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TO: James Svoboda  
1220 N Kobs RD  
Tawas City, MI 48763  
USDA License #34-C-0166

FROM: Mark Davidson  
Associate Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

DATE: July 23, 2021

SUBJECT: **Notice of Confiscation of Animals**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following animal owned by James Svoboda, which is currently maintained by you at 1220 N Kobs Rd, Tawas City MI, is hereby confiscated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, pursuant to section 16 of the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. \_ 2146) and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, section 2.129 (9 C.F.R. \_ 2.129), for the failure to provide the adequate and necessary care to the animals.

Animals: 1 adult male brown bear, age unknown



Mark Davidson  
Associate Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
U.S. Department of Agriculture

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7/23/2021*

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TO: James Svoboda 1220 N Kobs RD Tawas City, MI 48763 USDA License #34-C-0166
FROM: Jessica Watson, DVM Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer USDA, APHIS Animal Care
DATE: July 23, 2021
SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Confiscate Animal

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following animal owned by James Svoboda, which is currently maintained by you at 1220 N Kobs Rd, Tawas City MI, have been found to be suffering as the result of your failure to comply with the provisions of the regulations and standards promulgated under the Animal Welfare Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.)(AWA or Act), including specifically sections: 2.40(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care 2.40(b)(3) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care

Animal(s): 1 adult male brown bear, age unknown

THEREFORE, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), requires that the condition of this animal be corrected immediately and that adequate care be given to alleviate the animals' suffering as directed in the attached inspection report dated July 21, 2021.

In the event that you refuse, fail, or are otherwise unable to comply with this request by 1:00 PM local time, Friday July 23, 2021, APHIS will confiscate the identified animal, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act (7 U.S.C. § 2146) and Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 2.129 (9 C.F.R. § 2.129).

Further, you are instructed not to euthanize or remove the identified animals from the facility located at 1220 N Kobs Rd, Tawas City MI. If you need to move any of the said animals for the purposes of obtaining veterinary care, you must request approval to do so in writing from the USDA, APHIS, Animal Care, Assistant Director of Animal Welfare Operations, Dr. Aaron Rhyner.

For further information, please contact Dr. Aaron Rhyner at 970-494-7484.



Jessica Watson, DVM Supervisory Veterinary Medical Officer USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

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