

## STURGEON REGULATIONS – STATEWIDE

By authority conferred on the Director and/or the Natural Resources Commission by Part 411 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.41101 to 324.41105, it is ordered that effective October 9, 2014, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

1) Fishing for Lake Sturgeon

A) Except on waters where harvest of lake sturgeon is allowed as specifically identified in paragraph 5) Special Provisions, fishing for lake sturgeon on all waters of the State shall be catch-and-immediate-release using hook-and-line gear.

2) Lake Sturgeon Tag

A) An angler shall obtain a non-transferable lake sturgeon tag prior to fishing for lake sturgeon.

3) Registration of Harvested Lake Sturgeon

A) On waters where harvest of lake sturgeon is allowed as specifically identified in paragraph 5) Special Provisions:

i) An angler shall immediately tag a lake sturgeon that is harvested with a validated lake sturgeon tag described in paragraph 2) Lake Sturgeon Tag.

ii) Except as otherwise specifically provided in paragraph 5) Special Provisions, an angler shall register a lake sturgeon that is harvested within 24 hours at a designated registration site. Designated registration sites may be found online at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing).

4) Harvest Limit

A) On waters where harvest of lake sturgeon is allowed as specifically identified in paragraph 5) Special Provisions, an angler shall not harvest more than one (1) lake sturgeon per year.

5) Special Provisions:

A) Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River (St. Clair, Macomb, and Wayne Counties)

i) Fishing seasons

a) The hook-and-line harvest season for lake sturgeon shall be July 16 through September 30, inclusive.

b) The hook-and-line, catch-and-immediate-release season for lake sturgeon shall be October 1 through November 30, inclusive.

c) Fishing for lake sturgeon shall be prohibited from December 1 through July 15, inclusive.

ii) Size Limit

a) Between 42 and 50 inches, inclusive.

- B) Otsego Lake (Otsego County)
  - i) Fishing seasons
    - a) The hook-and-line harvest season for lake sturgeon shall be July 16 through March 15, inclusive.
    - b) Fishing for lake sturgeon shall be prohibited from March 16 through July 15, inclusive.
  - ii) Size Limit
    - a) 50 inches minimum.
- C) Black Lake (Cheboygan/Presque Isle County) – the Director and the Commission will set conditions for the fishing season no later than January 15 each year and will be posted on the DNR website.
- D) Menominee River
  - i) All regulations governing fishing for lake sturgeon and the take of lake sturgeon in the Menominee River system are established in Fisheries Order 205: Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Water Regulations.
- E) All Other Waters of the State not specifically Identified in this Paragraph 5) Special Provisions
  - i) Fishing seasons
    - a) The hook-and-line, catch-and-immediate-release fishing season shall be July 16 through November 30, inclusive.
    - b) Fishing for lake sturgeon shall be prohibited from December 1 through July 15, inclusive.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-240.14, and is entitled “Sturgeon Regulations – Statewide.”

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Sturgeon Regulations – Statewide," effective January 12, 2012, and assigned number FO-240.12.

This Order shall take immediate effect. This Order shall remain in effect until this Order is amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 9th day of October, 2014.