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**Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism**

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism was held on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 210 of the Farnum Building.

The meeting was called to order at 12:38 p.m.

Members present: Senators Hansen, Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Casperson, Moolenaar, Gleason and Young

Members excused: none

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Senator Hansen called the meeting to order.

Senator Hansen announced the order of business for the day:

Approval of Minutes

For Testimony Only:

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| SB 897 | Sen. Booher      | Natural resources; fishing; use of crossbows for fishing; allow.  |
| SB 615 | Sen. Schuitmaker | Natural resources; fishing; free fishing on Memorial day, Labor day, and July 4; provide for.   |
| SB 821 | Sen. Moolenaar   | Watercraft; other; inspection frequency, boat livery permit term, and certificate of number fee and term; revise for certain nonmotorized livery boats. |

Senator Hansen announced that Senator Meekhof would be replacing Senator Brandenburg, and welcomed him to the committee.

Senator Casperson moved to adopt the minutes from February 9, 2012 with unanimous consent. Without objection, the minutes were adopted.

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 897 (Sen. Booher) for testimony. Senator Booher and his guest, Hal Hutchison, testified in explanation of the bill and answered questions from the committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 897 and answered questions from committee members:

- Dennis Knapp, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 897:

- Rob Miller, representing the Bowfishing Association of Michigan—Neutral, safety concerns
- Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs—Neutral

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 615 (Sen. Schuitmaker) for testimony. Senator Schuitmaker testified in explanation of the bill and substitute, and answered questions from the committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 615 and answered questions from committee members:

- Dennis Knapp, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Oppose as introduced

Senator Hansen placed before the committee Senate Bill 821 (Sen. Moolenaar) for testimony. Senator Moolenaar testified in explanation of the bill and answered questions from the committee members.

The following people testified on Senate Bill 821 and answered questions from committee members:

- Jeff Beilfuss and Cheri Hunter, representing the Michigan Association of Paddlesports Providers—Support

The following people submitted cards, but did not testify, on Senate Bill 821:

- Philip Duggel, representing the Michigan Association of Paddlesports Providers—Support
- Mark Miltner, representing Pine River Paddlesports Center—Support
- Val Miltner, representing Walker Bridge Canoe Livery—Support
- Bret Marr, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association—Support
- Dennis Knapp, representing the Department of Natural Resources—Support, working on technical concerns with sponsor

Senator Hansen adjourned the committee at 1:39 p.m.

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Date Approved by Committee

\*\*An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.