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Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes

A joint meeting of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes; and the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on Natural Resources was held Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Senator Casperson.

Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes:

Members present: Senators Casperson Pavlov, Green Kowall and Warren

Members excused: Senators Meekhof and Hood

Senator Casperson called the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes to order.

Senator Green called the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on Natural Resources to order.

Senator Casperson announced that the topic of the meeting would be cormorant control efforts in Michigan.

The following people testified on the topic and answered questions from committee members:

- Pete Butchko, USDA APHIS Michigan Wildlife Services State Director (Also submitted written documents on file with clerk)
- Jim Dexter, DNR Fisheries Chief and Sharon Shafer, DNR Budget Chief
- Dr. Jeff Powers, Beaver Island Wildlife Club (Also submitted written documents on file with clerk)
- Larry Meior, Cormorant Advisory Commission (Also submitted written documents on file with clerk)
- Dick Underwood, Ludington Boat Club (Also submitted written documents on file with clerk)
- Ray Giacobone, Volunteer Group from Lake St. Clair
- Norm Anderson, Flint Steelheaders

Senator Warren moved to excuse absent members. Without objection, absent members were excused.

Senator Casperson adjourned the Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Environment and Great Lakes at 5:01 p.m.

Senator Green adjourned the Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee on Natural Resources at 5:01 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.