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DIRECTOR

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TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Special Sport Fishing Size Limits on Yellow Perch in Lake Huron Waters of Mackinac County and the St. Mary's River and Lake Huron Waters of Chippewa County (FO-237) – 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:

This order is set to expire on March 31, 2009. The regulations have been well accepted by the public and the perch fishery in these areas has rebounded recently. Therefore, it is recommended that this order be renewed without any changes. Furthermore, Fisheries Division is cooperating with USDA Wildlife Services by documenting the effects of cormorant control on the perch population. Changing regulations that might affect interpretation of the results is not recommended at this time.

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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

Date Approved

ORDER

SPECIAL SPORT FISHING SIZE LIMITS ON YELLOW PERCH IN LAKE HURON WATERS OF MACKINAC COUNTY AND THE ST. MARYS RIVER AND LAKE HURON WATERS OF CHIPPEWA 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 a special minimum size limit of 7 inches shall be placed on yellow perch caught from Lake Huron waters of Mackinac County and the St. Mary's River and Lake Huron waters of Chippewa County.

This order is assigned number FO-237.09 and is titled "Special Sport Fishing Size Limits on Yellow Perch in Lake Huron Waters of Mackinac County and the St. Mary's River and Lake Huron Waters of Chippewa County."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Special Sport Fishing Size Limits on Yellow Perch in Lake Huron Waters of Mackinac County and the St. Mary's River and Lake Huron Waters of Chippewa County" effective April 1, 2004, and assigned number FO-237.04.

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