

The Senate



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**Committee on Natural Resources  
and Environmental Affairs**

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Minutes of the Standing Committee  
on  
**Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs**

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Wednesday, June 10, 2009

1:00 p.m.

Room 110, Farnum Building

The Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs was called to order by Senator Patricia Birkholz, Chair.

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Frank Wheatlake, Michigan Natural Resources Commissioner, led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

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The Clerk called the roll; **members present were Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason. (5/5)**

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 13, 2009.

**Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of May 13, 2009 as printed.**

**Senator Patterson supported the motion.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee the appointments of Mr. Timothy Nichols and Mr. Frank Wheatlake to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 2.104(c), the Chair of Senate Government Operations Committee requests that Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee hold a hearing on the appointment of Mr. Timothy Nichols and Mr. Frank Wheatlake to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, and make a written recommendation to the Government Operations Committee on this appointment.

Mr. Timothy Nichols and Mr. Frank Wheatlake gave brief statements. Following their brief remarks, Mr. Nichols and Mr. Wheatlake addressed questions from various committee members.

Van Snider, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association, submitted a testimony card in support of the appointments, but did not wish to testify.

**Senator Van Woerkom moved that the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee recommend to the Government Operations Committee that they favorably report the appointment of Mr. Timothy Nichols to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission to the Senate with a recommendation of advising and consenting to the appointment.**

**Senator Patterson supported the motion.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, as follows:**

**Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason. (5/5)**

**Nays: None. (0)**

The appointment of Mr. Timothy Nichols to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission was reported to the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

**Senator Van Woerkom moved that the Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee recommend to the Government Operations Committee that they favorably report the appointment of Mr. Frank Wheatlake to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission to the Senate with a recommendation of advising and consenting to the appointment.**

**Senator Patterson supported the motion.**

**The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, as follows:**

**Yeas: Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Patterson, Basham and Gleason. (5/5)**

**Nays: None. (0)**

The appointment of Mr. Frank Wheatlake to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission was reported to the Senate Committee on Government Operations.

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There being no other business before the committee; **Senator Basham moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**Senator Birkholz supported the motion.**

The motion prevailed; the time being 2:07 p.m.

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Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair

Senate Standing Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

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Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee