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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 222.14
Restricted and Closed Waters for Fisheries Research
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, provides the Natural Resources Commission the exclusive authority to regulate the taking of fish in this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 222 governs a list of waters restricted and closed to fishing for fisheries research. The list includes waters which have been historically closed to fishing for decades for fisheries research to be conducted on. Current research includes annual long term brook trout population monitoring which has occurred for over 50 years and represents the longest running trout stream population sampling and experimentation in the world. In addition, a new project is slated to begin with the University of Notre Dame in 2014 studying the nutrient loading effects to a small stream ecosystem when salmon carcasses are present. These waters are a valuable resource for fisheries scientists and the regulations should remain intact as written. This Order is set to expire on March 31, 2014 and the Department proposes it be renewed as written and remain in effect until amended or rescinded.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appears on the Department's September 2013 calendar and may be eligible for approval on October 10, 2013.

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FISHERIES ORDER

Restricted and Closed Waters for Fisheries Research Order 222.14

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission by section 48703a of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48703a, it is ordered that effective April 1, 2014, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

It shall be unlawful to fish in the following waters:

At the Hunt Creek Fisheries Research Station, T29N, R2E, Montmorency County--East Fish, West Fish, and Middle Fish lakes, Fuller Pond, and 2.4 miles of Hunt Creek from the Section Z bulkhead south to the Montmorency-Oscoda County line, and all of Fuller Creek, all in Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36. Total water area is about 45 acres of lakes and 4 miles of stream.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-222.14, and is entitled "Restricted and Closed Waters for Fisheries Research."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Restricted and Closed Waters for Fisheries Research," which became effective April 1, 2009, and is assigned number FO-222.09.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2014, and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 12th day of October, 2013.

J. R. Richardson, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission