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August 18, 2008
Resubmitted: September 15, 2008

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Huron River No-Kill Bass Regulation (FO-239)

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. This long-standing regulation is well known and providing a popular fishery for anglers on the Huron River. We have been actively working with a local club and the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority to replace all the signage to remind anglers about the special regulations in effect there. The signs will be placed at several locations along this river reach which will serve to increase the awareness and interest in this special fishing opportunity.

These regulations have been effective in creating a special opportunity for our anglers and are well accepted by the public. Therefore, we strongly suggest the regulations be renewed as written.

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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-239.09

ORDER

HURON RIVER NO-KILL BASS REGULATION

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 it shall be unlawful to possess any largemouth or smallmouth bass and any that are caught must be released immediately, in the area of the Huron River, Washtenaw County, starting at the Mast Road Bridge in the Village of Dexter (Sec. 32, T1S, R5E) downstream to the Delhi Road Bridge (Sec. 2, T2S, R5E).

This order is assigned number FO-239.09 and is titled "Huron River No-Kill Bass Regulations."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Huron River No-Kill Bass Regulations" effective April 1, 2004, and assigned number FO-239.04.

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