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DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: May 14, 2007  
RESUBMITTED: June 12, 2007

Memorandum to the Director:

SUBJECT: Order to Regulate the Nighttime Use of Shiawassee River State Game Area,  
Saginaw County

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

Public access to the Shiawassee River State Game Area is restricted at night between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m. unless permitted by special notice or special use permit. This closure is designed to prevent various unlawful and undesirable activities on the game area such as vandalism. Access to the area for lawful activities such as hunting at night by licensed hunters is allowed under special use permit.

Department staff is recommending changing the Land Use Orders to eliminate the need for a use permit to access the area for nighttime hunting for coyotes, fox and raccoons. This change would allow the legitimate, lawful use of the area by hunters, while still serving to restrict access to the area for unauthorized purposes. This change will reduce administrative time for staff and facilitate use of the area by nighttime hunters by eliminating the need for a use permit.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item will be submitted for final action on July 12, 2007.

  
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# **LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR**

## **Amendment No.11 of 2007**

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being section 324.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and in accordance with R 299.671 and R 299.922 of the Michigan Administrative Code, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders that the following order of the Land Use Orders of the Director shall read as follows:

### **3.7 Shiawassee river state game area, Saginaw county, prohibited conduct.**

Order 3.7. A person shall not do any of the following on the lands and public waters of the Shiawassee river state game area, Saginaw county:

- (1) Enter, use, or occupy the area between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., unless legally hunting coyotes, fox, or raccoons.
- (2) Possess or consume an alcoholic beverage.
- (3) Build or use any ground fire of any kind.

This order may be posted on, or after July 13, 2007.  
Issued on this 12th day of July, 2007.

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Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director