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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

**Subject:** Fisheries Order 226.22  
Hook and Line Restrictions During Walleye Spawning Runs  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**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 226 enacts special fishing regulations to protect walleye during spawning runs in specific waters. This order was reviewed and updated during the previous year with new regulations effective on April 1, 2021. Once the new regulations were in effect, managers identified unintended consequences associated with the modification. Specifically, the Flint River regulatory boundary change from Holloway dam to Mott dam resulted in less protection for walleye in the upstream reaches of that system. Therefore, the Department recommends modifying the order by reinserting the Holloway dam as the boundary for the special regulations, which will return the boundary back to where it was historically. Anglers have been supportive of these special regulations enacted to protect important walleye populations.

*Issue Pros and Cons*

The change will return the boundary to where it was historically and has been supported by anglers. The change will also result in being more protective of walleye in the upstream portions of the Flint River system. No cons have been identified.

*Biological*

This change will result in greater protection for spawning walleye in the Flint River further upstream.

*Social*

The change will result in moving the boundary for the regulation further upstream to where it had been previously for decades and has been supported by anglers.

*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 is being submitted for information on September 16, 2021, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 7, 2021, calendar and may be eligible for approval on October 14, 2021.



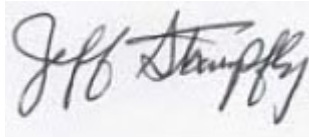
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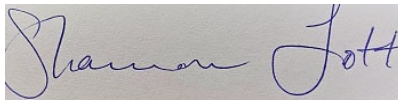
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# FISHERIES ORDER

## HOOK AND LINE RESTRICTIONS DURING WALLEYE SPAWNING RUNS Order 226.22

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 on October 14, 2021, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

The following regulations are established on the waters listed:

During the period from March 16 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April:

1. Anglers are limited to using only the following:
  - a) unweighted single-pointed hooks, natural bait, and sinkers or weights, or
  - b) artificial lures with unweighted single-pointed hooks.

Bay county: Saginaw river and tributaries, Kawkawlin river downstream from Euclid avenue (T14N, R5E, S5).

Saginaw county: Saginaw, Tittabawassee, Shiawassee, Bad, Cass and Flint rivers and all respective tributaries.

Macomb county Clinton river cut-off channel (T2N, R13E) from spillway weir to the Harper road bridge.

Midland county: Tittabawassee river downstream from Sanford dam site (T15N, R1W, S24) and Salt, Chippewa, and Pine rivers and all respective tributaries.

Genesee county: Flint river downstream from ~~Mott~~ Holloway dam and all respective tributaries.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-226.22, and is entitled "Hook and Line Restrictions during Walleye Spawning Runs."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Hook and Line Restrictions During Walleye Spawning Runs on the Saginaw River and its Tributaries," which became effective April 1, 2021, and is assigned number FO-226.21.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2022 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 14th day of October 2021.

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

Carol Moncrieff Rose, Chair  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Daniel Eichinger  
Director