STATE OF MICHIGAN

COURT OF CLAIMS

ADVOCATES FOR MICHIGAN WILDLIFE, a Michigan nonprofit corporation,

Plaintiff,

v

Case No. 25-000197-MZ

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, a state agency,

Hon. Randy J. Wallace

Defendant.
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ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S 9/17/26 EMERGENCY MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER FOR STAY OF DISCOVERY

Before the Court is defendant Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR's) September 17, 2026 emergency motion for a protective order staying discovery. After reviewing the DNR's motion and brief and plaintiff Advocates for Michigan Wildlife's (AFMW's) response, the Court GRANTS the DNR's motion for protective order as indicated below.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that discovery in this matter is STAYED pending an order from this Court lifting the stay of discovery.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the DNR is not required to respond to AFMW's September 9, 2026 discovery requests, including its requests for admissions, requests for production, and interrogatories, or any other outstanding discovery requests, until 28 days after this Court enters an order lifting the stay of discovery; likewise, in the event that the DNR has

served discovery requests to which AFMW has not yet responded, responses to those requests are not required until 28 days after this Court enters an order lifting the stay of discovery.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no further discovery requests shall be made by either party until this Court enters an order lifting the stay of discovery.

This order does not resolve the last pending claim and does not close the case.

Date: September 23, 2026

Hon. Randy J. Wallace
Judge, Court of Claims