

**Proposed Resolution #J**  
**Requires 2/3 Majority**

**Submitted by:**  
**MUCC region:**

**Proposed:**

**Title:**

April 13, 2022 Executive Board Meeting  
Reaffirmation of MUCC's dedication and belief in Proposal G and an independent, transparent Natural Resources Commission.

1. **WHEREAS:** MUCC was founded in 1937 to insulate our state's game, fish, minerals, air, water, forests, and land
2. resources of the state from politics; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** throughout its history, MUCC has been the watchdog over the Michigan Department of Natural
4. Resources (MDNR), ensuring decisions which affect the natural resources are made with public participation and
5. based on professional scientific management of fish and wildlife resources; and,
6. **WHEREAS:** it is important that the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and the MDNR provide for full and
7. complete public notice, access and participation to meetings, deliberations and decisions affecting our natural
8. resources; and,
9. **WHEREAS:** MUCC has long affirmed that the Natural Resources Commission should have broad authority for
10. the control, management, restoration, conservation, and regulation of bird, fish, game, forestry and all wildlife
11. resources of the state; and,
12. **WHEREAS:** MUCC and other conservation, hunting, trapping, and angling groups worked to draft and pass
13. Proposal G in 1996; and,
14. **WHEREAS:** Proposal G amended the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) to grant
15. the NRC exclusive authority to regulate the manner and method of take of game species; and,
16. **WHEREAS:** Proposal G was passed by Michigan voters with an overwhelming 68.7% of the vote; and,
17. **WHEREAS:** The Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act is a 2014 law initiated by petition and enacted by
18. the Legislature that reenacted many provisions of several Public Acts regarding hunting and fishing that are

19. invalidated by referendum or any other reason; and,

20. **WHEREAS:** the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act preserved the legacy of Proposal G and expanded

21. the authority of the NRC; and,

22. **WHEREAS:** The MDNR, under this administration, has made repeated and continued attempts to separate

23. authority from the NRC, citing MCL 324.40107, which runs contrary to the intent and spirit of Proposal

24. G; and,

25. **WHEREAS:** Since the passage of Proposal G in 1996, this is the first administration to publicly separate

26. authority in such a manner; NOW,

27. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** That MUCC take any and all means necessary to ensure Proposal G's

28. original intent is upheld.