

Amend Section 4 (A)(II) to read:

Plan and Involve the Community. Involve Vermont citizens and municipalities in **when** developing and updating every 10 years a **the** long-term comprehensive plan for management of portions of the lands which are transferred to it. ~~{Repealed.}~~

Add:

## **Sec. 5. Champion Lands Leaseholders Working Group**

### **(a) Creation.**

**There is created the Champion Lands Leaseholders Working Group to study and make recommendations regarding removing the sunset on camps in the state-owned former Champion Lands.**

### **(b) Membership.**

**The Working Group shall be composed of the following members:**

- 1. One member of the House of Representatives representing a district that includes portions of the West Mountain WMA, appointed by the Speaker of the House;**
- 2. One member of the Senate representing Essex County, appointed by the Committee on Committees;**
- 3. The Commissioner of the Fish and Wildlife Department, or designee;**
- 4. The Executive Director of the Vermont Traditions Coalition, or designee;**
- 5. The Vermont State Director of the Nature Conservancy, or designee;**
- 6. The President of the Champion Lands Leaseholders and Traditional Interests Association, or designee;**
- 7. The Executive Director of the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board, or designee**

### **(c) Powers and duties.**

**The Working Group shall:**

- 1. Review and evaluate the planned erasure of the camps and camp culture on state-owned portions of the former Champion Lands;**
- 2. Determine if removal of the sunset on camps is in order**
- 3. Develop recommendations, including any proposed legislative or administrative actions; and**
- 4. Perform any other duties necessary to fulfill the purpose of this section.**

### **(d) Assistance.**

**The Working Group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

### **(e) Meetings.**

- 1. The Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife, or designee, shall call the first meeting on or before September 15, 2026.**
- 2. The Working Group shall select a chair from among its members at the first meeting.**
- 3. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.**
- 4. The Working Group shall cease to exist on delivering its recommendations to the legislature.**

### **(f) Compensation and reimbursement.**

**For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General Assembly, legislative members shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A.**

§ 23. Other members who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010.

(g) **Report.**

On or before January 15, 2027, the Working Group shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action.