

Proposed Resolution #F
Requires Simple Majority

Submitted by: Ken Dalton, Individual Member
Proposed: December 3, 2022 Conservation Policy Board Meeting
Title: Expansion of Michigan Pheasant Release for Hunter Recruitment

1. **WHEREAS:** the Michigan Pheasant Hunting Initiative (MPHI) and MUCC have worked closely
2. to enact Public Act 262 of 2020; (MCL 324.43525c); and,
3. **WHEREAS:** the goal of Public Act 262 is to recruit, retain, and reactive (R3) Michigan pheasant
4. hunters; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** to meet these goals, most pheasant hunters must now purchase a pheasant
6. license in order to pheasant hunt on public lands in Michigan; and,
7. **WHEREAS:** 100% of pheasant license proceeds fund the hiring of game breeders to release
8. rooster pheasants on public lands in Michigan; and,
9. **WHEREAS:** since the pheasant license inception, over a quarter of a million dollars have been
10. raised through pheasant license sales; and,
11. **WHEREAS:** the Department of Natural Resources selected nine state game areas in which
12. roosters are released; and,
13. **WHEREAS:** participating SGA land managers report dramatic increase in hunter numbers since
14. enactment of PA 262; and,
15. **WHEREAS:** not all Michigan pheasant hunters are in close proximity to one of the nine state
16. game areas; and,
17. **WHEREAS:** Michigan boasts many public hunting lands with suitable hunting habitat in which
18. roosters could be released and hunted; and,
19. **WHEREAS:** Adding additional public hunting land as release sites would give many more
20. Michigan hunters an opportunity to hunt pheasants, resulting in higher pheasant license sales
21. and increasing the amount of revenue available to purchase rooster pheasants for release;
22. NOW,
23. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that Michigan United Conservation Clubs work with the
24. Michigan Legislature, Department of Natural Resources, and the Natural Resources
25. Commission to support the expansion of release sites available for public pheasant hunting
26. with the goal of getting more pheasant hunters into the field.