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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Regulate Use of Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, Wayne and
Monroe County
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 13 of 2013
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

The Pointe Mouillee State Game Area, in Wayne and Monroe counties, consists of the following refuge areas: the Bloody Run Unit, the Lautenschlager Unit, and the Confined Disposal Facility. Currently the refuge areas are closed to all use and occupancy from September 15 through the end of the waterfowl season. To be consistent with the other managed waterfowl areas in the Southeast Region, the Department recommends changing the refuge dates to September 1 through December 15. Setting the closing date to December 15 will further increase consistency and help reduce user confusion, as waterfowl season has the potential to end on a different date every year and sometimes regular duck season is split into two segments.

Following December 15, the refuge would be open to deer, small game, and waterfowl hunting.

Local Department wildlife and law enforcement staff, area trappers, members of the Pointe Mouillee Waterfowl Festival Committee, Waterfowl U.S.A. Southwestern Lake Erie Chapter, and a representative from the Gibraltar Duck Hunters Association support the recommended date changes.

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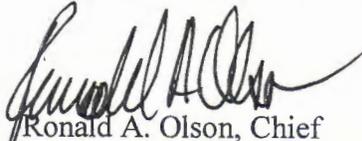
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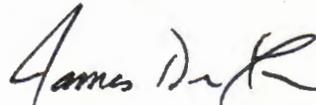
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Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's June 2013 calendar and may be eligible for approval on August 8, 2013.

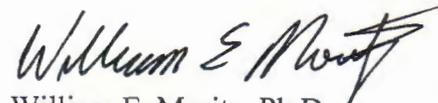

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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 13 of 2013

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following:

3.6 Pointe Mouillee state game area, Wayne and Monroe counties, prohibited conduct.

Order 3.6. A person shall not do any of the following on the Pointe Mouillee SGA, Wayne and Monroe counties:

(1) Enter, use, or occupy the area between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., unless otherwise permitted by posted notice.

(2) Possess or consume an alcoholic beverage.

(3) Build or use any ground fire of any kind.

(4) ~~Target, skeet, or trap shoot with a firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow.~~ **Discharge a crossbow, bow and arrow, or firearm, as defined in section 40102 in 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40102, except for the purpose of lawful hunting.**

(5) Enter the area formerly designated as a shooting range except with the permission of the wildlife management unit supervisor.

(6) Enter any part of the area posted "state game area - hunting by permit only," from September 15 to the end of the regular waterfowl season **December 15** without a valid permit.

This amended order shall be posted on or after the 9th day of August, 2013.

Issued on this 8th day of August, 2013.

Keith Creagh
Director

