Representative Matt Huuki, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

The Vice-Chair, Representative Huuki, requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Foster, Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe and Slavens.
Absent/Excused: None

Representative Wayne Schmidt moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Vice-Chair laid SB 508, SB 509 and SB 510 before the committee.

SB 508 Casperson Natural resources; nonnative species; federal ballast water standard; require advisory council to recommend.

SB 509 Walker Natural resources; nonnative species; multistate aquatic nuisance species compact; establish.

SB 510 Hansen Natural resources; nonnative species; aquatic invasive species introduction through trade pathways; require advisory council to recommend laws to prevent.

Senators Walker and Hansen explained SB 508, SB 509 and SB 510 to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

David Hamilton, representing the Nature Conservancy, testified in support of the bill package. Questions and discussion followed.

The following submitted testimony cards indicating support for the bill package, but did not wish to speak.

Kendra Everett, representing Senator Tom Casperson
The Vice-Chair laid HB 4826, HB 4827 and HB 4848 before the committee.

HB 4826 Foster
Natural resources; nonnative species; aquatic invasive species introduction through trade pathways; require advisory council to recommend laws to prevent.

HB 4827 Pettalia
Natural resources; nonnative species; federal ballast water standard; require advisory council to recommend.

HB 4828 Price
Natural resources; nonnative species; multistate aquatic nuisance species compact; establish.

Representative Pettalia moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4826.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:
Yeas: Representatives Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe and Slavens,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Pettalia moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4827.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:
Yeas: Representatives Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe and Slavens,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Damrow moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4828.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:
Yeas: Representatives Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe and Slavens,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.
The following submitted testimony cards on HB 4826, HB 4827 and HB 4828, but did not wish to speak.

James Clift, representing the Michigan Environmental Council
Tom Frasier, representing the Michigan Townships Association
Cia Segerlind, representing the Michigan Association of Convention & Visitor Bureaus

The Vice-Chair laid HB 4845, HB 4846, HB 4847 and HB 4848 before the committee.

HB 4845 Foster Watercraft; safety; boating safety certificate and watercraft endorsement; define, and allow operation of motorboat by person less than 12 years of age under certain circumstances.

HB 4846 Wayne Schmidt Watercraft; violations; vessel operated without required marine safety equipment; allow peace officer to issue citation to owner or operator, require observer when vessel is towing a person, and revise definition of passenger.

HB 4847 Haugh Watercraft; other; identification and lighting requirements for barges; enact and provide penalties and remedies.

HB 4848 LaFontaine Watercraft; violations; fleeing and eluding police or conservation officer while operating a vessel; prohibit.

Representative Bledsoe moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4845.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:
   Yeas: Representatives Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe and Slavens,
   Nays: None,
   Pass: None.

Representative Johnson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4846.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:
   Yeas: Representatives Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe and Slavens,
   Nays: None,
   Pass: None.

Representative Bledsoe moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4847.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-0.
FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:
 Yeas: Representatives Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe and Slavens,
 Nays: None,
 Pass: None.

Representative Bledsoe moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4848.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 10-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:
 Yeas: Representatives Huuki, Wayne Schmidt, Damrow, Hughes, Johnson, Pettalia, Haugh, Stapleton, Bledsoe and Slavens,
 Nays: None,
 Pass: None.

The following testified on HB 4845, HB 4846, HB 4847 and HB 4848:

William Krul, Brian Barlog and Mike Dykhouse, representing the Deputy Sheriff’s Association of Michigan (support)

Gary Owen, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (support)

The following submitted testimony cards on HB 4845, HB 4846, HB 4847 and HB 4848, but did not wish to speak.

Bret Marr, representing the Michigan Boating Industries Association (support for H-1)

The Vice-Chair laid HB 5109 before the committee.

HB 5109 Jenkins Watercraft; safety; requirement for persons riding on or being towed behind a personal watercraft to wear certain personal flotation devices; eliminate.

Representative Jenkins explained her bill to the committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

The Vice-Chair laid HB 5110 before the committee.

HB 5110 LeBlanc Watercraft; traffic control; criteria for investigatory stops of moving vessels; clarify.

Representative LeBlanc explained his bill to the committee. Questions and discussion followed. Gary Owen and Lt. Andy Turner, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, testified indicating concerns on HB 5110. Questions and discussion followed.
The following submitted written comments on SB 508, SB 509, SB 510, HB 4826, HB 4827, HB 4828.

Kent Wood, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs
Frank Ruswick, representing the Michigan Office of the Great Lakes

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:30 a.m.

________________________________    90 minutes
Date Approved and Signed