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

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

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.

Scott Piggott, Manager of the Agricultural Ecology Department for Michigan Farm Bureau, led the members of the committee in the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance to the flag*.

The Clerk called the roll; **members present were Senators Birkholz, Van Woerkom, Basham and Gleason. (4/5)**

Member absent and excused was Senator Patterson. (1/5)

The Chair informed the committee members that February 13-14 is Free Fishing Weekend throughout Michigan for residents and non-residents.

The Chair laid before the committee "Findings and Recommendations A Report of the Water Resources Conservation Advisory Council November 2009-A Requirement of Public Act 189 of 2008".

James Clift and Scott Piggott, Co-Chairs of the Water Resources Conservation Advisory Council, provided the committee members with a brief oral summary of the fifty-six page report. Following their testimony, Mr. Clift and Mr. Piggott responded to questions from committee members.

Senator Basham moved to excuse Senator Patterson from today's committee meeting. Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; Senator Patterson was excused.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of January 20, 2010 as printed.

Senator Van Woerkom moved to adopt the minutes of January 20, 2010 as printed.

Senator Basham supported the motion.

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

The Chair thanked the Co-Chairs and all the members of the Water Resources Conservation Advisory Council for all their hard work and commitment to protecting Michigan's water for the future of all the citizens of the State of Michigan.

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

Senator Van Woerkom supported the motion.

The motion prevailed, the time being 2:03 p.m.

Patricia L. Birkholz, Chair

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Joy A. E. Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee