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September 17, 2007

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Special Hook Size Fishing Regulations (FO-202) – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to provide for better protection and preservation of fish, game, and birds.

Discussion and Background:

Townsend Creek supplies cold water to the Lake Chapin impoundment just upstream of Berrien Springs Dam. The influence of the dam creates a drowned creek mouth that is shallow where brown trout, steelhead, and salmon are easily observed and fished. Conservation officers have indicated that a large percentage of fish are foul-hooked as a result of the conditions there. Law Enforcement Division and Fisheries Division believe that implementation of more restrictive gear type regulations will reduce the incidence of foul-hooked fish. This same regulation has been successful in curbing illegal activity and reducing the incidence of foul-hooked fish in other locations such as: Swan Creek, Platte River, Boyne River, Bear River, and Sable River.

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Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information at the October, 2007, Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's October 1, 2007, calendar and is eligible for approval on November 8, 2007.

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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

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Date Approved

FO-202.08

ORDER

(Under the authority of Act 451, P.A. 1994, as amended)

SPECIAL HOOK SIZE REGULATIONS

Under the authority of sections 41101 through 41105 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.41101 through 324.41105 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on November 8, 2007, ordered that for a period of five years on the following streams it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8-inch or less from point to shank.

County	Stream
Allegan	Swan Creek (from the mouth upstream to the dam at 118th Avenue)
Benzie	Platte River
Berrien	Townsend Creek (T6S, R17W, S19 and the mouth area of Lake Chapin, to a point 100 yards below the Townsend Creek mouth into Lake Chapin)
Charlevoix	Boyne River (from mouth upstream to dam in T32N, R5W, S5)
Emmet	Bear River (from mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam T34N, R5W, S6)
Mason	Sable River (from mouth upstream to Hamlin Lake Dam)

This order is assigned number FO-202.08 and is entitled "Special Hook Size Regulations."

This order superseded the order entitled "Special Hook Size Regulations," effective April 1, 2005, and assigned number FO-202.05.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2008, and shall remain effective through March 31, 2013.

Issued on this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this order.

Keith J. Charters
Chairperson

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Executive Secretary