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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission  
Subject: Yellow Perch - Lake Michigan (FO-208)  
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 restricts yellow perch harvest in Lake Michigan waters below the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel. This regulation has been in place since the early 1990's and anglers have been supportive of the Lake Michigan yellow perch possession limit as it stands. While yellow perch numbers are cyclical in nature, the long-term trend in yellow perch population information indicates that the population is still below the numbers experienced in the 1980's. Therefore, we are recommending no changes at this time and to renew this order as written.

Recommendation:

We recommend renewing this order with minor technical changes only. This order restricts yellow perch harvest to 35 fish per day in Michigan waters of Lake Michigan south of the 45<sup>th</sup> parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays).

This order is being submitted for information at the August 12, 2010 Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's July 2010 calendar and may be eligible for approval on September 9, 2010.

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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

# ORDER

## YELLOW PERCH - LAKE MICHIGAN

By authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment by sections 41101 through 41105 of 1994 PA 451, being MCL 324.41101 through 324.41105, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment on September 9, 2010 ordered that for a period NOT TO EXCEED of five years, the following regulations are established:

The possession limit for yellow perch shall be 35 fish on all of Lake Michigan south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays).

This order shall be assigned number FO-208.11, and is entitled "Yellow Perch - Lake Michigan."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Yellow Perch - Lake Michigan," effective April 1, 2006, and assigned number FO-208.06.

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this order.

Timothy L. Nichols  
Chairperson

Teresa Gloden  
Executive Secretary