



Uniting Citizens to Conserve, Protect and Enhance Michigan's Natural Resources and Outdoor Heritage
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2020 MUCC Election Results

MUCC Executive Board

Vice President: Tim Muir Jr.

Treasurer: Fran Yeager

Region 2 Director: Steve Dey

Region 4 Director: Keith Huff

Region 6 Director: Dan McMaster

Region 8 Director: Patrick Hogan

Region 8 At-Large Director: Travis Powers

MUCC Conservation Policy Board (Club members, 3 spots each region)

Region 1: Bryan Reynolds, John Strom

Region 2: Gary Gorniak

Region 3: Mike Proctor, Keith Shafer, Laura Patton

Region 4: Pete Demos, Luke Sitton, Brian McPhail

Region 5: Kayla Levey, Kevin Eldred

Region 6: Ted Schulz, Wayne Hanson, Jon Wilson

Region 7: Diane Konneck, Charles Konneck, Justin VanRhee

Region 8: Leonard Shaner, Jennifer Davis, Roger Calhoun

Region 9: Todd Boswell, Elijah Keller, Erik Schnelle

*An update will be provided once the appointment of Individual Member representatives and MUCC Conservation Policy Board committee chairs occurs at the first Executive Board meeting following convention.

Proposed Bylaws Amendments and Policy Resolutions Results

Proposed Bylaws Amendments Results

All of the Proposed Bylaws Amendments passed. They are listed here

Passed Resolutions

Resolution #1: Support FOIA When it Does Not Interfere with Science or Fair Chase (Patrick Hogan, Region 8 Executive Board Member)

MUCC will work with the legislature to ensure continued access to state and federal information via the Freedom of Information Act. Where necessary, MUCC will work with the state legislature to ensure that 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: Better Define or Discontinue the Public Boat Launch "Restricted Hours of Use" (Rob Miller, Bowfishing Association of Michigan)

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. Further, 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. MUCC will also 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: Preservation of Hunting Contests (Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association)

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) will 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. Further, MUCC will work with member clubs to educate on best management practices for public relations/communications on these contests to the non-hunting public to ensure that public perception of hunters remains neutral to positive. MUCC will also continue to support the 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: Diversify funding for Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (Patrick Hogan, Region 8 Executive Board Member)

MUCC will 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. Further, MUCC will 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 State Parks Endowment Fund (SPEF). MUCC will also 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.

Resolution #11: Encourage the use of non-lead alternatives (George Lindquist, MUCC President)

MUCC will educate the sporting public of the potential impacts of using lead, and the alternatives, for hunting ammunition, as well as fishing gear. Further, MUCC will encourage the use of non-lead fishing tackle and ammunition whenever these options are available, and practical.

Resolution #12: Add to MDNR Wolf Management Plan: Expand Hunting & Trapping Area for the Gray Wolf and Long-Term Population Goal for the Gray Wolf (Gary Gorniak, Straits Area Sportsmen's Club)

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. Further, MUCC will advocate for both hunting and trapping to be legal methods of take for wolf harvest in Michigan. MUCC will also 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: Rescind Outdated MUCC Policy AC740676 and AC760676 Regarding Firearm Transportation in a Vehicle (Jack Ammerman, Michigan Gun Owners)

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) will eliminate its 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 will be rescinded. MUCC will also eliminate its policy outdated policy that all firearms being transported in a motor vehicle must be in the trunk of a vehicle, policy AC770676 will be rescinded.

Resolution #17: Work with the MDNR to align free fishing weekend with Father's Day (Tim Muir, Lake St. Clair Walleye Association)

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) will work with and request from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) such that future free fishing weekends be aligned with Father's Day in an effort to increase participation in fishing.

Resolution #18: Hunter Orange (Bruce Levey)

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) will 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: Work to change language in MCL that puts Michigan hunters and shooters in jeopardy of committing a crime (Jack Ammerman, Michigan Gun Owners)

Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) recognizes temporarily leaning or placing a firearm on a non-moving vehicle should not be a crime. Further, MUCC will actively pursue a change in Michigan statute to remove the prohibition concerning placement of firearms upon non-moving vehicles.

Resolution #20: Treatment permits for the treatment of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS; Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President)

MUCC will promote more DNR biologist input into the permit approval process for the chemical treatment of aquatic invasive species to assess the risk/benefit of treatment regimens. MUCC will also promote further inquiry into the impact of these chemical treatments on other native populations of flora and fauna while considering the potential benefit of reducing the threat of AIS.

Resolution #21: Boat Wash Law and the Prevention of Spreading Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS; Greg Peter, MUCC Vice President)

MUCC will pursue an active educational campaign to help increase awareness of laws relating to preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species and adherence to its intent, impressing on the boating public with the importance of this responsibility. MUCC will also 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: Ban Balloon Release (Patrick Hogan, Region 8 Executive Board Member)

MUCC will 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. MUCC will also 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: Encouraging Full Appointments to the Natural Resource Commission (Patrick Hogan, Region 8 Executive Board Member)

MUCC will encourage, and work with, the Governor's office to fill vacancies on the NRC by appointment. Further, 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).