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TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Spawning Closures (FO-204) – 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:

Recently, Fisheries Division Management Unit biologists were asked to review the current list of spawning closures. The goal of the exercise was to reaffirm the original rationale for the closures and remove any that were no longer necessary to protect local fisheries. A secondary benefit of the exercise was to simplify regulations by reducing the number of exceptions listed in the annual fishing guide.

After careful consideration by each Management Unit, the following spawning closures are recommended for removal: Birch Lake Pike Marsh (Antrim County), Garden Corners Barrow Pit (Delta County), Baldwin River (Lake County), Muskegon River (Mecosta County), Denton Creek (Roscommon County), and Thompson Creek (Schoolcraft County). There are two spawning closures with minor date changes. We recommend changing the ending date on the Lower Black River (Cheboygan County) from May 15 to May 14 and on Shuberts Creek (Presque Isle County) from May 31 to May 14. This will align both spawning closure ending dates in that area to May 14 along with several other closures on the list.

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Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information at the September 2008 Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 2, 2008 calendar and is eligible for approval on October 9, 2008.

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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

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Date Approved

FO-204.09

ORDER

SPAWNING CLOSURES

Under authority of section 48718 of 1994 PA 451, as amended, being section 324.48718 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on October 9, 2008, ordered that for a period of five years the following stream sections are closed to fishing to protect spawning concentrations of fish:

County	Area Closed	Closure Time
Alger	Rock River - between dam and its downstream-most foot bridge located downstream from M-28 in T47N, R21W, S15	April 1 – June 30
Allegan	Swan Creek – from mouth upstream to Diversion Dam ("The Tubes"), T2N, R14W, S9	September 1 – November 30
Alpena	Beaver Lake Pike Marsh, T30N, R5E, S35	When marsh is in operation
Antrim	Intermediate River from Bellaire Dam to Highway M-88 Bridge	April 1 – May 14
Arenac, Bay	Pine River – upstream from State Road (T18N, R5E, S5)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Arenac, Bay	Saganing Creek – upstream from State Road (T18N, R5E, S30)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Baraga	Sturgeon River – from the Prickett Dam downstream to mouth of Clear Creek (T50N, R35W, S12)	April 1 – June 30
Bay	Kawkawlin River and all tributaries upstream from Euclid Avenue (T14N, R5E, S6)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Benzie	Platte River from upper (hatchery) weir downstream to Platte Lake	January, February, March

Benzie	Platte River within 300 feet of the upper (hatchery) and lower weirs	Year around
Benzie	Betsie River – On the Betsie River no fishing per statute within 100 feet upstream and downstream from the lamprey barrier and fish passage facility in T25N, R15W, Sec. 2	Year around
Charlevoix	Medusa Creek – Tributary to Lake Michigan (T34N, R8W, S28) and including an area of Lake Michigan in a radius of 100 feet from the mouth of Medusa Creek	Whenever weir is in place
Cheboygan	Lower Black River from Alverno Dam downstream to Mograin Bridge (T37N, R1W, S26)	April 1 – May 14
Cheboygan	Douglas Lake Pike Marsh, T37N, R3W, S8	When marsh is in operation
Chippewa	Potaganissing River from Potagannising Dam downstream to Maxton Road (T42N, R6E, S15)	March 16 – May 14
Delta	Rapid River Borrow Pit (T41N, R21W, S34)	Year around
Grand Traverse	Boardman River from North Union Street Bridge in Traverse City downstream to US-31 highway bridge	September 1 – October 31
Grand Traverse	Boardman River within 300 feet upstream or downstream of weir in Traverse City	Whenever weir is in place
Iosco	East Branch AuGres River – between DNR lamprey weir and Legget Road (T21N, R6E, S10)	December 1 – day before last Saturday in April
Iosco	AuSable River – All that portion below the Foote Dam including the apron to 175 feet downstream from the dam	Year around
Iosco	Van Etten Creek from dam at Van Etten Lake to mouth at AuSable River in T24N, R9E, S27 & 34	August 15 – November 30
Iosco	AuGres River from a point 50 feet upstream from the Allen (Cox) Road Bridge to 500 feet downstream (T21N, R6E, S31 & 32)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Leelanau	Leland River – no fishing	October, November

Mackinac	Three Lake Huron bays in the Les Cheneaux Area including (1) Mackinac Bay, north of the Line beginning at Hessel Point and running easterly to the southeast tip of Lone Susan Island, thence easterly to the southeast tip of Echo Island, thence easterly to the mainland, (2) Shepard Bay, west of a line beginning at Connor Point and running northwesterly to Melcher's Point and (3) Flower Bay, bounded by a line beginning at Loon Point and running easterly to the northwestern tip of Hill Island, thence easterly following the north shoreline of Hill Island to the narrows between Flower Bay and Moscoe Channel, thence northerly across the narrows to the mainland, thence westerly following the shoreline back to the point of beginning	March 15 – May 14
Manistee	The southern end of Manistee Lake in the vicinity of the mouth of the Little Manistee River, being that area of Manistee Lake south of a line drawn from a squared red post, located 100 feet southeast of the launch ramp at the DNR Public Access Site on the east shore, extending southwesterly to a squared red post on the west shore located near the southern end of the Packaging Corporation of America Plant	September 6 – October 15 or whenever the established quota of chinook eggs are taken
Manistee	Little Manistee River from a point 300 feet downstream from the DNR weir in T21N, R16W, S25 to Manistee Lake	September 1 – November 14 and January 1 through March 31
Manistee	Little Manistee River within 300 feet of the DNR weir, T21N, R16W, S25	Year around
Manistee	Little Manistee River from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencers Bridge	January 1 – March 31
Marquette	Salmon-Trout River from lower falls (T51N, R28W, S13) to the mouth (T52N, R27W, S31)	August 15 – Friday before the last Saturday in April
Mason	Pere Marquette River within 300 feet upstream and downstream of the lamprey barrier	Year around
Mason	Pere Marquette River from 300 feet above the lamprey barrier upstream to the mouth of Black Creek	When the lamprey barrier is in operation
Midland	Tittabawassee River—between Sanford Dam and the mouth of the Salt River (T15N, R1W, S24)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April

Midland	Tittabawassee River—between the Dow Dam and Gordonville Bridge (T13N, R2E, S1)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Ontonagon	W. Br. Ontonagon River—from its confluence with the Victoria Hydro Station tail race in the T50N, R39W, SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of S29 upstream to Victoria Dam	April 1 – June 10
Otsego	Otsego Lake Pike Marsh, T30N, R3W, S20	When marsh is in operation
Presque Isle	Shuberts Creek (T33N, R7E) from Long Lake upstream to Clinton Creek Road (T33N, R7E, S14)	April 1 – May 14
Presque Isle	Grand Lake Pike Marsh, T34N, R7E, S21 & 22	When marsh is in operation
Presque Isle	Swan River – from 300 feet above weir to mouth in T35N, R6E, S20 & 29	Whenever weir is in place
Presque Isle	Rainy River from the confluence with Black Lake upstream to North Allis Road Bridge in T35N, R2E, S15	April 1 – May 14
Roscommon	Backus Creek from its confluence with the Cut River in T23N, R3W, S22 upstream to Little Mud Lake Dam in T23N, R2W, S30	March 23 – April 23
Roscommon	Cut River from its confluence with Backus Creek in T23N, R3W, S22 upstream to its outlet at Marl Lake, T24N, R3W, S34	March 23 – April 23

This order is assigned number FO-204.09, and is entitled "Spawning Closures."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Spawning Closures" effective January 11, 2007, and assigned number FO-204.07.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2009, and shall remain effective through March 31, 2014.

Issued on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this order.

Keith J. Charters
Chairperson

Teresa Gloden
Executive Secretary