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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION

Subject: Pure Michigan Hunt  
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 12 of 2009  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
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(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

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 proposed "Pure Michigan Hunt" drawing would be a new opportunity for a unique multi-species hunt, with the goal of increasing public interest and enthusiasm for outdoor recreation while establishing a new source of revenue for natural resource management.

Drawing applicants may purchase multiple applications (chances in the drawing), from March 1 through December 31 for the following year's hunts. The application fee for the drawing will be \$4.00. Applicants must apply individually; no party applications. A "Pure Michigan Hunt" applicant must meet the age requirement established in statute to hunt bear, deer, or elk with a firearm and all other eligibility requirements for purchasing a regular (not apprentice) hunting license. Residents and nonresidents may apply. However, the elk license would be unavailable to nonresidents who are selected in the drawing (under current Michigan statute). Individuals who are not eligible to apply for the regular elk drawing because of previous drawing success would be fully eligible to apply for the "Pure Michigan Hunt" drawing and may obtain an elk license if selected. Successful applicants could apply without restriction for future "Pure Michigan Hunt" drawings (no ineligibility period). Applying for or purchasing "Pure Michigan Hunt" licenses would not affect hunter eligibility to apply for or purchase regular hunting licenses in the same license year. Individuals under a court-ordered license purchase restriction would not be eligible to apply.

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Three lucky hunters will be selected, with drawing results announced the following January. Success in the Pure Michigan Hunt will not affect any bear preference points or elk chances the winner may have accumulated for the regular drawings for these species. Drawing success will not be transferable to another individual. Successful applicants would be required to pay the standard fee for each license in the "Pure Michigan Hunt" package, less any discounts (senior or 15% multi-license).

Hunting licenses would be available to successful applicants beginning March 1, the start of the new license year. Licenses would be valid during the hunting seasons for that same year. The three winners will be authorized to purchase hunting licenses for elk, bear, antlerless deer, and turkey (spring and fall seasons). Each license shall be valid for hunting anywhere in the state open to hunting for that species during the appropriate regular hunting season. Hunters may harvest one animal per license per season, and would also be allowed to participate in the reserved waterfowl hunts at managed waterfowl areas.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's April 27, 2009, calendar and may be eligible for approval on June 4, 2009.

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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. 12 of 2009**

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 June 5, 2009, the following sections of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

### **2.12 PURE MICHIGAN HUNT; ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; DEFINITION; OPEN AREA; EXCEPTIONS.**

**SEC. 2.12. (1) A PURE MICHIGAN HUNT APPLICANT MUST MEET THE AGE REQUIREMENT AND ALL OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN STATUTE TO PURCHASE A REGULAR (NOT APPRENTICE) HUNTING LICENSE TO HUNT BEAR, DEER, OR ELK WITH A FIREARM.**

**(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER, AND SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF APPLICABLE STATUTES, A PURE MICHIGAN HUNT LICENSE SHALL INCLUDE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE:**

- (A) ONE ANY ELK LICENSE (MICHIGAN RESIDENT ONLY).**
- (B) ONE BEAR LICENSE (NOT VALID FOR DRUMMOND ISLAND BMU).**
- (C) ONE SPRING TURKEY LICENSE.**
- (D) ONE FALL TURKEY LICENSE.**
- (E) ONE ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSE.**

**(3) SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A DRAWING. PURE MICHIGAN HUNT DRAWING SUCCESS DOES NOT AFFECT OR INVOLVE ANY PREFERENCE POINTS OR INELIGIBILITY PERIODS RELATED TO OTHER HUNTING LICENSES OR LIFETIME LICENSES.**

**(4) THREE PURE MICHIGAN HUNT PACKAGES SHALL BE AWARDED EACH YEAR ALLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT TO PURCHASE THE ABOVE LICENSES FOR THE PRICES ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO LAW.**

**(5) THE NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE FOR A PURE MICHIGAN HUNT LICENSE IS \$4.00.**

**(6) PURE MICHIGAN HUNT APPLICANTS MAY PURCHASE MULTIPLE PURE MICHIGAN HUNT APPLICATIONS.**

**(7) LICENSES PURCHASED BY A SUCCESSFUL PURE MICHIGAN HUNT APPLICANT SHALL BE VALID FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

- (A) PURE MICHIGAN HUNT UNIT DEFINED IN SECTION 12.999 FOR EACH GAME SPECIES.**
- (B) DURING ANY OPEN SEASON FOR THAT SPECIES, WITH THE APPROPRIATE WEAPONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ORDER.**
- (C) ON ANY LANDS OPEN TO HUNTING FOR THOSE LICENSES IN SECTION 2.12 (2) WITH PERMISSION OF THE PRIVATE LAND OWNER, IF APPLICABLE.**

**(D) THE PARTY HUNT LEADER WITH THE FIRST SELECTION AT ANY MANAGED WATERFOWL AREA DURING THE RESERVED HUNT PERIOD.**

**(9) A PURE MICHIGAN HUNT APPLICANT MUST MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SEASON COVERED BY THE PURE MICHIGAN HUNT LICENSE.**

**(10) SUCCESSFUL PURE MICHIGAN HUNT APPLICANTS ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM:**

**(A) APPLYING FOR A LIMITED DRAW LICENSE AUTHORIZED BY ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ORDER.**

**(B) PURCHASING A LICENSE AUTHORIZED BY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER.**

**(C) UTILIZING A KILL TAG AUTHORIZED BY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER.**

**(D) RETENTION OF ANY PREFERENCE POINTS OR CHANCES ACCUMULATED BY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER.**

**(12) NONRESIDENTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE A MICHIGAN ELK HUNTING LICENSE.**

**(13) PURE MICHIGAN HUNT LICENSES ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.**

**12.999 "PURE MICHIGAN HUNT UNIT" DEFINED.**

**SEC. 12.999. "PURE MICHIGAN HUNT UNIT" MEANS ALL AREAS OF THE STATE OPEN TO THE TAKING OF:**

**(A) BEAR AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3.200B, EXCEPT FOR DRUMMOND ISLAND BMU.**

**(B) ELK AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3.8.**

**(C) WILD TURKEY AS DEFINED IN SECTIONS 3.300A AND 3.300B.**

**(D) ANTLERLESS DEER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3.105A.**

**(E) WATERFOWL THROUGH RESERVED HUNTS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3.419.**

Issued this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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