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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Banning of Dip Net Fishing on Certain Michigan Inland Streams (FO-221)
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

This Order governs inland streams closed to dip net harvest. Anglers have the opportunity to use dip nets to harvest bowfin, carp, gar, smelt, and suckers throughout various locations each spring. Managers have utilized this Order to prohibit dip net harvest on several streams to protect important fisheries resources. In some instances streams are closed for the greater protection of spawning walleye and steelhead. In other streams localized smelt populations require added protection during their spring migration.

This Order is set to expire on March 31, 2013. We are recommending the Order be renewed with one minor change. We recommend removing the following text from the Order, "from April 1 through May 31" since this suggests that it would be lawful to use dip nets outside of the listed dates, which is not true. These restrictions have been in place for years and anglers have been supportive. Law Enforcement Division has also indicated their support of this action.

July 16, 2012

Recommendation

It is our recommendation that the Order be renewed with the change proposed above to take effect on April 1, 2013. This will maintain our protection for these important fish populations.

This Order is being submitted for information at the August 2012 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This Order will be resubmitted for action at the September 2012 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This item appeared on the Department's August 2012 calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 13, 2012.



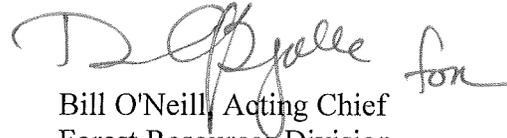
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I approve the staff recommendation.

Keith Creagh, Director

Date

ORDER

BANNING OF DIP NET FISHING ON CERTAIN MICHIGAN INLAND STREAMS

Under the authority of sections 41101 through 41105 of 1994 PA 451, as amended, being MCL 324.41101 through 324.41105, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on September 13, 2012, ordered that for a period not to exceed five years, it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any species of fish with dip nets on the following named streams ~~from April 1 through May 31:~~

<u>County</u>	<u>Stream</u>	<u>Ban Limits</u>
Arenac	Rifle	From Steve's Road (T19N, R5E, S9) upstream
Benzie	Cold Creek	From mouth at Crystal Lake (T26N, R15W, S26) to source
Grand Traverse	Unnamed Creek	From source at Green Lake (T26N, R12W, S20) upstream to Bridges Lake
Iosco, Arenac	AuGres River	From mouth at Saginaw Bay upstream to M-65 (T22N, R5E, S26)
Leelanau	Houdek Creek	From mouth at North Lake Leelanau (T31N, R12W, S35) to source
Monroe	Stony Creek	From mouth at Lake Erie upstream to Finzel Road (T5S, R8E, S23)
Wayne, Monroe	Huron River	From mouth at Lake Erie upstream to Belleville Dam

This Order shall be assigned number FO-221.13, and is entitled “Banning of Dip Net Fishing on Certain Michigan Inland Streams.”

This Order supersedes the Order entitled “Banning of Dip Net Fishing on Certain Michigan Inland Streams,” which became effective April 1, 2008 and is assigned number FO-221.08.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2013. This Order shall remain in effect until March 31, 2018 or until this Order is amended/rescinded, whichever comes first. Although this Order may be reviewed and amended on an annual basis, a review of this Order shall occur no later than August 1, 2017.

Issued on the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Keith Creagh
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this Order.

Timothy L. Nichols
Chairperson

Deb Whipple
Executive Secretary