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November 9, 2009

TO:	Rebecca A. Humphries, Director
INFORMATION:	Natural Resources Commission
Transaction:	Gift of Relinquishment of Lease St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area – St. Clair County The Thomas Swain Tract Land Transaction Case #20090166
Gift:	One Subdivision Lot – 2.07 acres
Description:	St. Clair County, Clay Township: Leasehold interest in Lot 389, Sni Bora Channel Section of the so-called St. Clair Flats, made under the provisions of Act 175, Public Acts of 1899.
Donor:	Thomas Swain, Chesterfield, Michigan
Authority:	Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended
Notice:	This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) November 23, 2009 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 30, 2009.
Stipulation:	State to pay delinquent 2007 and 2008 property tax bill of $66.30.
Comments:	The offered gift of relinquishment of lease is located within the St. Clair Flats Wildlife Area, 30 miles south of Port Huron and 30 miles northeast of Detroit. The vacant tract is primarily submerged except for occasional emergent vegetation and scattered sandbars. Access is available only by boat. The land is owned by the State of Michigan, but leased to the Donor under terms of a lease due to expire in the year 2015. The Donor's relinquishment of lease rights in this land will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, expanding accessible public land, and preventing further development in this ecologically sensitive area. Acceptance of this gift is consistent with recommendations contained in the St. Clair Flats Management Plan which was formally approved by the Natural Resources Commission in April 1981.

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Recommendations: (1) That this gift be accepted with appreciation.

(2) That payment of the delinquent property tax bill of $66.30 be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Wildlife Land Consolidation Initiative, as contained in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.

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I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

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Date Approved

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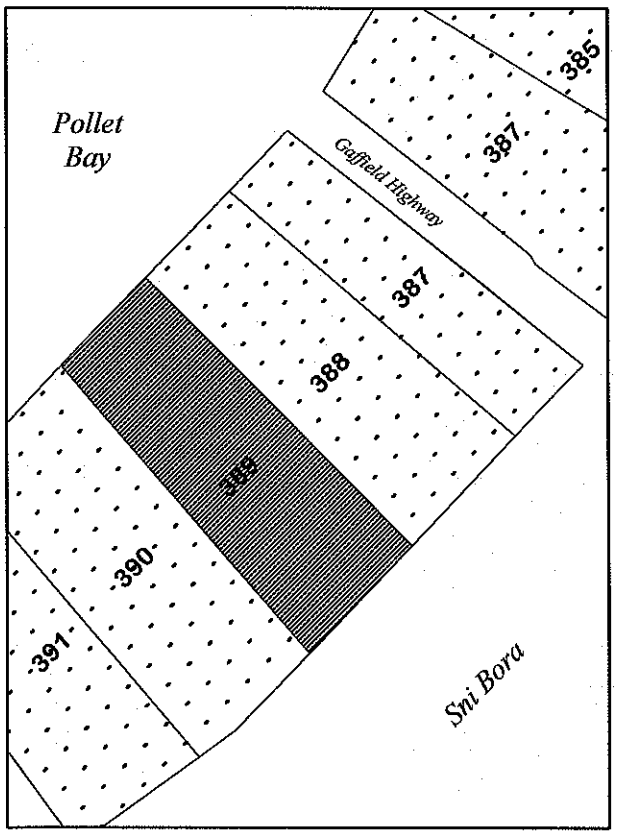

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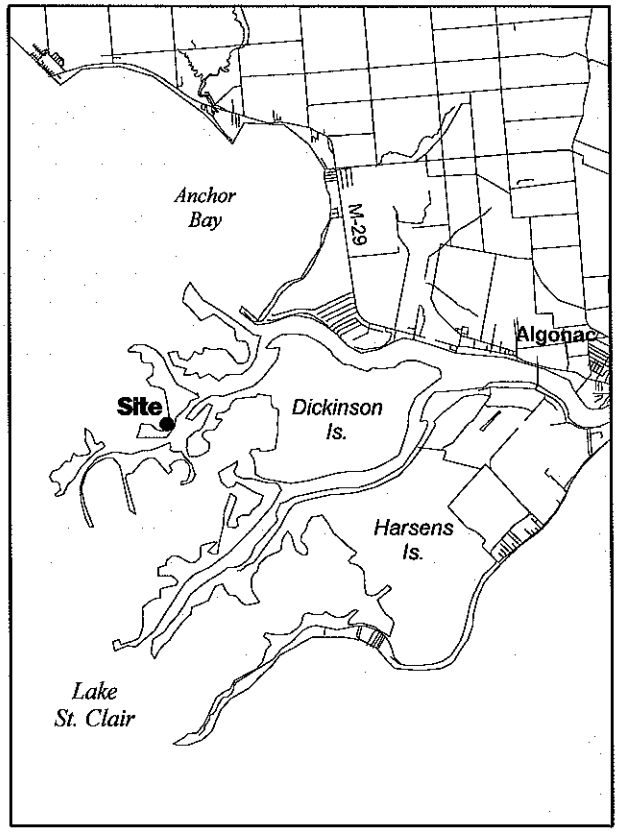

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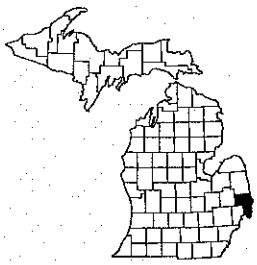
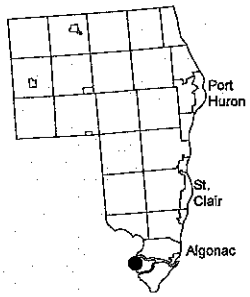
Leased state land





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