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MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Elk Management Unit Technical Change
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 17 of 2014

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

Elk hunting season is currently taking place, and we have concluded the first portions of hunt period 1. Field personnel discovered when reviewing the open Elk Management Units (EMUs) for the second hunt period taking place in December that the definition of EMU X in the Wildlife Conservation Order is incorrect. When EMU G was created in 2012, the definition of EMU X should have been updated to exclude the new unit.

Information communicated to elk hunters has included the intended definition of EMU X in the training session and in the Michigan Elk Digest. Accordingly, the Department recommends updating the definition of EMU X to align with the intended open hunt area.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on October 9, 2014, at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 2014 calendar and may be eligible for approval on November 6, 2014.



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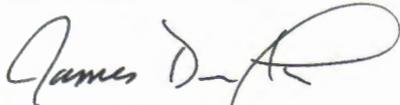
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh, Director

Date

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 17 of 2014

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by sections 40107 and 40113a of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40107 and 324.40113a, it is ordered that effective November 7, 2014, the following section(s) of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

12.506 “Elk management unit X” defined.

Sec. 12.506 “Elk management unit X” means all areas in Alpena, Antrim, Charlevoix, Crawford, Emmet, and Oscoda counties, excluding those portions of Cheboygan, Montmorency, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties which are defined as elk management units F and G in sections 12.509 and 12.510.

Issued on this 6th day of November, 2014.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

J. R. Richardson, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh
Director