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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 206.20A
Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters

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 206 covers fishing regulations for warmwater species on select waters. This Order was recently signed by the Natural Resources Commission with recommended regulatory modifications for the 2020 fishing season. The Department is now recommending another water, Walled Lake, be added with protective fishing regulations to protect a high-quality bluegill fishery. The recommended modification is required outside the typical Fisheries Order process because Walled Lake, previously entirely surrounded by private property, was not accessible to the public. However, the Department will acquire the land surrounding Walled Lake from the private landowner in December 2019. Since the Department's acquisition of the property will open Walled Lake to public fishing, the Department recommends adding Walled Lake, a pristine 42-acre natural lake in Montmorency County, to FO-206 to protect a high-quality bluegill fishery in the Pigeon River Country State Forest.

Several new regulations listed in this Order become effective on April 1, 2020, but the Department recommends that the Walled Lake regulations become effective immediately on February 14, 2020. The expedited timing for the recommended Walled Lake regulations would be required to protect the high-quality bluegill fishery prior to when the other recommended FO-206.20 modifications become effective on April 1, 2020.

Fisheries managers conducted a fisheries survey on Walled Lake in 2016 in preparation of this potential ownership transition. Specifically, the survey identified three indicators that the bluegill population is high-quality. Growth values of bluegill indicated they had fast growth and reach high maximum sizes compared to other bluegill populations in the state. For example, bluegill grew greater than an inch faster than the average bluegill in Michigan. Second, based on a common index to gauge bluegill populations in Michigan, the Walled Lake population was categorized as excellent to superior. This is not common for many bluegill populations in northern Michigan lakes. Finally, a third index determined that nearly half of the bluegill surveyed were eight inches and larger when compared to the total catch of stock size fish, which is indicative of a high-quality population. In fact, some 10-inch bluegill were also collected in the survey. The historic private ownership of Walled Lake has provided protection from high fishing pressure and as such the bluegill population currently offers a high-quality fishery. These indices align with the justification for restrictive regulations for unique and high-quality fish populations that is further described within the Department's policy entitled "Guidelines for Selection of Quality Non-Trout Fishing

Lakes". Therefore, the Department recommends the implementation of a fishing season from the last Saturday in April through September 30, zero daily possession limit, and use of artificial lures only to maintain this unique-fast growth population in a remote setting that offers anglers a unique fishing opportunity in the Pigeon River Country State Forest.

The Department recognizes that this regulatory change is outside of the typical fisheries regulation cycle process; however, this exception is needed to protect the high-quality bluegill fishery from increased angling pressure which would result from the shift from private to public ownership. The Department is recommending this Order take immediate effect February 14, 2020 due to the timing of the ownership change. As such, if adopted the restrictive regulations would not be documented in the printed version of the 2020 Fishing Guide. It is important to note, however, that the Department plans to address this communication gap by having the Gaylord fisheries staff work with the Pigeon River Country Advisory Council (PRCAC) to post signage, and when Forest Resources Division distributes the news release regarding the change in ownership the fishing regulations will be described within. The online Fishing Guide will also be modified, and a press release will be distributed if the recommended fishing regulations are approved.

The PRCAC and Law Enforcement Division are supportive of this regulation proposal.

Issue Pros and Cons

There are few opportunities in Michigan where anglers can find high-quality bluegill populations. The opportunity arises from taking ownership from a private landowner where little fishing harvest occurred. Placing restrictive fishing regulations will help protect this unique fish population for current and future generations to enjoy. Adding this lake to the already established unique fishing found in North and South Blue Lakes will add another memorable fishing opportunity for those anglers in search of large sized bluegill to catch. The only expected con is that this will add another exception to the general statewide fishing regulations.

Biological

High-quality bluegill fishing opportunities are very limited in Michigan. Private ownership has resulted in very low fishing pressure and bluegill mortality in the Walled Lake. Implementing more restrictive fishing regulations on Walled Lake will protect this unique population of large bluegills for many anglers to enjoy.

Social

Anglers are supportive of special regulations to protect unique and high-quality fishing populations which provide a diverse public fishing opportunity.

Economic

The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this Order. This Order was submitted for information on January 9, 2020, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's December 31, 2019 calendar and may be eligible for approval on February 13, 2020.

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Daniel Eichinger, Director

Date

FISHERIES ORDER

Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters Order 206.20A

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, ordered on February 13, 2020, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective February 14, 2020, except as otherwise provided:

The following special regulations are in effect for warmwater species on the selected waters and supersede those regulations that in any way conflict with those listed below:

Alcona County

Badger Lake (T28N, R3E, S35): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24.

Alger County

Echo and Duck Lakes on Grand Island: the possession limit for Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Au Train basin, 16 Mile Lake, Echo Lake, Nawakwa Lake, and Trout Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24.

Allegan County

Pine Creek Flooding: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Antrim County

Clam Lake including all tributaries, Elk Lake (above Elk Rapids Dam) including all tributaries, Lake Bellaire including all tributaries upstream to Bellaire Dam, Lake Skegemog including all tributaries, and Torch Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Beals Lake including all tributaries, Benway Lake including all tributaries, Elsworth Lake including all tributaries, Hanley Lake including all tributaries, Intermediate Lake from Bellaire Dam upstream including all tributaries, Saint Clair Lake including all tributaries, Scotts Lake including all tributaries, Six Mile Lake including all tributaries, and Wilson Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Beals Lake, Benway Lake, Elsworth Lake, Hanley Lake, Scotts Lake, Six Mile Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), St. Clair Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), and Wilson Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24.

Baraga County

Vermillac (Worm) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Barry County

Gun Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Thornapple Lake (from McKeown road to Barger road): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches. The possession season for Muskellunge and Northern Pike shall be the 1st Saturday in June through November 30, inclusive.

Williams Lake: the fishing season shall be the last Saturday in April through December 15, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0).

Benzie County

Long Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Branch County

Lake Lavine (expiring on April 1, 2020): no size limit on Northern Pike and no limit on possession of Northern Pike.

Calhoun County

Harts Lake (T2S, R8W, S7, 18): the daily possession limit is zero (0).

Cass County

Corey Lake (T6S, R13W, S24) Little Crooked Lake, and Stone Lake (T6S, R15W, S35): the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10 inches.

Magician Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Charlevoix County

Saint Clair Lake including all tributaries and Six Mile Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Deer Lake, Fox Lake, Geneserath Lake, Six Mile Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), St. Clair Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), and Susan Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Cheboygan County

Black Lake including all tributaries and Black River including all tributaries (upstream to Kleber Dam), Burt Lake, Cheboygan River, Crooked River (downstream from Crooked Lake confluence), Indian River, Mullet Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Black River upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only, Silver Lake (T33N, R3W, S11, 12), Wildwood Lake (T33N, R2W, S21), and Paradise (Carp) Lake (Cheboygan and Emmet Counties): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Cheboygan River from the south end of the outermost breakwall on Mullett Lake downstream to Cheboygan Dam, and Black River from Alverno Dam downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan River: the possession season for walleye shall be May 15 – March 15, inclusive.

Chippewa County

St. Marys River (from compensating gates downstream to DeTour/Drummond Island Ferry docks): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Frenchman Lake (T44N, R6W, S23, 25, 26) and Trout (Carp) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Clare County

Eight Point Lake and Lake Thirteen: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Crawford County

Jones Lake (T28N, R2W, S30, 31): the fishing season shall be June 1 through September 30, inclusive. Tackle: artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water. Daily possession limit is zero (0).

Wakeley Lake (T26N, R2W, S23): the fishing season shall be June 15 through August 31, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Big Creek Impoundment (T28N, R1W, S24, 25), River Lake (T28N, R2W, S30), and Pickerel Lake (Crawford and Oscoda Counties, T24N, R1W, S24 and T28N, R1E, S19): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Delta County

Chicago Lake, Carr Lake, Hamilton (McDonald) Lake, Lyman Lake, Escanaba River upstream from first dam at US-2, Round Lake (T40N, R20W, S1): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Dickinson County

Sawyer Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Emmet County

Crooked River (downstream from Crooked Lake confluence): the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46 inches.

French Farm Lake Flooding, O'Neal Lake Flooding, and Paradise (Carp) Lake (Cheboygan and Emmet Counties): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Gladwin County

Lake Lancer: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Gogebic County

Lake Gogebic: the minimum size limit for Walleye is 15 inches; however, anglers may possess two (2) Walleye from 13 - 15 inches as part of the daily possession limit of five (5) Walleye.

Cisco Lake, Thousand Island Lake, Lindsley Lake, Poor Lake, Big African Lake, Little African Lake, Clearwater Lake, East Bay Lake, Fishhawk Lake, Indian Lake, Morley Lake, Record Lake, and Chaney Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Grand Traverse County

Elk Lake (above Elk Rapids Dam) including all tributaries and Lake Skegemog including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Arbutus Lake and Spider Lake (T26N, R10W, S9, 10): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10 inches.

Boardman Lake, and Lake Dubonnet: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Hillsdale County

Lake Diane: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 38 inches.

Houghton County

Portage and Torch Lake systems: no more than one (1) Walleye over 23 inches may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Rice Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Ionia County

Woodard Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10 inches.

Iron County

Chicagon Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Lake Ottawa the daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Fire Lake and Indian Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18 inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Bone Lake, Brule Lake, Buck Lake, Deer River, Hemlock Falls Reservoir, Indian Lake, Iron Lake, Lake Mary, Lake St. Kathryn, Michigamme Falls Reservoir, Michigamme Reservoir, Net River, Net River Wide Waters, Paint River Pond (downstream of Horserace Rapids and upstream of Frog Island), Peavy Pond, Railroad Lake, Runkle Lake, Sunset Lake, and Winslow Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Kalamazoo County

Long Lake (T3S, R10W, S17, 18, 19, 30): protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Kalkaska County

Lake Skegemog including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Cub Lake (T27N, R5W, S19): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10 inches.

Kent County

Murray Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Bass Lake (T10N, R9W, S12, 13, 14): protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Scram Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Keweenaw County

Schlatter Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Lake County

Big Bass Lake (T20N, R14W, S34): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10 inches.

Leelanau County

North Manitou Lake (T32N, R14W, S29, 32): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18 inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Florence Lake (T31N, R15W, S9): Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water. No size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Lenawee County

Lake Hudson: the possession season for Northern Pike and Muskellunge shall be the first Saturday in June through November 30, inclusive.

Luce County

Blind Sucker Flooding and Bodi Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

East Lake and Muskallonge Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Tahquamenon River and Tributaries upstream from Upper Falls: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 38 inches.

Mackinac County

East Lake, Millecoquins Lake, and South Manistique Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Manistee County

Bar Lake and Chief Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Marquette County

Deer Lake Basin (T48N, R27W, S27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34), Carp River downstream from M-28 (T47N, R27W, S4) and all other tributaries to Deer Lake Basin: the daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Fish Lake (T47N, R29W, S5, 6, 8): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18 inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Bass (East) Lake, Cedar Lake (T47N, R27W, S11), Dead River Storage Basin, Engman Lake, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Big West Branch Escanaba River, Escanaba River Mainstream downstream to Boney Falls Basin (except Greenwood, Schweitzer and Cataract Reservoirs), Shag (Big) Lake, and Witch Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Mason County

Hackert (Crystal) Lake (T18N, R17W, S2, 3): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Mecosta County

Canadian Lakes (in T14N, R8W, S20, 29, 30 north of Pierce Rd and south of Buchanan Rd in S19), Haymarsh Lake and Horsehead Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Menominee County

Shakey Lakes Chain including: Beecher Lake, Long Lake, East Lake, Resort Lake, Baker Lake, and Spring Lake and Westman Impoundment (including North and Hayward Lakes): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Missaukee County

Missaukee Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Montcalm County

Townline Lake and Sand Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Montmorency County

North and South Blue Lakes and Walled Lake: the fishing season shall be the last Saturday in April through September 30, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only.

Black River and tributary streams only, East Town Corner Lake, North Tomahawk Lake (effective April 1, 2020), Pug Lakes (T31N, R2E, S4, 5), Robarge (Pike) Lake, South Tomahawk Lake (effective April 1, 2020), and West Town Corner Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Muskegon County

Mona Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Big Blue Lake (T12N, R16W, S2, 3, 4): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches

Newaygo County

Sand Lake (T11N, R13W, S19) and Brush Lake (T14N, R12W, S1): the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Bullhead.

Baptist Lake (T11N, R11W, S23, 24): the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Walleye, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Bullhead.

Crystal Lake: the daily possession limit is zero (0) for walleye.

Diamond Lake, Nichols Lake, Ryerson (Long) Lake, Pickerel Lake, Kimball Lake, Emerald Lake, and Sylvan Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Oakland County

Upper Bushman Lake (T4N, R9E, S3): the daily possession limit is zero (0).

Oceana County

Round (Wykoff) Lake and Silver Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Ogemaw County

East Twin Lake and Lake Ogemaw: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Ontonagon County

Ontonagon River (Ontonagon County): no more than one (1) Walleye over 23 inches may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Lake Gogebic: the minimum size limit for Walleye is 15 inches; however, anglers may possess two (2) Walleye from 13 - 15 inches as part of the daily possession limit of five (5) Walleye.

Lake of the Clouds (T15N, R43W, S21, 22): the daily possession limit for Smallmouth Bass is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Osceola County

Diamond Lake, Lake Miramichi, Rose Lake, and Wells Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Oscoda County

Pickrel Lake (Crawford and Oscoda Counties T24N, R1W, S24 and T28N, R1E, S19): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Ottawa County

Grand River (downstream from Sixth Street Dam) and Lake Macatawa: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Presque Isle County

Black Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Ocqueoc River and tributary streams, all lakes of the Ocqueoc River watershed including Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud, Nettie, Ocqueoc, and Orchard, the Black River and tributary streams, and the following lakes of the Black River watershed: Francis Lake, Tomahawk Flooding, East Town Corner Lake, and West Town Corner Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Roscommon County

Backus Creek from the stream mouth upstream, including all tributaries, Little Mud Lake Flooding, Backus Creek Flooding, and Backus Lake Flooding, Cut River from the river mouth at Houghton Lake upstream to CO 100 just downstream of Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake, and Lake St. Helen: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Schoolcraft County

Boot Lake, Crooked Lake, Kennedy Lake, Seney Wildlife Refuge Ponds, Stanley Lake, and Thunder Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

St. Joseph County

Corey Lake (T6S, R12W, S17, 18, 19, 20, 29) and Big Pleasant Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10 inches.

Magician Lake (effective April 1, 2020): protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Van Buren County

Crooked Lake and Little Crooked Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10 inches.

Round Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 38 inches.

Magician Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Washtenaw County

Horseshoe Lake: the daily possession limit for Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike is one (1). The daily possession limit for Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Green Sunfish, Black Crappie and White Crappie, Warmouth, and Rock Bass in combination is ten (10).

Huron River, from the Mast Road Bridge in the Village of Dexter (T1S, R5E, S32) downstream to the Delhi Road Bridge (T2S, R5E, S2): the daily possession limit of Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is zero (0)

This Order shall be assigned number FO-206.20A, and is titled “Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters.”

This Order supersedes the Order titled “Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters,” set to become effective April 1, 2020, and is assigned number FO-206.20.

This Order shall take immediate effect February 14, 2020 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 13th day of February, 2020.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Rex E. Schlaybaugh, Jr., Chair
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Daniel Eichinger
Director