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September 17, 2007

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Transfer of Land by Administrative Consent Order  
Sandusky State Game Area – Sanilac County  
The Bay-Houston Towing Company Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20070117

Description: Sanilac County, Watertown Township, T11N, R14E, Section 2:  
Commencing at the W ¼ corner running thence N 01° 45' 48" E  
440.00 feet along the W Section line, thence S 80° 14' 12" E 748.61 feet,  
thence S 01° 45' 48" W 385.77 feet, thence S 84° 22' 53" E 80.07 feet,  
thence S 01° 45' 48" W 678.51 feet, thence N 85° 44' 12" W 822.00 feet,  
thence N 01° 45' 48" E 698.00 feet along the W Section line to the point of  
beginning, containing 20.00 acres, more or less.

Owner: Bay-Houston Towing Company, a Texas Corporation, Houston, Texas

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR)  
October 1, 2007 Calendar and is eligible for approval on October 8, 2007.

Comments: The private parcel to be transferred is located in central Sanilac County, two  
miles east of Sandusky.

This conveyance is a condition of an Administrative Consent Order between  
Bay-Houston Towing Company (Michigan Peat) and the Michigan  
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) dated May 13, 2002. The  
Consent Order allowed Bay-Houston Towing Company to complete  
extraction of peat from 1,274 acres of a 1,475-acre site known as the  
Sandusky Bog, under the authority of DEQ Permit No. 02-76-005-P, which  
was issued May 13, 2002, and expired May 13, 2007.

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In December, 2006, the DNR Director approved acceptance of a transfer of land by administrative consent order that included 1,455 acres of the 1,475- acre tract. The land was dedicated as the Sandusky State Game Area. Twenty acres of that tract were withheld from immediate transfer since they were improved with the production facilities utilized by Bay-Houston Towing Company during the first half of 2007. However, the company was responsible for removal of the structures and clean-up of the site prior to eventual transfer of the 20-acre tract to the State of Michigan.

This tract contains 20 acres and exhibits a level topography. Numerous buildings were situated on the central portion of this parcel but they have been removed in accordance with the site clean-up requirements of the DEQ permit. As part of those requirements, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the property was completed and no adverse environmental conditions were detected.

The transfer of land will include mineral rights owned by Bay-Houston Towing Company.

Recommendation: That the 20-acre tract of land be accepted with appreciation.

David E. Freed, Chief  
Land and Facilities

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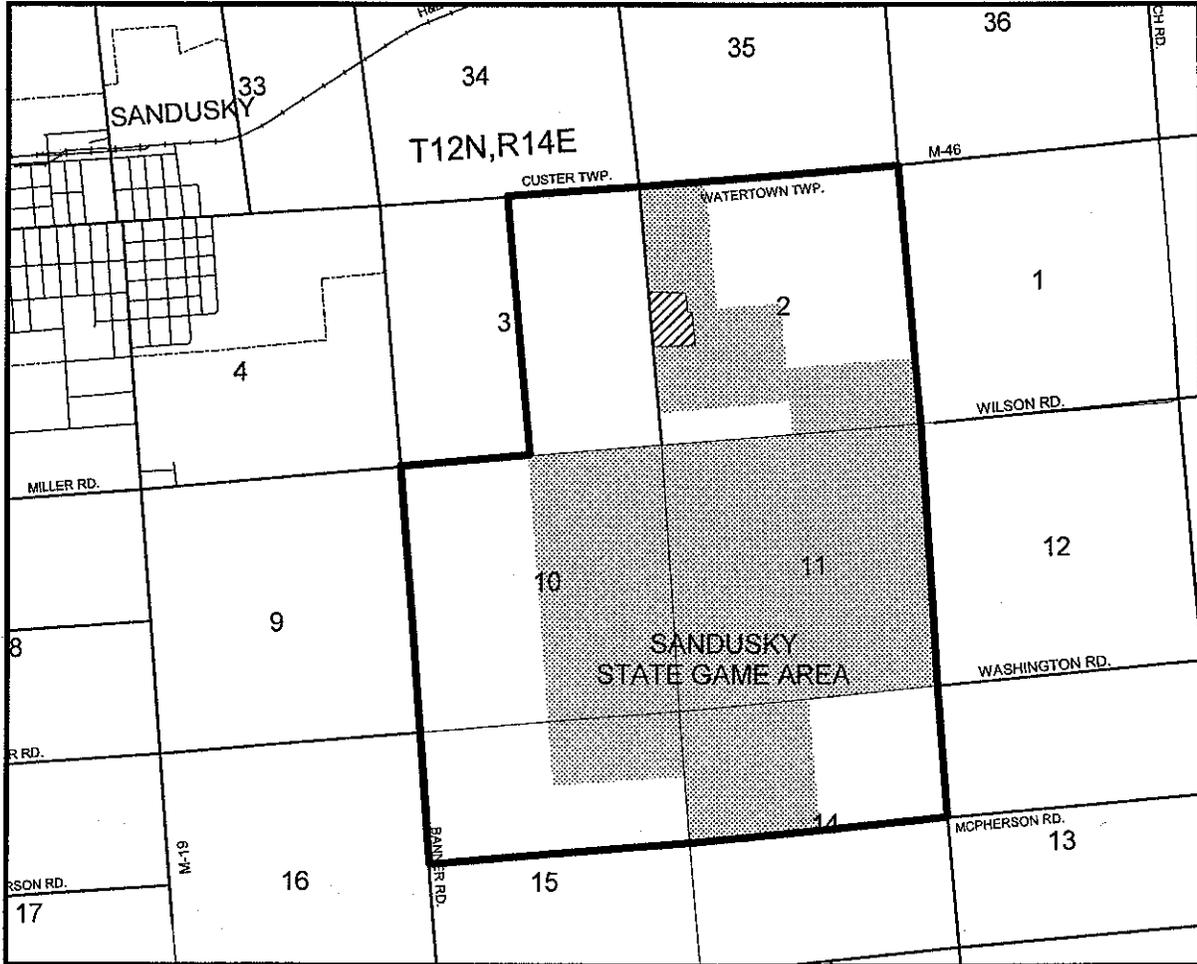
Dennis R. Fedewa  
Chief Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

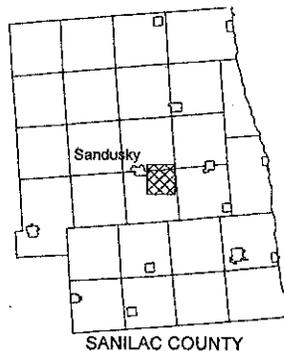
Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

**TRANSFER OF LAND BY ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ORDER**  
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- Sandusky State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR (20.00 acres)
- State Land
- Private Land



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