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Resubmitted: September 15, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Fishing Regulations – Craig Lake State Park Waters, Baraga County (FO-235)

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 has been in place for several years and the restrictive regulations on Craig Lake State Park waters have worked well to produce quality fishing opportunities. Liberalizing the take of fish at this popular location would likely cause an imbalance in the predator-prey relationship reducing fishing quality. The present order will expire March 31, 2009. This order is well accepted by the public and is recommended for renewal without 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

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Date Approved

FO-235.09

ORDER

FISHING REGULATIONS - CRAIG LAKE STATE PARK WATERS, BARAGA COUNTY

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 regulations shall apply to the waters of Craig Lake State Park, Baraga County:

1. Statewide open seasons apply.

2. Minimum size of walleye 13 inches.

3. The daily possession limit on all species shall be according to statewide regulations, except that the daily possession limit on walleye shall be two, and that muskellunge, northern pike, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass fishing shall be catch and release only and none shall be possessed.

4. Method of take shall be hook and line fishing with artificial lures only. Artificial lures are construed to include any form of commonly accepted fishing lure.

5. No live, dead or preserved bait or organic bait substance of any type shall be used or possessed.

In Clair, Craig, Crooked, Keewayden, Nelligan, Teddy, and Thomas lakes, all species of fish may be taken subject to the above restrictions.

This order is assigned number FO-235.09 and is titled "Fishing Regulations - Craig Lake State Park Waters, Baraga County."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Fishing Regulations - Craig Lake State Park Waters, Baraga County" effective April 1, 2004, and assigned number FO-235.04.

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