

**Subject** Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee

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## Summary

This bill would consolidate three citizen oversight committees (Fisheries Oversight Committee, Wildlife Oversight Committee, and Budgetary Oversight Committee) currently providing recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) into one Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee. The committee would be made up of at least 15 affected people appointed by the commissioner of natural resources.

The committee would be required to submit a report to the commissioner and the legislature by September 15 each year. Reports in even-number years must focus on biennial budget outcomes achieved with game and fish fund expenditures, and reports in odd-numbered years must focus on outcomes related to protecting habitat, fish and wildlife population management, monitoring and research, and communications and engagement.

Requires the committee to hold an annual meeting, that allows for virtual participation, to allow the public to review proposed priorities for the next reporting period.

The committee would expire June 30, 2033.