

MUCC's Policy-Setting Process

OCTOBER-JANUARY

Brainstorm ideas for what will help to improve natural resources management in Michigan.
MUCC Staff may provide input to Policy Committees on emerging issues needing policy direction/clarification.

Develop background materials on the issue. Ask questions of MUCC Board Members, Committee Members, MUCC Staff and relevant agency staff:

- **HISTORY:** Has this been discussed before (via MUCC Resolution, proposed legislation, etc)? What was the outcome? Does MUCC already have related policy consistent or in opposition to it?
- **DATA:** Is there recent information (scientific research, survey data, technology etc.) available?
- **RESEARCH:** Have other states tried it? Are there things there that might work or not work in Michigan?
- **IMPLEMENTATION:** Would this take a change in federal, state, or local laws or the Natural Resources Commission wildlife or fisheries orders? Or is it changing a goal/direction of a program? Does the public just need education?

Write the resolution! See full MUCC Resolution Guide for more information and an example.

- Start with what you want to do first and indicate who MUCC should work with to do it. This will be the final "Therefore be it resolved" statement.
- Summarize all that great data and information you collected into a series of Whereas statements to reinforce why we should pursue this action.

Enlist supporters! While this step is not required, it is generally a good practice to help educate members on the issue and ask for their support at the MUCC regional meeting and Convention.

- Start with your club or your IM Representative
- Move on to your MUCC District to ask for their support
- If there is a related MUCC Policy Committee, send them background materials in advance or ask to attend any upcoming meetings

FEBRUARY

Bring Resolution to Regional Meeting

If approved, this will automatically move on to MUCC's Annual Convention for decision by the voting delegates

MARCH-APRIL

MUCC Staff, the Department of Natural Resources, and related MUCC Policy Committees will review background information provided, research the issue on their own, and provide comments to help clarify, offer amendments, or indicate their support or concerns. These comments will be published in the Annual Convention booklet (published in mid-May, available sooner online).

JUNE

MUCC Annual Convention in late June. The Proposed Resolution is brought to the floor for discussion, possible amendment, and finally a vote by the voting delegates at Annual Convention. If the resolution required a change in law or NRC policy, the resolution must pass by 2/3 majority.



Now, the real work begins! MUCC staff and members will work to implement this policy, which can take months or even years. As the writer of the resolution, you may be asked to assist staff in preparing information and testimony, and even testify yourself to legislative committees or the NRC to provide firsthand accounts as to why this issue is important to you, MUCC, and sportsmen and women across Michigan.

For more information and assistance, contact Amy Trotter at atrotter@mucc.org or 517-346-6484

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