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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
 COMMISSION

**APPROVED**  
*November 8, 2018*  
 MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
*Cheryl Johnson*  
 (ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

Subject: Fisheries Order 202.19  
 Special Hook Size Fishing Regulations

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue Orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 202 governs special hook size fishing regulations. Fisheries Division is proposing several minor modifications to this Order to improve the regulations. In 2018, new hook regulations were put into effect on the Pere Marquette River, Little Manistee River, Muskegon River, White River, and Pentwater River in order to reduce snagging efforts. Soon after the new regulation had become effective, managers identified locations where the new regulations could be improved because some listed portions are upstream of dams and don't have salmon and steelhead. As a result, managers recommend making several changes to the Muskegon River, White River, and Pentwater River listings in order remove some waters where dams restrict movement of spawning runs of trout and salmon. The recommended changes will remove more restrictive regulations where they are not needed.

This Order was presented for information at the October Natural Resources Commission meeting where members requested further review of the single-point hook restriction size of 3/8 inch or less distance from point to shank with the thought of changing the regulation to a 1/2 inch point to shank distance. This issue has been reviewed internally with staff and there is support to recommend this change.

*Issue Pros and Cons*

The existing regulation is effective in reducing unlawful fishing activities. The proposed changes will remove unnecessary restrictions in locations where salmon and steelhead are not part of the fisheries. Anglers and law enforcement staff are supportive of these regulations. There are no cons to removing unnecessary restrictions.

*Biological*

These regulations will not have a direct biological impact on the fishery.

*Social*

Snagging is a social issue and a majority of anglers are supportive of more restrictive regulations in order to reduce snagging activities.

*Economic*

There are no anticipated significant economic gains or losses expected from the passage of this proposal.

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Recommendation:

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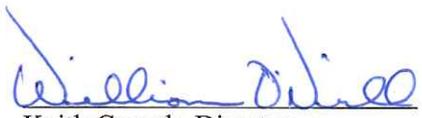
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

  
Keith Creagh, Director  
*for*

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# FISHERIES ORDER

## Special Hook Size Regulations Order 202.19

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on November 8, 2018, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2019, as follows:

- 1) Streams where it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed un-weighted hook measuring ½-inch or less from point to shank:

| County     | Stream  |
|------------|---|
| Allegan    | Swan Creek (from the mouth upstream to the dam at 118th Avenue)   |
| Benzie     | Platte River  |
| Berrien    | Townsend Creek (T6S, R17W, S19 and the mouth area of Lake Chapin, to a point 100 yards below the Townsend Creek mouth into Lake Chapin) |
| Charlevoix | Boyne River (from mouth upstream to dam in T32N, R5W, S5)   |
| Emmet      | Bear River (from mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam T34N, R5W, S6)   |
| Van Buren  | South Branch Black River and all tributaries upstream of Breedsville (Mill Street).   |

- 2) For the purpose of this section, an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner, or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From August 1 through November 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed hooks or jigs, measuring ½-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks measuring ¾-inch or less from point to shank only when attached to an artificial lure on the following waters:
- a. Benzie County: all waters of the Betsie River.
  - b. Manistee County: all waters of Bear Creek, all waters of the Betsie River, and the Manistee River from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6).
  - c. Mason County: the Big Sable River (from mouth upstream to Hamlin Lake Dam).
  - d. Mason, Lake, Oceana, Newaygo: all waters of the Pere Marquette River.
  - e. Manistee, Mason, and Lake Counties: all waters of the Little Manistee River.
  - f. Muskegon and Oceana Counties: the White River (from mouth upstream to Hesperia Dam) and all waters of the North Branch White River.
  - g. Muskegon and Newaygo Counties: the Muskegon River upstream to Croton Dam.
  - h. Oceana and Mason Counties: all waters of the North Branch Pentwater River, South Branch Pentwater River (upstream to Hart Dam).

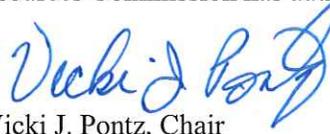
This Order shall be assigned number FO-202.19 and is entitled "Special Hook Size Regulations."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Special Hook Size Regulations," which became effective April 1, 2018, and is assigned number FO-202.18.

This Order shall take effect April 1, 2019 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 8th day of November 2018.

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



Vicki J. Pontz, Chair  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.



Keith Creagh  
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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 215.19  
Statewide Warmwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass,  
Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow  
Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue Orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 215 establishes the statewide warmwater species sport fishing regulations. Changes proposed to the Order include the following: a reduction in the statewide yellow perch daily possession limit from 50 to 25, removing the Lake Michigan waters south of the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel, adding an exception for Lake Erie where fifty yellow perch may be retained as the daily possession limit, removal of the seven-inch minimum size limit exception on the Lake Huron waters of Mackinac and Chippewa Counties and the St. Mary's River, and removal of the bass fishing tournament information from the Order.

The current yellow perch possession limit and liberal management approach is not consistent with the current management philosophy of managing for a quality fishery. Other panfish species have more conservative possession limits (e.g. sunfishes at 25 per day, white bass at 25 per day in the Great Lakes). Because of the desire for better quality perch fisheries in Michigan, anglers have become more vocal about the desire for uniform, more restrictive regulations. A more conservative daily possession limit of 25 yellow perch will address angler concerns and likely result in a fairer distribution of the resource among anglers and a higher quality perch fishery statewide. This recommendation can also help safeguard against over-harvest in various locations including those experiencing variable or declining recruitment (e.g. Saginaw Bay and its tributaries) or for those populations in the midst of recovery (e.g. Les Cheneaux Islands), or those inland fisheries that are reported to have periods of extreme vulnerability (e.g. Grand Lake). While yellow perch populations are rarely broodstock limited, this regulation change could provide some biological benefit by restricting total mortality and limiting overfishing in smaller populations. More importantly, it would have a substantial social benefit by pre-empting further exceptions from the statewide regulation and addressing angler concerns regarding the numerous exceptions and perceptions of uneven distribution of a limited resource.

In addition to biological and social concerns with the current statewide regulation and the aforementioned exception, Law Enforcement Division has expressed concerns about enforcing current exceptions when they occur on connected waters such as tributaries or drowned river mouth lakes. An example is the possession limit on MH-4 (greater Saginaw Bay) is 25, but on the tributaries flowing into the bay (inland waters) the possession limit is 50.

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Michigan has very liberal daily yellow perch possession limits, especially for the Great Lakes, when compared to regulations in Minnesota, Illinois and Wisconsin. The majority of the Great Lakes states maintain more conservative yellow perch possession limits, typically restricted to 25 or less. The proposed statewide possession limit of 25 would bring Michigan in line with most other Great Lakes states. The proposed change to the yellow perch possession limit will result in removal of the following exceptions:

1. Lake Michigan waters south of the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays) daily possession limit of 35 yellow perch.
2. Lake Huron waters of MH-4 including Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River up to Center Road Bridge (T12N, R4E, S35) daily possession limit of 25 yellow perch.

A seven-inch minimum size limit regulation in effect on yellow perch in the Les Cheneaux Islands and the St. Mary's River is recommended for removal. There is no evidence that the minimum size limit had any positive effect on the fishery there. Minimum size limits on other panfish species have proven ineffective in Michigan and were discontinued, long ago.

The two remaining exceptions in yellow perch regulations are in recognition of unique local conditions. The Lake Erie perch fishery in Michigan waters is very productive with a robust population. Lake Erie fisheries are jointly managed by the states bordering the lake and the province of Ontario. Each state and province is allotted an annual quota of the various species available for harvest and Michigan perch regulations for Lake Erie are based on the quota agreement and will change when there are significant population issues. Therefore, an exception will be added for Lake Erie anglers where up to fifty yellow perch may be retained in the daily possession limit.

On Lake Gogebic in the Western Upper Peninsula, the existing exception of "no more than five perch over 12 inches" regulation is well accepted by the local anglers and has only been in place a short while. This provision has been added to this Order.

Lastly, the bass fishing tournament information is recommended for removal from this Order where it will be placed into a new separate Order, FO-250, Fishing Tournament Registration which will become effective on January 1, 2019.

The proposed changes have been presented during the Department's Coffee and Conversation public informational meetings that each management unit conducts, the Warmwater Resource Steering Committee and the Lake Huron and Lake Michigan Citizen's Advisory Committees with support. Law Enforcement Division is also supportive of the proposed changes.

*Issue Pros and Cons*

Changing the yellow perch daily possession limit to 25 will match the current limit for the Lake Huron waters of MH-4 including Saginaw Bay which has been confusing for anglers and problematic for law enforcement personnel. The proposed changes will remove a few exceptions from the Order and Fishing Guide, which will simplify fishing regulations overall. An online angler survey focusing on this issue was distributed to 376,204 anglers with a total of 18,743 responses received showed that 64% of anglers were supportive of the yellow perch possession limit reduction compared with 27% indicating their

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preference for the current limit of 50 per day. One con is some anglers are not supportive of the possession limit reduction.

*Biological*

Inland yellow perch populations may benefit from a reduced possession limit since yellow perch are relatively easy to catch by angling and high exploitation rates are possible in small lakes. Previous Michigan based research recommended that a reduced yellow perch daily possession limit could benefit bluegill size structure in many lakes. The seven-inch yellow perch minimum size limit did not result in any noticeable biological changes to improve the quality of the yellow perch population and is no longer a management strategy.

*Social*

The reduction in the daily possession limit is more of a social issue as creel information indicated that few anglers attain the 50 fish daily possession limit. Some anglers may question the reasoning behind a possession limit reduction given that few anglers reached the limit of 50. Consistent possession limits among panfish will simplify regulations.

*Economic*

The Department does not expect the proposed renewal of the Order to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

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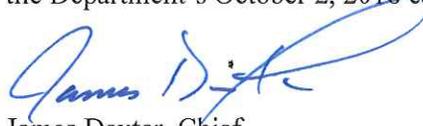
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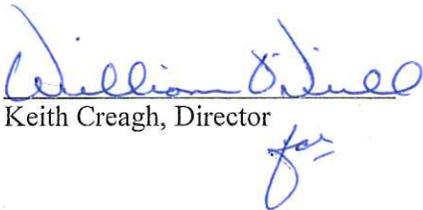


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# FISHERIES ORDER

## Statewide Warmwater Regulations For Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, And White Bass Order 215.19

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, ordered on November 8, 2018, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2019, as follows:

### A. For the purpose of this Order the following definitions are provided:

- 1) Catch-and-Immediate-Release (CIR): means the act of returning fish immediately to the water without injury and without holding in livewell or like object.
- 2) MH-4: is a Lake Trout management unit which is bounded on the north by a line beginning on the shore on Au Sable Point in Iosco County at Latitude 44°20'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 083°10'W, then southward along said longitude to Latitude 44°10'N, then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 082°40'W, then southward along said line to Latitude 44°00'N, then westward along said line to shore about 2.6 miles southeast of Point aux Barques light in Huron County.

The statewide seasons, size limits, and daily possession limits on all state waters shall be as listed below, except as otherwise Ordered:

### B. Statewide Seasons

A person shall not take, catch, or kill or attempt to take, catch or kill any of the species of fish named in this Order except during the seasons that are specified below for each species of fish named in this Order.

- 1) Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass:
  - a) CIR fishing shall be permitted all year.
  - b) On Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, and Detroit River:
    - i) The possession season shall be the third Saturday in June - December 31.
  - c) On Lake Michigan within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago – Beaver, Garden, High, and Hog, Charlevoix County:
    - i) The possession season shall be July 1 - December 31.
  - d) All other waters not otherwise closed to fishing:
    - i) The possession season shall be the Saturday before Memorial Day - December 31.
- 2) Walleye, Northern Pike, and Muskellunge:
  - a) CIR fishing for Muskellunge shall be permitted all year.

- b) An area in the Green Bay portion of Lake Michigan, Menominee County, beginning at the intersection of the north boundary line of Menominee County with the west shoreline of the Bay in Section 3, T36N, R24W or approximate latitude/longitude (45.5505, -87.2637); thence east approximately 8 miles to latitude/longitude (45.5505, -87.101); thence south approximately 10 miles to the intersection with the state boundary at approximate latitude/longitude (45.444, -87.101); thence southwesterly and westerly approximately 36 miles along the state boundary in Green Bay, between the mainland of Michigan and the Door Peninsula of Wisconsin, to the mouth of the Menominee River, thence northeasterly along the shoreline of Green Bay to the point of beginning:
- i) The possession season for Walleye shall be open for the entire year.
  - ii) The possession season for Northern Pike shall be May 15 - March 15.
  - iii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.
- c) All other inland, Great Lakes, and connecting waters of the Upper Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:
- i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be from May 15 - March 15.
  - ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.
- d) Inland waters of the Lower Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:
- i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be from the last Saturday in April - March 15.
  - ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.
- e) Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River, and Detroit River:
- i) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be the first Saturday in June - December 31.
  - ii) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be open for the entire year.
- f) All other Great Lakes and connecting waters of the Lower Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:
- i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be open for the entire year.
  - ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.
- 3) Flathead Catfish, Channel Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass:
- a) All waters not otherwise closed to fishing:
    - i) The possession season shall be open for the entire year.

## C. Statewide Warmwater Regulations; Size and Possession Limits

| Species   | Minimum Size Limit | Daily Possession Limit   |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass   | 14 inches          | Five (5) per day in any combination  |
| Walleye (See Note 1)  | 15 inches          | Five (5) per day   |
| Northern Pike (See Note 2)  | 24 inches          | Two (2) per day  |
| Flathead Catfish  | 15 inches          | Five (5) per day   |
| Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge) (See Note 3)  | 42 inches          | One (1) per angling season   |
| Channel Catfish   | 12 inches          | Ten (10) per day   |
| Yellow Perch (See Note 4)   | No size limit      | Twenty-five (25) per day   |
| Sunfishes: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish, Longear Sunfish, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Rock Bass, Warmouth, White Crappie | No size limit      | Twenty-five (25) per day in any combination  |
| White Bass  | No size limit      | Twenty-five (25) per day on Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, St. Marys River, St. Clair River, and Detroit River;<br><br>Ten (10) per day on inland waters |

## NOTES

1. **Walleye** - the following waters have daily possession limits that differ from the statewide daily possession limit:
  - a) St. Clair River beginning at the Ft. Gratiot Light and Lake St. Clair:
    - i) The minimum size limit shall be 13 inches.
    - ii) The daily possession limit may include one (1) additional Walleye.
  - b) Lake Michigan waters of Little Bay de Noc: that portion north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point Lighthouse to the mouth of the Bark River in Delta County.
    - i) The daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Walleye 23" or greater.
  - c) Lake Michigan waters of Green Bay: An area in the Green Bay portion of Menominee County, beginning at the intersection of latitude 45 degrees 30 minutes north with the west shoreline of the Bay in Section 24, T36N, R24W, thence east approximately 6 miles to the intersection of latitude 45 degrees 30 minutes north with longitude 87 degrees 10 minutes west, thence south approximately 10 miles to the intersection of longitude 87 degrees 10 minutes west with the state boundary, thence southwesterly and westerly approximately 36 miles along the state boundary in Green Bay, between the mainland of Michigan and the Door Peninsula of Wisconsin, to the mouth of the Menominee River, thence northeasterly along the shoreline of Green Bay to the point of beginning:

- i) March 2 - the Friday before the first Saturday in May the daily possession limit shall be one (1) Walleye; and
- ii) The first Saturday in May - March 1 the daily possession limit shall be five (5) Walleyes.
- d) Lake Huron waters of MH-4 including Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River up to Center Road Bridge:
  - i) The minimum size limit for Walleye shall be 13 inches.
  - ii) The daily possession limit for Walleye shall be eight (8).
- e) Lake Erie:
  - i) The daily possession limit for Walleye will be based on Michigan's share of the annual total allowable catch (TAC) for Walleye pursuant to the categories in the table below. The TAC is reported in March of each year by the Lake Erie Committee, which is under the aegis of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.
    - (1) The daily possession limit for Walleye will take effect on May 1 of each year and will be in place through April 30 of the following year.
    - (2) Prior to May 1 each year, a notice of the daily possession limit will be posted on the DNR's website ([www.michigan.gov/fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/fishing)) and noted in a statewide news release.

| Michigan TAC         | Walleye Possession Limit |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| greater than 108,364 | six (6)                  |
| 96,958 to 108,364    | five (5)                 |
| 85,551 to 96,957     | four (4)                 |
| 74,144 to 85,550     | three (3)                |
| 62,737 to 74,143     | two (2)                  |
| less than 62,737     | one (1)                  |

- 2. **Northern Pike** - the following waters have daily possession limits that differ from the statewide daily possession limit:
  - a) Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, and Detroit River:
    - i) The daily possession limit for Northern Pike shall be five (5).
- 3. **Muskellunge** – anglers are required to register Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge) harvest within 24 hours online at [www.michigan.gov/fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/fishing).
  - a) Statewide:
    - i) Muskellunge harvest is limited to one (1) Muskellunge per angler per year (April 1 – March 31).
- 4. **Yellow Perch** – the following waters have daily possession limits that differ from the statewide daily possession limit:
  - a) Lake Erie:
    - i) The daily possession limit for Yellow Perch shall be fifty (50).
  - b) Lake Gogebic:
    - i) The daily possession limit for Yellow Perch shall be twenty-five (25), with no more than five (5) Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-215.19, and is entitled "Statewide Warmwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Statewide Coolwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass," which became effective April 1, 2018, and is assigned number FO-215.18.

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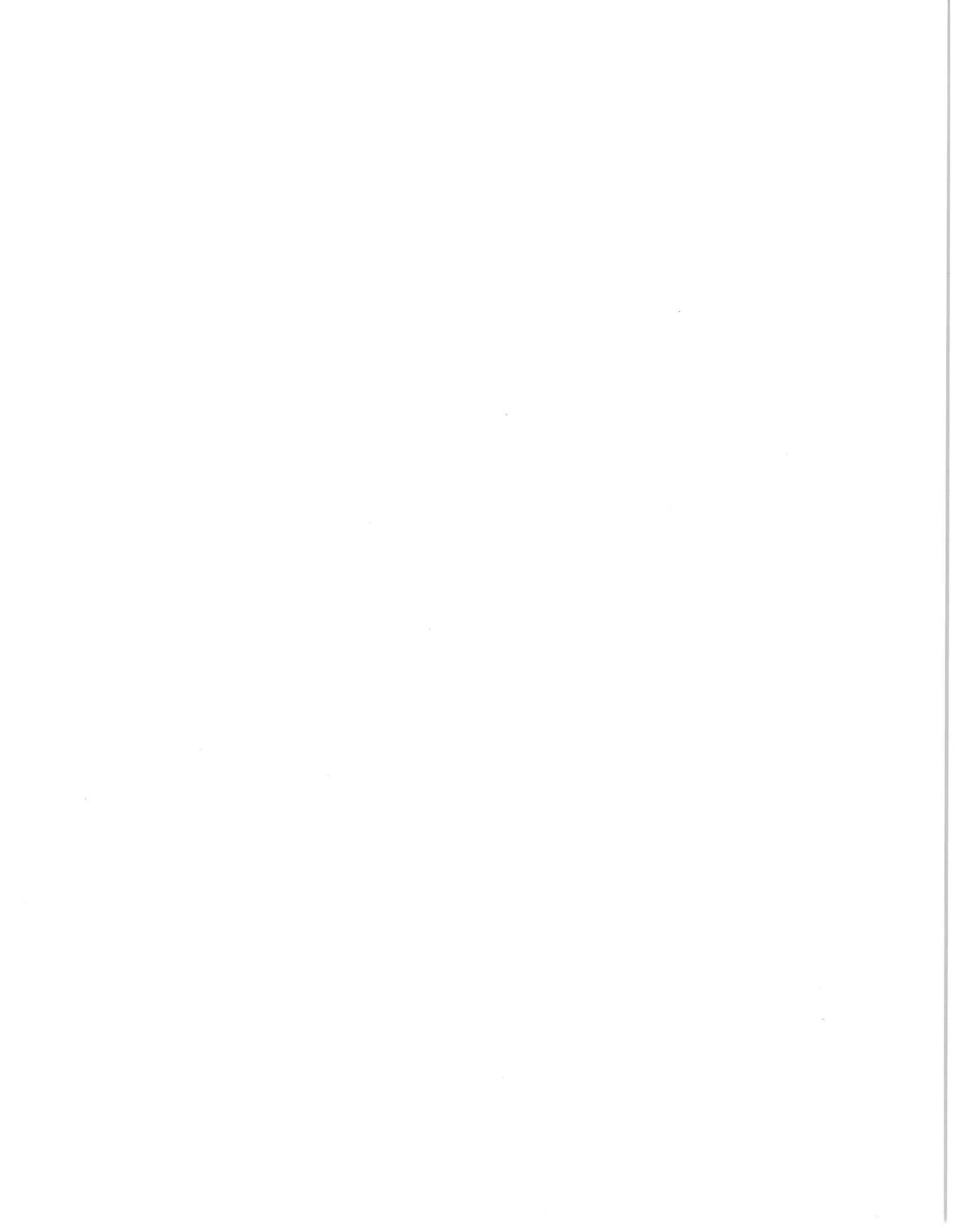


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Subject: Fisheries Order 218.19  
Gear Restrictions for Fishing

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue Orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 218 sets gear restrictions for fishing in Michigan. Fisheries Division is proposing a change to the gear that anglers can use to fish on the drowned river mouth lakes, also known as Type F waters. Anglers have requested a review of gear restrictions on drowned river mouth lakes so they can drop-shot for bass and other species. Drop-shotting is a method of fishing where an artificial bait or lure is tied directly to the main line above a weight which allows anglers to bounce the weight on the bottom while keeping the bait or lure at a set distance above the bottom. This is very popular and effective fishing method. Current regulations require that the bait or lure be tied on at least a three-inch dropper line attached to the main line instead of directly to the main line to reduce the effectiveness of trying to snag a fish. After a thorough review by managers and law enforcement staff who oversee the drowned river mouth waters, their recommendation is to allow drop-shotting, given that the hook size is restricted to a single-pointed hook measuring 1/2 -inch or less gap distance between point and shank. The proposed changes will maintain protection of the resource while also increasing angler opportunities. It should be noted that these regulations were enacted at a time of very high salmon abundance several decades ago. Salmon numbers are only a fraction of what they once were historically so there is little consternation between managers or law enforcement staff over the proposed changes.

*Issue Pros and Cons*

Anglers will be happy to hear that their request was reviewed and that the Department was able to accommodate making changes. The proposal will result in increasing angler opportunities and maintain protection of the resource. Anglers will benefit from the proposed changes to remove unnecessary restrictions to allow a popular fishing method called drop-shotting. Anglers and law enforcement staff are supportive of these regulations. There are no cons identified.

*Biological*

These regulations will not have a direct biological impact on the fishery.

*Social*

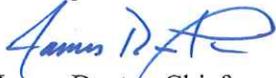
The proposal is a positive change for anglers who will be able to add a new method to fish on the drowned river mouth lakes for bass and many other species.

*Economic*

There are no anticipated significant economic gains or losses expected from the passage of this proposal.

Recommendation:

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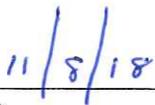
  
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# FISHERIES ORDER

## Gear Restrictions for Fishing Order 218.19

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1. In all waters of the State it shall be unlawful to:
  - a. Have a weight permanently and/or rigidly attached to a multi-pointed hook; or
  - b. Have a weight suspended from a multi-pointed hook; or
  - c. Retain any fish not hooked in the mouth; or
  - d. Fail to immediately return to the water a fish not hooked in the mouth.
  
2. On all streams, including tributaries to the Great Lakes except for the St. Marys, St. Clair and Detroit Rivers, it shall be unlawful to use the following gear during the period August 1 – May 31:
  - a. Multi-pointed hooks exceeding 3/8 inch between point and shank and/or single pointed hooks exceeding 1/2 inch between point and shank; or
  - b. Lures exceeding one ounce in weight.

The intent of this regulation is to allow the baited hook or the lure to suspend freely in the water, allowing the fish to take the hook or lure in its mouth.

3. In a river and stream it shall be unlawful to:
  - a. Have a weight suspended below any hook unless the hook is on an un-weighted line which is at least 3 inches long.
  
4. In a drowned river mouth lake\* it shall be unlawful to:
  - a. Have a weight suspended below a single-pointed hook exceeding 1/2-inch between point and shank.
  - b. Have a weight suspended below any multi-pointed hook unless the hook is on an un-weighted line which is at least 3 inches long.

\*Drowned river mouth lakes listed by county: **Allegan:** Kalamazoo River and Silver Lake; **Benzie:** Betsie Lake; **Manistee:** Arcadia Lake, Manistee Lake, and Portage Lake; **Mason:** Pere Marquette Lake; **Muskegon:** Duck Lake, Mona Lake, Muskegon Lake, and White Lake; **Oceana:** Pentwater Lake, Silver Lake, and Stony Lake; **Ottawa:** Macatawa Lake and Pigeon Lake.

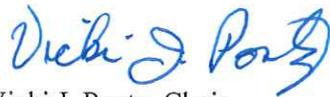
This Order shall be assigned number FO-218.19 and is entitled "Gear Restrictions for Fishing."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Gear Restrictions for Fishing," effective April 1, 2016, and assigned number FO-218.16.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2019 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 8th day of November 2018.

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



Vicki J. Pontz, Chair  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.



Keith Creagh  
Director 



RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH  
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: September 20, 2018  
RESUBMITTED: October 15, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) Management of Recreation Rail Trails  
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 8 of 2018

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 intent of this order is to designate the recreational rail trail corridors within the meaning of MCL 324.74101(g), with land administration and management to be undertaken by PRD of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The transfer of forest recreation activities to the PRD in 2012 resulted in the conveyance of management responsibilities of the rail trail corridors identified below. An increased expectation for these lands has led to a desire to formalize the transfer of administration and management.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Forest Resources, Parks and Recreation, and Wildlife divisions to provide a framework for a co-management type working relationship, which requires the inclusion of the DNR divisions and their related valued in reaching a consensus on land managing decisions; and, also to detail the administration of and access to dedicated state forests of rail trails/corridors located upon dedicated state forest.

To facilitate this conveyance, the lands identified below are to be dedicated within the meaning of MCL 324.74101(g) with administration and management to be formally undertaken by PRD.

The rail trail corridors consist of the following:

Upper Peninsula

1. Haywire State Trail
2. Felch Grade Trail (Narenta to Felch Branch)
3. Escanaba to Antoine Branch
4. Bill Nicholls Trail
5. Keweenaw Trail
6. Freda Trail
7. Crystal Falls to Stager Trail
8. Mastodon Branch Line
9. Soo/Strong's Trail
10. Republic/Champion Grade Trail
11. State Line Trail

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12. Peshekee to Clowry ORV Trail
13. Hancock-Calumet Trail
14. Loretto-Felch-Lake Antoine Snowmobile Trail
15. Bergland to Sidnaw Rail Trail
16. Little Lake-Chatham Snowmobile Trail
17. St. Ignace to Trout Lake Trail
18. Marquette to Munising Junction Trail
19. Iron Ore Heritage Trail
  - a. Marquette West Connector
  - b. Ishpeming to Humboldt Trail
  - c. Marquette to Munising Junction Trail (west end only)
20. Chassell to Houghton Trail
21. Hancock to Ripley Connector
22. Baraga to Chassell
23. Escanaba to Hermansville
24. Iron Mountain Connector
25. Ironwood to Bessemer
26. Gogebic County Iron Belle Trail
27. Ontonagon to Rockland Railroad Corridor

Lower Peninsula

28. North Western State Trail
  - a. Mackinaw to Petoskey Trail
  - b. Bay View – Oden Trail
  - c. Mackinaw to Alanson Rail Trail
29. North Central State Trail
  - a. Gaylord to Cheboygan Trail
  - b. Mackinaw to Hawks Trail (Mackinaw to Cheboygan portion)
30. North Eastern State Trail
  - a. Alpena to Mackinaw Trail (Alpena to Hawks portion)
  - b. Mackinaw to Hawks Trail (Cheboygan to Hawks portion)
31. Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail
  - a. Montague to Berry Junction Trail
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34. Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Trail
  - a. Ionia to Lowell Railroad Corridor
35. Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) State Trail
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36. Musketawa State Trail
  - a. Ottawa-Muskegon Rail Trail
  - b. Laketon Avenue Connector
37. Hillman-Alpena State Trail
  - a. Hillman-Herron Road
  - b. Quarry Mile
  - c. Paxton Spur
38. Rogers City Spur Trail
  - a. Rogers City Trail
39. Betsie Valley State Trail

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- a. Betsie Valley Trail
  - b. Thompsonville-Viaduct Road Trail
  - c. Viaduct Road to Yuma Railroad Corridor
40. Falling Waters Trail
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    - a. Clare to Baldwin Rail Trail
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  53. The Harger Line Rail Trail

Those lands adjacent to the state forest land and outside 10 – 30-foot wide actively utilized and managed for recreation rail trail corridor will continue with the historic management practice of co-management from which includes forest certification.

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This order was submitted for information on October 11, 2018, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's October, 2018 calendar and may be eligible for approval on November 8, 2018.



Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



Gary Hagler, Chief  
Law Enforcement Division



Debbie Begalle, Chief  
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Russ Mason, Ph. D., Chief  
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William O'Neill  
Natural Resources Deputy

# LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

## Amendment No. 8 of 2018

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, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following:

### 5.18 Designation, management and administration of rail trail corridors

Order 5.18 Designation, management and administration of rail trail corridors identified below including the associated trailheads and parking areas shall be undertaken consistent with mcl 324.74101(g). this designation, management and administration shall require that a motor vehicle accessing the related trailheads and developed parking areas, where such access is allowed, possess a valid Michigan recreation passport for entry.

On the lands of these rail trail corridors that are adjacent to the state forest land and outside 10 – 30 foot wide actively utilized and managed for recreation rail trail corridor the historic management practice of co-management will continue.

These rail trail corridors and related trailheads and developed parking areas consist of the following:

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- (1) Haywire State Trail
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- (53) The Harger Line Rail Trail

This order shall be posted on or after the 9th day of November, 2018.

Issued on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh  
Director






RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH  
DIRECTOR

October 15, 2018

**TO:** Keith Creagh, Director

**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land  
Cadillac Management Unit – Lake County  
Land Transaction Case #20170256

**Sale:** 2.46 acres

**Sale Price:** \$10,000.00

**Description:** Lake County, Webber Township, T18N, R13W, Section 02:  
The West 740 feet, as more completely described in the case file.

**PA 240 of 2018:** The parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac line and will result in a decrease of 2.46 acres of DNR-managed lands.

**Applicant(s):** Yates Dial a Ride Transportation, Idlewild, Michigan.

**Authority:** Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

**Notice:** This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 30, 2018, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 6, 2018.

**Acquired:** By exchange for tax reverted parcels in 1990.

**Minerals:** To be conveyed.

**Comments:** The applicant desires this parcel to build a communication tower to support their dial a ride service. The desired parcel is adjacent to state-owned land on one side. It is very small and directly adjacent to land previously conveyed to Lake County for a 911 tower. The sale of this parcel to the applicant will facilitate improved community resources to Lake County.

Proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

**Engagement:** Letters were mailed to Lake County and Webber Township on August 17, 2018. A letter of support was received from Lake County Central Dispatch on September 9, 2018.

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- Recommendation:
- (1) That the land be sold to the applicant for \$10,000.00.
  - (2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the LEFF.
  - (3) That the state retain aboriginal antiquities.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
Wildlife Division



Deb Begalle, Chief  
Forest Resources Division



James L. Dexter, Chief  
Fisheries Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



William O'Neill  
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Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.



Keith Creagh  
Director

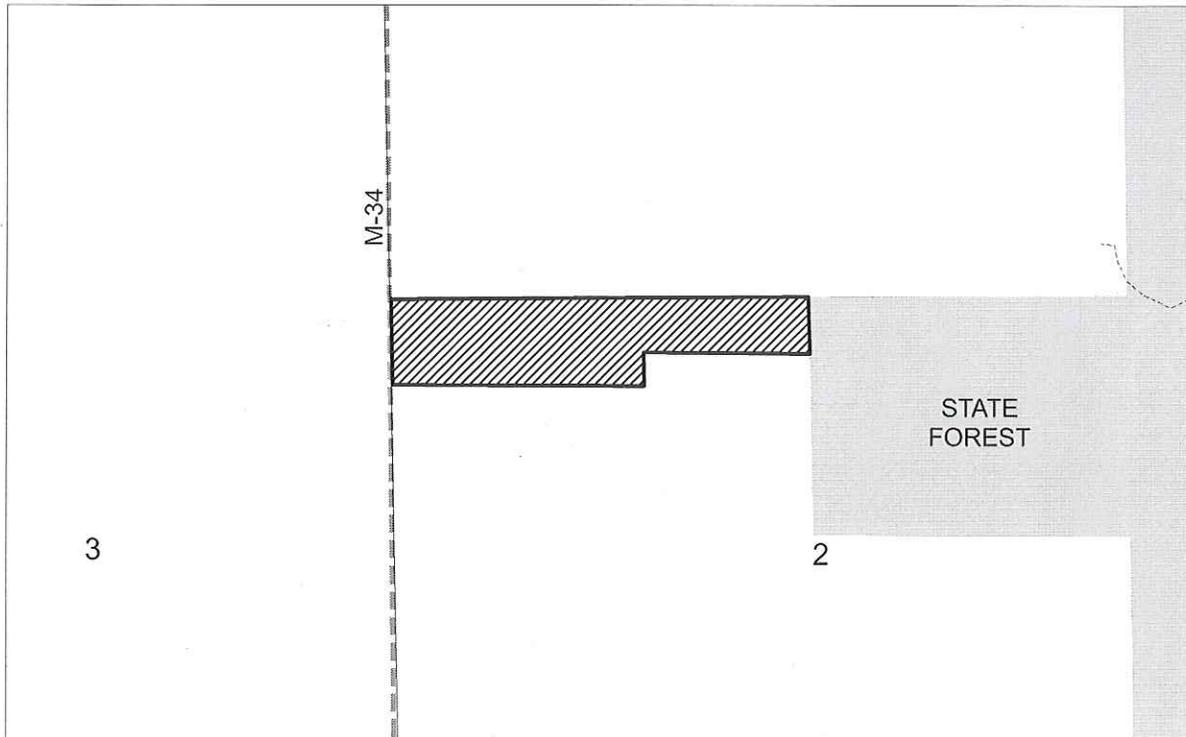
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# SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND

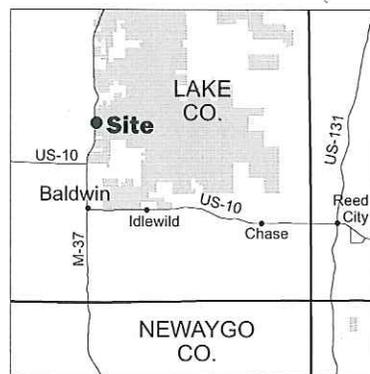
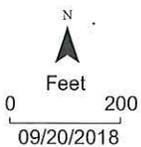
Cadillac Management Unit – Lake County

Land Transaction Case #20170256



Section 2, T18N, R13W, Webber Township

-  Surplus DNR land to be sold (2.46 acres)
-  State land
-  Private land
-  DNR Project Boundary







RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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LANSING



KEITH CREAGH  
DIRECTOR

October 15, 2018

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Conveyance of DNR-Managed Land for Public Use  
Gaylord Management Unit – Charlevoix County  
Land Transaction Case #20170079

Sale: 39.0 acres

Sale Price: Land to be conveyed at a nominal fee to the applicant.

Description: Charlevoix County, Melrose Township, T33N, R05W, Section 22.

PA 240 of 2018: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a decrease of 39.0 acres in counted DNR-Managed lands.

Applicant: Melrose Township, Walloon Lake, Michigan.

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 30, 2018, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 6, 2018.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1907 and 1939.

Minerals: To be conveyed.

Comments: The desired property will be used for public purposes. Melrose Township intends to use the site for a waste water treatment lagoon system for the Walloon Lake village area. The new system will improve and expand the capacity and service area of the current system. As a result, Walloon Lake water quality will be protected and increase economic development opportunities within the Village area.

The proposed land disposal was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on December 21, 2017.

Engagement: Melrose Township is the applicant and supports this transaction.

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- Recommendation:
- (1) That the land be conveyed to the applicant for public purposes without monetary compensation, but with the condition that if the land is used for non-public purposes, it will revert back to the state.
  - (2) That the state retain aboriginal antiquities.



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Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

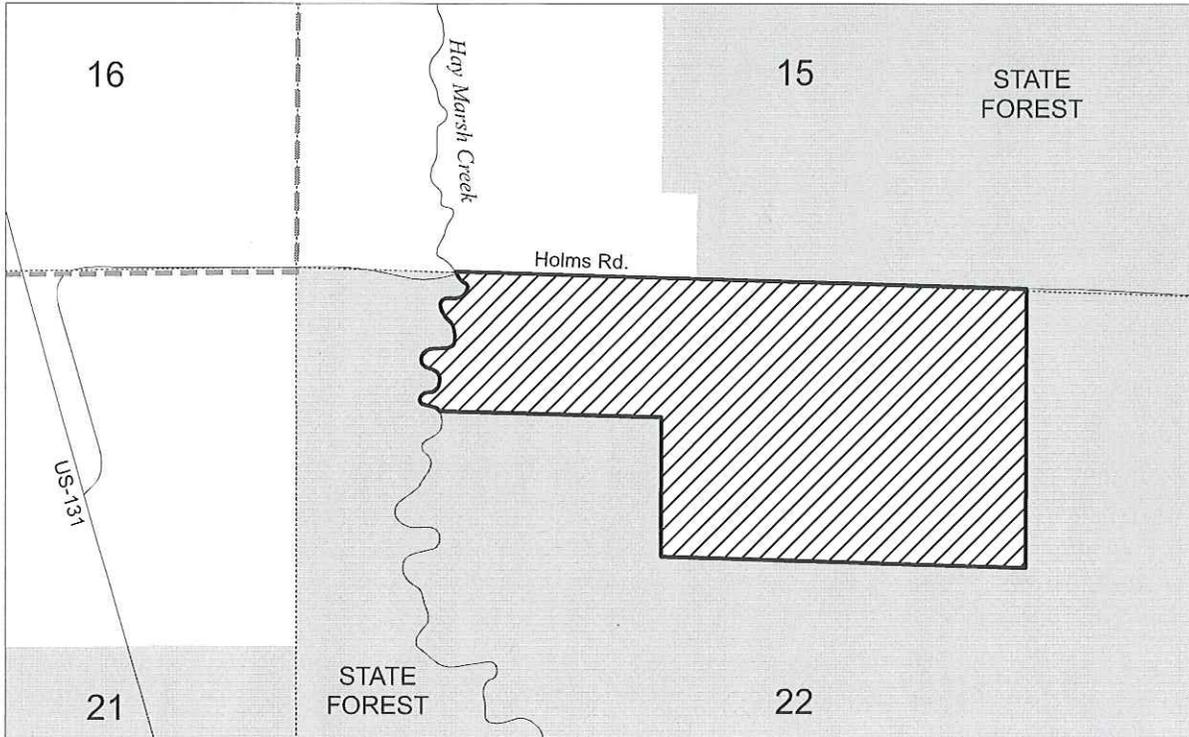


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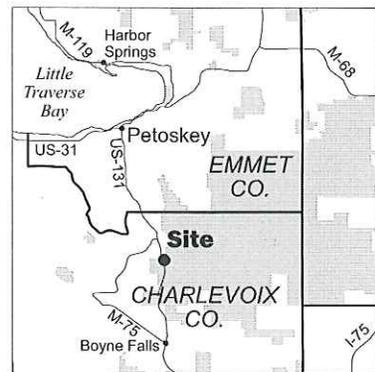
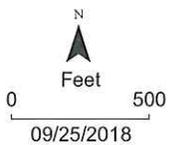
# CONVEYANCE OF DNR-MANAGED LAND FOR PUBLIC USE

Gaylord Management Unit – Charlevoix County  
Land Transaction Case #20170079



Section 22, T33N, R05W, Melrose Township

- Surplus DNR land to be conveyed (39.0 acres)
- State land
- Private land
- DNR Project Boundary



DNR Project Boundaries





RICK SNYDER  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
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LANSING



KEITH CREAGH  
DIRECTOR

October 15, 2018

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange  
Newberry Management Unit – Luce County  
Shingleton Management Unit – Schoolcraft County  
The Nature Conservancy Exchange  
Land Transaction Case #20160239

Applicant: The Nature Conservancy, Marquette, Michigan.

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$15,000.00. The parcels involved in the exchange are north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 16.28 acres.

Private Land Offered in Exchange: 3,714.58 acres

Location: Several parcels of land in Luce County, McMillan Township, including parcels in:

- T48N, R10W, Sections 18, 19, 27, 31, 32, 34, and 36
- T48N, R11W, Sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 26, and 27
- T48N, R12W, Sections 1, 2, and 12
- T49N, R10W, Section 35
- T49N, R12W, Sections 33, 34, 35, and 36
- T49N, R09W, Section 21, 22, 27, and 28

Luce County, Columbus Township, T47N, R10W, Section 5:

- The NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4

Schoolcraft County, Seney Township, T47N, R14W, Section 4:

- The South 1/2 of the SW 1/4

Value: \$ 2,320,000.00

State Land Desired in Exchange: 3,698.30 acres

Location: Several parcels of land in Luce County, McMillan Township, including parcels in:

- T48N, R09W, Section 3
- T48N, R10W, Sections 5, 7, 17, and 25
- T48N, R11W, Sections 12, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36
- T48N, R12W, Sections 10, 14, and 15
- T49N, R09W, Sections 26, 27, and 34
- T49N, R10W, Section 32
- T49N, R12W, Sections 31, 32, and 33

Luce County, Columbus Township, T47N, R11W, Section 3:

- The North 1/2 of the NE 1/4

Value: \$ 2,320,000.00 *100*

- Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.
- Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 30, 2018, calendar and is eligible for approval on November 6, 2018.
- Comments: This is a large-scale land exchange which will extensively consolidate ownership of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the State of Michigan in the Upper Peninsula, eliminating over 70 miles of boundary interface. The completion of this exchange will assist in the management of both party's ownership. In addition to the land exchange, there will be an exchange of easement rights over CCI Road and other minor forest roads crossing DNR-TNC ownership.
- The desired state land was acquired by exchange in 1916, Federal Government Exchange in 1921 for tax reverted parcels, and tax reversion in 1906, 1922, 1939, and 1941.
- The state will retain mineral rights it owns on the desired parcels due to the applicant not being able to convey mineral rights on the offered parcels, resulting in an unequal exchange. The applicant does not own the mineral rights on the majority of the lands being offered.
- The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on April 20, 2017.
- Engagement: Certified letters were mailed on May 29, 2018, to Luce County, McMillan Township, and Columbus Township, and to Schoolcraft County and Seney Township on May 23, 2018. No concerns have been expressed regarding this exchange.
- Recommendation(s):
1. That the exchange be approved, with the state reserving mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.
  2. That the offered land be dedicated as part of the Newberry Management Unit and the Shingleton Management Unit.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
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I approve the staff recommendations.



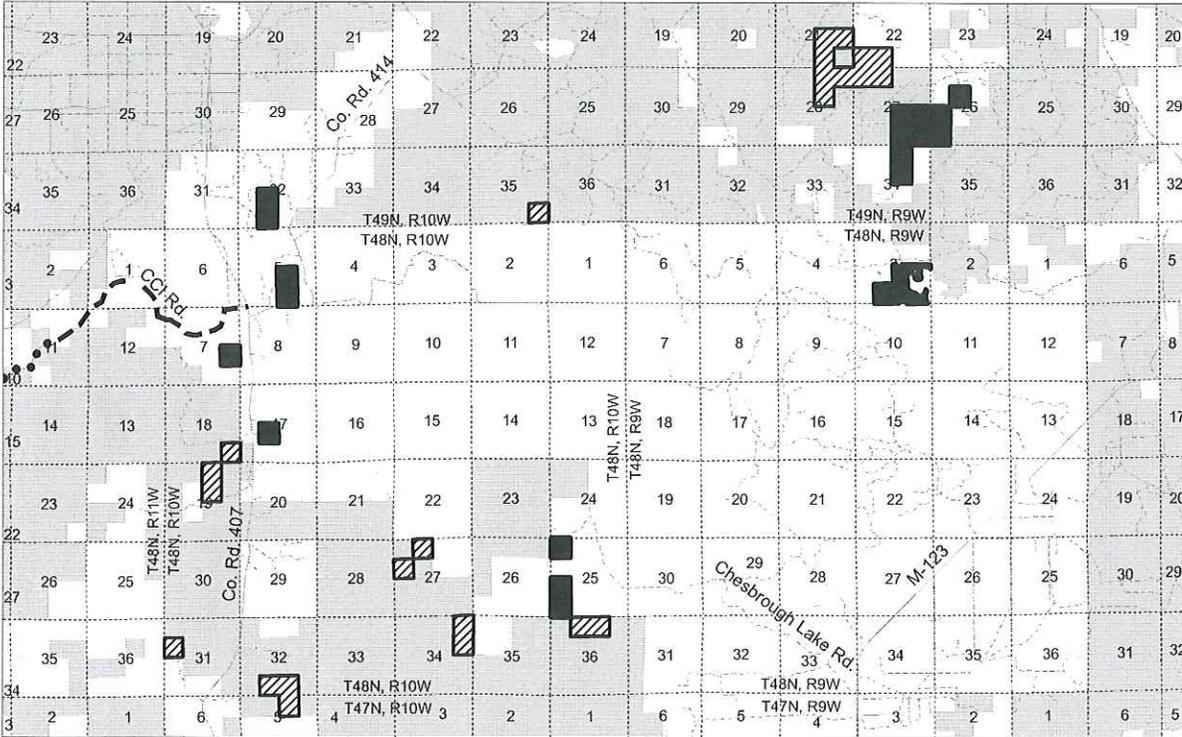
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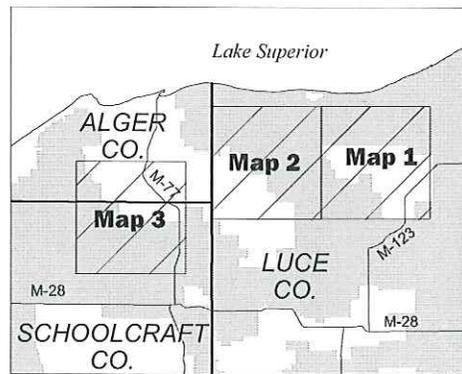
# STATE FOREST LAND EXCHANGE

Newberry Management Unit – Luce County  
 Shingleton Management Unit – Schoolcraft County  
 Land Transaction Case #20160239  
 Map 1 of 3



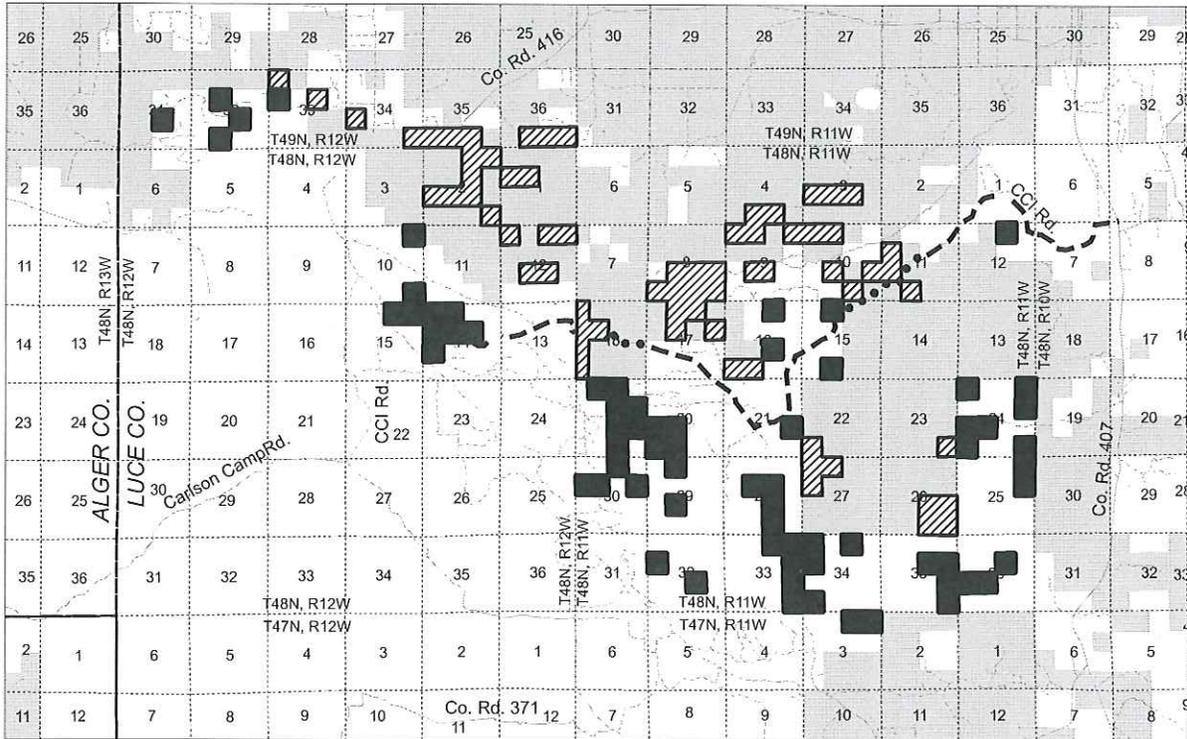
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 T49N, R09W, Sections 21-22, 26-28, 34  
 T49N, R10W, Sections 32, 35

- State land desired from DNR (total 3 maps: 3,698.30 acres)
- Land offered to DNR in exchange (total 3 maps: 3,714.58 acres)
- DNR acquired easements (not drawn to scale on map)
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- Private land



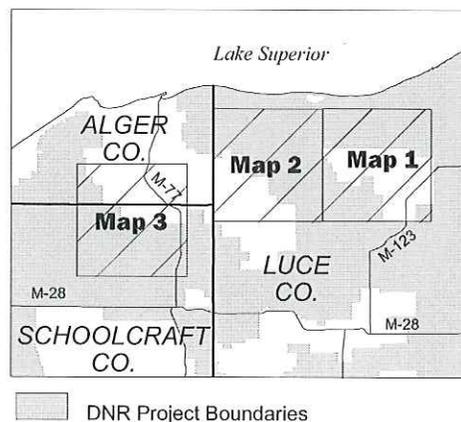
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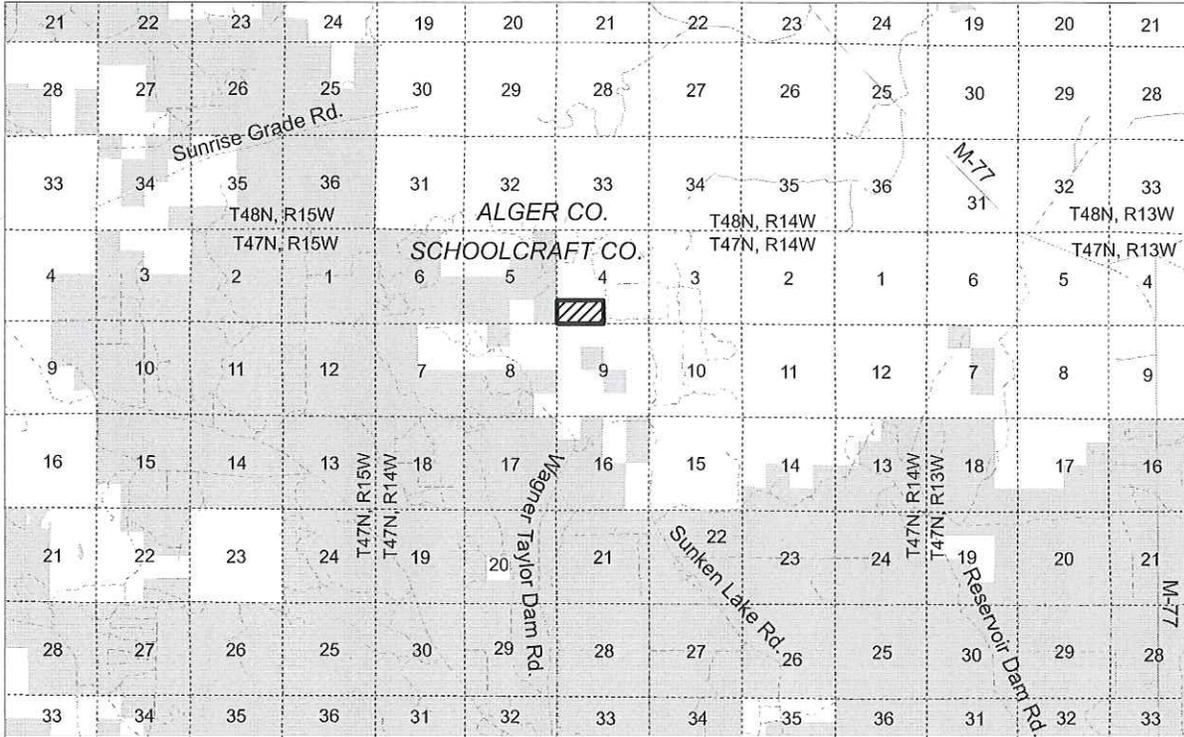
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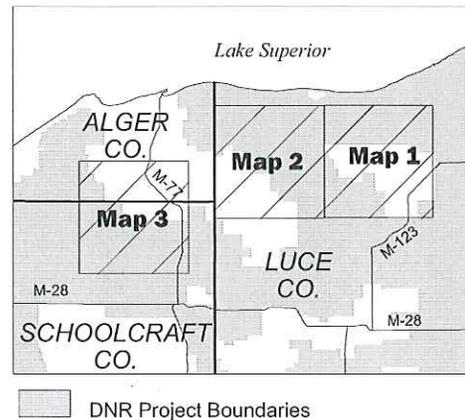
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Schoolcraft County, Seney Township  
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KEITH CREAGH  
DIRECTOR

October 15, 2018

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Acquisition  
Grayling Management Unit – Crawford County  
The Upper Au Sable River Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20170166

Purchase: 1,010 acres - \$2,100,000.00

Funding Sources: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – Act 165 of 2018.

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$15,300.00  
This parcel is located north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 1,010 acres.

Description: Crawford County, Frederic Township, T27N, R04W, Sections 25-27:  
All that part of the West 1/2 of the West 1/2 of Section 25, lying west of the ROW of the Michigan Central Railroad; entirety of Section 26; and the East 1/2 of Section 27, EXCEPT two 5-acre parcels which are fully described in the case file.

Seller(s): The Maghielse Grayling, LLC, Rockford, Michigan.

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 30, 2018 calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 6, 2018.

Management Purpose: The property is nearly surrounded by state forest land. Acquisition of the property will allow it to be managed as part of the Grayling Management Unit and consolidate state ownership for more efficient management of the state forest, wildlife habitat, and allow for increased public recreational opportunity.

Comments: This tract is nearly surrounded by state forest land and adjacent to two parcels previously protected utilizing grants from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. The property contains approximately 8,000 feet of the Au Sable River corridor, a designated Natural River and world-renowned trout stream. It is primarily forested with a portion located east of the Au Sable River containing “old growth” pine stands. The property offers excellent habitat for both game and non-game wildlife species as well as numerous recreational opportunities.

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Two five-acre parcels are being excluded from the larger tract of land which the sellers have agreed to offer to the state as an exchange within 12 months of this acquisition closing.

The seller will convey 49 percent of the mineral rights relative to this tract.

Engagement: Support was received from Fredric Township and Crawford County. Per Public Act 240 of 2018, additional public engagement will be completed prior to the closing of this acquisition.

Recommendation: 

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.
2. This land is to be dedicated as part of the Grayling Management Unit.

  
Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
Wildlife Division

  
Deb Begalle, Chief  
Forest Resources Division

  
James L. Dexter, Chief  
Fisheries Division

  
Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division

  
William O'Neill  
Natural Resources Deputy

  
Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

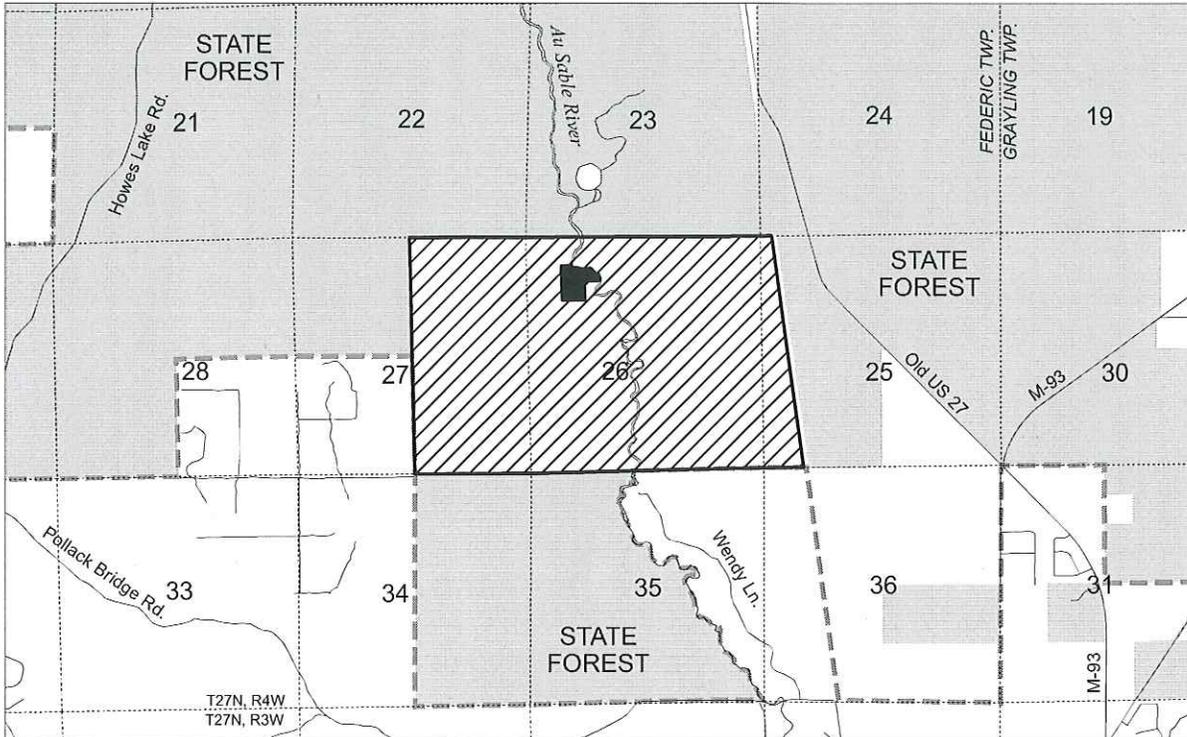
  
Keith Creagh  
Director *for*

11/8/18  
Date Approved

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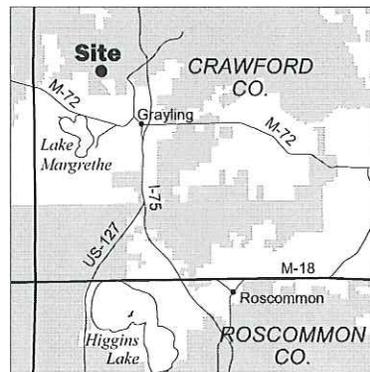
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Sections 25-27, T27N, R04W, Frederic Township

-  Land to be acquired by DNR (1,010 acres)
-  Future exchange parcel (10 acres)
-  State land
-  Private land
-  DNR Project Boundary



 DNR Project Boundaries