



*To the Directors of the Hamlin Lake Preservation Society:*

Ludington State Park Land Reserve Update

October 25, 2000

DNR staff presented to the Natural Resources Commission their proposed guidelines for evaluating an area that has been nominated for land reserve status. This long awaited report was issued to the Commission at their October meeting. Presumably, the report will be accepted without alteration at their November meeting in Pontiac.

The Michigan Land Use Institute anticipates our petition will need to be augmented with additional information to meet the new standards. They will complete the work in December (at no additional charge) and submit the final proposal by year-end.

Next, there will be a hearing in January or February where the public can comment on our petition. At that point the Commission will be in a position to take a final vote. Hopefully, this schedule will hold.

Based upon these developments our letter writing campaign will not move into high gear until early in 2001. I have 340 address labels ready to go plus some suggested verbiage from the M.L.U.I. for the letter to our supporters.

I'll keep you informed should changes occur.

P.S. A third land reserve petition will be taking shape next year for the Pigeon River basin.