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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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SUBMITTED: July 15, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 236.14
Special Fishing Regulations Spring Mill Pond, Island Lake Recreation Area, Livingston County
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:

This Order contains special sport fishing regulations for Spring Mill Pond, Island Lake Recreation Area, Livingston County and it is due to expire on March 31, 2014. This special fishing opportunity allows anglers in the Detroit area to fish for hatchery stocked broodstock trout in an area where trout fishing opportunities are limited. These broodstock trout are large and considered trophies and fishing here generates a considerable amount of excitement in this highly populated area. This opportunity has effectively continued for years and many people return each year to fish Spring Mill Pond. Island Lake Recreation Area personnel are supportive of the special fishing opportunities here and work with management unit personnel to assist with this activity. The Department proposes this Order be renewed as written with only a few, minor editorial modifications.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appears on the Department's July 2013 calendar and may be eligible for approval on September 12, 2013.

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FISHERIES ORDER

SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS
SPRING MILL POND, ISLAND LAKE RECREATION AREA, LIVINGSTON COUNTY
Order 236.14

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:

The following special regulations shall apply to Spring Mill Pond, Island Lake Recreation Area, Livingston County, for the taking of trout:

1. March 15 to March 31 - ~~no~~ **closed to** fishing.

2. April 1 to the Friday before the last Saturday in April - catch and release only fishing on trout (no- kill) and artificial lures only. All trout ~~taken~~ **caught** shall be returned immediately to the water.

3. From the last Saturday in April to March 14 - statewide fishing regulations **apply**.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-236.14, and is entitled "Special Fishing Regulations Spring Mill Pond, Island Lake Recreation Area, Livingston County."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Special Fishing Regulations Spring Mill Pond, Island Lake Recreation Area, Livingston County," which became effective April 1, 2009, and is assigned number FO-236.09.

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

Issued on this 12th day of September, 2013.

J. R. Richardson, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission