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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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January 17, 2012

TO: Rodney A. Stokes, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Exchange and Sale
Beaver Island Wildlife Research Area – Charlevoix County
Land Transaction Case #20100176

Applicant: St. James Township, Michigan

Private Lands Offered In Exchange: Charlevoix County, St. James Township, T40N, R11W, Section 36:
The entirety of Whiskey Island, 96.45 acres, more or less.

Exchange Value: The offered 96.45-acre private island parcel is greater in size to the desired state land. The offered parcel has attributes that are superior to the desired parcel, as outlined below.

State Lands Desired In Exchange: Charlevoix County, St. James Township, T39N, R10W, Section 23:
North 100 ft of that part Lot 5 commencing at the SW corner, thence E to SE corner of said Lot 5, N 200 ft more or less to land once owned by E. Larsen, W to shore of Beaver Harbor, S'y along said shore of Beaver Harbor 200 ft to beg. 2.31 acres, more or less.

State Lands Desired In Sale: Part of Govt Lot 5 described as beg at a pt on the E line thereof 200 ft distant and N of SE corner of said Govt Lot 5, said SE corner being the 1/4 corner common to Sections 23 and 26 T39N, R10W, thence continuing on said E line of said Govt Lot 5 a distance of 15 ft; thence W 900 ft, more or less, to the centerline of the County Rd; thence SE'y 15 ft more or less to a pt 200 ft N of and parallel to S line of said Govt Lot 5; thence E 900 ft m/l on a line 200 ft N of and parallel to S line of said Govt Lot 5 to the point of beginning. 0.31 acres, more or less.

Sale Price: \$500.00

Authority: Parts 5 and 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (department) January 30, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on February 7, 2012.

Comments: The offered property is a 96.45 private island known as Whiskey Island and is located approximately 8 miles north of Beaver Island. Whiskey Island is an undeveloped island that consists of primarily mixed conifer, balsam fir and aspen. There are no recent signs of significant human disturbance and it appears the island was last logged in the early 1900's. The island archipelago is an important area for migratory birds, with a breeding population of bald eagles. Whiskey Island contains a primarily undeveloped lakeshore with a relatively high

number of threatened and endangered species, including Dwarf Lake Iris, Houghton's Goldenrod and Pitchers Thistle.

The desired 2.62 acres of state-owned land is located on the north side of Beaver Island and contains 100 feet of frontage on St. James Harbor. The parcel is improved with a building previously used as a department office. The department has permitted the deputy sheriff to use the building for safety and emergency services. In recent years the township has invested in upgrading the existing facilities. The department will require these lands to remain open to the public in perpetuity.

The desired 2.31 acre state-owned parcel was acquired by exchange in 1944. As a result of this exchange, Whiskey Island will assume tax reversion status. The desired 0.31 acre state land parcel was acquired by purchase in 1963 with State Game Funds and will be purchased by St. James Township for a transaction fee of \$500.00.

The Mineral and Land Management section staff of the department's Forest Resources Division has determined it appropriate to exchange minerals.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 14, 2010.

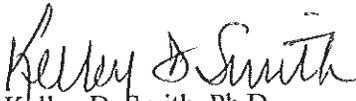
- Recommendation:
- (1) That the exchange and sale be approved, under authority of Parts 5 and 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the state reserving aboriginal antiquities.
 - (2) That the proceeds from the sale be deposited into the Game and Fish sub-fund of the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.



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Mark H. Hoffman
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I approve the staff recommendations.

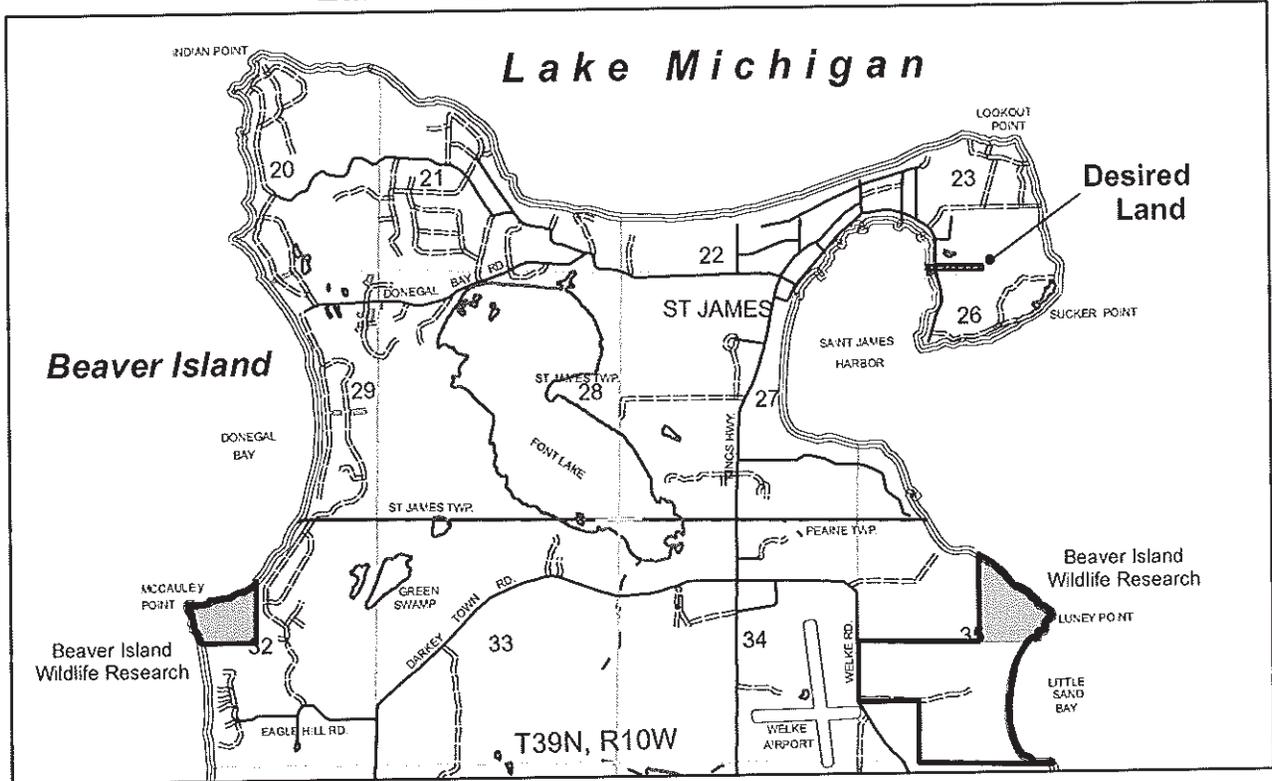
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Director

Date Approved

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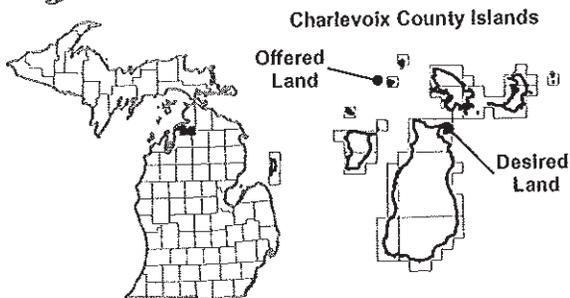
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Desired Land
Section 23, T39N, R10W
St. James Township

- DNR Project Boundary
- State Land Desired -- 2.62 acres m/l
- Land Offered to DNR -- 96.45 acres m/l
- State Land
- Private Land



Offered Land
Section 36, T40N, R11W
St. James Township



DNR -- Office of Land Administration
 Real Estate Services Section
 01/10/2012

