TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Governor's Approval LSA Document #24-226

DIGEST

Under <u>IC 4-22-2-37.2</u>, the Governor has given the Department of Natural Resources approval to publish an Interim Rule concerning the establishment of a river otter trapping season in Indiana.

Letter of Governor's Approval dated May 24, 2024:

Mr. Daniel Bortner Director Indiana Department of Natural Resources 402 W. Washington St., Room W256 Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Director Bortner:

Pursuant to the provisions of <u>IC 4-22-2-37.2</u>, and your authority under <u>IC 4-22-2.3-3</u>, the Governor has reviewed the proposed interim rules you submitted that seek to modify <u>312 IAC 9</u> (Fish and Wildlife) pertaining to: (1) Deer Hunting Seasons; (2) River Otter Trapping Season; and (3) Invasive Carp Harvesting Permits (collectively, the "Interim Rules").

The Governor hereby finds that, pursuant to <u>IC 4-22-2-37.2</u> and <u>IC 4-22-2.3-3</u>: (i) the proposed interim rules are necessary and appropriate under the circumstances; and (ii) you are authorized to "adopt interim rules under the interim rule procedures in <u>IC 4-22-2-37.2</u> to temporarily modify or suspend a rule described in <u>IC 14-22-2-6</u> (fish and wildlife rules)."

Accordingly, the Department of Natural Resources may proceed with the Interim Rules.

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Heerens General Counsel

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