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Secretary's Order No.: 2019-P-0010

**RE: FINAL EXEMPT ORDER: 7 DE Admin. Code 9201:
*Regulations Governing State Parks***

Date of Issuance: January 31, 2019

Effective Date of the Amendment: March 11, 2019

Under the authority vested in the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control ("Department" or "DNREC"), pursuant to 7 *Del.C.* §6010 and 29 *Del.C.* §10113(b)(6), DNREC hereby revises Section 9201 of Title 7 of the Delaware Administrative Code to modify specific regulatory language as set forth below. This modification to 7 DE Admin. Code 9201: *Regulations Governing State Parks* is required by the October 11, 2018 Opinion of the Honorable Jeffrey J. Clark, Superior Court Judge of the State of Delaware, *Delaware State Sportsmen's Association, et al., v. Garvin, et al.* (C.A. No. K18C-05-047 JJC).

Judge Clark's Opinion was issued subsequent to DNREC's promulgation of its final Amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 9201 ("Amendments"), as set forth in DNREC's Secretary Order No. 2018-P-0029, issued April 16, 2018, and published in the May 1, 2018 edition of the *Delaware Register of Regulations*. This Exempt Order now revises the regulatory language of the Department's final Amendments, so that the same mirrors the regulatory language set forth in Judge Clark's Opinion, as noted above.

Findings of Fact

Based on Delaware law and the record as reflected in the prior Secretary's Order referenced above, I make the following findings of fact:

1. The proposed regulation is not in conflict with Delaware law; and
2. The proposed regulation is an appropriate exercise of the Department's responsibilities and authority.

Decision and Order Concerning the Regulation

NOW THEREFORE, under the above-described statutory authority, and for the reasons set forth above, I hereby ORDER that the revisions to 7 DE Admin. Code 9201: *Regulations Governing State Parks*, be adopted and promulgated as follows, to wit:

1. Subsection 21.1.1 shall be modified by removing the term, "camping areas" from the existing regulatory language;
2. Subsection 21.1.3 shall be modified by removing the phrase, "provided that proper and current credentials shall be produced upon request" from the existing regulatory language;
3. Subsection 21.1.4 shall be modified by removing "...provided that the permit shall be produced upon request. Residents of other states holding an equivalent permit or license to carry a concealed firearm may be permitted to carry a concealed firearm at the discretion of the Director" from the existing regulatory language; and
4. Subsection 21.1.7 shall be removed in its entirety.

The effective date of this Order is ten (10) days from the date of its publication in the Delaware *Register of Regulations*, in accordance with 29 *Del.C.* §10118(g).

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Shawn M. Garvin
Secretary

(7 DE Admin. Code 9201: Regulations Governing State Parks):

21.0 Hunting, Fishing and Wildlife Management - Environmental D Violation

21.1.1 Designated areas shall include park offices, visitor centers, nature centers, bathhouses, restaurants and snack bars, stadiums and facilities while used for sporting events, concerts, and festivals, museums, zoos, stables, educational facilities, dormitories, playgrounds, ~~camping areas~~, swimming pools, guarded beaches, and water parks, and shall be identified by appropriate signage.

21.1.3 Active duty and qualified retired law enforcement officers may possess firearms within areas administered by the Division, including designated areas, ~~provided that proper and current credentials shall be produced upon request.~~

21.1.4 Delaware residents holding an active current permit to carry a concealed deadly weapon may carry a firearm within areas administered by the Division, including designated areas. ~~provided that the permit shall be produced upon request. Residents of other states holding an equivalent permit or license to carry a concealed firearm may be permitted to carry a concealed firearm at the discretion of the Director.~~

21.1.7 ~~Any person possessing a firearm shall display identification upon request, sufficient to enable a law enforcement officer to undertake a background check.~~

