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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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DIRECTOR

August 17, 2009

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange
Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit – Chippewa County
Land Transaction Case #20070354

Applicant: John E. LaBute, Drummond Island, Michigan

Private Land Offered In Exchange: Chippewa County, Drummond Township, T41N, R06E, Section 17:
Government Lot 1 of Section 17. 37.4 acres more or less.

Appraised Value: \$185,000.00

State Land Desired In Exchange: Chippewa County, Pickford Township, T44N, R01E, Section 11:
The North ½ of the Southwest ¼, EXCEPT for the South 10 acres of the
NW ¼ of the SW ¼, all in Section 11. 70.0 acres more or less.

Appraised Value: \$90,000.00

Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department)
August 31, 2009 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 8, 2009.

Comments: The desired 70.0-acre parcel of State-owned land is located in eastern Chippewa
County, ten miles southeast of Kinross. The parcel has frontage on a maintained
county road and displays a fairly level terrain that is characterized by a mixed
stand of hard and softwoods. The northeast corner of the property comes in
close proximity and may touch the Little Munuscong River.

The offered 37.4-acre parcel is located on Drummond Island, near the south
shore. It is within a deer yard complex, is undeveloped and has approximately
1,100 feet of waterfront along the east shore of Vanio Lake. Vanio Lake is a
relatively marshy lake that is known for good duck hunting. The site is wooded
with areas of upland and lowland that support a mixed coniferous forest of
balsam fir, spruce, cedar, and an area of open marsh.

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This transaction will contribute to Natural Resources Commission Policy 2627 and the Department's Land Consolidation Strategy through the use of the Department's exchange authority. Through this exchange, the Department will acquire a property that provides important benefits to the Department's mission, in exchange for a parcel of lesser public value. This acquisition will result in the net elimination of 1 ¼ mile of public/private boundary interface within the State Forest.

The desired State-owned land was acquired by tax reversion in 1939. As a result of this exchange, the offered land will assume tax reversion status.

The Mineral and Land Management Section staff of the Department's Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division has determined that since both parcels contain minimal mineral values, it is appropriate for the Department to exchange mineral rights with the applicant.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 23, 2008.

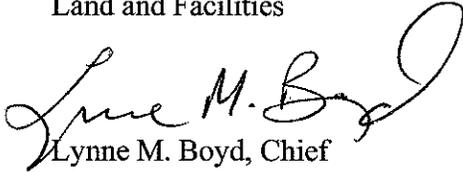
Recommendation: That the exchange be approved, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the State reserving aboriginal antiquities.



David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities



Russ Mason, Chief
Wildlife



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Forest, Mineral and Fire Management



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Parks and Recreation



Kelley D. Smith, Chief
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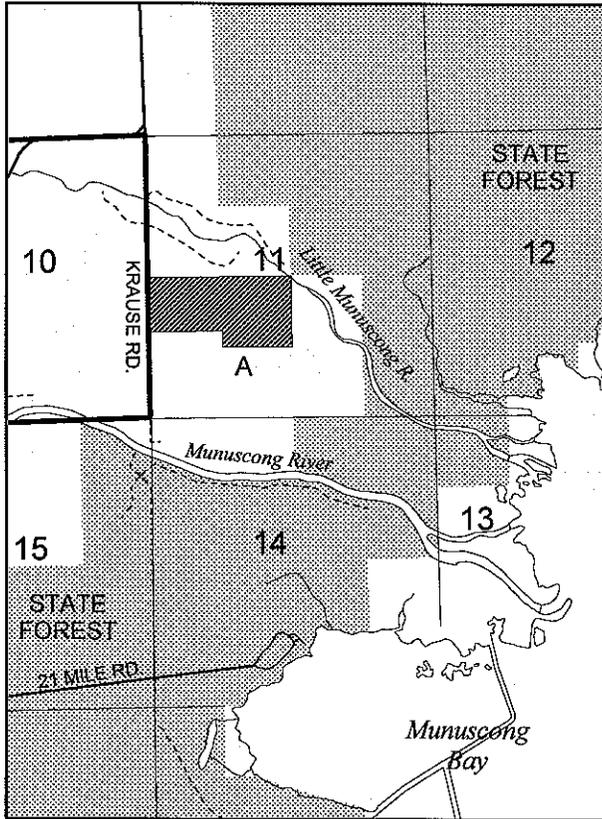
Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

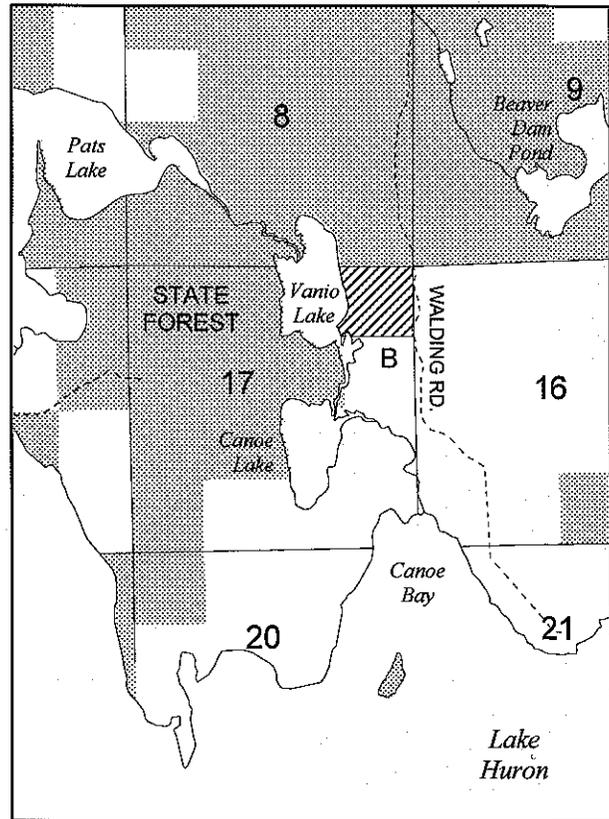
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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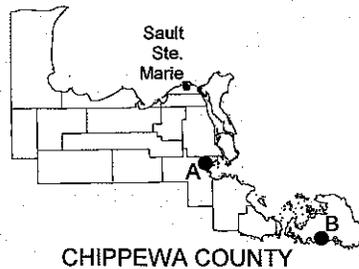


Section 11, T44N, R01E, Pickford Township



Section 17, T41N, R06E, Drummond Township
 Drummond Island

- State Forest boundary
- State land desired from DNR in exchange (70.00 acres)
- ▨ Private land offered to DNR in exchange (37.40 acres)
- ▤ State land
- Private land



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