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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Designate Rockport as a Michigan State Recreation Area  
Presque Isle and Alpena Counties  
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 05 of 2012

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 Rockport as the “*Rockport State Recreation Area*.”
- Clarify snowmobile use in conjunction within management plans and current rules.

Rockport is a 4,237-acre property located on the shores of Lake Huron, north of Alpena. It was acquired from Consumers Energy in 1997 and placed under management of the Forest Resources Division (FRD). The property includes:

- Deep water protected harbor.
- Old limestone quarry of approximately 300 acres.
- Unique series of sinkholes.
- Dedicated Natural Area.
- Broad range of land types, vegetative cover and cultural resources.
- 4,237 acres to be opened to hunting and trapping.

In 2006, the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division (now FRD), the Parks and Recreation Division (PRD), and the Northern Lower Peninsula Eco-Region Team recommended that the Rockport property be administratively transferred to PRD. The primary rationale was that this property provides little value in terms of timber management. This was also supported by the Negwegon, Rockport and Thompson’s Harbor Advisory Committee (NRTTH), a citizen’s advisory group formed in 2007.

Parties to the 2007 Consent Decree were provided a Notice of Intent to transfer and reclassify Rockport in 2009. Tribal treaty rights will not be diminished by this transfer.

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On December 9, 2011, the FRD transferred the land to PRD. The Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee was briefed at their October, 2011, meeting regarding the administrative transfer of Rockport to PRD, and the committee recommended to the Director to transfer the property.

In Rockport's management plan, General Action Goal #3 identifies limitations of snowmobile activity in the primitive zone of the Rockport State Recreation Area where no designated trails currently exist. This order will allow the Department to govern the resources in the primitive zone, but will allow snowmobile usage in the recreation zone.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Rockport be transferred to and administered by the Parks and Recreation Division, be designated as part of the Michigan state park system, and renamed "*Rockport State Recreation Area*." This order was submitted for information at the June 14, 2012 meeting, it appeared on the Department's June 4 and July 2, 2012 calendars, and is being submitted for action at the July 12, 2012 meeting.



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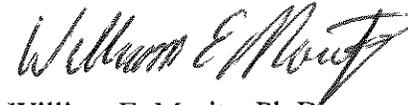
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# LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

## Amendment No. 05 of 2012

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 R 299.921 to R 299.933 , the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following:

### **5.12 Certain state parks and recreation areas, requirements for use, certain conduct prohibited.**

Order 5.12. The following conduct shall apply to use of Michigan state parks and recreation areas:

Fayette state park, certain conduct prohibited.

(1) A person shall not do the following at Fayette SP located in Delta county:

(a) Dive, swim, water ski, skin or scuba dive, or attempt to dive, swim, water ski, skin or scuba dive from any vessel operating within or moored to the docks or piling or anchored to the bottomlands of snail shell harbor, Fayette SP, Delta county, without written permission of an authorized representative of the department.

Palms book state park, prohibited conduct.

(2) A person shall not do any of the following at palms book SP:

(a) Swim, bathe, skin or scuba dive, fish, or boat in the big spring, Kitchitikiipi, palms book SP.

(b) Use the department owned raft on the big spring for anything other than viewing.

Island lake recreation area, conduct prohibited.

(3) A person shall not do the following at the island lake RA:

(a) Operate a vessel powered by a motor on the waters of spring mill pond.

Sterling state park, conduct prohibited.

(4) A person shall not do the following at Sterling SP:

(a) Launch or attempt to launch a vessel equipped with an inboard or outboard motor, except an electric motor, into the waters of the south lagoon from any state-owned lands lying south of the centerline of the park entrance road.

Pontiac lake recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(5) A person shall not do any of the following at the Pontiac lake RA:

(a) Possess or fly a hang glider on any state-owned lands within the Pontiac lake RA.

(b) Enter into a pen area or buffer zone around a pen area established by the department from June 10 to July 15 for the temporary holding of geese. This prohibition shall not apply to a person issued a written permit by the district wildlife supervisor allowing entry into the area.

Ludington state park, prohibited conduct.

(6) A person shall not do the following at Ludington SP:

(a) Park a vehicle of any type between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. in the parking areas adjacent to highway M-116 from the south limit of the park to the bridge over big Sable river.

South Higgins lake state park, prohibited conduct.

(7) A person shall not do the following at south Higgins lake SP:

(a) Park or leave a motor vehicle in the day use area of south Higgins lake SP between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. without written permission from a representative of the department.

(b) Leave a trailer unattached to a vehicle in the boat launch parking lot.

(c) Park a vehicle without boat trailer attached, or a vehicle not being used to transport a boat, in the boat launch parking lot.

(d) A person shall not leave a vessel unattended, moored to access piers, in boat basin, beached along shoreline, or anchored to riparian bottomlands between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., without prior written approval from an authorized representative of the department.

Pinckney recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(8) A person shall not do the following at the Pinckney RA:

(a) Use any state-owned lands in the S ½ of the S ½ of section 23, T1S R3E, for the purpose of launching or attempting to launch onto the waters of Island lake, any watercraft equipped with an inboard or outboard motor.

(b) Consume or possess any alcoholic beverage within ¼ mile surrounding and including the parking lot at Pickerel lake, section 8, T1S R4E, as posted.

(c) Launch or attempt to launch a vessel equipped with an inboard or outboard motor, except an electric motor, onto the waters of Pickerel lake, section 8, T1S R4E.

Silver lake state park, prohibited conduct.

(9) A person shall not do any of the following within Silver lake SP without first obtaining proper written permission from the department:

(a) Store, leave, park or otherwise place any boat, fish shanty, vehicle, bicycle, equipment, tool, device or other property which is at any time during its presence in the park made available for rent, lease, or sale.

(b) Use or occupy any land or water within the park to solicit, conduct, operate, engage in, or maintain a business of any nature or use such areas as a base of commercial operations. For purposes of this order, "base of operations" means a use of lands or waters which is a principal or significant aspect of any commercial activity.

Porcupine mountains wilderness state park, prohibited conduct.

(10) A person shall not do any of the following in the Porcupine mountains wilderness SP without first obtaining proper written permission from the department:

(a) Feed a bear or lure any bear with food. This provision does not apply to the lawful baiting of bear as described in orders issued pursuant to part 401, wildlife conservation, of Act 451 of 1994.

(b) Operate a snowmobile off the designated snowmobile route.

Waterloo recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(11) A person shall not do the following at the Waterloo RA:

(a) Enter into a pen area or buffer zone around a pen area established by the department from June 10 to July 15 for the temporary holding of geese. This prohibition shall not apply to a person issued a written permit by the district wildlife supervisor allowing entry into the area.

Fort Custer recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(12) A person shall not do the following at the fort Custer RA:

(a) Excavate, dig or probe the grounds, or remove ordnance without written permission.

(b) Operate a snowmobile off the designated snowmobile route.

Grand Haven state park campground, prohibited conduct.

(13) A person shall not place or allow a recreational camping unit under their control to be placed front-first upon a campsite in the Grand Haven SP campground. The tongue of a trailer or front of a self-propelled camping unit shall face the roadway.

Holland state park, prohibited conduct.

(14) A person shall not possess or use furniture designed or intended for indoor use within Holland SP from May 15 to July 15 unless the furniture is enclosed within a camping shelter. Furniture that is designed or intended for indoor use and is placed outside of a camping shelter may be removed at the discretion of the park manager.

Sanilac petroglyphs historic state park, prohibited conduct.

(15) A person shall not do any of the following at the Sanilac petroglyphs historic SP:

(a) Enter into the fenced area containing the petroglyph rock when the entry gate is closed.

(b) Walk upon or otherwise come into contact with the petroglyph rock within the fenced area.

Ionia recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(16) A person that has been issued a campsite permit shall not possess or allow to be possessed upon the campsite more than 4 animals other than horses by all members of the camping party combined.

Seven lakes state park, prohibited conduct.

(17) A person shall not operate a snowmobile, or other motorized snow contrivance without written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

Port Crescent state park, prohibited conduct.

(18) With the exception of accessing Saginaw bay via the campground, a person shall not operate a snowmobile, or other motorized snow contrivance without written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

Holly recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(19) A person shall not operate a snowmobile or other motorized snow contrivance outside an area bordered by McGinnis road to the north, Wildwood road to the east and Dixie highway to the south, without written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

Algonac state park campground, prohibited conduct.

(20) A person shall not place or allow a recreational camping unit under their control to be positioned horizontal to the park's roadways in the riverfront campground. The tongue of a trailer or front or rear of a self-propelled camping unit shall face the park's roadway, and all camping units must be parked on pads where they exist.

Bay City state recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(21) Operate a snowmobile off the designated snowmobile route.

Rockport state recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(22) Operate a snowmobile in sections 13, 24, 25, 26, and the north 750 feet of sections 35 and 36, T33N, R08E, except along the 100-foot wide utility line corridor that parallels the Lake Huron shoreline; section 36, T33N, R08E and section 31, T33N, R09E east of the old railroad corridor that parallels the Lake Huron shoreline; the east half of the northeast quarter of section 12, the south half of section 12, and section 13, T32N, R08E; the south 600 feet of the southwest quarter of section 6, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 8, the northwest quarter and the south half of section 7, T32N, R09E, except a designated corridor extending from Rockport Road south through section 7; and all state land on Middle Island, sections 3, 4, 9, and 10, T32N, R09E.

**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) Bewabic SP, Iron county.

(9) Bond falls scenic site, Ontonagon county.

(10) Brighton RA, Livingston county.

(11) Brimley SP, Chippewa county.

- (12) Burt lake SP, Cheboygan county.
- (13) Cheboygan SP, Cheboygan county.
- (14) Clear lake SP, except off-road recreation vehicles regulated under Part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Montmorency county.
- (15) 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.
- (16) Dodge #4 SP, Oakland county.
- (17) Duck lake SP, Muskegon county.
- (18) Fayette SP, Delta county.
- (19) Fort Custer RA, Kalamazoo county.
- (20) Fort Wilkins SP, Keweenaw county.
- (21) Fisherman's island SP, Charlevoix county.
- (22) Grand haven SP, Ottawa county.
- (23) Grand Mere SP, Berrien county.
- (24) Harrisville SP, Alcona county.
- (25) Hartwick pines SP, Crawford county.
- (26) Hayes SP, Jackson, Lenawee, and Washtenaw counties.
- (27) Highland RA, Oakland county.
- (28) Hoeft SP, Presque isle county
- (29) Hoffmaster SP, Ottawa and Muskegon counties.
- (30) Holland SP, Ottawa county.
- (31) 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.
- (32) Indian lake SP, Schoolcraft county.
- (33) Interlochen SP, Grand Traverse county.
- (34) Ionia RA, Ionia county.
- (35) Island lake RA, Oakland and Livingston counties.
- (36) Keith J. Charters Traverse City SP, Grand Traverse county.

- (37) Lake Gogebic SP, Gogebic county.
- (38) Lake Hudson RA, Lenawee county.
- (39) Lakeport SP, St. Clair county.
- (40) Laughing whitefish falls scenic site, Alger county.
- (41) Leelanau SP, Leelanau county.
- (42) Lime Island RA, Chippewa county.
- (43) Ludington SP, Mason county.
- (44) Maybury SP, Wayne county.
- (45) McLain SP, Houghton county.
- (46) Mears SP, Oceana county.
- (47) Metamora-Hadley RA, Lapeer county.
- (48) Mitchell SP, Wexford county.
- (49) Muskallonge lake SP, except off-road recreation vehicles regulated under part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Luce county.
- (50) Muskegon SP, Muskegon county.
- (51) Newaygo SP, Newaygo county.
- (52) Negwegon SP, Alcona and Alpena counties.
- (53) North Higgins lake SP, Crawford county.
- (54) Onaway SP, Presque isle county.
- (55) Orchard beach SP, Manistee county.
- (56) Ortonville RA, Oakland and Lapeer counties.
- (57) Otsego lake SP, Otsego county.
- (58) Palms book SP, Schoolcraft county.
- (59) Petoskey SP, Emmet county.
- (60) Pinckney RA, Washtenaw and Livingston counties.
- (61) Pontiac lake RA, Oakland county.
- (62) Porcupine mountains wilderness SP, Ontonagon and Gogebic counties.
- (63) Port crescent SP, Huron county.

- (64) Proud lake RA, Oakland county.
- (65) Rifle river RA, Ogemaw county.
- (66) Rockport RA, Presque isle and Alpena counties.
- (67) Saugatuck SP, Allegan county.
- (68) Seven lakes SP, Oakland county.
- (69) Silver lake SP, Oceana county.
- (70) Sleeper SP, Huron county.
- (71) Sleepy Hollow SP, Clinton county.
- (72) South Higgins lake SP, Roscommon county.
- (73) Sterling SP, Monroe county.
- (74) Straits SP, Mackinac county.
- (75) Tahquamenon falls SP, Luce and Chippewa counties.
- (76) Tawas point SP, Iosco county.
- (77) Thompson's harbor SP, Presque isle county.
- (78) Tippy dam RA, Manistee county.
- (79) Twin lakes SP, except vehicles regulated under part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Houghton county.
- (80) Van Buren SP, Van Buren county.
- (81) Van riper SP, Marquette county.
- (82) Wagner falls scenic site, Alger county.
- (83) Warren dunes SP, Berrien county.
- (84) Warren woods SP, Berrien county.
- (85) 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.
- (86) Wells SP, Menominee county.
- (87) Wetzel RA, Macomb county .
- (88) Wilderness SP, Emmet county.
- (89) Wilson SP, Clare county.
- (90) Yankee springs RA, Barry county.

(91) Young SP, Charlevoix county.

This amended order shall be posted on or after July 13, 2012.

Issued on this 12th day of July, 2012.

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