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TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Baraga Management Unit - Baraga County
Land Transaction Case #20190184

Sale: 0.83 acre

Sale Price: Sale price to be determined at auction.

Description: Baraga County, L'Anse Township, T51N, R32W, Section 18:
Parcel in Lot 3, beginning at the 1/4 post on South side of said Lot 3, thence West 858 feet to shore of Keweenaw Bay, Northeast along said shore of Bay 475 feet to the place of beginning, thence Northeast along shore of said Bay 225 feet, East 175 feet to L'Anse and Pequaming Road, Southwest along said road 306 feet Northwest at right angles of said road 138 feet to beginning.

PA 240 of 2018: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in a decrease of 0.83-acre of DNR-managed lands.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) April 7, 2020 calendar and is eligible for approval on April 14, 2020.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1939.

Minerals: Mineral rights will be reviewed when this transaction is prepared for auction.

Comments: The parcel, which has 225 feet of frontage on Keweenaw Bay and over 300 feet of frontage along a county road, is improved with an abandoned church and small shed. A public use deed was issued to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Marquette in 1949 with a reverter clause. It was Quit Claimed back to the State of Michigan in 2018.

The property is not conducive to public water access development, and there are other nearby parcels that provide adequate public access to Lake Superior.
The proposed land disposal was recommended for approval as surplus by the Land Exchange Review Committee on

February 20, 2020.

Proceeds 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.

Recommendation:

1. That the lands be declared as surplus and sold at auction.
2. That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).
3. That the State of Michigan follow the recommendation of the Minerals Management Section regarding the mineral rights.

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I approve the staff recommendations.

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Date Approved