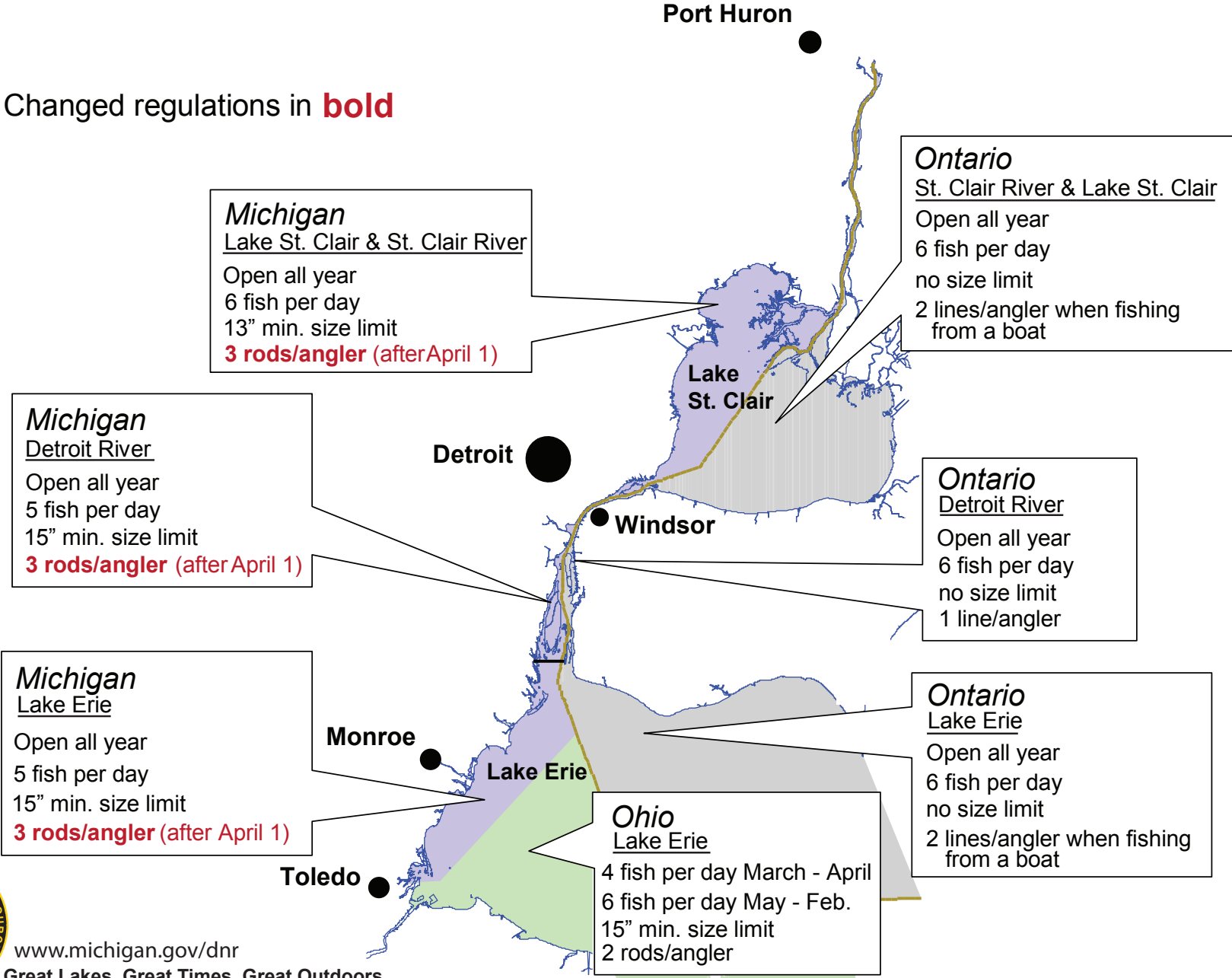


2009 Walleye Sport Fishing Regulations

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2009 Walleye Fishing Regulations for the St. Clair System and Lake Erie

Changes in **bold**

Waters	Michigan	Ontario	Ohio
St. Clair River & Lk. St. Clair	6 fish per day open all year 13" size limit 3 rods per angler (after April 1)	6 fish per day open all year no size limit 2 lines/boat angler (Lk. St. Clair)	
Detroit River	5 fish per day open all year 15" size limit 3 rods per angler (after April 1)	6 fish per day open all year no size limit one line per angler	
Lake Erie	5 fish per day open all year 15" size limit 3 rods per angler (after April 1)	6 fish per day open all year no size limit 2 lines/boat angler	4 fish (March and April) 6 fish (May - February) 15" size limit 2 rods/angler

The Detroit River is defined as:

In Michigan	- upstream limit: From Windmill Point south to the international border. - downstream limit: An east-west line through the southern tip of Celeron Island.
In Canada	- upstream limit: From the northerly tip of Peche Island, south to the green marker buoy #DP3 and from that buoy to the most easterly point of the gravel dock in the City of Windsor. - downstream limit: A line from the southerly tip of the Livingstone Channel west to the International Boundary Line and east to the shore of the Detroit River.

Lake Erie is defined as:

In Michigan	- those waters south of an east-west line through the southern tip of Celeron Island.
In Canada	- those waters south of a line from the southerly tip of the Livingstone Channel west to the international Boundary Line and east to the shore of the Detroit River.

Questions and Answers:

- **Can I launch my boat in Michigan and fish walleye in Ohio or Ontario in April and May...and bring my catch back into Michigan?**
Answer: Yes! As long as when you return through Michigan waters you do not drop lines and fish. You also must have the appropriate Ohio or Ontario fishing license.

- **Why not close the walleye season in the Detroit River in April and May?**
Answer: Because there are enough adult walleye to continue to have a fishery in those waters at this time. It LOOKS like a lot-- but only a small fraction of the adult walleye in the Detroit River are caught each spring (1% to 3% of the population). The walleye within the bounds of Lake Erie are managed by international agreement and reductions in harvest are proportional with Ohio and Ontario (recreation AND commercial fisheries combined). Each state or province can only harvest a portion of the walleye population-- based on the jurisdictional surface area of the water.

- **Where do most of the walleye in the Detroit River and Lake Erie come from?**
Answer: The vast majority of walleye spawning for the whole system occurs in the Maumee River and on reefs in western Lake Erie.