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THE UPPER PENINSULA HABITAT WORK GROUP

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Commission formed the Upper Peninsula Habitat Work Group (UPHWG) in 2014;

WHEREAS, this ad hoc group is made up of forestry and wildlife experts, along with leaders of sportsmen's groups;

WHEREAS, the group was charged with developing management recommendations to address fundamental habitat enhancement opportunities which can improve the survival of white-tailed deer in the Upper Peninsula (UP);

WHEREAS, the abundance of deer in the UP depends on adequate winter habitat being available across all ownership categories;

WHEREAS, the UPHWG has mapped and is developing recommendations for more than 50 deer wintering complexes; and

WHEREAS, the plans cover all land ownerships and are available for any landowner as a suggested management option for their land;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Natural Resources Commission commends the important work of the Upper Peninsula Habitat Work Group (UPHWG), and the Commission thanks the Safari Club International Foundation and the Department of Natural Resources for funding this important work by contributing salary support for Mr. Steven Carson, staff to the UPHWG, through January, 2017; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Carson's expertise is essential to the production of the UPHWG final report, scheduled for public release in December of 2016.

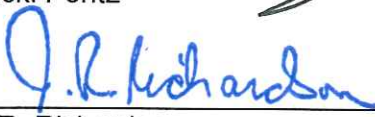
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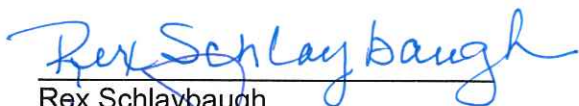
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