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NEWS & NOTES



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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION TO MEET

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 the Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) will meet at the Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health in Lansing.

Topics of discussion, in addition to the business meeting, include updates on parks and recreation programs, tourism partnerships, and the forest recreation and pathways program.

Agenda items include the Department of Natural Resources' budget, Bovine Tuberculosis updates, and awards received by the DNR.

For more information on the NRC visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

House

Appropriations, Joint Senate and House

February 7, 2008
11:00 a.m.

House Appropriations,
3rd Floor, Capitol Bldg.

Chair: Sen. Ron Jelinek

Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

February 5, 2008
10:30 a.m.

521 House Office Building
Chair: Rep. Joel Sheltrown

Senate

Appropriations: State Police & Military Affairs

February 6, 2008
2:00 p.m.

Room 100, Farnum Bldg.
Chair: Sen. Valde Garcia

Energy Policy and Public Utilities

February 7, 2008
1:00 p.m.

Room 210, Farnum Building
Chair: Sen. Bruce Patterson

2008 MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SCHEDULE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- February 5 1:30 p.m.
- February 6 1:30 p.m.
- February 7 12:00 p.m.
- February 12 1:30 p.m.
- February 13 1:30 p.m.
- February 14 12:00 p.m.

SENATE

- February 5 10:00 a.m.
- February 6 10:00 a.m.
- February 7 10:00 a.m.
- February 12 10:00 a.m.
- February 13 10:00 a.m.
- February 14 10:00 a.m.

2007 SUCCESS IN MICHIGAN'S FOOD AND AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY PRAISED BY GOVERNOR

Michigan's agriculture industry rises to the top as Governor Jennifer Granholm and Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Don Koivisto commended the achievements and economic growth made by Michigan's agriculture industry this past year. In 2007 the state's annual agricultural exports reached record high. Additionally, the industry experienced a bio-economy boom in renewable fuels to expansion in the state's general farm economy, the agri-food sector exhibited significant broad-based economic growth during the year.

"Michigan's food and agriculture industry helps drive our economy and the industry had a successful 2007," Granholm said. "It's poised to reach even greater heights in 2008 as we continue to focus on diversifying the state's economy, creating jobs and investment."

"Last year was very good year to be in agriculture," said Koivisto. "Michigan agriculture is a growing segment of the state's economy. Michigan's agri-food sector is the state's second largest industry, employing more than 1 million people, and generating \$63.7 billion for Michigan's economy - an increase of \$3.6 billion since 2005."

For more information on Michigan's agriculture industry successes in 2007 visit www.michigan.gov/mda.

DRIVERS LICENSES FOR LEGAL FOREIGNERS

The Michigan Senate Transportation Committee, on Thursday, January 31, 2008, voted to send to the full Senate, SB 962 and SB 963 which are designed to correct a recent Attorney General Opinion that prohibits legal immigrants in the state from obtaining a drivers license or state identification card. The bills are also tied to the Real ID, a controversial proposal that opponents nationwide have charged could invade individual privacy. There are many temporary legal workers in this state that require a Michigan Drivers License to continue to be employed. Stay tuned for further developments as this legislation is further considered in the Senate.

2008 MICHIGAN FARM MARKETING & AGRI-TOURISM DIRECTORY ADS WANTED

The Michigan Department of Agriculture is partnering with the Michigan Farm Marketing & Agri-Tourism Association, Farm Bureau Insurance and Michigan Farm Bureau to produce the popular Michigan Farm Marketing & Agri-Tourism Directory for 2008.

Deadline for listing submission in the directory is Friday, February 15, 2008. Cost for a listing is \$100. The directory, when completed, will be available at Travel Michigan Welcome Centers, through local Farm Bureau Insurance agencies in every county, at many farm markets, farmers' markets and other locations.

If you have questions about the directory or other advertising opportunities, contact Tim Rogers at 517-323-6543 or by email, trogers@michfb.com. In addition to the printed directory, www.michiganfarmfun.com will include the listings in a searchable online directory.

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