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TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Lake St. Clair - Detroit River Boundary Designation (FO-242) – 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:

Several years ago, changes to our coolwater fishing regulations established separate walleye possession and minimum size limits upon the waters of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. A review of state law and related fisheries orders revealed that no specific boundary existed between the two water bodies at that time. As a result, this order (new boundary definition) was established. This order established a line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County, as the boundary line between these two water bodies for the purposes of coolwater sport fishing regulations.

Recent discussions between the unit manager and local conservation officers indicate that this definition seems to be the best definition for describing these waters. Anglers are able to discern the boundary from the landmark without much difficulty. This order is set to expire on March 31, 2009 and it is highly recommended that it be renewed without change.

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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

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Date Approved

**FO-242.09**

# ORDER

(Under the authority of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended)

## LAKE ST. CLAIR – DETROIT RIVER BOUNDARY

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 for the purposes of establishing statewide coolwater sport fishing regulations upon the waters of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River, the boundary line between Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River shall be a line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County.

This order is assigned number FO-242.09 and is titled "Lake St. Clair – Detroit River Boundary."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Lake St. Clair – Detroit River Boundary" effective April 1, 2004, and assigned number FO-242.04.

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