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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 242.14
Lake St. Clair - Detroit River Boundary Designation
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:

Several years ago the Department enacted separate coolwater fishing regulations for walleye possession and minimum size limits upon the waters of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. Fisheries Order 242 describes a legal boundary between the waters of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River for law enforcement purposes. This Order renews this legal definition for the purposes of coolwater sport fishing regulations.

Recent discussions between the unit manager and local conservation officers indicate that this definition appears to be the best definition for describing this boundary. Anglers are able to discern the boundary by utilizing the referenced landmark without much difficulty. This Order is set to expire on March 31, 2014 and the Department proposes that it be renewed without change and remain in effect until amended or rescinded.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

## Lake St. Clair – Detroit River Boundary
## Order 242.14

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:

For the purposes of establishing statewide coolwater sport fishing regulations upon the waters of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River, the boundary line between Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River shall be a line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-241.14, and is entitled "Lake St. Clair – Detroit River Boundary."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Lake St. Clair – Detroit River Boundary," 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This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2014, and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.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 12th day of October, 2013.

J. R. Richardson, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission