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MEMORANDUM

From: Ron Olson, DNR Chief of Parks and Recreation Division
To: Belle Isle Park Advisory Committee
CC: Keith Creagh; Gary Hagler
Subject: Park Rules Process

As you know, Belle Isle will be managed as a state park effective Feb. 10, 2014. As part of the transition process, DNR Parks and Recreation Division and Law Enforcement Division staff have collaborated with city of Detroit staff and Michigan State Police to review park operations policies and practices, including park rules and law enforcement procedures.

We have determined that minimizing change to procedures such as reserving shelters, etc. would be appropriate at this time. In addition, the current city park rules and regulations are similar to state park rules. And, therefore, we initially plan to adopt into a DNR Land Use Order the current park rules for the island. This will allow for state park and law enforcement staff to better understand the use of the island and the appropriate way to ensure a clean and safe park environment for everyone. Enforcement of these rules will be consistent with the security plan contained in Exhibit F of the adopted lease.

After the initial review process, there may be recommended amendments considered by the DNR Director for the future.