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DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: August 15, 2022

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Crystal Waters State Game Area Designation and Rules  
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 6 of 2022  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

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

Discussion and Background:

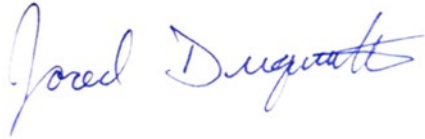
In May 2021, the Department acquired a 680-acre parcel of public land for a new state game area in Southeast Michigan (Monroe County) known as the Crystal Waters Tract. The land transaction of \$3.675 million, provided by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, marked a historic public land expansion for recreationalists in southeast Michigan. Public land is not easily accessible in southern Michigan, and most residents travel far distances to enjoy the use of public land. The acquisition of the Crystal Waters Tract will now provide residents with public access to hunting and fishing opportunities, seven inland water bodies, and more than six miles of hiking trails. In addition, the state game area supports a variety of habitat complexes and will be managed for deer, turkey, small game, and waterfowl habitat, along with hunting, fishing, and passive outdoor recreation opportunities like hiking, birding, and paddling. This acquisition adds access to high-quality outdoor recreation activities for 23 percent of the state's population that lives in one of the counties bordering the area.

The Department recommends designating the Crystal Waters Tract as the Crystal Waters State Game Area in the Land Use Orders of the Director. The Crystal Waters State Game Area will be added to the list of designated State Game and Wildlife Areas in Chapter 3 of Land Use Orders of the Director. In addition, the Department recommends implementing the following land use rules to properly manage and ensure the safe use of the state game area:

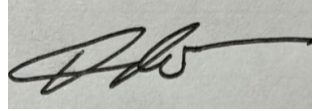
- A person shall not enter, use, or occupy the area between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., unless otherwise permitted by posted notice.
- A person shall not build or use any ground fire of any kind.
- A person shall not target, skeet, or trap shoot.
- A person shall not launch a watercraft propelled by a gasoline or fuel-powered engine onto the waters within the state game area.
- A person shall not park at any location other than a designated parking lot.
- A person shall not discharge a firearm in a designated parking area.

The proposed state game area rules are consistent across most state game areas in Michigan.

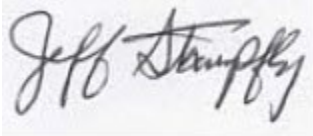
Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's August 30, 2022 calendar and may be eligible for approval on October 13, 2022.



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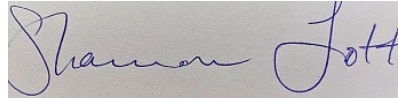
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# LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

## Amendment No. 6 of 2022

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933, the Director of the Department of the Natural Resources orders the following:

### **3.1a State game areas and wildlife areas listed.**

Sec. 3.1a The designated state game areas and wildlife areas are: Adams township state game area – Hillsdale county; Allegan state game area – Allegan county; Almer township state game area – Tuscola county; Dr. Gordon Guyer Augusta creek state wildlife area – Kalamazoo county; Backus creek state game area – Roscommon county; Barry state game area – Barry county; Beaver islands state wildlife research area (Beaver island group and Fox island group) – Charlevoix and Leelanau counties; Betsie river state game area – Benzie county; Blendon township state game area – Ottawa county; Boyle lake state wildlife area – Berrien county; Brookfield township no. 1 state game area – Huron county; Brookfield township no. 2 state game area – Huron county; Brownstown prairie state wildlife area – Wayne county; Cannonsburg state game area – Kent county; Cass city state game area – Sanilac and Tuscola counties; Charlotte (Eaton township) state game area – Eaton county; Chelsea state game area – Washtenaw county; Chesterfield township state game area – Macomb county; Clark lake state wildlife area – Tuscola county; Columbia township state game area – Tuscola county; Cornish state game area – Van Buren county; Crane pond state game area – Cass county; Crow island state game area – Bay and Saginaw counties; **Crystal waters state game area – Monroe county**; Cusino state wildlife research area – Alger county; Dansville state game area – Ingham county; Davisburg state game area – Oakland county; Deford state game area – Sanilac and Tuscola counties; Denmark township state game area – Tuscola county; Edmore state game area – Montcalm and Isabella counties; Elmwood township state game area – Tuscola county; Erie state game area – Monroe county; Fabius township state game area – St. Joseph county; Fish point state wildlife area – Tuscola county; Flat river state game area – Ionia and Montcalm counties; Flynn township state game area – Sanilac county; Fraser township no. 1 (Townline road) state game area – Bay county; Fraser township no. 2 (Kitchen road) state game area – Bay county; Fuller woods state game area – Van Buren county; Fulton state game area – Kalamazoo county; Gageton state game area – Tuscola and Huron counties; Gladwin state game area – Gladwin county; Goose lake state game area – Washtenaw county; Gourneck state game area – Kalamazoo county; Grand Haven state game area – Ottawa county; Grand river state game area – Ionia county; Grand river Gale road state game area – Ingham county; Grass lake state game area – Jackson county; Gratiot-Saginaw state game area – Gratiot and Saginaw counties; Gregory state game area – Livingston county; Haymarsh lake state game area – Mecosta county; Hillcrest state game area – Livingston county; Horseshoe lake state game area – Oakland county; Houghton lake state wildlife research area – Roscommon and Missaukee counties; Hubbard lake state game area – Alcona county; Keeler state game area – Van Buren county; Lake Interstate (Windsor township) state game area – Eaton county; Langston state game area – Montcalm county; Lapeer state game area – Lapeer county; Leidy lake state game area – St. Joseph county; Lost nation state game area – Hillsdale county; Manistee river state game area – Manistee county; Maple river state game – Clinton, Gratiot, and Ionia counties; Maple-River – Gratiot-Saginaw connector state game area – Gratiot county; Martiny lake state game area – Mecosta county; Middleville state game area – Barry county; Minden city state game area – Sanilac county; Murphy lake state game area – Tuscola county; Muskegon state game area – Muskegon and Newaygo counties; Muskrat lake state game area – Clinton county; Nayanquing point state wildlife area – Bay county; Oak grove state game area – Livingston county; Olive township state game area – Ottawa county; Oliver township state game area – Huron county; Onsted state game area – Lenawee county; Osceola-Missaukee grasslands state game area – Osceola and Missaukee counties; Pentwater river state game area – Oceana county; Pere Marquette state game area – Mason county; Petersburg state game area – Monroe county; Petobego state game area – Grand Traverse and Antrim counties; Pinconning township (Cody-Esty road) state game area – Bay county; Pointe Aux Peaux state wildlife area – Monroe county; Pointe Mouillee state game area – Monroe and Wayne counties; Port Huron state game area – St. Clair county; Portland state game area – Clinton and Ionia counties; Quanicassee state wildlife area – Bay and Tuscola counties; Rogue river state game area – Kent county; Rose lake state wildlife area – Clinton and

Shiawassee counties; Rush lake state game area – Huron county; Salt river marsh state wildlife area – Macomb county; Sandusky state game area – Sanilac county; Sanilac state game area – Sanilac county; Saranac-Lowell state game area – Kent and Ionia counties; Sharonville state game area – Jackson and Washtenaw counties; Shiawassee river state game area – Saginaw county; Somerset state game area – Hillsdale county; Spring creek state game area – St. Joseph county; St. Clair flats state wildlife area, St. Clair township state game area, and St. John’s marsh state wildlife area – St. Clair county; Stanton state game area – Montcalm county; Tamarack lake state game area – Eaton county; Three rivers state game area – Cass and St. Joseph counties; Tuscola state game area – Tuscola county; Unadilla state wildlife area – Livingston and Washtenaw counties; Vassar state game area – Tuscola county; Verona state game area – Huron county; Vestaburg state game area – Montcalm county; Webster lake (Berrien township no. 1) state game area – Berrien county; Wigwam bay state wildlife area – Arenac county; Wildfowl bay state wildlife area – Huron county; and Windsor township state game area – Eaton county.

**3.39 Crystal waters state game area, Monroe county, prohibited conduct.**

**Order 3.39 A person shall not do any of the following on the Crystal waters state game area, Monroe county:**

**(1) Enter, use, or occupy the area between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., unless otherwise permitted by posted notice.**

**(2) Build or use any ground fire of any kind.**

**(3) Target, skeet, or trap shoot.**

**(4) Launch a watercraft propelled by a gasoline or fuel-powered engine onto the waters within the state game area.**

**(5) Park at any location other than a designated parking lot.**

**(6) Discharge a firearm in a designated parking area.**

This amended order shall be posted on or after the 14th day of October, 2022.

Issued on this 13th day of October, 2022.

Daniel Eichinger  
Director