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Resubmitted: September 15, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Great Lakes Spearing Regulations (FO-234)

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:

These regulations have been in place for several years and the order is set to expire on March 31, 2009. We have made some minor editorial changes to the order and updated a few fish common names. These are only minor detail changes which will not affect angler opportunities or result in a need to change the fishing guide. We recommend this order be renewed with minor changes.

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Recommendation:

This order was 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. We are recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting.

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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

ORDER

GREAT LAKES SPEARING REGULATIONS

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 on the Great Lakes and connecting waters:

1. It shall be unlawful to take the following fish with spear or bow and arrow: Largemouth and smallmouth bass, crappies, bluegill, sunfish, brook trout, rainbow or steelhead trout, brown trout, lake trout, walleye, sauger, Atlantic salmon, coho salmon, chinook salmon, pink salmon, splake, and lake sturgeon;
2. The following species may be speared only as indicated:
 - (a) Yellow perch – in Lake St. Clair during January and February;
 - (b) Northern pike - during January and February; and
 - (c) Muskellunge - during January and February on Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and the St. Mary's River.

This order is assigned number FO-234.09 and is titled "Great Lakes Spearing Regulations."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Great Lakes Spearing Regulations" effective April 1, 2004, and assigned number FO-234.04.

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