

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

In the Matter of Michigan Animal Farmers Association
Request for Declaratory Ruling

Part 413 (Transgenic and Nonnative Organisms), of the Natural Resources
and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as Amended, MCL
324.41301 *et seq.*

Invasive Species Order Amendment No. 1 of 2011

On December 13, 2011, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), in response to a request by the Michigan Animal Farmers Association, issued a Declaratory Ruling. **Effective immediately, the December 13, 2011 Declaratory Ruling is rescinded.**

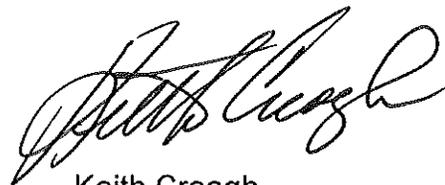
In issuing the Declaratory Ruling, the DNR sought to clarify application of the Invasive Species Order - prohibiting possession of Russian boar and Russian boar hybrids – to members of the Michigan Animal Farmers Association, as well as the general public, and to provide guidance on how to differentiate animals covered by the Invasive Species Order from animals not covered.

The DNR has received many calls and emails related to the Declaratory Ruling. Many in the public have confused the Declaratory Ruling with the Invasive Species Order and misread it as interpreting the Invasive Species Order to apply to animals other than Russian boar and their hybrids. Recently, a state court judge expressed similar confusion. Invasive Species Order No. 1 of 2011 only prohibits the species *Sus scrofa Linnaeus*, most commonly known as Russian boar, and their hybrids. The Invasive Species Order does not prohibit the separate species *Sus domestica*, which is the species most often used in pork production in Michigan. The species *Sus domestica* includes pigs like Mangalitsa, Duroc, Yorkshire, and Hampshire.

Given the public feedback and the recent court ruling, I requested a review of the Declaratory Ruling. It is based on this review and the expressed concerns that I am rescinding the Declaratory Ruling, effective immediately. The Invasive Species Order remains in effect, and possession or sale of Russian boar and hybrids of Russian boar is still prohibited.

DNR will continue to listen to public feedback and address issues raised by the public as it moves forward with its implementation of the Invasive Species Order.

Issued this 16th day of June, 2014.



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Director