

FO-226.11

HOOK AND LINE RESTRICTIONS DURING WALLEYE SPAWNING RUNS ON THE SAGINAW RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

By authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by sections 41101 through 41105 of 1994 PA 451, being MCL 324.41101 through 324.41105, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment on September 9, 2010 ordered that for a period not to exceed five years, the following regulations are established on the waters listed:

During the period from March 16 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April:

1. It shall be unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows, except that minnows may be used on the Saginaw River and some other designated streams;
2. Other natural baits may be fished only on single pointed hooks not more than 1/2 inch between the point and shank;
3. Weights may not be rigidly attached to hooks;
4. No hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3 inches long;
5. No beads, spinners or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6 inches of any hook.

Bay County: Saginaw River and tributaries, except that minnows may be used on the Saginaw River. Kawkawlin River downstream from Euclid Avenue (T14N, R5E, S5) except that minnows may be used on the Kawkawlin River.

Saginaw County: Saginaw, Tittabawassee, Shiawassee, Bad, Cass and Flint Rivers and all respective tributaries, except that minnows may be used on the Saginaw River, Swan Creek and tributaries, and the Bad River and tributaries upstream from the confluence with Pickerel Creek (T10N, R3E, S4).

Midland County: Tittabawassee River downstream from Sanford Dam (T15N, R1W, S24) and Salt, Chippewa, and Pine Rivers and all respective tributaries.

Genesee County: Flint River downstream from Holloway Dam and all respective tributaries (T8N, R8E, S11), except that minnows may be used upstream of Hamilton Street Dam in the City of Flint and all respective tributaries (T7N, R7E, S7).

This order shall be assigned number FO-226.11, and is entitled "Hook and Line Restrictions during Walleye Spawning Runs on the Saginaw River and its Tributaries."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Hook and Line Restrictions during Walleye Spawning Runs on the Saginaw River and its Tributaries," effective April 1, 2006, and assigned number FO-226.06.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2011. This order shall remain in effect until March 31, 2016 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, 2015.