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

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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

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.

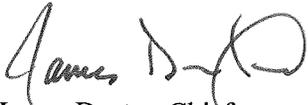
Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 242 establishes a legal boundary between the waters of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River for law enforcement purposes. 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 several years ago. However, a review of state law revealed that no specific boundary existed between the two water bodies at the time. As a result, this Order (new boundary definition) was developed to establish a legal definition for the purposes of coolwater sport fishing regulations.

Recent discussions between the unit manager and local conservation officers indicate that this definition seems to be the best definition for describing these waters. Anglers are able to discern the boundary from the 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on March 31, 2014 and the Department proposes that it be renewed without change and remain in effect until amended or rescinded.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 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.



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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**

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

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:

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 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