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August 18, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Restricted and Closed Waters for Fisheries Research (FO-222) – 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:

The following lakes in the Pigeon River Country State Forest were closed to fishing for research purposes from the 1960s through 2007: Lost, West Lost, Section Four, North Twin, South Twin, Ford, and Hemlock. Fisheries Division decided in 2007 that trout studies were no longer needed on these lakes, and thus they should be opened to recreational fishing. These 7 pothole lakes comprise a total area of about 35 acres. In 2007, four of these lakes were added to FO-200, opening them to fishing. However, due to an oversight, the lakes remained in this fisheries order, and we are recommending that they be removed.

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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-222.09

ORDER

(Under the authority of Act 451 of the
Public Acts of 1994, as amended)

RESTRICTED AND CLOSED WATERS FOR FISHERIES RESEARCH

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 October 9, 2008, ordered that for a period of five years the following special research regulations shall be established.

It shall be unlawful to fish in the following waters:

At the Hunt Creek Fisheries Research Station, T29N, R2E, Montmorency County--East Fish, West Fish, and Middle Fish lakes, Fuller Pond, and 2.4 miles of Hunt Creek from the Section Z bulkhead south to the Montmorency-Oscoda County line, and all of Fuller Creek, all in Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36. Total water area is about 45 acres of lakes and 4 miles of stream.

This order is assigned number FO-222.09, and is entitled "Restricted and Closed Waters for Fisheries Research."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Restricted and Closed Waters for Fisheries Research" effective April 1, 2007, and assigned number FO-222.07.

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