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TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director
INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission
SUBJECT: Banning of Dip Net Fishing on Certain Michigan Inland Streams (FO-221)

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:

Anglers can use dip nets to harvest bowfin, carp, gar, smelt, and suckers throughout various locations during each spring. On certain streams managers have identified localized smelt populations that require additional protection from harvest. In other locations the illegal take of spawning walleye and steelhead has created a situation requiring added protection during these important time periods. This order prohibits dip net fishing on several streams in order to protect these vulnerable spawning runs of steelhead, walleye, and smelt.

This order is set to expire on March 31, 2008. We are recommending this order be renewed without changes. Any effort to reestablish dip netting in these locations could harm these important fisheries. Law Enforcement Division is supportive of this action.

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Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information at the September 2007, Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 4, 2007, calendar and is eligible for approval on October 11, 2007. We are recommending that it be acted upon at this meeting.

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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

ORDER

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

BANNING OF DIP NET FISHING ON CERTAIN MICHIGAN INLAND STREAMS

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 11, 2007, ordered that for a period of five years it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any species of fish with dip nets on the following named streams from April 1 through May 31.

<u>County</u>	<u>Stream</u>	<u>Ban Limits</u>
Arenac	Rifle	From Steve's Road (T19N, R5E, S9) upstream
Benzie	Cold Creek	From mouth at Crystal Lake (T26N, R15W, S26) to source
Grand Traverse	Unnamed Creek	From source at Green Lake (T26N, R12W, S20) upstream to Bridges Lake
Iosco, Arenac	AuGres River	From mouth at Saginaw Bay upstream to M-65 (T22N, R5E, S26)
Leelanau	Houdek Creek	From mouth at North Lake Leelanau (T31N, R12W, S35) to source
Monroe	Stony Creek	From mouth at Lake Erie upstream to Finzel Road (T5S, R8E, S23)
Wayne, Monroe	Huron River	From mouth at Lake Erie upstream to Belleville Dam

This order is assigned number FO-221.08, and is entitled "Banning of Dip Net Fishing on Certain Michigan Inland Streams."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Banning of Dip Net Fishing on Certain Michigan Inland Streams" effective April 1, 2003, and assigned number FO-221.03.

This order shall take effect April 1, 2008, and shall remain effective through March 31, 2013.

Issued on the _____ day of _____, 2007.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this order.

Keith J. Charters
Chairperson

Teresa Gloden
Executive Secretary