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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Regulate Use; Designate Belle Isle as a Michigan State Park, Wayne County
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 3 of 2014

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director to issue orders to designate state parks and recreation areas.

Discussion and Background:

The intent of this order is to:

- Officially designate the leased Belle Isle as a state park "***Belle Isle Park.***"

Belle Isle is a 982-acre island park located in the Detroit River, between the United States mainland and Canada. Since the park's inception in 1879 it has been owned and operated by the City of Detroit. In 1883, the designer of New York City's Central Park, Frederick Law Olmsted, created the master plan for Belle Isle, which transformed this island into a premier park destination for southeast Michigan.

The park is home to the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, the Detroit Yacht Club, the Detroit Boat Club, the James Scott Memorial Fountain, the Dossin Great Lakes Museum, the Livingstone Lighthouse, and the Belle Isle Aquarium, among many other significant attractions and natural resources.

In an effort to assist the City of Detroit (City), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) offered to manage Belle Isle as a state park. A lease was drafted and considered by the City through the Mayor, the Emergency Manager and the City Council. After required steps were followed, the lease was reviewed and on November 12, 2013, the lease was approved by the Emergency Loan Board. The adopted lease is a 30-year lease with the option of two 15-year renewals. The park will remain in the City of Detroit's ownership.

The lease provides for a 90-day transition period, with Belle Isle being officially designated as a leased state park effective February 10, 2014.

The lease agreement also stipulates that the Recreation Passport requirement for Belle Isle is effective February 10, 2014.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Belle Isle be designated as part of the Michigan state park system as a leased state park and be named "***Belle Isle Park,***" to be administered and maintained by the DNR Parks and Recreation Division under the terms of the attached lease.

An additional Land Use Order will follow to amend the state park rules and regulations to ensure they are compatible with the unique uses of the park. These will be reviewed by the Belle Isle Advisory Committee prior to consideration by the Director.

The Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee passed a Resolution in Support of this order at their meeting held on December 12, 2013. This item appeared on the Department's December 2013 calendar and may be eligible for approval on January 9, 2014. The requirement for a Recreation Passport for entry to Belle Isle will be effective February 10, 2014, and dependent upon a vehicle's registration renewal date.

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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 3 of 2014

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, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R299.921 to R299.933, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following:

Order 5.16a Entry, use and occupancy of certain state parks, recreation areas and scenic sites, prohibited conduct.

Order 5.16a (1) A person shall not do any of the following:

(a) Enter any of the following state-owned lands with a motor vehicle, unless a valid Michigan recreation passport has been purchased and affixed to the vehicle:

(1) Agate falls scenic site, Ontonagon county.

(2) Algonac SP, St. Clair county.

(3) Aloha SP, Cheboygan county.

(4) Bald mountain RA, Oakland county.

(5) Baraga SP, except off-road recreation vehicles regulated under Part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Baraga county.

(6) Bass river RA, recreation area lands located in sections 1 and 12, T7N, R15W, in Robinson township; and in sections 7 and 8, T7N, R14W in Allendale township north and west of bass river and SW of grand river, Ottawa county.

(7) Bay city RA, Bay county.

(8) BELLE ISLE SP, WAYNE COUNTY.

(9) Bewabic SP, Iron county.

(10) Bond falls scenic site, Ontonagon county.

(11) Brighton RA, Livingston county.

(12) Brimley SP, Chippewa county.

(13) Burt lake SP, Cheboygan county.

(14) Cheboygan SP, Cheboygan county.

(15) Clear lake SP, except off-road recreation vehicles regulated under Part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Montmorency county.

(16) Craig lake SP, all state park designated lands located in sections 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 28, 27, 26, 25, 21, 22, 23 and 24, T49N, R31W, Baraga county.

(17) Dodge #4 SP, Oakland county.

(18) Duck lake SP, Muskegon county.

(19) Fayette SP, Delta county.

(20) Fort Custer RA, Kalamazoo county.

(21) Fort Wilkins SP, Keweenaw county.

(22) Fisherman's island SP, Charlevoix county.

(23) Grand haven SP, Ottawa county.

(24) Grand Mere SP, Berrien county.

(25) Harrisville SP, Alcona county.

(26) Hartwick pines SP, Crawford county.

(27) Hayes SP, Jackson, Lenawee, and Washtenaw counties.

(28) Highland RA, Oakland county.

(29) Hoeft SP, Presque isle county

(30) Hoffmaster SP, Ottawa and Muskegon counties.

(31) Holland SP, Ottawa county.

(32) Holly RA, all recreation area land in sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 32, and 33 T5N, R8E north and east of highway M-54 (Dixie highway), west of Wildwood road and south of grange hall road. Recreation area land in sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 (remote control aircraft flying field only) and 26 (north of grange hall road only), T5N, R7E west of I-75, Oakland county.

(33) Indian lake SP, Schoolcraft county.

(34) Interlochen SP, Grand Traverse county.

(35) Ionia RA, Ionia county.

(36) Island lake RA, Oakland and Livingston counties.

(37) Keith J. Charters Traverse City SP, Grand Traverse county.

(38) Lake Gogebic SP, Gogebic county.

(39) Lake Hudson RA, Lenawee county.

(40) Lakeport SP, St. Clair county.

(41) Laughing whitefish falls scenic site, Alger county.

(42) Leelanau SP, Leelanau county.

(43) Lime Island RA, Chippewa county.

(44) Ludington SP, Mason county.

(45) Maybury SP, Wayne county.

(46) McLain SP, Houghton county.

(47) Mears SP, Oceana county.

(48) Metamora-Hadley RA, Lapeer county.

(49) Mitchell SP, Wexford county.

(50) Muskallonge lake SP, except off-road recreation vehicles regulated under part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Luce county.

(51) Muskegon SP, Muskegon county.

(52) Newaygo SP, Newaygo county.

(53) Negwegon SP, Alcona and Alpena counties.

(54) North Higgins lake SP, Crawford county.

(55) Onaway SP, Presque isle county.

(56) Orchard beach SP, Manistee county.

(57) Ortonville RA, Oakland and Lapeer counties.

(58) Otsego lake SP, Otsego county.

(59) Palms book SP, Schoolcraft county.

(60) Petoskey SP, Emmet county.

(61) Pinckney RA, Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

(62) Pontiac lake RA, Oakland county.

(63) Porcupine mountains wilderness SP, Ontonagon and Gogebic counties.

(64) Port crescent SP, Huron county.

(65) Proud lake RA, Oakland county.

(66) Rifle river RA, Ogemaw county.

(67) Rockport RA, Presque isle and Alpena counties.

(68) Saugatuck SP, Allegan county.

(69) Seven lakes SP, Oakland county.

(70) Silver lake SP, Oceana county.

(71) Sleeper SP, Huron county.

(72) Sleepy Hollow SP, Clinton county.

(73) South Higgins lake SP, Roscommon county.

(74) Sterling SP, Monroe county.

(75) Straits SP, Mackinac county.

(76) Tahquamenon falls SP, Luce and Chippewa counties.

(77) Tawas point SP, Iosco county.

(78) Thompson's harbor SP, Presque isle county.

(79) Tippy dam RA, Manistee county.

(80) Twin lakes SP, except vehicles regulated under part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Houghton county.

(81) Van Buren SP, Van Buren county.

(82) Van riper SP, Marquette county.

(83) Wagner falls scenic site, Alger county.

(84) Warren dunes SP, Berrien county.

(85) Warren woods SP, Berrien county.

(86) Waterloo RA, lands in Jackson and Washtenaw counties, with the exception of section 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, T1S, R2E, Jackson county.

(87) Wells SP, Menominee county.

(88) Wetzel RA, Macomb county .

(89) Wilderness SP, Emmet county.

(90) Wilson SP, Clare county.

(91) Yankee springs RA, Barry county.

(92) Young SP, Charlevoix county.

This amended order shall be posted on or after January 10, 2014.

Issued on this 9th day of January, 2014.

Keith Creagh
Director