TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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DIGEST

Temporarily amends 312 IAC 9 with respect to the taking of beavers at Pokagon State Park and Shakamak State Park because the director of the department of natural resources, with awareness that the regulation of wild animals in Indiana is the responsibility of the department of natural resources and that the director is responsible for controlling wild animals in a state park if the wild animals pose an unusual hazard to the health or safety of one or more individuals, finds that beavers are causing damage to plant communities by raising water levels in a dedicated nature preserve and flooding portions of the hiking trails and associated boardwalks at Pokagon State Park and that beavers within Shakamak State Park have cut down trees along the lakeshore in the recreation area causing water to back up in the outlet stream of Lake Kickapoo onto the toe of the dam. Effective December 8, 2004.

SECTION 1. **(a) Notwithstanding 312 IAC 9-2-11, 312 IAC 8-2, and any other provision governing taking a wild animal within a state park, an individual qualified under this SECTION may take any beaver within the following:**
(1) Pokagon State Park, Steuben County; and
(2) Shakamak State Park, Clay County, Greene County, and Sullivan County.

(b) In order to qualify under subsection (a), a person must satisfy both of the following requirements:
(1) Possess written authorization from the property manager of the state park within which the person intends to act under this document.
(2) Possess a nuisance wild animal control permit issued under 312 IAC 9-10-11.

SECTION 2. **SECTION 1 of this document expires December 9, 2005.**

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