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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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M. SCOTT BOWEN
DIRECTOR

September 16, 2024

To: M. Scott Bowen, Director

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Proposed October 22, 2024, Oil and Gas Lease Auction

Authority: Part 5, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended

Auction Method: Online Auction

Acres Offered: Approximately 2,900 acres

Counties Offered: Grand Traverse, Lake, Missaukee, and Presque Isle


Lease Terms: Five-year primary term with two one-year extension options; one-sixth (1/6) royalty rate; minimum bid of \$10.00 per acre; and \$2.00 per acre annual rental for the primary term.

Special Restrictions: Certain parcels proposed to be offered for lease may contain restrictions limiting surface activities where environmental concerns exist. All oil and gas development activities proposed on state-owned surface require separate surface use agreements.

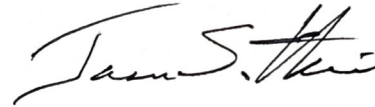
Notice: Township supervisors, county commissioners, legislators representing the nominated areas, and potentially affected private surface owners have been notified of the proposed auction. Notice of the proposed auction also appeared in the county newspapers representing the areas where the lands are located. This item will appear on the October 1, 2024, DNR Business Calendar and is eligible for approval October 10, 2024.

September 16, 2024

Recommendation: The mineral rights in all the lands being considered should be offered for inclusion in the proposed auction, under the terms and conditions specified.



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Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendation.



M. Scott Bowen
Director

Approval Date: October 10, 2024



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M. SCOTT BOWEN
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SUBMITTED: September 3, 2024
RESUBMITTED: September 16, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Windsor Township State Game Area Regulations
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 5 of 2024

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:

The Windsor Township State Game Area (SGA) is located in Eaton County and is approximately 207 acres. It is owned by the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) and managed by the Department. It is a rare piece of huntable public land in an urban area, suitable for deer, waterfowl, turkey, and small game habitat and recreational activities including hunting, fishing and hiking. The entire SGA is accessible via walk-in access only. Current regulations allow trapping, and hunting with archery equipment across the entire SGA. Firearm hunting (shotgun only) is permitted on the north portion of the SGA only. It is also illegal to target, trap, or skeet shoot, and it is illegal to discharge a firearm in a designated parking area.

In October 2006, the Department and the DTMB signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the development, maintenance, and continued operation of the SGA. In the MOU, the DTMB reserved the right to withdrawal, upon 60 days advanced written notice to the Department, all or any portion of the SGA if that portion of the SGA is requested for new or expanded capital improvements to service the State of Michigan. In February 2013, the DTMB gave notice to withdraw portions of the SGA to develop a Michigan State Police (MSP) firing range. In 2023, the DTMB drafted a revised MOU to include this project as well as a State Public Health and Environmental Science Laboratory. The Department and the DTMB entered into the revised MOU in January 2024. The revised MOU states:

- The Department will prohibit firearm hunting south of the electric power lines running east-west on poles along the Consumers Energy fee strip, which bisects the Property.
- The Department shall also prohibit firearm hunting south or east of the Canadian National Railroad right-of-way, which further bisects the Property from southwest to northeast.
- The Department may permit archery hunting, trapping, fishing, and any other permitted recreational activities to be conducted on the Property, so long as the DNR's signage marking the boundaries of the property states those activities are permitted and that users of the Windsor Township State Game Area should exercise all due caution.

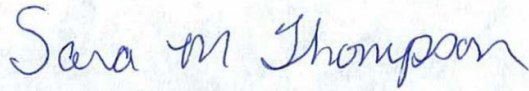
- The Department will restrict public access to the Property to foot traffic access only, unless agreed otherwise in writing by the Departments.

In order to implement the provisions of the MOU and provide consistent and simplified regulations, the Department recommends prohibiting the possession and discharge of any type of firearm across the entire SGA. All other regulations will remain as is. Hunters utilizing firearms may do so at the newly acquired 444-acre Potterville SGA about six miles southwest of the Windsor Township SGA. The Department continues to provide and improve access to outdoor public recreation opportunities by prioritizing land acquisitions in urbanized areas lacking public land ownership.

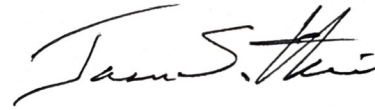
The official name of area is the "Windsor Township State Game Area". It is no longer a mini state game area. The Department recommends updating the name in the Land Use Orders of the Director.

There is a concurrent Wildlife Conservation Order amendment that will need approval in order to prohibit the possession and discharge of a firearm across the entire SGA.

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order was submitted for information on September 12, 2024, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 3, 2024 calendar and may be eligible for approval on October 10, 2024.



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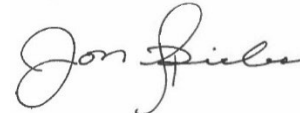
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.



M. Scott Bowen, Director

for

Date: October 10, 2024

LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 5 of 2024

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:

3.26 Windsor township state game area, Eaton county, prohibited conduct.


Order 3.26 A person shall not do any of the following on the state-owned lands in the Windsor township state game area (known as the state secondary complex), Eaton county, being all or portions of section 4, T3N R3W:

(1) Discharge or possess a field, subject to section 504, subsection (3), of Part 5, as amended, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 324.504, a firearm.

(2) Target, trap, or skeet shoot.

This amended order shall be posted on or after the 10th day of October, 2024.

Issued on this 10th day of October, 2024.



for

M. Scott Bowen
Director