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April 12, 2010

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit – Chippewa County
The Estate of John McKenzie Tract
Land Transaction Case #20090187

Purchase Price: 120.74 acres, more or less – \$142,800.00

Description: Chippewa County, Drummond Township, T41N, R07E, Section 12:
The South 1,120 feet of Government Lot #4; Section 13: NW ¼ of NW ¼;
Section 14: NE ¼ of NE ¼

Seller: The Estate of John McKenzie, Shelby Township, Michigan

Option Expires: June 27, 2010

Property Taxes: The 2009 property taxes were \$1,572.41.

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's (Department) April 26, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on May 3, 2010.

Comments: The offered privately-owned parcel is located on Drummond Island, part of the southeastern portion of Chippewa County, approximately 20 miles easterly of De Tour Village.

The offered private property has an irregular shape and contains a total of 120.74 acres with 1,120 feet of undeveloped frontage along Lake Huron. The tract exhibits a level to gently undulating terrain with forest cover comprised of mixed northern hardwoods and conifers. A small hunting camp and associated out-buildings provide enhanced utility but little monetary value and are proposed for removal by the Forest Management Division after acquisition. Access is available across State-owned land that adjoins this parcel on all but one side.

This parcel is located inside the boundaries of the Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit and entirely within the Bass Cove winter deer yard. Acquisition of this private in-holding will consolidate ownership, eliminate two and one-quarter miles of private/public property boundary inside the forest, increase public recreational opportunities, and secure additional wildlife habitat.

The purchase will include mineral rights owned by the seller.

Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Upper Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation, Act 278, Public Acts of 2008, or Act 23, Public Acts of 2009, as funds are available.



David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities



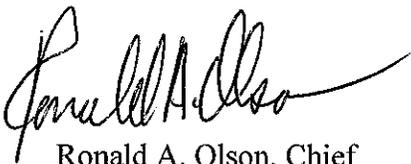
Russ Mason, Ph. D., Chief
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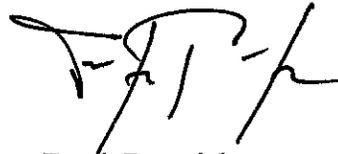
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Stewardship Deputy Director



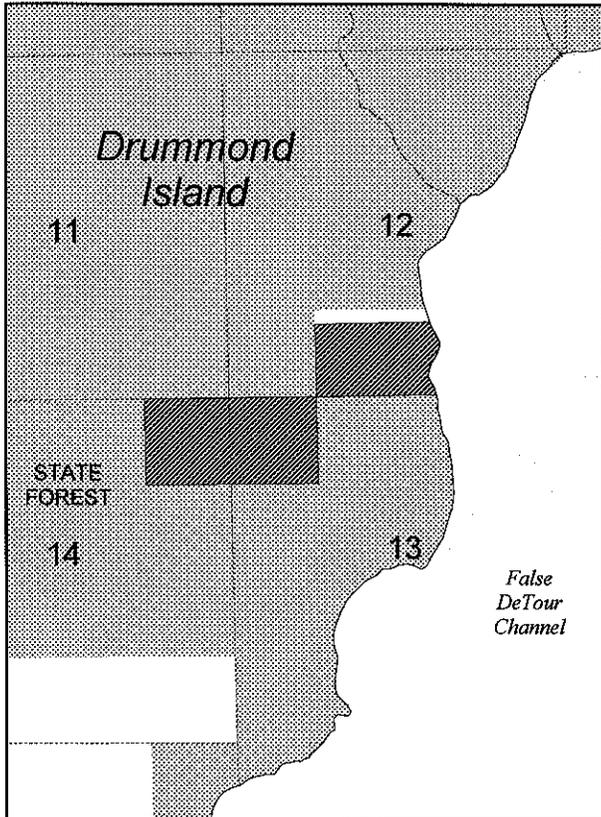
Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy Director

I approve the staff recommendation.

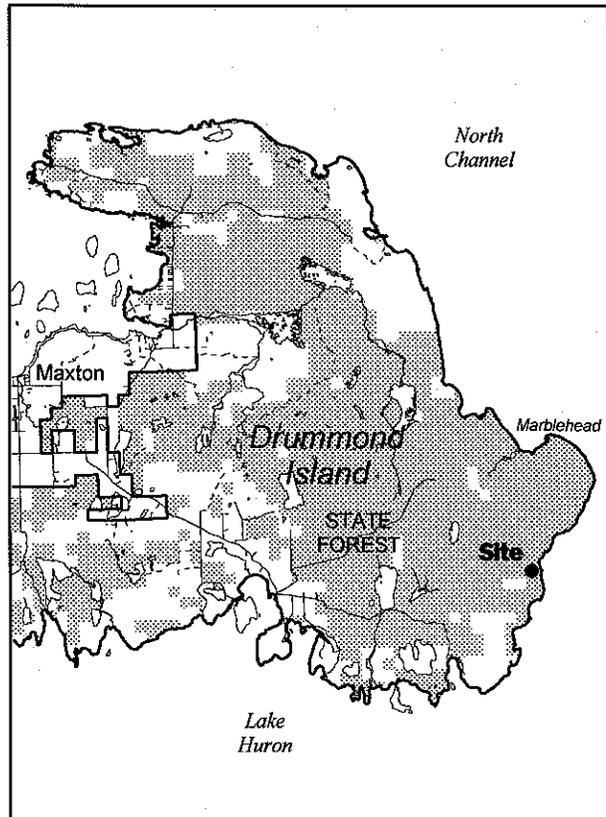
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION
Sault Ste. Marie Management Unit - Chippewa County
The Estate of John MacKenzie Tract
Land Transaction Case #20090187



Sections 12, 13 and 14, T41N, R07E
 Drummond Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- Land offered to DNRE (120.74 acres - \$142,800.00)
- State land
- Private land

