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SUBMITTED: August 12, 2013  
RESUBMITTED: September 16, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 241.14  
Fishing Prohibited in Fish Ladders

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 241 prohibits fishing in fish ladders where fish often concentrate during spawning migrations. Fishing within a fish ladder is not socially acceptable and gives anglers an unfair advantage, since fish are typically concentrated within a small area. It also creates harassment of fish trying to migrate up through the ladder system. This Order has been in place for several years and is well understood by the angling public. The current Order is set to expire March 31, 2014 and the Department proposes that it be renewed as written and remain in effect until amended or rescinded.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on September 12, 2013, at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appears on the Department's September 2013 calendar and may be eligible for approval on October 10, 2013.

James Dexter, Chief  
Fisheries Division

Gary Hagler, Chief  
Law Enforcement Division

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
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Forest Resources Division

Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
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William E. Moritz, Ph.D.  
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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Keith Creagh, Director

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Date

# **FISHERIES ORDER**

## **Fishing Prohibited in Fish Ladders Order 241.14**

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, 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 anywhere in any fish ladder in the public waters of this state.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-241.14, and is entitled "Fishing Prohibited in Fish Ladders."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Fishing Prohibited in Fish Ladders," which became effective April 1, 2009, and is assigned number FO-241.09.

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

Issued on this 10th day of October, 2013.

Approved as to matters over which the Commission has authority.

J. R. Richardson, Chairman  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh  
Director