

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LANSING



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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Hunting and Trapping in State Parks and Recreation Areas;

Chapter VII Corrections

Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 02 of 2021

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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:

The Parks and Recreation Division undertook a review of Wildlife Conversation Order (WCO) Chapter VII, which provides the general regulations regarding hunting and trapping in state parks and recreation areas. It also identifies the specific areas that are open and closed to hunting. This review was undertaken for the purpose of comparing the described open/closed boundaries within the WCO to the boundaries identified within the Department's GIS mapping information to ensure accuracy of the information. From that review, areas of correction were identified.

Each area of correction was reviewed and discussed with the relevant unit to confirm the necessary revision language. Each unit was then asked to discuss the proposed correction with the local wildlife biologist for their area and obtain confirmation of support for the proposed WCO correction.

During this review process, Fort Wilkins State Park identified that it would like to designate a portion of the parks newly acquired lands as open to hunting and trapping. This request was supported by both the District Supervisor and the District Wildlife Biologist. This request was discussed at the Grant Township meeting on January 12, 2021, and there was no public objection to opening a portion of the parks newly acquired lands to hunting and trapping. Also, during the review process, Van Riper State Park requested to open additional areas of the park to hunting and trapping. This request would open two additional sections south of US-41, Sections 31 and 36, and one new section north of US-41, Section 30. Public opposition to these newly opened areas is not anticipated; however, the Department plans to provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed changes at the February township meeting. The safety rules currently in place relating to hunting as well as those specific to hunting and trapping in state parks and state recreation areas will ensure the safety of visitors in these newly expanded areas.

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Except for the changes proposed for Fort Wilkins State Park and Van Riper State Park, the proposed changes in the WCO are solely an issue involving consistency and correction of information.

Issues Pros and Cons

Implementing these corrective changes to the areas identified as open/closed will provide consistency between the GIS information, which is displayed in the hunting viewer, and the written information contained within the WCO.

This review did not evaluate an expansion or decrease of the boundary areas for areas of opportunity.

Social

As these proposed WCO changes are primarily corrections to the information displayed between the GIS information and the WCO language, no surveys were conducted regarding the proposals. Additionally, the proposal was not considered by any Citizens' Advisory Committee or any conservation or other organization.

Economic

While these proposed corrective changes to not present any budgetary, personnel or economic benefits to the state, they do provide for consistency of the information available to the public for use and access to state land available for hunting.

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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 January calendar and may be eligible for approval on March 11, 2021.

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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 02 of 2021

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 March 12, 2021, the following section(s) of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

7.1 Hunting or trapping in state parks or game refuges; designating where permissible; permits; hunting or trapping in state recreation areas.

Sec. 7.1 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or by permit issued by the director, no person shall trap or hunt with firearms or dogs or in any other manner in any state park, state game refuge, or other lands under the control of and dedicated by the department as a game refuge or wildlife sanctuary.

- (2) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, state recreation areas shall be open to hunting and trapping during established seasons.
- (3) Trapping in state recreation areas, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, **and in state parks open to trapping**, shall be limited to those areas at least 50 feet outside of the mowed portions of developed picnic areas, swimming beaches, parking lots, boat launches, children's playground structures, campgrounds or headquarters' areas. A duffer-type, egg-type, or similarly designed foothold trap for raccoon may be used within the exempted area only by written permission by the designated department representative.

7.3 Craig lake state park, hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.3 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within Craig lake state park.

7.4 Fayette state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions.

Sec. 7.4 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons in sections 33 and 34, T39N R19W, and sections 3 and 4, T38N R19W within Fayette state park; except the **SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4**, and the S 350 feet of the W 800 feet of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, and the N 850 feet of the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec 4 and the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 te-through Labor day.

7.5 Indian lake state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exception.

Sec. 7.5 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on those lands in the south shore unit lying south of county road P-442 in the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, and the SE 1/4 of section 17, and in all state-owned lands in the west shore unit in the S 1/2 of section 6 and the N 1/2 of section 7, T41N R16W, within Indian lake state park; except the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 te-through Labor day.

7.6 Laughing whitefish falls scenic site state park; hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.6 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in sections 9, 16 and 17, T46N R22W, within Laughing whitefish **falls state park**. scenic site.

7.7 McLain state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exception.

Sec. 7.7 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands lying south and east of M-203 in sections 21, 22 and 23, T56N R34W, within McLain state park; except the entire state park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day.

7.8 Palms book state park; hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.8 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in the N 1/2 of section 25, T42N R17W, S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and lots 1 and 2 in the NE 1/4 of

section 25, T42N R17W, and on lot 2 in the NW 1/4 of section 30, T42N R16W, within Palms book state park.

7.9 Porcupine mountains wilderness state park, hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions.

Sec. 7.9 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the boundaries of Porcupine mountains wilderness state park except for section 19 and the N 1/4 of section 30, T50N R45W, Gogebic county (Presque isle scenic site section), and the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of section 21, T51N R43W, Ontonagon county (Lake of the clouds escarpment scenic site section), and section 9 and the N 1/2 of section 16, T51N R42W, Ontonagon county (Union bay campground and headquarters area); also except the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day.

7.10 Tahquamenon falls state park, hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required.

- Sec. 7.10 **(1)** Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the boundaries of Tahquamenon falls state park except for the following: lands:
- (1) (a) The lower falls scenic site. being the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 south of highway M-123 and the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 south of state highway M-123, section 29; the NE 1/4 of section 33 lying north of the Tahquamenon river including the island; and the E 1/2 of the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of section 32 lying north of the Tahquamenon river, and the W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of section 33, T49N R7W.
- (2) (b) The headquarters area. being the S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 31, T49N R7W.
- (3) (c) The upper falls scenic site. being the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 lying south of state highway M-123 and the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 lying south of state highway M-123 in section 1, and the NW 1/4 except for the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 12, T48N R8W.
- (4)-(2) The entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day. of the NW 1/4 of section 12, T48N R8W.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.
- 7.11 Van Riper state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exception; posting required. Sec. 7.11 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands south of US-41 in sections 30, 31 and 36 T48N R29W, and all state-owned lands lying north of state highway M-28 US-41 in sections 24, and 25, and 30, T48N R30W, within Van Riper state park.
- (2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.12 Wagner falls scenic site; hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.12 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in section 14, T16N R19W, within Wagner falls scenic site.

7.13 J. W. Wells state park, hunting and trapping allowed. exception.

Sec. 7.13 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands lying west of highway M-35 in sections 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 34, T35N R25W, within J. W. Wells state park.

7.14 Mitchell state park; hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.14 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Mitchell state park in section 31, T22N R09W, and sections 6 T21N R09W.

7.15 Cheboygan state park,; hunting and trapping allowed,; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.15 **(1)** Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Cheboygan state park in sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 34 and 35, T38N R1W, except for **the following areas:** state owned lands in the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of section 26, and state-owned lands in the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of section 27, T38N R01W; also except

- (a) the day-use areas.
- (b) the campground areas, including cabins and lodge.
- (c) the headquarters building.
- (d) (2) the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.16 Fisherman's island state park, hunting and trapping allowed, exception.

Sec. 7.16 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Fisherman's island state park in sections 29, 31 and 32, T34N R08W, and sections 6 and 7, T33N R08W, and sections 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23 and 26, T33N R09W; except the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from April 1 until the beginning of waterfowl season shall only be allowed in section 13, 14, 23, 26 and 27 T33N R09W. from September 1 to Labor day.

7.17 Hartwick pines state park,; hunting and trapping allowed,; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.17 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands lying within the dedicated boundary of Hartwick pines state park in sections 2 to 11 and sections 14 to 18, T27N R3W, except for **the following areas**:

- (1) (a) All state-owned lands in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 9 lying south and east of the 40-foot fire line; all that portion of the S 1/2 of the S 1/2 of section 10 lying south of the 40-foot fire line and east of state highway M93; all that portion of the NE 1/4 and all that portion of the NW 1/4 of section 15 lying north of state highway M93; and all that portion of the NE 1/4 of section 16 lying east of the 40-foot fire line; all in T27N R3W.
 - (2) (b) All lands within the right-of-way of interstate highway I-75 in sections 6, 7 and 18, T27N R3W.
 - (c) the modern campground and day use areas.
- (2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.18 Hoeft state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions.

Sec. 7.18 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands lying within the dedicated boundary of Hoeft state park except that land lying north and east of state highway US-23 in section 31, T36N R5E; also except the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day.

7.19 Leelanau state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exception.s.

Sec. 7.19 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Leelanau state park in sections 6, 7, and 18, and 19 T32N R10W, and in sections 12, 13 and 24, T32N R11W, except r all state-owned lands in section 6, T32N R10W; also

except the entire state park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day.

7.20 Ludington state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions.

Sec. 7.20 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Ludington state park except in the following described area: sections 17, 18, 19, and 20 in T19N R18W, Hamlin township, boundaries as posted; also except the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day.

7.21 Negwegon state park.; hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.21 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Negwegon state park. in sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, T29N R9E, and sections 2, 3, 11 and 14, T28N R9E.

7.22 North higgins lake state park, hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.22 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of North higgins lake state park north of County road 200 in sections 35 and 36, T25N R04W, except for the following areas:

- (a) T25N, R4W, Sec. 35, the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ (that portion that lies east of Old US highway 27).
- (b) T25N, R4W, Sec. 35, the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4.
- (c) T25N, R4W, Sec. 36, the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4.
- (d) T25N, R4W, Sec. 35 and Sec. 36 south of CR200.
- (2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.22a Old mission point state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions.

Sec. 7.22a Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons, except within 450 feet of a picnic area or parking lot, on all state-owned lands within the old mission point state park in sections 23 to 26. T30N R10W.

7.23 Onaway state park, hunting and trapping allowed. Repealed. Am. 2, 2021, Eff. March 12, 2021.

Publishers note: The repealed section pertained to Onaway state park, hunting and trapping allowed. Sec. 7.23 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all stateowned lands in section 5, T35N R2E, within Onaway state park.

7.24 Silver lake state park, hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.24 **(1)** Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated park boundary in sections 17 to 20 and 29 to 32, T15N R18W, and sections 24, 25 and 36, T15N R19W, and section 6, T14N R18W, and section 1, T14N R19W, except for all state-owned lands in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 29, T15N R18W; except for the following:

- (1) (a) All state-owned lands in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 29, T15N R18W shall be closed.
- $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ (b) The off-road vehicle area, Silver lake beach and modern camping area, park residences, lighthouse area, and headquarters area, as posted, shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from the day after Labor day through September 15.
- (2) The entire state park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to through Labor day.

(3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public. The off-road vehicle area, Silver lake beach and modern camping area, park residences, lighthouse area, and headquarters area, as posted, shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from the day after Labor day to September 15.

7.25 South higgins lake state park, hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.25 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within sections 3 and 4. T23N R3W, and sections 33 and 34. T24N R3W.

- **7.26 Sturgeon point site**; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required. Sec. 7.26 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within Sturgeon point site except **as follows:** those state-owned lands in section 30, T27N R9E.
 - (a) The state-owned lands being the lighthouse complex and the schoolhouse area.
- (2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.
- 7.27 Wilderness state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required. Sec. 7.27 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in the dedicated boundary of Wilderness state park in sections 20 to 24, T39N R6W, sections 19 to 21, 23 to 30, and 32 to 36, T39N R5W, and sections 4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 17, and 18, T38N R5W; except for the following areas: the entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 to Labor day.
 - (a) The campground areas.
- (2) The entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 through Labor day.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.
- 7.28 Algonac state park₇; hunting and trapping allowed; exception; posting required.

Sec. 7.28 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in the dedicated boundary of Algonac state park in section 27 and private claims no. 188 and 200, T3N R16E, and private claims no. 245 and 318, T3N R16E, except for all state-owned lands in the dedicated park boundary lying east of the right-of-way of the Detroit and river St. Clair railroad, also known as the rapid railway, except within the Wagon wheel campground area from May 1 through October 31.

(2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.30 Duck lake state park; hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.30 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Duck lake state park in sections 18 and 19, T11N R17W, and sections 13 and 24, T11N R18W.

7.31 Port crescent state park, hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.31 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Port crescent state park in sections 3 and 8 to 10, T18N R12E, except **for the following areas:** for that portion bounded by a line beginning at a point on the east fractional line of section 3, T18N R12E, at the water's edge of Saginaw bay; then southerly along the east line of section 3 including the most southern portion of section 3 south of highway M-25; then south along

the northeast corner of section 10 to the property line; then westerly along the property line crossing highway M-25 and up to the Old Pinnebog river channel; then northerly along a line 50 feet easterly of the bank of the channel to the water's edge of Saginaw bay; then along the water's edge of Saginaw bay to the point of beginning.

- (a) The campground and adjacent waterfront, headquarters, and wastewater treatment areas.
- (2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.32 Seven lakes state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions.

Sec. 7.32 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in sections 19, 20, 29 and 30, T5N R7E, within Seven lakes state park; except there shall be no taking of waterfowl from three **two** days before Labor day through Labor day-within 450 feet of any boat launch, campground, beach, parking area, or picnic area.

7.33 Sleeper state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exception; posting required.

Sec. 7.33 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in the dedicated boundary in section 17 and sections 19 to 22, T18N R11E, in sleeper state park except for all those state-owned lands in section 17 and the NE 1/4 of section 20, T18N R11E

(2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.34 Sleepy hollow state park,; hunting and trapping allowed,; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.34 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all those state-owned lands in the dedicated boundary in sections 34 and 35, T7N R1W, and in sections 2, 3, 9, 10, and 11, T6N R1W, within Sleepy hollow state park; except **for the following:** there shall be no taking of waterfowl after 8:00 a.m. from September 1 to Labor day in that area north of Price road.

- (a) Campground area, including the walk-in campsites and cabins.
- (b) The headquarters area.
- (c) The day use beach areas.
- (2) The entire park shall be closed to the taking of waterfowl from September 1 through Labor day in that area north of Price road.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.35 Sterling state park_{\bar{i}}; trapping and waterfowl hunting allowed; exceptions.

Sec. 7.35 (1) Trapping shall be allowed during the established trapping seasons on all state-owned lands in the dedicated boundary except within the developed areas of land known as the Bartnick boat launch, the park headquarters, the beach and picnic areas, and campground of Sterling state park.

- (2) Waterfowl hunting shall be allowed from the day after Labor day to September 15 and in January and February during established seasons south and west of the park entrance road, except there shall be no taking of any animals after 10:00 a.m. and shooting from the east shore of the lagoons shall be in a westerly direction only.
- (3) Waterfowl hunting shall be allowed from the day after Labor day through the end of February during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in the dedicated park boundary in the southernmost 300 acres, known as the Union camp marsh, bordered by Elm street on the south, interstate highway I-75 on the west, the south shore of the Clearwater drain on the north and the Ford river raisin warehouse

property on the east. In addition, the area east of Waterworks road, west of the Army Corps of Engineers confined disposal facility fence extending out half-way into the water channel and south of Sandy creek and north of the park entrance road, also known as the old campground (restored Lake plain prairie area) and Sterling harbor basin; except within developed areas of land known as the Bartnick boat launch.

7.36 Van Buren state park, hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.36 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons in the dedicated boundary on the S 2,494 feet of fractional section 32; S 2,494 feet of the W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 and that part of the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 lying westerly of Interstate highway I-196 in section 33, T1S R17W; all that part of the N 980.48 feet of recorded plats of Roosevelt hills 1st and 2nd subdivisions lying westerly of interstate highway I-196 in section 4; that part of the N 980.48 feet of the N 1/2 of the N fractional 1/2 of section 5 lying easterly of Ruggles road blue star memorial highway and that part of the N 315.48 feet of the N 1/2 of the N fractional 1/2 of section 5 lying westerly of Ruggles road blue star memorial highway, T2S R17W, within Van Buren state park, except for the following:

- (a) The campground areas and headquarters building.
- (2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.37 Warren dunes state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.37 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands of Warren dunes state park in sections 24, 25 and 26, T06S R20W, except for the following:

- (a) Camping and day use areas.
- (b) Headquarters building.
- (2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.39 P. J. Hoffmaster state park, hunting allowed.

Sec. 7.39 Hunting may be allowed as designated by the chief of the parks and recreation division in portions of the P.J. Hoffmaster state park.

7.40 Watkins lake state park and county preserve; hunting and trapping allowed.

Sec. 7.40 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands lying north of the northerly right-of-way line of the LS & MS railroad right-of-way and north of Arnold road in sections 12 and 13, T04S R02E.

7.50 Grand mere state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions.

Sec. 7.50 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed on all state-owned lands and waters, except those state-owned lands and waters west of Wishart road and the park trails (the preservation zone), posted as closed to hunting.

7.51 Bay city state park₇; hunting and trapping allowed₇; exceptions; wildlife refuge entry; posting required.

Sec. 7.51 (1) Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the open seasons established in this order within a portion(s) of the state-owned lands within sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 24 and 25 except as follows:

- (a) Within the two safety zones of 150 yards (450 feet) from the posted and designated state trails located:
- (i) west of the northerly edge of the boundary of the state-owned land starting at a point approximately north-west of the center of section 19, T15N R05E, at the north-eastern corner of the state-owned land

designated as the Tobico marsh wildlife refuge then north-north-westerly to intersect the east-west centerline of section 13. T15N R04E: and

- (ii) west of the posted and designated state trails located south and west from the designated Tobico marsh wildlife refuge, as defined in section 5.12 of the land use orders of the director, and defined as beginning at the intersection of little Killarney beach road and Killarney beach road, including those state-owned lands north and west of little Killarney beach road and Killarney beach road, including that portion of state land in section 19 and 30, T15N R05E, which is not included in the Tobico wildlife refuge, including those lands westerly and northerly of the westerly trail loop crossing into section 25, T15N R04E, approximately 1150 feet south of the northeast corner of said section 25, then heading in a rough-meander north-westerly into section 24, T15N R04E, to a point approximately 251 feet north and 417 feet east of the center of said section 24, with a short south-easterly turn of approximately 730 feet then north-north-westerly to a point approximately 752 feet east and 450 feet north of the center of said section 24, then east parallel along the quarter-quarter section lines to the northwest corner of the state-owned land designated as the Tobico marsh wildlife refuge, then south-easterly, east and south along the boundary of the Tobico marsh wildlife refuge to the point of beginning.
- (b) Within the Tobico marsh wildlife refuge as defined in section 5.12 of the land use orders of the director.
- (c) Within the Tobico marsh waterfowl hunting area defined as those state-owned lands north of the Tobico marsh wildlife refuge, north of the southwest Tobico marsh trails no-hunting zone (defined in Section 7.5.1(2)(a)(ii) and excluding these areas), and west of the northeast Tobico marsh trails no-hunting zone (defined in Section 7.5.1(2)(a)(i) and excluding this area), and includes all state-owned lands in the south half of section 13, T15N R04E, the southwest corner of section 18, T15N R05E, and the east portion in the north one-quarter section strip of section 24, T15 R04E, which is located east of a line beginning at the northwestern-most corner of the southwest Tobico marsh trails no hunting zone (a point where the quarter-quarter line intersects Lesperance drain and which is approximately 752 feet east and 450 feet north of the center of said section 24) then heading north-northwest (approximately N1.25°W) approximately 660 feet, then easterly (approximately N88.125°E) approximately 137 feet paralleling the quarter-quarter line to a point on the north-south quarter-quarter line, then north and northwesterly along the east side of nonstate-owned land inholding by heading north approximately 440 feet along the north-south quarter-quarter line, then north-northwesterly (approximately N25.61278°W) approximately 1,160 feet to the north section line of said section 24 (T15N R04E) only migratory game birds shall be hunted with a firearm subject to regulations as described in this order.
- (3) An individual shall not use in hunting, or, subject to section 43510, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43510, possess afield in the Bay city state park a firearm other than those described in section 2.1(4) of this order as allowable within the "limited firearms deer zone."
- (4) Signs identifying the boundaries of the areas of state-owned lands open to hunting and trapping shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice to the public.

7.52 Waterloo recreation area; area closed to hunting,; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.52 (1) It shall be unlawful to take any animal within the Waterloo recreation area on the state-owned lands in section 3; all lands in section 4 lying south of Bush road and west of Pierce road; all lands in section 5 south of McClure road, east of Ridge road, and east of Glazier road; and east of Lowery road; all lands in sections 8 and 9 and the W 1/2 of the W 1/2 of section 10 lying west of Pierce road with the exception of waterfowl hunting during the regular waterfowl season on Cedar lake and Doyle lake, all in T2S R3E, Sylvan township, commonly known as the Mill-cedar lake area; that part of the NE 1/4 E 1/2 of section 33, west of Cassidy lake road and that part of the E 1/2 of the W 1/2 of section 33, north of Waterloo road; that part of the SE 1/4 of section 34, west of Cassidy lake road and north of Waterloo road, T1S R3E, Lyndon township, commonly known as the Cassidy lake area, Washtenaw county; all lands in section 2 and the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 31, T1S R2E, and section 6, T2S R2E, Waterloo township, Jackson

county, bounded on the south by Seymour road, on the east by Portage creek and Big portage lake, on the north by Big portage lake, and on the west by a line described as commencing at the intersection of Seymour road and the entrance road to Big portage lake public use area in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, section 6, then northerly along said entrance road to the approximate center of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 6; westerly along old campground road to the turn near the west line of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 6, northerly along old road meandering through middle of the NW 1/4 to the north line of section 6, northeasterly along old road and a projection of same to the border of Big portage lake in the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 31, T1S R2E.

- (2) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to September 15 within 450 feet of any boat launch, campground, beach, parking area, or picnic area in the high use areas at Green, Sugarloaf, **Big portage**, and Crooked lakes.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.53 Highland recreation area,; hunting prohibited; restriction, exception.

Sec. 7.53 A person shall not take an animal upon those portions of the Highland recreation area, except for waterfowl hunting on Teeple lake during an open waterfowl season, described as that part of the E1/2 of section 24 lying south of highway M-59, T3N R7E; all of section 19, that part of section 30 lying west of Ford road and east of Teeple lake road, and that part of the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 31 lying north and west of Teeple lake road, T3N R8E, Oakland county.

7.56 Rifle river recreation area,; hunting prohibited,; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.56 (1) A person shall not take an animal from those portions of the Rifle river recreation area described as follows:

- (a) All state-owned lands of section 1, T23N R03E, Ogemaw county, except the SW 1/4 lying south of the north shoreline of Grousehaven lake, and the NE1/4 of the SE1/4, and the SE1/4 of the SE1/4, and the South 1200 feet of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 lying **south and west of the north shoreline** north and east of Grousehaven lake.
- (b) All state-owned lands of the E1/2 of the E1/2 of section 2 lying east of Gamble creek and north and west of Grousehaven lake, T23N R03E, Ogemaw county.
- (2) A person shall not take any waterfowl from Rifle river recreation area from September 1 **to through** Labor day.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.57 Proud lake recreation area; hunting prohibited; exceptions; posting required. Sec. 7.57 (1) A person shall not take an animal from those state-owned lands within the Proud lake recreation area in sections 17, 18, 19 and 20 lying south of the Huron river, Moss lake, Lower Proud lake, and Upper Proud lake water course except for the NE 1/2-1/4 of the NE1/4, and the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 and the NE1/4, section 20, **T2N R8E**, and those state-owned lands in sections 1, 2 and 11, T2N R8E, all in Commerce township, Oakland county.

(2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.59 Yankee springs recreation area; hunting prohibited; posting required.

Sec. 7.59 (1) A person shall not take an animal from those lands of the Yankee springs recreation area described as follows:

(a) All lands in section 27 lying north of Gun lake road and west of Bassett road; the SW1/4 of section 21 lying southwest of McDonald lake trail and a 300 foot buffer along the water's edge of Long

lake in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of section 20, all of section 28 lying north of Gun lake road and southwest and southeast of the forked snowmobile path; and all of sections 29 and 32, T3N, R10W, Yankee springs township, all in Barry county.

(2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.60 Fort custer recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.60 A person shall not do any of the following:

- (1) Take an animal with a firearm from November 15 to December 1 or hunt or take Canada geese during September 1 to 15 on those portions of the Fort custer recreation area described as follows:
- (a) All lands in section 3, T2S R9W, lying southeasterly of the park entrance road; and all that part of section 2, T2S R9W, lying north and west of the old military road intersection with the Eagle lake day use area entrance road, and all lands in section 3, T2S R9W, north of the day use area entrance road to the intersection of the main park entrance road.
- (2) A person shall not take an animal within the limits of the area commonly referred to as the Fort custer campground and posted as closed to shooting.
- (3) A person shall not take waterfowl from any state-owned lands or waters in the Fort custer recreation area from September 1-te-through Labor day.
- (4) Signs containing the **hunting closure** regulations listed in this section shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.61 Coldwater lake state park; hunting and trapping allowed., exceptions.

Sec. 7.61 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in the dedicated boundary of Coldwater lake state park.

7.62 Thompson's harbor state park; hunting and trapping allowed., exceptions.

Sec. 7.62 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on all state-owned lands in the dedicated boundary of Thompson's harbor state park. except for government lot 2 of section 11; W 1/2 of NE 1/4, S 1/2 of NW 1/4, N 1/2 of SW 1/4 lying north of state road, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 lying north of state road, and government lots 1 and 2 of section 14; T34N R7E.

7.63 Brighton recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.63 (1) Hunting shall not be allowed within the following areas:

- (a) Bishop lake modern campground, including the cabins and yurts.
- (b) Bishop lake day use and trailhead areas.
- (2) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to September 15 within 450 feet of any campsite.
- (2) (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.64 Holly recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.64 (1) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to through Labor day on all those state owned lands bounded on the north and west by Grange hall road, on the east by Wildwood road, and on the south and west by Dixie highway.

(2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.65 Ionia recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.65 (1) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to through Labor day within 450 feet of any campsite, picnic area, beach, parking area, or boat launch.

- (2) A person shall not take any waterfowl from the day after Labor day to September 15 after 8:00 a.m. within 450 feet of any campsite, picnic area, beach, parking area, or boat launch.
 - (3) A person shall not hunt or trap in the campground and cabin areas.
- (3) (4) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.66 Island lake recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.66 (1) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day.

- (2) A person shall not take **an animal with a firearm** any waterfowl from September 1 to September 15 on those state-owned lands and waters north of the CSX railroad tracks in sections 4 and 5 and the W 1/3 of the NW 1/4 of section 3, T1N R6E.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.67 Lake hudson recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.67 (1) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to September 15 within 450 feet of any campsite, boat launch, beach, or picnic area.

- (2) A person shall not hunt in the campground, headquarter, shelter, beach and boat launch areas.
- (2) (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.68 Metamora-Hadley recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.68 (1) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1-to-through Labor day from Metamora-Hadley recreation area.

- (2) A person shall not take any waterfowl from the day after Labor day to September 15 within 450 feet of any campsite, boat launch, parking area, picnic area, or beach.
- (3) A person shall not hunt within the campground, headquarters, day use and wastewater treatment areas.
- **(4)** Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.69 Ortonville recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.69 (1) A person shall not take any waterfowl from Big fish lake from September 1 to through Labor day.

- (2) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to September 15 within 450 feet of any campsite, boat launch, parking area, picnic area, or beach.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.70 Pinckney recreation area; unlawful acts; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.70 (1) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to-through Labor day within 450 feet of any state-owned boat launch, campsite, beach, parking area, or picnic area at Bruin, Half moon, and Silver lakes.

(2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.71 Pontiac lake recreation area,; unlawful acts,; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.71 (1) A person shall not take any waterfowl after 8:00 a.m. from September 1 to-through Labor day on all those state-owned lands in section 18, T3N R9E.

- (2) A person shall not take any waterfowl from September 1 to September 15 on those state-owned lands **comprising the day use area** in sections 12 and 13, T3N R8E, south of Gale road; or on those state-owned lands **making up the campground area**. in that area bounded on the north by the park entrance road, on the north and east by Cross road and Maceday lake road, on the south by Gale road, and on the west by the north-south mid-section line of section 11, T3N R8E.
- (3) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public.

7.72 Fort wilkins historic state park; hunting and trapping allowed; exception.

Sec. 7.72 Hunting and trapping shall be allowed during the established seasons on state-owned lands within the dedicated boundary of Fort wilkins historic state park in the following areas: the area south of Lake fanny hooe in sections 32, 33, 34 and 35 T59N, R28W and all of section 5 T58N R28W.

7.73 Lime island recreation area; hunting and trapping allowed; exceptions; posting required.

Sec. 7.73 (1) A person shall not take an animal from those lands of Lime island recreation area described as follows:

- (a) service buildings, cabins, historical building/sites and camping platforms.
- (2) Signs containing the hunting closure shall be posted in such a manner and at such locations as will provide reasonable notice of the closure to the public. Issued on this 11th day of March, 2021.

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

Carol Moncrieff Rose, Chair Natural Resources Commission

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