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TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Conveyance of DNR-Managed Land for Public Use
Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit – Mackinac County
Land Transaction Case #20130271

Sale: 122.84 acres

Sale Price: Land to be conveyed without monetary consideration, but subject to a reverter.

Description: Mackinac County, Clark Township, T41N, R01W, Sections 12, 13; and T42N, R01W, Section 15, as more completely described in the case file.

Applicant(s): Clark Township, Cedarville, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) March 10, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on March 17, 2015. The transaction is also posted in a local newspaper as required by statute.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1939 and 1982.

Minerals: The State will convey mineral rights.

Comments: The desired parcels are located in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, near Cedarville.

Two of the desired parcels are located on Marquette Island, the largest of the three dozen islands in the twelve mile-long Les Cheneaux archipelago. These parcels are accessible from Lake Huron, but are isolated from other DNR-managed lands. The township intends to manage the properties for recreation and ecotourism.

The third desired parcel is located off of the east end of the Hessel Airport. The acquisition of this property will permit the township to develop a satellite-based, GPS approach for this airport. The Department will retain timber rights to this area as well as a permanent road/snowmobile trail easement at the location of the existing forest road.

The request was reviewed by Department staff and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on August 21, 2014.

Local Engagement: Clark Township is the applicant and supports this transaction.

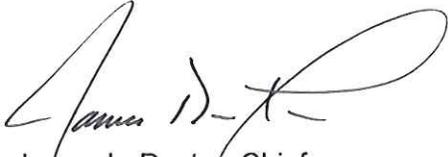
- Recommendation:
1. That the lands be conveyed to the applicant for public purposes without monetary consideration, but subject to a reverter.
 2. For the lands in T42N, R01W, Section 15, that the Department retain timber rights and a permanent road/snowmobile trail easement at the location of the existing forest road.
 3. That the State convey mineral rights and retain aboriginal antiquities.



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I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

