

FO – 227.04A

WATERS OPEN AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TAKING OF WIGGLERS AND CRAYFISH FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Under the authority of section 48730 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being section 324.48730 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on September 9, 2004, ordered that the following waters are open to the taking of wigglers and crayfish for commercial purposes:

That the following waters are open to the taking of wigglers and crayfish for commercial purposes:

1. The Great Lakes and their connecting waters (including Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and St. Clair, and the St. Mary's, St. Clair, and Detroit Rivers) except that, the following waters are closed to the taking of wigglers and crayfish for commercial purposes:
 - a. That portion of Tawas Bay of Lake Huron lying between the projections of Wadsworth and Church streets of East Tawas for a distance of 900 feet out from the water's edge.
2. All nontrout streams.
3. All inland lakes except the following inland lakes which are closed, as indicated, to the taking of wigglers and crayfish for commercial purposes:
 - a. Lakes closed year around:
 - (1) Gun Lake in Allegan and Barry Counties.
 - b. Lakes closed from March 1 through November 30:
 - (1) Pine Lake in Barry County.
4. The following trout streams:

BENZIE COUNTY

Betsie River from River Road, Sec. 30, T26N, R15W, downstream to M-22

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Boyne River Pond, Sec. 5, T32N, R5W

Boyne River, Sec. 35, T33N, R6W

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

Little Sturgeon River, Sec. 24, T35N, R3W

Big Sturgeon River, Sec. 24, T35N, R3W

EMMET COUNTY

Bear River, Secs. 21, 28 & 34, T34N, R5W

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Boardman River from Beitner Road down to Boardman Lake

KALKASKA COUNTY

That part of the Rapid River west of Co. Road 597 in Secs. 5, 6 & 7, T28N, R8W, down to Torch River

LEELANAU COUNTY

Solon Creek from the S. line of Sec. 16, T28N, R12W, down to the entrance into Cedar Creek, Sec. 9, T28N, R12W Crystal River

MACKINAC COUNTY

Millecoquin River from Millecoquin Lake to Lake Michigan

MANISTEE COUNTY

Big Bear Creek down from Potters Bridge, Sec. 18, T22N, R14W, down to Big Manistee River, Sec. 22, T22N, R15W

MASON COUNTY

Sauble River from highway US-31 down to Hamlin Lake

Pere Marquette River down from Walhalla Bridge to Pere Marquette Lake

MISSAUKEE COUNTY

Clam River from highway 66 to Falmouth Dam

West Branch of Muskegon River from Co. Road Bridge in the Center of Sec. 25, T23N, R6W, down to the Muskegon River, Sec. 3, T22N, R5W

MUSKEGON COUNTY

White River and bayous

Cedar Creek downstream from River Road

OCEANA COUNTY

Pentwater River from highway US-31 down to Pentwater Lake

White River down from Taylor Bridge

WEXFORD COUNTY

Big Manistee River from US-131 downstream

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Commercially harvest wigglers from any state waters from June 1st to September 1st
2. Use or make use of a water or sand-sucking pump or a mechanically powered device to take or attempt to take wigglers or crayfish.
3. Take, possess or sell rusty crayfish (Orconectes rusticus) anywhere in the State of Michigan.
4. Take wigglers or crayfish without submitting a monthly catch report as required by FO-231.03.

This order rescinds the order entitled “Waters Open and Regulations Governing the Taking of Wigglers and Crayfish for Commercial Purposes” effective April 1, 2004, and assigned number FO-227.04.

This order is assigned number FO-227.04a, titled “Waters Open and Regulations Governing the Taking of Wigglers and Crayfish for Commercial Purposes”.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain effective until rescinded.