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TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director
INFORMATION: Natural Resource Commission
SUBJECT: Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center: User Charges

Authority:

Act 451 of P.A. 1994, section 324.509a provides the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with the legal authority to charge user fees for accommodations at the Ralph A. MacMullan (RAM) Conference Center. Appropriations from the account "shall not exceed the estimated revenues for the fiscal year in which they are made, together with any unexpended balances from prior years."

Background:

Under Act 451, all fees and revenues generated from the operation of the RAM Center are deposited into the RAM Center account which is used to support the program operations and the maintenance and operation of the facility. A fee increase is requested to compensate for increases in expenditures required to continue operations of the RAM Center in Fiscal Year 2010.

The following fee increases are requested as part of this proposal:

Lodging Rate Types	2009 Rates	2010 Rates	Description
Straits Lodge	\$47.50	\$48.50	Per person, per night (double occupancy)
Straits Lodge (Single)	\$65.00	\$65.00	Per person, per night
Traditional Lodges	\$36.50	\$37.50	Per person, per night (double occupancy)
Traditional Lodges (Single)	\$60.00	\$60.00	Per person, per night
Breakfast	\$7.25	\$7.25	Per person
Lunch (State Rate)	\$7.25	\$7.25	Per person
Lunch (Non-State Groups)	\$7.25	\$8.00	Per person
Dinner	\$16.50	\$16.50	Per person
Use Fee, Half Day	\$4.00	\$4.50	Per person, per half day
Range Fee	\$15.00	\$15.00	Per person

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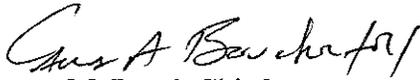
Recommendation: It is recommended that the proposed fee increase be approved with an effective date of January 1, 2010.



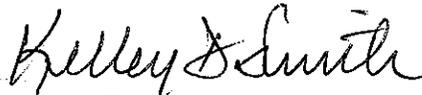
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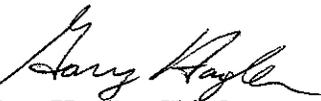
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I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved