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Memorandum to the Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Zone 1 Pheasant Management Unit Defined
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 6 of 2008

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

The area open to pheasant hunting in the Upper Peninsula (UP) is highly restricted and encompasses a small portion of the south-central UP that has been considered the primary occupied range of pheasants. This range includes portions of Iron, Dickinson, Menominee, and Delta counties. Area Wildlife Division biologists, working with constituent groups, propose an expansion of the huntable range to provide additional recreational opportunities in areas where pheasants are commonly sighted or where they might occur sporadically. This proposed recommended change will provide hunters with an opportunity to pursue pheasants in additional areas of the UP where pheasants are present and will likely persist into the future.

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Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on March 6, 2008 at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's February 25, 2008 calendar and may be eligible for approval on April 10, 2008.

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 6 of 2008

Under the authority of sections 40107 and 40113a, Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.40107 and 324.40113a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders that, effective April 11, 2008 the following sections of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

12.750 "Zone 1 pheasant management unit" defined.

Sec. 12.750. "Zone 1 pheasant management unit" means all of Menominee county and that area of Delta, Dickinson, Iron, and Marquette counties surrounding Menominee county and bounded by a line beginning in Iron county at the junction of highway 189 at the Brule river (also is the Michigan-Wisconsin state border), then northerly on highway 189 to highway US-2 in the town of Iron River, easterly on US-2 to highway M-69 in the city of Crystal Falls, easterly on M-69 into Dickinson county to Michigan highway M-95, northerly on M-95 to county road 426 (also known as the Turner truck trail, located in T43N R30W section 8) near the town of Channing, easterly on Co-426 past the town of Ralph and into Marquette county to county road SI in the town of Watson, northeasterly on Co-SI to the north section line of sections 5 and 6 (about a two mile distance) of T42N R24W, easterly on said north section line of sections 5 and 6 of T42N R24W, to west Maple ridge road (also known as county road DA), easterly on west Maple ridge road into Delta county to county road 529 (also known as county road H-59), easterly on Co-529 to county road 432 in the city of Rock, easterly on Co-432 to highway US-41, southerly on highway US-41 to county road I-10 (also known as USFS 2236, or 38th road), easterly on county road I-10 to county road 509, southerly on Co-509 to county road I-22 (also known as USFS 2231, or 28th road), easterly on county road I-22 to USFS 2235 (also known as Z road, or the Ensign truck trail), southerly on USFS-2235 to highway US-2, easterly on US-2 to the Ogontz river, southerly along the center of the Ogontz river to the center of Big Bay DeNoc, southerly from Big Bay DeNoc into Lake Michigan (past the Stonington peninsula) to the the Michigan-Wisconsin state border at a point due north of Washinton, Wisconsin, southwesterly along the state border to the mouth of the Menominee river, northwesterly upstream along the centerlines of the Menominee and Brule rivers (also the Michigan-Wisconsin state border) to the point of beginning."

Issued this 10th day of April, 2008.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Keith J. Charters, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Proposed 2008 Zone 1 Pheasant Management Unit

