**Western Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council (WUPCAC)**

**to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

The Citizen Advisory Councils (CAC’s) were formed to give Upper Peninsula citizens more input into the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regional programs and policies. Council members of both the Eastern Upper Peninsula and the Western Upper Peninsula represent a variety of DNR interests and help identify where the DNR can be more effective. The primary role of the CAC’s is to offer informed advice to the DNR to be used in establishing work priorities at the local level and to participate in honest, open, and respectful dialogue.

October 22, 2020

Dear Director Eichinger:

The following resolution was developed at a WUPCAC Wildlife Subcommittee Meeting on September 10, 2020 and was proposed and subsequently approved at the WUPCAC’s regular meeting on September 17, 2020 held virtually:

 ***The WUPCAC recommends the Department of Natural Resources create a comprehensive moose management plan.***

*WHEREAS, the DNR has created comprehensive management plans targeting various species, including bear and deer.*

*WHEREAS, the Michigan Moose Advisory Council (Final Report, September 2011) has recommended the creation of a comprehensive moose management plan.*

*WHEREAS, several states, including those located in the upper midwest and northeastern United States, have a comprehensive moose management plan.*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the WUPCAC supports the creation of a comprehensive moose management plan by the DNR.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNR provides an annual report regarding the progress toward the completion of a comprehensive moose management plan.*

Thank you for your consideration. The next meeting of the WUPCAC will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2020. The Council looks forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jim Lorenson, Chair

Western Upper Peninsula Citizen Advisory Council

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cc: Natural Resource Commissioners

Ms. Shannon Lott, DNR

Mr. Dan Kennedy, DNR

Ms. Stacy Haughey, DNR

WUPCAC Council Members

Western UP CAC Wildlife Subcommittee Resolution

September 10, 2020

**WUPCAC Wildlife Subcommittee Members:** George Lindquist-Committee Lead, Chauncey Moran, Travis Smith, Dave Johnson, Warren Suchovsky, Mary Peterson, Dr. Kirk Schott (DNR Representative: Bill Scullon)

**Title:  Resolution directing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to create a comprehensive moose management plan.**

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNR provides an annual report regarding the progress toward the completion of a comprehensive moose management plan.

Excerpt from WUPCAC September 17, 2020 DRAFT Meeting Minutes:

**Mr. Lindquist** moved on to the second item being a resolution from the committee recommending the DNR implement amoose management plan. He stated a similar resolution was prepared a few years back but was never voted on by the Council. The committee discussed it at their latest meeting and rewrote the resolution. He noted the only thing being done for moose is a moose count and monitoring of roadkill. He said the committee would like to see a plan developed, much like the ones for deer, bear, wolves, etc. He stated he was part of the former moose advisory team back in 2011 and one of the main recommendations of that team was to develop a moose management plan. **Vice Chair Suchovsky** asked the Council to consider the resolution. No questions were brought forth. **Mr. Lindquist motioned to approve the resolution as presented; Mr. Holmes supported the motion.** Discussion on the motion took place. **Mr. Dropps** asked what the goal is for a management plan. **Mr. Lindquist** stated the moose advisory team made a recommendation if the population grew at a certain rate, say 3%, then there would be a limited hunt with very specific plans, and up to that point the population was growing about 10% a year. But in his opinion, the wolf population began to grow exponentially, and the moose population growth dropped to about 2% a year. He stated a plan would look at increasing habitat and growing the herd just like any other species with plans. **Mr. Dropps** asked why the former resolution was dropped. **Mr. Lindquist** stated he wasn’t sure, other than more information was requested, and it was never brought back again for consideration. **Being no further discussion, Vice Chair Suchovsky asked for a vote on the resolution. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: See attendance on page 1. No further discussion. Motion carried.**