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DANIEL EICHINGER
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: April 14, 2020
RESUBMITTED: April 20, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Subject: Open Season Extension
Shooting Preserve Order Amendment No. 1 of 2020

Authority:

The Department may issue orders under Part 417 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, governing the administration of game bird hunting preserves.

Discussion and Background:

Under the Governor's Executive Order 2020-42, residents are directed to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible. Accordingly, normal activities at game bird hunting preserves, also known as licensed shooting preserves, cannot take place. The open season for licensed shooting preserves annually closes on April 30. Given the current situation, preserve operators will be unable to lawfully dispense of their preserve-raised game birds. To provide additional opportunity for preserve operators to commence normal business practices once the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order expires, the Department recommends extending the open season on licensed shooting preserves until August 14, 2020. Because the affected game birds have been raised on a licensed shooting preserve, no biological impacts to wild game birds is expected.

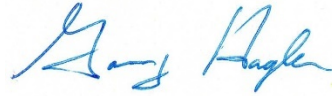
Recommendation:

The Department recommends extending the open season on licensed shooting preserves until August 14, 2020. The Department further recommends rescinding this extension by August 15, 2020.

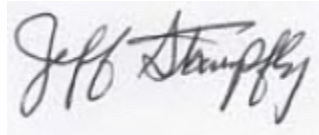
Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's April calendar and may be eligible for approval on May 14, 2020.



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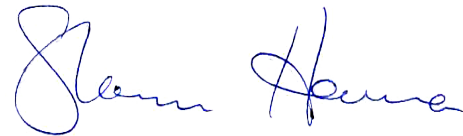
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Daniel Eichinger, Director

Date

SHOOTING PRESERVE ORDER

Amendment No. 1 of 2020

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by section 41710 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.41710, it is ordered that effective May 15, 2020, the following section(s) of the Shooting Preserve Order shall read as follows:

30.8 Open seasons.

Sec. 30.8. The shooting season for the taking of pheasants (*Phasianus*), Hungarian partridges, bobwhite quail, and mallard ducks on licensed preserves opens on August 15 and closes on April 30. The nonnative birds specified in section 30.7 may be shot throughout the season. Exception:

(a) The open season shall be extended until August 14, 2020.

(b) Subsection (a) shall be rescinded August 15, 2020.

Issued on this 14th day of May, 2020.

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Daniel Eichinger
Director