



MFPC APPLAUDS GOVERNOR SYNDER FOR UPHOLDING SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY

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Lansing, Mich.—The Michigan Forest Products Council commends Governor Rick Snyder for signing into law Senate Bill 289, sponsored by Senator Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba). The bill easily passed the Senate with 25 votes in favor of 38 voters, sending it to the Governor's desk for signature.

This law enables the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) to add and remove species from the game list and establish hunting seasons, in cooperation with the Legislature's authority to add and remove species to the game list.

"Promotion, protection, and sustainability of our natural resources is a crucial part of maximizing the multiple use of the forest economy," said Scott Robbins, MFPC Director of SFI & Public Affairs. "We support the Governor in his pursuit of using scientific principles for biological management."

The NRC, a public, seven-member body housed in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), utilizes the expert insight to "enhance and improve" MDNR assets to optimize financial return for the benefit of natural resources. Enacting the bill into law will ensure that scientific principles will continue to be applied to state game management, ultimately benefitting the quality of life in Michigan.

The law is set to take immediate effect, following the Governor's signature.

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