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Acting Chair

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Executive Director

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO THE 2019 HAMMOND POND WILD FOREST
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

MAY 17, 2019

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act) directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Master Plan) and requires such management plans to conform to the guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan conforms with such general guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the Department adopted a unit management plan (UMP) for the Hammond Pond Wild Forest Area, which includes lands in the Essex County towns of Keene, Elizabethtown, Westport, North Hudson, Moriah, Crown Point, Schroon, and Ticonderoga; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2017 the Department publicly announced a planning process for the development of a revised UMP for the Hammond Pond Wild Forest Area and held a public scoping session for possible UMP revisions in February of 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Department, in consultation with Agency staff, prepared a draft UMP revision for the Hammond Pond Wild Forest dated October 2018 (Draft Plan); and

WHEREAS, the Department, as lead agency for purposes of State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) compliance and in consultation with the Agency as an involved agency, determined that the Draft Plan would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and published notice of its determination in the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) on November 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Department's November 7, 2018 ENB notice sought public comment on the Draft Plan at a November 13, 2018 hearing and in writing; and

WHEREAS, the Department received extensive public comment and, in consultation with Agency staff, made modifications to the Draft Plan in response; and

WHEREAS, modifications to the Draft Plan in response to public comment included a proposed study of an existing boat launch on Eagle Lake to determine whether the site should be altered in accordance with the Master Plan or whether those lands should be reclassified to Intensive Use; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2019 the Department submitted a proposed final revision of the Hammond Pond Wild Forest UMP (Proposed Plan) to the Agency for consideration, including the Department's response to public comment (Appendix G) and a redline version showing the modifications made from the Draft Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency sought and received public comment on the Proposed Plan, as summarized in Agency staff's May 8, 2019 memorandum to the Agency Board; and

WHEREAS, the Department made further revisions to the Proposed Plan in consultation with Agency staff, as discussed in Agency staff's May 8th memorandum and staff's May 16th presentation, which are reflected in the Department's May 2019 Hammond Pond Wild Forest UMP (May 2019 UMP) considered by the Agency Board at its May 16-17, 2019 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Department's further revisions included in the May 2019 UMP primarily focused on providing additional detail with respect to the carrying-capacity analysis to be undertaken by the Department during implementation of the May 2019 UMP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency Board has considered the foregoing recitations, the May 2019 UMP, and Agency staff's May 8th memorandum and May 16th presentation with regard to Agency SEQRA compliance and the conformance of the May 2019 UMP with the Master Plan's general guidelines and criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Agency, as an involved agency, is bound by the Department's November 7, 2018 SEQRA Negative Declaration pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.6(b)(iii); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act the Hammond Pond Wild Forest Unit Management Plan, dated May 2019, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Adirondack Park Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's conformance determination in this matter.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

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