

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON Agriculture and Rural Development/Natural Resources

DATE: March 2, 2021

Chair Allor called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM. Representatives Allor, Beson, Yaroch, Maddock, Borton, Hood, and Johnson were present.

Representative Maddock moved to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2021 meeting; the motion was approved without objection.

The House Fiscal Agency (HFA) provided an overview of the Governor's proposed FY 2021-22 budget for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Raymond Gurley from the Michigan Forest Products Council. Mr. Gurley discussed the forest products industry in Michigan. Mr. Gurley's written testimony is included in the official HFA minutes and is posted to the HFA website.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Wes Windover from the Michigan Association of Timbermen. Mr. Windover discussed forestry in Michigan and the state of the timber industry during the 2020 pandemic. Mr. Windover's written testimony is included in the official HFA minutes and is posted to the HFA website.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Ron Olson of DNR's Parks & Recreation Division regarding the division's FY 2020-21 budget and FY 2021-22 executive budget. A copy of the DNR presentation is included in the official minutes available from HFA and posted to the HFA website.

The subcommittee then heard testimony from Jim Dexter of DNR's Fisheries Division regarding the division's FY 2020-21 budget and FY 2021-22 executive budget. A copy of the DNR presentation is included in the official minutes available from HFA and posted to the HFA website.

Chair Allor adjourned the subcommittee, without objection, the time being 10:00 AM.