Resolution #3

WHEREAS, Camp Grayling has existed for many years; and 1. 2. WHEREAS, the Grayling area provides quality outdoor recreational 3. experiences; and 4. WHEREAS, expanded use of Camp Grayling in recent years has adversely affected and impacted the natural environment 5. 6. of the Grayling area; and 7. WHEREAS, past experience demonstrates that a need exists 8. to more closely monitor and regulat the environmental impact Camp Grayling activities create; 9. 10. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan United Conservation Clubs seek full and total compliance with all fed-11. eral, state and local environmental laws by the Department of 12. 13. Military Affairs; and 14. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that additional expansion of Camp 15. boundaries, training areas, training days, increased personnel or other activities such as, but not limited to, the Multi-Purpose 16. Range Complex and assault landing strip that tend to increase the size of the 17. 18. Camp only be initiated in the event of a national emergency as defined by the Congress or the President; and 19. 20. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that leases of public land granted 21. to the Department of Military Affairs be reopened and renegotiated 22. for the purpose of ensuring better cooperation in the regulation 23. and enforcement of environmental laws and the multiple use of said lands when not required for military purposes; and 24. 25. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in those instances where public 26. lands which can no longer be managed as an environmental resource for public recreation be compensated for by some mitigation 27. 28. acceptable to the Natural Resources Commission. (Submitted by Camp Grayling Ad Hoc Committee)

Habich (Sherk) moves for support. Discussion - Habich urges adoption of resolution as written. Colonel Wayne Koppa of Camp Grayling spoke at length against passage of the resolution as written. Stated his dislike for wording "additional expansion of Camp Grayling" and "increased personnel." Stated that it would be desirable to add additional environmentalists to staff. Spoke critically regarding the attorney (Tom Baird) who was in attendance at the special Ad Hoc Committee meeting at Higgins Lake, stressed strong defense & proposed that the Camp will be more environmentally responsible. Concluded by inviting 1990 convention delegates to tour the facility and gave Board meeting attendees the range operations phone number (348-3400) to use as they feel the need. Colonel Koppa was thanked for his comments. C. Weaver/AuSable-Manistee Action Council spoke strongly for support of the resolution as stated. T.Cogswell (Gooch) moves to amend the resolution by deleting lines 14-28 after "Be It Further Resolved" of line 14 and to insert "that the delegates to the state convention evaluate the impact of Camp Grayling on the environment at the 1990 Convention in Grayling." Gooch added that lines 14-19 ties the military's hands too much. Habich urges defeat of the amendment, as do Dittmar, Hart, Brandon and J. Sherk. Vote on amendment - DEFEATED. Corbett (Gooch) request editorial changes in lines 16 (spell out M.P.R.C.) and 23 (add "al" to environment). Cogwell asks clarification of lines 20-24, then moves that the resolution be amended to: after environmental in line 23, add "only." and delete the balance of the resolution from that point. No support for the amendment is shown. Vote on resolution, with editorial changes - CARRIED. Tom Washington made personal comments