2020 MUCC Passed Resolutions

Resolutions Passed at the September 2020 Annual Convention
Resolution #1
Required 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan, Region 8 Executive Board
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Support FOIA When it Does Not Interfere with Science or Fair Chase

WHEREAS, “Fair Chase,” as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild, big game animal in a manner that does not give the hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals; and

WHEREAS, it may be possible to use on-going scientific research studies to unethically gain information on wild game. This could hinder the scientific study, and general public support for fair chase hunting; and

WHEREAS, MUCC was the driving force behind the successful voter passage of Proposal G: a referendum on Public Act 377 of 1996, which amended the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to grant the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game in this state. The amendment also requires the NRC, to the greatest extent practicable, to use principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of game; and

WHEREAS, because all State of Michigan Commissions such as the NRC are mandated by law to adhere to the Open Meetings Act, the information from these meetings must be available for review, and

WHEREAS, it is important and necessary for our state departments to be as transparent and open as possible and must respond to citizen requests for information through use of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, anyone, at any time should have the freedom to file FOIA request in an equitable and speedy manner.

WHEREAS, allowing anyone to hinder a scientific study involving the state’s flora or fauna conducted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), directly impacts the NRC’s ability to use sound science when making natural resource decisions; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MUCC will work with the legislature to ensure
continued access to state and federal information, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC will work with the legislature to ensure the end user will
not use any information to jeopardize the definition of fair chase, or hinder any scientific study involving
flora or fauna.

Resolution #3
Required 2/3 Majority
Submitted by: Rob Miller, Bowfishing Association of Michigan
MUCC Region: 9
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Better Define or Discontinue the Public Boat Launch "Restricted Hours of Use"

WHEREAS, water in the state of Michigan is like air, owned by no one, yet owned by all; and,

WHEREAS, navigable waterways are legally open to the public for fishing and navigation reasons; and,

WHEREAS, lakes are considered navigable if they have a navigable inlet and outlet; and,

WHEREAS, navigable is historically defined by "can you float a log down it;” and,

WHEREAS, the state of Michigan does not allow a riparian landowner the ability to limit the right of the
public to fish on navigable waterways; and,

WHEREAS, many public ramps are being posted with closed hours of usage such as "Closed 11 PM to 4
AM;" and,

WHEREAS, in working with multiple members of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources the
reasons for these closures are of a wide variety; and,

WHEREAS, enforcement is not uniform and is largely left up to the discretion of each
jurisdiction/office's interpretation; and,

WHEREAS, these restrictions put undue burden on specific user groups such as 2nd-3rd shifters and
those who enjoy nighttime fishing activities; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) will work with
relevant state government bodies to create policy such that any hours of use restrictions for public boat
ramps specifically exclude the launching or retrieving of a vessel into the waterway; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC will work to ensure that hours of closed use does not refer to the parking of one's unoccupied vehicle/trailer necessary for the transport of the watercraft to and from the waterway; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC will advocate for policy so that any access restrictions applied to Michigan waterways will apply equally to both public and private access. This shall apply to both navigable as well as non-navigable waterways within the state of Michigan that have a public access point.

Resolution #8
Submitted by: Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association
MUCC Region: 9
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Preservation of Hunting Contests

WHEREAS, organized hunting contests are prevalent across Michigan in various forms, such as rabbit roundups, squirrel hunts, youth small game events, hunting retriever trials, and predator calling contests.

WHEREAS, these events are generally put on by local sportsmen’s clubs, churches, and non-profit organizations in order to introduce youth to hunting, encourage families to spend time afield, and encourage good sportsmanship & camaraderie among sporting communities; and

WHEREAS, these events are often focused on youth, can aid in hunter retention, and rekindle a love of small game hunting in adults; and

WHEREAS, local economies are benefitted by the increased business they bring in (restaurants, fuel, supplies, etc.); and

WHEREAS, organized events can be a good starting point to get people introduced to the outdoors, as well as habitat improvements such as “rabbitat”; and

WHEREAS, certain contests can encourage harvest of animals that are overpopulated or causing duress to other wildlife species, such as deer yards, ground nesting birds, and non-game, rare, & endangered species; and

WHEREAS, coyote populations are expanding into urban areas increasing negative human/wildlife encounters, including increased attacks on pets; NOW,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) should defend hunting contests such as small game round ups, buck poles, and predator contests as legal hunting opportunities that promote the benefits of R3, reinforcing the social and community aspects of hunting, as well as the economic benefits to local economies; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC should work with member clubs to educate on best management practices for public relations, communications and social media on these contests to the non-hunting public to ensure that public perception of hunters remains neutral to positive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC should support use of fur as a legitimate use of wildlife management and that these contests should be encouraged to utilize the fur and wild game to its fullest extent.

Resolution #9
Required 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan, Member
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Diversify Funding For Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund

WHEREAS, The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has been in place since 1976. It provides grants to local governments and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to purchase land or rights in land for public recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or its scenic beauty. It also assists in the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, the sources of funds for the MNRTF are annual revenues from the development of State-owned mineral resources, largely oil and gas. The program is administered by the MNRTF Board of Trustees and the Grants Management office of the DNR; and

WHEREAS, leasing of the state-owned oil and gas rights for exploration and development offered in a public auction generates revenue in three ways:

• Lessees pay a “bonus” to acquire the lease rights;

• Lessees pay rent on acreage leased; and

• Lessees pay royalties.
Royalty payments are a percentage of the gross value of the oil or gas produced and are determined at the
time the product is sold; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 35 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, the MNRTF is
established in the state treasury. The trust fund shall consist of all bonuses, rentals, delayed rentals, and
royalties collected or reserved by the state under provisions of leases for the extraction of nonrenewable
resources from most state-owned lands; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's natural gas production has declined over the past two decades, and in 2017
Michigan's gross withdrawals of natural gas were less than one-third of the state's 1997 peak; and

WHEREAS, the MNRTF has reached its $500 million cap, with new revenue being directed to the State
Park Endowment Fund; and

WHEREAS, the SPEF has a cap of $800 million and is currently at roughly $255 million in 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Michigan State Parks System is in need of substantial reinvestment to continue to
respond to customers’ needs and also reflect current recreational trends appropriate to a state system.

Maintenance and improvement were identified as priority needs by the Governor’s Blue-Ribbon Panel on
State Parks and Outdoor Recreation, which undertook a comprehensive review of the state park system in
Michigan. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) agrees with this assessment; and

WHEREAS, the amount of annual funding available to support basic infrastructure needs continues to be
insufficient to adequately address the backlog of maintenance, repair, and improvement projects; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservations Clubs use the strength of its
40,000 plus hunters, anglers, trappers and conservationists and over 200 affiliated local clubs around the
state to support an addition to the MNRTF to include the extraction of renewable resources, or creation of
renewable energy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC work with our state legislature to see that Bonuses for
lease rights, rent on acreage, and percentage of gross values of solar and wind energy creation is
deposited into the MNRTF, and ultimately the SPEF; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC work with the legislature to see that these Bonuses for
lease rights, rent on acreage, and percentage of gross values will not negatively impact the establishment
of renewable energy sources.

https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_sum_lsum_dcu_SMI_a.htm

Resolution #11
Submitted by: George Lindquist, MUCC President
MUCC Region: 1
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Encourage the Use of Non-Lead Alternatives

WHEREAS, Increasingly, there are more and more alternatives to lead in hunting ammunition, and in
fishing sinkers, jig heads, etc. In some cases, these alternatives perform better than lead, such as the newer
copper bullets and tungsten jigs;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That MUCC educate the sporting public of the potential impacts of
using lead, and the alternatives, for hunting ammunition, as well as fishing gear; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC encourage the use of non-lead whenever these options are
available, and practical; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution does not apply to projectiles used at sport shooting
ranges.

Resolution #12
Required 2/3 Majority
Submitted by: Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsmen’s Club
MUCC Region: 2
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Add to MDNR Wolf Management Plan: Expand Hunting & Trapping Area
for the Gray Wolf and Long-Term Population Goal for the Gray Wolf

WHEREAS, the gray wolf is a candidate for removal from the Federal Endangered Species List by the
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and
WHEREAS, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) endorses the removal of gray wolves from
the Federal Endangered Species List in the Great Lakes Region; and
WHEREAS, research conducted by the Campfire Program in Wildlife Conservation in the Upper Peninsula suggests that gray wolves are a primary predator of white-tailed deer year-round and especially during the winter months; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Wolf Management Plan states that the Michigan Department of Natural Resources should attempt to decrease human-wolf conflict by maintaining a healthy deer herd in the Upper Peninsula to serve as a primary winter food source for wolves; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Wolf Management Plan states that studies have examined wolf predation success rates and recent estimates range from 30 to 50 deer eaten by each wolf each year; and

WHEREAS, the MDNR Wolf Management Plan states that wolf populations appear to remain stable or increase in both Canada and Alaska even when hunters and trappers annually harvested 28% of the population; and

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WHEREAS, the 1997 Michigan Wolf Recovery and Management Plan defined a viable population as the maintenance of 200 individuals for five (5) consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, the Gray Wolf in Michigan has surpassed State and Federal population recovery goals for more than 19 years and no longer warrant a threatened or endangered listing status in Michigan; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, MUCC will work with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to revisit the Wolf Management Plan to expand the gray wolf harvest area to the entire Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC will advocate for both hunting and trapping to be legal methods of take for wolf harvest in Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC will advocate for the Michigan Wolf Management Plan to include a goal of maintaining a population of 300-400 Gray Wolves (up to twice the population required to meet the delisting requirements in Michigan) in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.
Resolution #13

Submitted by: Jack Ammerman, Michigan Gun Owners
MUCC Region: 9
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Rescind Outdated MUCC Policy AC740676 and AC760676 Regarding Firearm Transportation in a Vehicle

WHEREAS, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) passed two resolutions in 1976 to require that all guns be encased, and the case be inaccessible when being transported in a motor vehicle and all guns be locked in the trunk when being transported in a motor vehicle; and

WHEREAS, based on the rise of sports utility vehicles (SUV) and pickup truck sales the majority of vehicles driven on Michigan’s roads no longer have separated trunks; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has language that allows for various legal alternatives to transporting firearms in a trunk (hunting and trapping digest page 21); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has since passed laws allowing firearms to be transported uncased in the passenger area of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, MUCC supports the safe handling of firearms; and

WHEREAS, twenty-five states allow firearms to be transported uncased in a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, transporting an unloaded firearm inside the vehicle has not been documented as a safety issue in any of the states in our nation that allow it; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan United Conservation Clubs’ (MUCC) outdated policy that all firearms being transported in a motor vehicle must be encased and the case positively secured from access to vehicle occupants, policy AC740676 be rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MUCC’s outdated policy that all firearms being transported in a motor vehicle must be in the trunk of a vehicle, policy AC770676 be rescinded.
Resolution #17
Required 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Tim Muir, Lake St. Clair Walleye Association
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Work with the MDNR to Align Free Fishing Weekend with Father’s Day

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase participation in fishing and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, moving free fishing weekend to Father’s Day would satisfy all three R’s (Recruit, Retain, and Reactivate) of the R3 program; and

WHEREAS, this would create opportunities for family members of multiple generations to reconnect, and spend quality time together outdoors; and

WHEREAS, moving free fishing weekend would also be useful to various clubs and groups to schedule outings designed around family participation; and

WHEREAS, Father’s Day is the third Sunday in June, a day on which fathers are particularly honored by their children; and

WHEREAS, for example in 2020 Father’s Day is June 21st and Free Fishing weekend is one week earlier on June 13th and 14th; and

WHEREAS, fishing is on a downward trend with license sales down every year with a 2.5% decrease from 2017 (1,134,421) to 2018 (1,105,345) and over a 3% decrease in the ten-year period ending in 2018;

NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with and request from the MDNR that future free fishing weekends in the summer be aligned with Father’s Day in an effort to increase participation in fishing.
Resolution #18
Required 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Bruce Levey, MUCC Region 9
MUCC Region: 9
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Hunter Orange

WHEREAS, for the same reason that all stop signs are red; and
WHEREAS, for the same reasons as all traffic lights have the same color configuration (i.e. red above yellow above green); and
WHEREAS, the current hunter orange law is not broken and does not need fixed; and
WHEREAS, it is not reasonable to believe that people are not joining in, or just staying home, because they feel the need to wear colors other than hunter orange; NOW,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan United Conservation Clubs work to establish a policy that “Hunter Orange” be the only color that is to be used as a safety color for hunting in the state of Michigan.

Resolution #19
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Jack Ammerman, Michigan Gun Owners
MUCC Region: 9
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Work to Change Language in MCL that puts Michigan Hunters and Shooters in Jeopardy of Committing a Crime

WHEREAS, Michigan statute regulates activities of hunters and outdoor enthusiasts; and
WHEREAS, under part 401, Wildlife Conservation, of the NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (MCL 324.40111) it is unlawful for a hunter or target shooter to have an uncased firearm “in or upon” a vehicle; and
WHEREAS, most Michigan hunters and target shooters rely on a vehicle during hunting and target shooting activities; and
WHEREAS, whether loaded or unloaded, leaning a shotgun, rifle, or handgun on an open tailgate or using a truck’s hood as a bench rest during target shooting can lead to fines, confiscation or both; and
WHEREAS, individuals that violate this section of law are guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, and/or a fine of not less than $50.00 or more than $2000.00, along with the cost of prosecution; and

WHEREAS, it is far easier for hunters and target shooters to utilize the bumper, tailgate or hood of a vehicle than it is to lean their firearm against the closest tree to the parked vehicle during a break; and

WHEREAS, Michigan allows certain individuals to carry loaded weapons in vehicles, whether stationary or moving; and

WHEREAS, other states have recently removed similar language from their laws so that it is no longer a crime to lean a firearm on a non-moving vehicle; and

WHEREAS, safely leaning or resting a shotgun, rifle, or handgun on a vehicle (tailgate, hood, etc.) or up against a non-moving vehicle is not a safety hazard resulting in innocent shooters and hunters being cited for unintentional violations; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) recognizes leaning or placing a firearm on a non-moving vehicle should not be a crime; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC work with the Michigan Legislature to actively pursue a change in Michigan statute removing the prohibition concerning placement of firearms upon non-moving vehicles.

Resolution #20

Submitted by: Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Treatment Permits For The Treatment Of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

WHEREAS, the presence of aquatic invasive species (AIS) is increasing in intensity and distribution; and

WHEREAS, the treatment of these species often requires a permit from the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE); and

WHEREAS, EGLE is often restrained in the issuance of these permits by Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) considerations; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of treatment plans are often hindered by delay and/or prohibition based on the uncertain presence of endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna; and
WHEREAS, many of these programs are funded by taxpayer dollars through the establishment of Special Assessment Districts and the public expects treatments to expeditiously occur; and

WHEREAS, recent regulatory provisions have been made for the expedited permit issuance of volunteer wetland improvement projects through a joint review by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and EGLE representatives in order to prevent unnecessary delay and thereby providing biologists input to the process; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MUCC promote more DNR biologist input into the permit approval process to assess the risk/benefit of treatment regimens and the impact on other native populations of flora and fauna while considering the potential benefit of reducing the threat of AIS.

Resolution #21
Required 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Boat Wash Law and the Prevention of Spreading Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

WHEREAS, Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are usually spread by the actions of people, and in aquatic environments, this is the use of watercraft; and

WHEREAS, new Michigan law (Part 41325 of NREPA (PA 451 of 1994)) prohibits the launching of any craft or equipment (trailer, etc.) that is contaminated with AIS, a violation punishable by a fine, and furthermore, DNR Fisheries order #245 prohibits the transport of water overland in ballast tanks, bilges and live wells to prevent fish disease dissemination; and

WHEREAS, no adherence to this statute is not only a violation, it is a behavior that threatens the biodiversity of the aquatic habitats within which we all recreate; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MUCC pursue an active educational campaign to help increase awareness of this law and adherence to its intent, impressing the boating public with the importance of this responsibility; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC encourage the establishment of boat wash facilities/capabilities at state public launches particularly where the presence of AIS is established and the risk of spread is most likely.

Resolution #23

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan, Member
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Ban Balloon Release

WHEREAS, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) mission is “Uniting citizens to conserve, protect, and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage;” and

WHEREAS, MUCC Organizational Values are:

- Foster a conservation stewardship ethic in the public
- Protect the rights of the public to hunt, fish, trap and recreate outdoors
- Encourage the public to connect to our resources through active recreation
- Advocate for sustainable conservation practices and resource stewardship through sound scientific management; and

WHEREAS, The Alliance for the Great Lakes' annual "Adopt-a-Beach" shoreline cleanup program has found between 4,400 and 7,200 balloons or pieces of balloon debris on Great Lakes beaches each of the last three years; and

WHEREAS, a scientific study published in March out of the University of Tasmania that found balloons are the highest-risk plastic debris item for seabirds — 32 times more likely to kill them than ingesting hard plastics; and

WHEREAS, balloons can be filled with gas lighter than air, or ride thermals and travel up to a thousand miles when released; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes cover an area of 94,250 square miles, allowing more balloon debris to come back to the surface due the lack of thermals over bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, balloons pose a threat to our waterfowl, our non-game birds, and ruin the aesthetics of our natural resources that everyone enjoys; and
WHEREAS, Balloon releases are simply sanctioned littering events; and

WHEREAS, according to NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 451 of 1994 section 324.8905a littering is a state civil infraction with appropriate fines

(1) A person who violates this part, if the amount of the litter is less than 1 cubic foot in volume, is responsible for a state civil infraction and is subject to a civil fine of not more than $800.00.

(2) A person who violates this part, if the amount of the litter is 1 cubic foot or more but less than 3 cubic feet in volume, is responsible for a state civil infraction and is subject to a civil fine of not more than $1,500.00; and

WHEREAS, many organizations (National Wildlife Federation, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Balloons Blow, etc.) are pushing the message that balloon releases can cause harm, but there is little to no enforcement of littering laws or legal restrictions to back this message; and

WHEREAS, California, Connecticut, Florida, Tennessee and Virginia currently have legal restrictions. While Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, and Maine have legislation introduced to restrict releases; NOW,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Michigan United Conservations Clubs use the strength of its 40,000 plus hunters, anglers, trappers and conservationists and over 200 affiliated local clubs around the state to oppose commercial, or public balloon releases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC work with our national affiliate National Wildlife Federation, or other like-minded organizations, to also encourage education and littering enforcement in other states that have the potential to impact our natural resources here in Michigan.

Resolution #24
Required 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan
MUCC region: 8
Passed: September 2020 MUCC Annual Convention
Title: Encouraging Full Appointments to the Natural Resource Commission

WHEREAS, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) has worked diligently to ensure that science remains at the forefront of fisheries and wildlife policymaking in the state of Michigan; and
WHEREAS, the leaders of the state of Michigan, in collaboration with stakeholder
groups like MUCC, have determined that the best mechanism by which to incorporate science into natural
resource management and insulate decisions from politics is through the Natural Resources Commission (NRC);
and
WHEREAS, the state legislature has delegated (and reaffirmed) the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of
game and sportfish, and the designation of game species to the NRC; and
WHEREAS, the people of the state of Michigan have also affirmed the authority of the NRC through Proposal G
of 1998 – a ballot resolution which passed by a two-thirds majority; and
WHEREAS, boards and commissions that are full are able to represent more opinions, more closely review
topics within their jurisdiction, and more carefully consider orders under their purview; and
WHEREAS, the NRC is a seven-member body, but currently only has four commissioners seated; and
WHEREAS, all currently appointed commissioners must be present for the NRC to consist of a quorum to do
business.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that MUCC will encourage, and work with, the Governor’s office to fill
vacancies on the NRC by appointment; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that MUCC will encourage members of the state Senate to seriously
and judiciously consider appointments made by the Governor to ensure the best possible candidates are
appointed to the NRC, pursuant to MUCC Internal Policy AC030619 (“Michigan Natural Resource
Commission Appointment Criteria;” a resolution passed in 2019).