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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

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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 Indiana Code 4-22-2-37.2, and your authority under Indiana Code 4-22-2.3-3, the Governor has reviewed the proposed interim rules you submitted that seek to modify 312 IAC 9 (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 Indiana Code 4-22-2-37.2 and 4-22-2.3-3: (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 Indiana Code 4-22-2-37.2 to temporarily modify or suspend a rule described in IC 14-22-2-6 (fish and wildlife rules).”

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

Sincerely,

Joseph R. Heerens

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General Counsel