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TO: Keith Creagh, Director
INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission
SUBJECT: Belle Isle State Park-Purchased Recreation Passport Fee

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to approve various user fees within the Department, including a fee for resident Recreation Passports purchased at a state park.

In 2017, under the authority provided in MCL 324.74120 and Administrative Rule R324.93, the Department approved a recommendation so that park-purchased resident Recreation Passports would include a \$5 fee when the resident has the ability to purchase it at the time they annually register their vehicle with the Secretary of State. The implementation of this measure began January 1, 2018, and is posed to begin January 1, 2019, for Belle Isle.

Given the unique history of Belle Isle, its recent inclusion into the state park system, and the Recreation Passports purchasing issue, it is recommended that implementation of the \$5 fee for Belle Isle State Park be delayed until January 1, 2020.

Discussion and Background:

Authority to prohibit free entry of a motor vehicle into any state park or portion of a state park, to require a Recreation Passport for entry, and to set the fee is contained in Part 741, State Parks System of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 351.

- Section 74116 authorizes the department to designate state parks or portions of the state parks where entry is permissible.
- Section 74120 authorizes the department to establish a method for individuals to acquire a Recreation Passport at a state park and state-operated public boating access site as well as to set fees for park-purchased resident Recreation Passports.
- Section 74122 established penalty authority under the Part which includes entry of a motor vehicle without the required permit or Recreation Passport.

Prior to implementing an additional charge, the administrative rule requires the charge to be approved through an Order of the Director.

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Proposal:

Given the unique history of Belle Isle State Park and its recent inclusion into the state park system, it is recommended that implementation of the convenience fee be delayed for another year to allow for additional communication and outreach efforts related to the change.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that beginning January 1, 2020, for Belle Isle State Park, a park-purchased resident Recreation Passport include a \$5 fee when the resident has the ability to purchase it at the time they annually register their vehicle with the SOS.

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order is being submitted for information and consideration. It appeared on the November 2018 DNR Business Calendar and may be eligible for approval on December 13, 2018 with an effective date of January 1, 2019.



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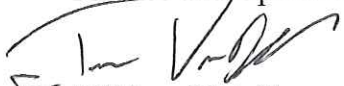


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I approve the staff recommendations.



Keith Creagh
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Date Approved