

**89.17 LEASES AND PERMITS.**

Notwithstanding the permit procedures of chapter 90, the commissioner shall have power to grant and execute, in the name of the state, leases and permits for the use of any forest lands under the authority of the commissioner for any purpose which in the commissioner's opinion is not inconsistent with the maintenance and management of the forest lands, on forestry principles for timber production. Every such lease or permit shall be revocable at the discretion of the commissioner at any time subject to such conditions as may be agreed on in the lease. The approval of the commissioner of administration shall not be required upon any such lease or permit. No such lease or permit for a period exceeding 21 years shall be granted except with the approval of the Executive Council.

Public access to the leased land for outdoor recreation shall be the same as access would be under state management.

**History:** (6513-6) 1931 c 263 s 6; 1957 c 136 s 1; 1959 c 473 s 1; 1961 c 223 s 10; 1965 c 382 s 2; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 462 s 3; 2010 c 361 art 4 s 43