

**DATE:** December 3, 2015  
**TO:** House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources  
**FROM:** Austin Scott, Fiscal Analyst  
**RE:** DNR boilerplate sections – Wildlife Division & Fisheries Division

Public Act 84 of 2015 provides the state's budget for FY 2015-16, including appropriations to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There are three boilerplate sections specific to the DNR's Wildlife Division; two of these three sections require the department to produce a report. There are three boilerplate sections specific to the DNR's Fisheries Division; one of these three sections require the department to produce a report. All six Wildlife and Fisheries boilerplate sections are summarized below with the three required-report sections highlighted:

***Sec. 501. Wildlife Management***

Requires DNR to use increased federal funding available from increased firearm and ammunition sales for the purpose of wildlife management which includes habitat restoration, conservation, and enhancement.

***Sec. 503. Invasive Species Order Enforcement – REQUIRES REPORT***

Requires report on efforts taken to enforce the Natural Resources Commission's invasive species order concerning raising feral swine in Michigan.

***Sec. 504. Cervid Operation Fees – REQUIRES REPORT***

Requires report on the use of registration fees from privately owned cervid operations.

***Sec. 601. Stream Habitat Improvement Grants***

Appropriates \$758,000 to watershed councils, resource development councils, soil conservation districts, local governmental units, and other nonprofit organizations for stream habitat improvement projects.

***Sec. 602. Water Control Structure Certification***

Directs Fisheries Division to not interfere with the certification process for dams and other water control structures.

***Sec. 603. Cormorant Management – REQUIRES REPORT***

Requires quarterly report on the use of cormorant management funding; provides that the DNR must submit funding to the USDA to pay for increased taking of cormorants and their nests; any retained or additional funds for cormorant control must be used for program.

The Department of Natural Resources maintains a database of their legislative reports required by boilerplate on the department web site. Each report is listed by Public Act and Section number. Boilerplate reports for the most recent fiscal year will be listed as follows:

PA 252 of 2014  
Section XXX

You may access these FY 2014-15 reports here: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10366-340162--,00.html>