

Emergency Board Resolution #01
Requires 2/3rd Majority

Submitted by: Patrick Hogan, Region 8 Executive Board
MUCC Region: 8
Passed: September 11, 2019 Board Meeting
Title: Support FOIA when it doesn't interfere with Science or Fair Chase

1 **WHEREAS**, "Fair Chase," as defined by the Boone and Crockett Club, is the ethical, sportsmanlike, and
2 lawful pursuit and taking of any free-ranging wild, big game animal in a manner that does not give the
3 hunter an improper or unfair advantage over the game animals; and

4 **WHEREAS**, It may be possible to use on-going scientific research studies to unethically gain
5 information on wild game. This could hinder the scientific study, and general public support for fair chase
6 hunting; and

7 **WHEREAS**, MUCC was the driving force behind the successful voter passage of Proposal G: a
8 referendum on Public Act 377 of 1996, which amended the Natural Resources and Environmental
9 Protection Act (NREPA) to grant the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) exclusive authority to
10 regulate the taking of game in this state. The amendment also requires the NRC, to the greatest extent
11 practicable, to use principles of sound scientific management in making decisions regarding the taking of
12 game; and

13 **WHEREAS**, because all State of Michigan Commissions such as the NRC are mandated by law to
14 adhere to the Open Meetings Act, the information from these meetings must be available for review, and

15 **WHEREAS**, it is important and necessary for our state departments to be as transparent and open as
16 possible and must respond to citizen requests for information through use of the Freedom of Information
17 Act; and

18 **WHEREAS**, anyone, at any time should have the freedom to file FOIA request in an equitable and
19 speedy manner.