheries needs to be protected and non-lethal harassment can help until funding is established.
 - **Mr. Claramunt** explained under the permit system, the US has a total take for cormorants. This is broken out in different flyways. 70,000 is for the Mississippi flyway; region 3 includes the Great Lakes and it was decreased to 52,000 this year. Regionally, cormorant populations are on the decline. However, Michigan is not seeing those similar trends. He added non-lethal harassment is helpful but due to the numbers, lethal control will make the most difference. Until funding is available, reaching the total take of the permit is not possible.
 - **Vice Chair Gorniak** asked if volunteers will be used again. **Mr. Claramunt** indicated yes, although it would require programmatic support from the DNR (safety equipment, background checks, reporting requirements, method for disposal, etc.).
 - **Mr. Liebermann** asked why the population is so abundant now than in the past. **Mr. Claramunt** indicated historic estimates are hard to compare due to decades of contamination in the Great Lakes for fish eating birds. When the Clean Water Act was implemented, fish eating birds recovered and became much more abundant.

2. Michigan State Waterways Commission Update (Mr. Egan):

- Mr. Pat Egan from Brimley is one of six appointed volunteer members of the Michigan State Waterways Commission and is the only one from the UP. He's lived in the eastern UP for 20 years. The Commission is an advisory board that works with the DNR, specifically with the Parks and Recreation Division staff, on the use of dedicated funds, provided by boaters, for the acquisition, development and maintenance of public harbors and boating access sites and certain locks and dams. The funds come in part from the marine gas tax, boating permits, marinas and docking permits.
- An overview of the Commission's activities was provided, including a study over the last three years on what capital improvements Michigan will need over the next 10 years. The study revealed \$750 million will be needed in improvements. The price of boating permits has not increased since 1994 and the Commission is considering this option.
- The Commission will be working closely at paddle sports to make sure it's a safe sport and to help paddlers get as much access to the Great Lakes as possible.
- The Commission approved several projects yesterday including expansion of the boating access sites in Munising and in Manistique.
- Little Lake Harbor is a very important natural harbor/harbor of refuge. It is considered a state marina but the state hasn't been able to do much there. It needs constant dredging and access can be difficult. The Waterways Commission has challenged the importance of the harbor due to its location and traditional commercial fishing spot. As a result of working with the Chippewa Resource Authority, staff was able to contact the Corps of Engineers who agreed to conduct a \$20,000 study to evaluate a solution which would likely be a new break wall. \$900,000 has been

targeted as what would be needed to permanently fix the harbor. If this commitment is made, it gives the state more impetus to create better boating facilities and amenities there for future generations.

- Council questions:
 - **Mr. Paquin** stated he's overseen the dredging at Little Lake Harbor twice in his career. He hopes the right study is done and a break wall is placed in the right location, or it will fill back in from the winds, sometimes in a matter of a day. **Mr. Egan** indicated many have learned about this exact situation from Grand Marais.
 - **Mr. Biebel** asked about how to request an additional development for another boat launch at Little AuTrain (across from the Brownstone) in Alger County. It's been very busy for the last three years, has great parking but could use more. **Mr. Egan** stated it probably needs better amenities. **Mr. Cowing** added the Parks & Recreation Division crew have assisted this forest service site with heavy maintenance in the past. He believes there is an agreement between the forest service and the township for the township to manage that facility. **Mr. Egan** suggested he contact the township and once they put together a plan, then can contact the DNR / Waterways Commission for additional assistance and in working with the forest service. **Mr. Cowing** stated staff met with Onota Township and the Forest Service and provided them with information on grant opportunities to redesign the site when it washed out a couple of years ago. **Mr. Kovacs** offered additional background for this area and what would be needed from the Corps of Engineers to improve it. **Mr. Egan** provided insight as to what would happen if a funding request was submitted.
 - **Mr. Collier** spoke about Epoufette Bay. He stated a \$750,000 grant was provided to put in a safe harbor in that location but it was never finished. It is on private land and there was a plan to build a road but that hasn't been done either. He stated the tribes are the only ones that can use the safe harbor for fishing but no one else has access. He asked if there are plans to finish this project. Mr. Egan stated he will have to look into this and report back.
- Mr. Egan indicated if there are any questions or suggestions to contact him. All of his contact information is listed on the DNR webpage under the Waterways Commission. If anyone from the UP is interested in serving on the Waterways Commission for three years, it is very interesting work. He noted the DNR recently lost its harbor program manager who passed away suddenly; his knowledge of the harbors is a great loss to the program.
- **Vice Chair Gorniak** and the Council thanked Mr. Egan for attending the meeting and providing an excellent update.

3. Upcoming Eastern UP State Campground & Boat Launch Renovations (Mr. Cowing):

- An overview of state campground and boat launch projects occurring in the eastern UP this spring and summer were presented.
- Brimley State Park: Toilet/shower building replacement will be completed mid to late June. A structural beam in the day use building may also be replaced this year.
- Straits State Park: The design is ready for two new campground toilet/shower buildings in one section of the campground. Construction would begin as soon as funding from the American Rescue Plan Act comes through.
- Hog Island/Black River State Forest Campground: Vault toilet repairs.
- Brevort State Forest Campground: An adjacent small equestrian campground is in the works.
- Lime Island State Park: A contract is in place for a large capital project to repair the docks that were washed out two years ago; the project is expected to begin July 18 and completed in

September. Common tern nests located on the island are being improved to prevent predators. Hazardous material remediation work on the island also continues.

- Mackinac Island State Harbor: There is a pre-bid meeting soon to construct a new toilet shower building. This project was bid out a few years ago, but with the difficult work location and a difficult timeframe, there were no bids at the time. Six pilings also are being replaced and should be completed by June 26.
- Little Lake State Harbor: For FY 2023, it is believed there is \$200,000 allocated by the Feds to look at the break wall and design. Staff request funding every year, but most of it has gone to the Soo Locks.
- Muskallonge Lake State Park: New vault toilets will be constructed at Lake Superior State Forest Campground to the west of the park.
- Tahquamenon Falls State Park: Work is finishing on the bridge project and the boardwalk extension in the lower falls and some trail work around the island. Demolition of the park store and restroom building has begun in the lower falls and re-construction will take place throughout the summer.
- Newberry Field Office Work: Crews built five new vault toilets that will be placed at state forest campgrounds in the eastern UP. They also do a lot of the grading and road repairs throughout the eastern UP. The crews will be doing some dredging at various boat launches including McDonald Lake and Indian Lake and a culvert replacement at Kaks Lake.
- Indian Lake State Park: Repairs at one of the two historic day-use shelters is taking place. Design of a new restroom and shower building continues, and with funding, could move forward to the construction phase. The septic system will also be upgraded.
- Palms Book State Park: A pre-bid meeting will be held on May 4 to replace the septic fields which have been failing the last few years, in part due to increased attendance.
- Fayette Historic State Park: Repair work to the supports and siding of the hotel is ongoing and one of the historic retaining walls was finished late last fall. Remodeling of the visitor's center occurred this winter.
- County Line Boat Launch: Partial funding was granted to redesign and pave this location. Bids received were higher than fiscally responsible, so the project has been put on hold.
- Milakokia Lake State Forest Campground: Plans are in place to redesign the boat launch area. Funds are being requested for this project.
- Brevort Boat Launch: Funding is available to hire a consultant to redesign this location and is waiting for DTMB's representative to add it to their job list.
- An unfinalized list of projects to be funded under the American Rescue Plan Act is not yet approved. If all goes well, Muskallonge Lake State Park could see a new restroom facility and repaving of campground roads. Tahquamenon Falls State Park could also receive significant funding for new electric and restroom facilities.
- *Questions:*
 - **Mr. Paquin** asked if there has been any discussion of adding full hookups at some of the state park locations. **Mr. Cowing** stated Straits State Park was discussed but underground rock is an issue. Indian Lake State Park hasn't been discussed. Tahquamenon Falls will be a consideration in the future after a designer is on board. He added some of the lower peninsula state campgrounds have added them in lieu of new restroom buildings.
 - **Mr. DeWitt** asked, in light of additional funding, if ORVs will be allowed into Muskallonge Lake State Park at some point. **Mr. Cowing** stated it's possible. There are a few state parks now

that allow them, including Baraga State Park and a few below the bridge. Straits State Park allows it for certain events and is looking to possibly do a special land use order change.

4. *Snowmobile Season Summary (Mr. Yesney):*

- This topic was deferred to the next meeting due to the unexpected absence of Mr. Yesney.

5. *Additional Agenda Items Added by Council:* **Ms. Haughey** indicated Chair Buckingham had planned to add the topic of shoreline rights on the Great Lakes and inland lakes, but due to his absence, it may be best to defer this to the next meeting. A brief discussion took place on the perceived differences of ownership between the Great Lakes (to the high-water level) and inland lakes (pie shape). The Council agreed to include further clarification and legal definitions on the agenda for the next meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

1. *Fisheries Subcommittee Report (Vice Chair Gorniak):*

- A resolution regarding enhancing walleye fisheries in the UP was presented for the Council's consideration. A copy was emailed to members on March 15th. This resolution was prepared by the WUPCAC's fisheries subcommittee and passed by majority at the WUPCAC's March 22nd meeting. **Vice Chair Gorniak** stated he would like the EUPCAC to consider passing the same resolution, which would then be sent to the DNR Director as a Joint UPCAC resolution.
- He provided an explanation of the issue surrounding walleye rearing and the potential funding the Fisheries Division may receive from the Governor's budget.
- He also indicated fish surveys through the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club via Facebook indicated walleye fishing to be one of the most popular in the state. Discussion ensued regarding the validity of Facebook survey respondents.
- **Resolution for Consideration:** After making two minor word changes, **Vice Chair Gorniak** presented to the Council the following resolution (which will be formatted for submission to the Director as a Joint UPCAC resolution) for consideration: ***"The ~~WUPCAC~~ UPCACs respectfully request the Fisheries Division modify their \$30 million hatchery windfall budget to include monies to enhance walleye fisheries, especially those in the Upper Peninsula.***
 - 1. Newly lined drainable ponds should be added. These ponds should provide better fish survival while reducing manhours needed to harvest spring fingerlings.***
 - 2. Add ponds to rear minnows to allow for rearing of fall fingerlings.***
 - 3. Invest monies in the ~~Western~~ UP for a stand-alone walleye rearing facility. The new facility should be separate from existing hatcheries, as not to be put on a lower priority for production of other fish as has happened in the past."***
- **Council Discussion on the Resolution:** There was no further discussion on the resolution.
- **Council Vote on the Resolution:**
 - **Vice Chair Gorniak** indicated the resolution has been reviewed and presented to the Council for consideration. He asked for a motion from the Council. **Mr. Dewitt motioned to accept the revised resolution as presented; Mr. Hass supported the motion. Vote results: Yes: 13. No: None. Abstain: 1. Absent: See page 1. No further discussion. Motion carried by majority.**
 - **Mr. Kovacs** noted the proposed state budget is with the legislature and the Governor and it is not known if the budget will go through with the Fisheries Division appropriation included as was initially presented.

- **Mr. Biebel** asked how these types of considerations could get on the Fisheries Division list before it goes to a formal budget request to the Governor in the future. **Vice Chair Gorniak** stated this item was flagged by Mr. Dropps on the WUPCAC. He believes it's a matter of researching what the division is looking into and requesting it at first opportunity.

2. Policy Impact Subcommittee Report (Mr. Hass):

- There are no items currently before the committee. If there is a legislative item that anyone or group has an interest in, bring it to the subcommittee for their review and recommendations.
- There is an easy website available that lists the history of every bill currently before the Michigan legislature; **Mr. Hass** will share the link with anyone interested.
- **Ms. Haughey** suggested a review of the statutory authority for roadkill on state and county roads. **Mr. Hass** indicated he would gladly look into it if she forwards the information.

Next Meeting

1. Next EUPCAC Meeting: **Vice Chair Gorniak** indicated the next meeting of the EUPCAC is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, and is scheduled to be held at LSSU in Sault Ste. Marie.
2. Items for Next Meeting Agenda: **Vice Chair Gorniak** noted the two deferred items will be included on the agenda for the next meeting (snowmobile season summary and shoreline rights). **Mr. Paquin** indicated he'd like to receive an update on the Graymont agreement as it pertains to trails and local employment. Any additional topics for the next meeting can be forwarded to Chair Buckingham, Ms. Haughey or to Ms. Dahlstrom for consideration.

Public Comments (Any Topic)

Vice Chair Gorniak opened the floor for public comments on any topic.

1. Mr. Joseph Smith, Portage Township: Mr. Smith stated he moved to the UP from the lower peninsula 3 years ago and during his many trips to the UP, he's noticed a large number of vehicles (Jeeps) with lots of mud on them traveling down the highways. He wondered why they don't have to wash off like boats do to prevent the spread of invasive species and suggested the DNR possibly address this. He also wanted to make the DNR aware of frequent unattended burning in Portage Township and folks not following the DNR burn permit process. Lastly, he asked about dam management on rivers and noted the dam on Portage Creek from South Manistique Lake is affecting water levels. **Mr. Kovacs** indicated it is a private dam and provided him a contact for the Water Resources Division Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE) who oversees privately-owned dams. Mr. Smith stated the rest of his comments have been handled by staff in the room. **Mr. Liebermann**, who works for the Forest Service, stated the suggestion regarding the washing of Jeeps is a good one he hasn't thought of and will mention it at a meeting he will be attending with the three lakes invasive plant management group who are working on a project on Drummond Island. **Mr. Paquin** stated it also could be added to the DNR permit for events. Discussion ensued and included a possible need to educate ORV users on the transporting of invasive species.

Closing Comments from the Council

Vice Chair Gorniak opened the floor for closing comments from the Council.

1. **Vice Chair Gorniak** reiterated the WMAC meeting on May 17th in Marquette will be their last official meeting after which they will be forwarding all of their resolutions to the DNR and legislature. He encouraged anyone who has additional input or comments to attend this meeting. **Mr. Cox** asked if

any of the state senators have taken a stance on a bill at the federal level. Mr. Lindblom from Sen. Peters office (attending virtually) indicated he would find out more information from Sen. Peters on his stance and report back to the Council.

Adjourn

There being no further business, **Vice Chair Gorniak** thanked everyone for attending. He adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm Eastern.