

Policy and Advocacy. Gearing Up for 2019

Get Involved. Take Action.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs mission is **uniting citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage**. As a grassroots organization, our members set our policies about issues ranging from hunting and fishing regulations to firearms and natural resources conservation. Once our members have set specific policies, our staff go to work implementing them.

MUCC maintains a staff of dedicated conservation professionals whose jobs are to defend Michigan's outdoors heritage and natural resources every day. It is a job we truly enjoy and believe in. MUCC staff follow the policy positions that are established by MUCC members at Annual Convention and attend virtually every Natural Resources Commission (NRC), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and legislative meeting and hearing available to ensure that MUCC members and Michigan's great outdoors are well represented.

But what we pursue in Lansing is set in motion by **YOU**. Under our new MUCC process and structure, the quarterly Conservation Policy Board meetings are your chance to get your ideas set into motion on their way to our Annual Convention. After meeting first in September and December, **the last remaining chance to get a resolution to our Annual Convention is at the March 23, 2019 MUCC Conservation Policy Board meeting at Saginaw Field and Stream Club (see attached). Get your resolutions ready!**

MUCC's members establish the organization's policies and priorities each year at MUCC's Annual Convention in June through resolutions proposed by MUCC individual members, clubs, regions or MUCC's Board of Directors. The Conservation Policy Board meetings are the one place where MUCC's members can bring forth resolutions that may go on to MUCC's Annual Convention. You can find the results of past Conservation Policy Board meetings and resolutions already heading to our Annual Convention here:

<https://mucc.org/mucc-annual-convention/>

This landing page will be your destination for all the materials enclosed in this packet, including Annual Convention registration forms and background on MUCC's policy-setting process. If you are interested in writing a resolution and are looking for an example, take a look at the policies that were passed at the 2015 through 2018 Annual Conventions and the Guidelines for Considering Resolutions. If you want to know if we have past policy on a specific issue or need assistance with research, please contact MUCC Policy Assistant Ian FitzGerald at ifitzgerald@mucc.org or 517-346-6488.

We hope you will consider participating in the MUCC policy-setting process this March and hope to see you at the 2019 MUCC Annual Convention!

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**Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Conservation Policy Meeting
March 23, 2019**

Saginaw Field and Stream Club
1296 Gleaner Rd, Saginaw, MI 48609

Conservation Pledge: I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country – its air, soil, and minerals, its forests, waters, and wildlife.

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| 10:00 AM | Committee Meetings- Education, Fisheries, Wildlife Parks, Recreation and Trails Shooting/Ranges | See chairs for more information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David VanLopik/Dan Dial-Shooting/Ranges • Eric Braden-Fisheries • Rob Miller-Wildlife • Allen Kasdorf-Parks/Rec • Mark Hergenreder, Education |
| 11:00 am | LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ~\$6.00 First Come, First Served-Please RSVP | |
| 12:00 p.m. | Conservation Policy Board Welcome and Opening Remarks | President George Lindquist |
| 12:02 p.m. | The Pledges (Allegiance & Conservation) | Region 6 Director Chuck Hoover |
| 12:04 p.m. | Introduction of Executive Board, Past Presidents, Staff, and Special Guests | Vice President Greg Peter |
| 12:06 p.m. | Introduction of Conservation Policy Board and Members in Attendance | All |
| 12:15 p.m. | Approval of Agenda Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2018 | Vice President Greg Peter |
| 12:17-12:35 pm | Presentation TBD | |
| 12:35-12:45 p.m. | Questions and Answers | All |
| 12:45-1:00 p.m. | Policy Committee Reports | Education, Wildlife, Fisheries, Shooting/Ranges, and Parks/Rec/Trails |

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| 1:00-2:30 p.m. | Resolution Discussion and Action | <p>Vice President Greg Peter</p> <p>Motions that are in order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pass resolution as is on to 2019 Convention 2. Amend and Pass to Convention 3. Postpone action and refer back to writer (or MUCC Committee) with comments 4. Reject resolution if it is not consistent with MUCC's mission and purpose |
| 2:30-3:15 p.m. | Policy Updates from MUCC & Executive Board Report | Amy Trotter |
| 3:15-4:00 p.m. | NRC/DNR Updates from the Region | NRC/DNR |
| 4:00 p.m. | Announcement of Next Meeting Adjourn | <p>Save the Date!</p> <p>June 21-23, 2019</p> <p>MUCC Annual Convention</p> <p>Lakeside Resort and Conference Center</p> <p>100 Clearview Dr.</p> <p>Houghton Lake, MI 48629</p> |