



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

October 23, 2009

TO: Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division
Wildlife Division

FROM: Lynne M. Boyd, Chief, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division
Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief, Wildlife Division

SUBJECT: Lands in Scope Memorandum and Land Acquisition Funding
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Wildlife Division State Game and Wildlife Areas
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Special Notes:

***-- denotes land included in the scope of forest certification. This is land identified in state forest compartment(s), inventoried in either OI or IFMAP, and prescriptions are run through the formal compartment review process. These lands were mostly purchased with Pittman-Robertson (PR) or other wildlife-based funding (i.e. game/fish, DRIP, turkey) and the parcels should be flagged in OI/IFMAP as Special Conservation Areas (SCAs) in order to address (and protect) wildlife management and federal aid interests.*

** -Denotes land inventoried in IFMAP but is not included in the scope of forest certification.*

No asterisk -Denotes land that is not included in the scope of forest certification, is not inventoried in OI or IFMAP, and does not go through the formal compartment review process.

KEY:

SWMA: State Wildlife Management Area

SGA: State Game Area

SWRA: State Wildlife Research Area

WMU: Wildlife Management Unit

SWA: State Wildlife Area

WPA: Waterfowl Production Area (Federal)

Western Upper Peninsula Management Unit

Otter Lake Dam Flooding SWMA **
Pike Lake Dam Flooding SWMA **
Baraga Plains Goose Management Area **
Net River Flooding SWMA **
Sturgeon River Sloughs SWMA **
Portage Marsh SWMA **
Bloomgren's Marsh SWMA **
Gene's Pond Flooding SWMA **
Hancock Creek Flooding SWMA **
Hayward Lake Wetland Complex SWMA **
Peterson Pond SWMA **
Lake LaVasseur SWMA **
Sand River SWMA **
AuTrain Basin SWMA ** (water levels managed by Wisconsin Electric; Dept. managed lands)

Eastern Upper Peninsula Management Unit

Cusino SWRA
Munuscong Bay SWMA **
Cranberry Lake Flooding SWMA **
Drummond Island Pigeon Cove Flooding SWMA **
Potagannissing Flooding SWMA ** (shared responsibility with Fisheries Div)
Blind Sucker River Flooding SWMA **
Dollarville Flooding SWMA ** (shared ownership with Fisheries Div)
Black Creek Flooding SWMA **
Little Fox River/Stanley Lake Flooding SWMA **

Northeast Management Unit

Beaver Lake Flooding/Marsh Lake Flooding SWMA **
Hubbard Lake SGA **
Devil's Lake Flooding SWMA **
Dingman Marsh Flooding SWMA **
Dog Lake Flooding SWMA **
Stoney Creek Flooding SWMA **
Connor's Marsh Flooding SWMA **
French Farm Lake Flooding SWMA **
O'Neal Lake Flooding SWMA **
Rainy River Flooding SWMA **
Sportsman's Pond Flooding SWMA **
Sage Lakes Flooding SWMA **
Tomahawk Creek Flooding SWMA ** (managed by Fisheries Division)
Bear Creek Flooding SWMA **
Denton Creek Flooding SWMA **
Houghton Lake Flats (North and South) Floodings SWMA **
Robinson Creek Flooding SWMA **
Deadstream Flooding SWMA **
Townline Creek Flooding SWMA ** (dam in Roscommon County)
Backus Creek SGA (including Backus Creek, Little Mud Lake, and Backus Lake
floodings) **
Houghton Lake SWRA (Porter Ranch) **
Beaver Islands SWRA ** (consists of Beaver, High, Garden, Hog, North and
South Fox Islands; only Beaver Island in OI and managed by Wildlife
Division; North and South Fox Islands managed by NW management Unit;
North Fox Island recent acquisition and co-managed with FMFM)

Northwest Management Unit

Grass Lake Flooding SWMA **

Betsie River SGA **

Headquarters Lake Flooding SWMA **

Skegemog Lake WMU **

Widewaters Flooding SWMA **

Manistee River SGA **

Haymarsh Lake SGA (includes Featherbed Marsh, Pickeral Lake and Creek areas)

Cannon Creek 1 and 2 Floodings SWMA **

Petobego SGA **

Martiny Lake SGA

Pentwater River SGA

Osceola-Missaukee Grasslands SGA **

Pere Marquette SGA

Deadhorse Creek Flooding SWMA **

North Fox Island (part of Beaver Island SWRA; co-managed NW Unit and FMFM)

South Fox Island (part of Beaver Island SWRA; managed by NW Unit)

Saginaw Bay Management Unit

Tobico Marsh WMU

Nayanquing Point SWA

Quanicassee SWA

Old Fur Farm Flooding SWMA **

Gladwin SGA

Bentley Marsh Flooding SWMA**

Gladwin Game Refuge Unit **

Molasses Impoundments Floodings SWMA 1-5 **

Verona SGA *

Kawkawlin Creek Flooding SWMA **

U.S. 10/Bluff Creek/M-18 Floodings SWMA ** (Midland County Wildlife Floodings)

Shiawassee River SGA

Clark Lake SGA (purchased with Dingell Johnson funds, WD managed)

Old Muskrat Farm Flooding SWMA

Wigwam Bay SWA

Wildfowl Bay SWA

Crow Island SGA

Fish Point SWA

Gagetown SGA

Minden City SGA *

Murphy Lake SGA

Rush Lake SGA

Cass River Plan (includes Sanilac *, Tuscola, Vassar, Deford *, and Cass City SGAs)

Sandusky SGA

Thumb Pheasant Area (includes the following mini game areas)

- Pinconning

- Brookfield #1

- Brookfield #2

- Gagetown

- Oliver

- Flynn

- Almer

- Columbia

- Denmark

- Elkland E.

- Elkland N.

- Elmwood

Southeast Management Unit

Lapeer SGA (includes Sawdel Lake unit)
Salt River Marsh SWA
Holly SWA (unit of Holly Recreation Area)
St. Clair Flats SWA (Harsen's Island, Dickinson's Island included)
Brownstown Prairie SWA
Pte. Mouillee SGA
Erie SGA
Horseshoe Lake Mini SWMA
Petersburg SGA
St. Clair Mini SGA
St. Johns Marsh SWMA
Macomb Mini SWMA
Port Huron SGA
Davisburg Mini SWMA
Pte. Aux Peau SGA
Detroit River Islands SWMA

South Central Management Unit

Charlotte SGA
Lake Interstate SGA (co-managed with Fisheries Division)
Tamarack Lake SGA
Windsor Township SGA
Maple-River SGA
Gratiot-Saginaw SGA
Lost Nation SGA
Somerset SGA
Adams Twp. SGA
Dansville SGA
Gale Road Grand River SGA (in process of becoming re-dedicated to WD)
Grand River SGA (Ionia County)
Lowell SGA
Flat River SGA * (some currently in IFMAP; remainder within 3 years)
Schlee WPA (federal land connected to Grass Lake SGA)
Baldwin Flooding SWMA (Waterloo Rec Area)

Portage Marsh SWMA (Waterloo Rec Area)
Waterloo WMU (Pittman-Robertson purchased portions)
Oak Grove SGA
Hillcrest SGA
Gregory SGA
Langston SGA
Goose Lake SGA
Rose Lake SGA
Unadilla Flooding (Pinckney Rec Area)
Edmore SGA
Vestaburg SGA
Stanton SGA
Muskrat Lake SGA
Portland SGA
Chelsea SGA
Sharonville SGA *
Onsted SGA
Grass Lake SGA
Malan WPA (within Waterloo Rec Area but federally-owned property)

Southwest Management Unit

Allegan SGA *
Middleville SGA *
Albion Flooding SWMA
Webster Lake SGA/Berrien Twp No. 1 SGA
Fulton SGA *
Augusta Creek SWMA
Muskegon Wastewater Hunting Area (owned by county, WD hunts)
Muskegon SGA
Spring Creek SGA
Fabius SGA *
Fuller Woods *
Kinney WPA (co-management with USFWS)
Bakale Tract WMA (Bass River Rec Area; co-mgd with PRD)
Barry SGA *
Crane Pond SGA *

Three Rivers SGA *

Edgar WPA (co-mgd with USFWS)

Cannonsburg SGA *

Boyle Lake SGA *

Gourdneck SGA *

Keeler SGA *

Rogue River SGA

Ottawa County SGA (Blendon Twp. And Olive Twp. SGAs)

Grand Haven SGA

Leidy Lake SGA



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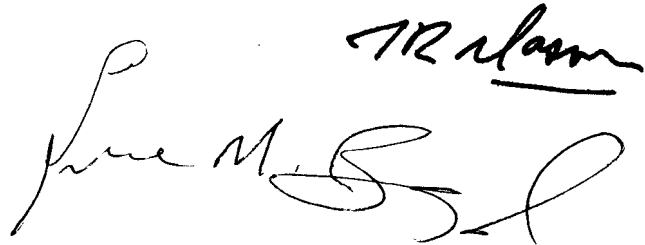
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