

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2019-08

MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MSPAC)

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF “WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER (WCO) AMENDMENT NO. 10” TO OPEN 350 ACRES AT YANKEE SPRINGS STATE RECREATION AREA TO HUNTING DURING THE ESTABLISHED OPEN HUNTING SEASONS

ADOPTED: November 7, 2019

WHEREAS, this Wildlife Conservation Order would provide for additional recreational opportunities for hunters during established open hunting seasons within Yankee Springs State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the current management plan for Yankee Springs State Recreation Area is to provide access to diverse and extensive recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, there are currently two areas around Chief Noonday Lake and Baker Lake that are currently closed to hunting; however, a number of hunters utilize the campsites near this area during the hunting season; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Long Lake is closed to hunting and due to misinformation of hunters this has caused many enforcement issues; and

WHEREAS, opening the approximately 350 acres around Chief Noonday Lake and Baker Lake to hunting and closing approximately 4 acres around Long Lake would address the concerns of hunters and law enforcement, and would assist in achieving the goal of the management plan and is jointly supported by the DNR Wildlife Division and the Parks and Recreation Division; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee supports and recommends approval to the Natural Resource Commission and the Director to approve the proposed amendment to the Wildlife Conservation Order.

Submitted by: Ron Olson, Chief, DNR, Parks and Recreation Division

Motioned by: Commissioner Chris Tracy,
Seconded by: Committee member Chuck Hoover,

Yeas:	7
Nays:	0
Abstained:	0
Absent:	6

This Resolution was adopted by the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee at their regular meeting on November 7, 2019 as Resolution No. 11-2019-08.