

GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

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August 12, 2014

Via Electronic Mail/Original by Mail

Representative Jeffrey Mursau
Chair, Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations
P.O. Box 8953
Madison, WI 53708

Dear Representative Mursau,

The Voigt Intertribal Task Force of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission), at its July 31, 2014 meeting, discussed your request to identify study topics for consideration by the Special Committee on State-Tribal Relations. The Task Force is aware that a list of potential topics has already been generated that includes a number of issues of interest to the Task Force from an off-reservation, ceded territory perspective. In particular, the Task Force understands that the Committee is likely to consider reform of the ferrous mining law, water quality standards to protect ceded territory natural resources like wild rice, the state's bag limit adjustment rule, and tribal court jurisdiction over violations of tribal boating regulations.

The Task Force appreciates the hard work and positive contributions of this Committee, and fully supports the Committee's consideration of these issues. It looks forward to a continuing dialogue as the particular legislative proposals are more fully developed. Commission staff stand ready to help, please do not hesitate to contact me directly, or Ann McCammon Soltis of my staff (amsoltis@glifwc.org or 715-685-2102) if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James E. Zorn".

James E. Zorn
Executive Administrator

cc: Voigt Intertribal Task Force