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SUBMITTED: January 18, 2011  
RESUBMITTED: February 14, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission  
Subject: Possession Limits For Fish (FO-248)

**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**

Public Act 30 of 2010 modified statute allowing an individual to have in their possession one day's possession limit of fish and two additional daily possession limits of fish. The Act does not allow for multiple possession limits to be caught and kept in the same day. Rather, it contains specific conditions as to how the extra possession limits must be processed, and it requires the Department to issue an Order establishing these same conditions. This Order fulfills that obligation.

**Recommendation**

It is our recommendation that the change to possession limits proposed in Fisheries Order 248 be approved to take effect on April 1, 2011. Anglers will be able to possess up to three days' limits of fish caught on separate days. This will fulfill the Department's obligation that resulted from the passage of PA 30 of 2010.

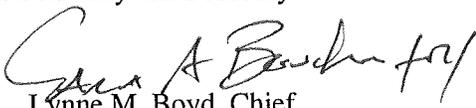
This Order was submitted for information at the February 10, 2011 Natural Resources Commission meeting. This Order is being resubmitted for action at the March 10, 2011 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This item appeared on the Department's January and February 2011 calendars and is eligible for approval on March 10, 2011.

  
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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rodney A. Stokes  
Chief of Staff

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Date Approved

# ORDER

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## POSSESSION LIMITS FOR FISH

In accordance with 2010 PA 30, and by authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by sections 41101 to 41105 and 48721 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.41101 to 324.41105 and 324.48721, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment on March 10, 2011, ordered that for a period not to exceed five years, the following provisions are in place:

Department Fisheries Orders regulate various statewide and area-specific daily possession limits for fish. In addition to one (1) day's possession limit of fish, a person may possess an additional two (2) days' possession limit of fish that are processed by any of the following methods:

1. Canning in a sealed container.
2. Curing by smoking or drying.
3. Freezing in a solid state.

A person's processed fish aboard a vessel, on the water or at dockside shall be considered to be in the person's possession for the purposes of this Order.

This Order does not apply to lake sturgeon. The harvest of lake sturgeon shall be limited to the provisions as set forth in FO-240.

This order shall be assigned number FO-248.11 and is entitled "Possession Limits for Fish."

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2011. This Order shall remain in effect until March 31, 2016, or until this Order is amended/rescinded, whichever comes first. Although this Order may be reviewed and amended on an annual basis, a review of this Order shall occur no later than August 1, 2015.

Issued on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

Rodney A. Stokes  
Chief of Staff

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this Order.

Timothy L. Nichols  
Chairperson

Deb Whipple  
Executive Secretary