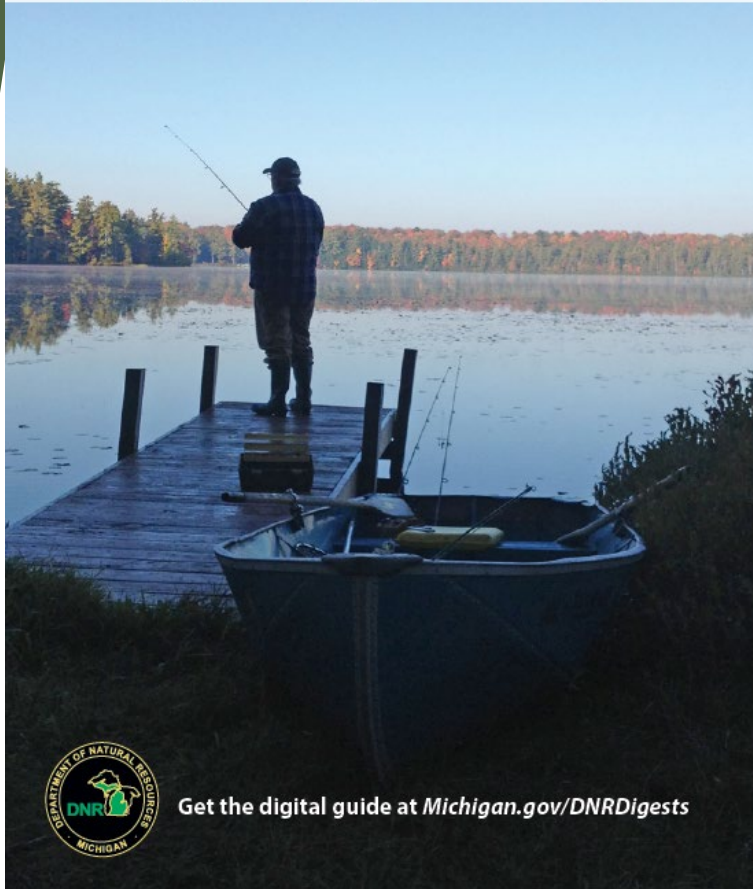


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Michigan Fishing Guide

Rules apply from April 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023



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Upcoming Fisheries Orders Update

Fisheries Division

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Fisheries Order Proposal Process

► Addressing biological and/or social concerns



Local Fisheries Division review



Proposal form developed



Fisheries Division Basin Team Review



Stakeholder/Angler input ; Advisory Committee feedback ; Social surveys



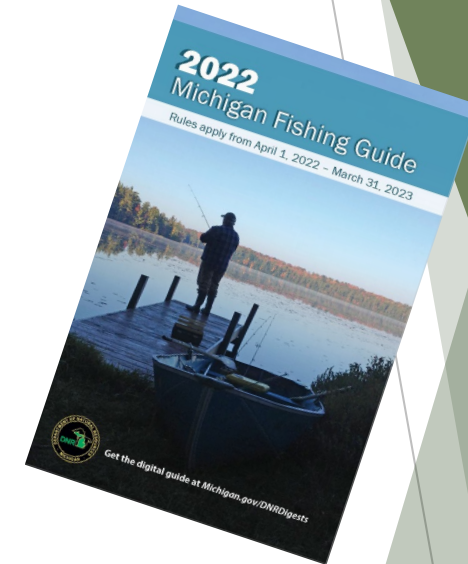
Update Proposal form



Multi-division Fisheries Regulation Review Committee



Fisheries Chief approval → NRC →



Fisheries Order “Screening” Considerations

Regulation ideas & proposals

Biological rationale and effect on fish population(s)
Public trust responsibility, supporting data, alignment with management goals

Effect on angler opportunities &
enforceability

Angler support
Representative feedback

Regulatory
complexity

Fisheries Order Recommendation(s)



Upcoming Fisheries Orders Recommendations

FO recommendations in August

- FO-204: Spawning Closures
 - 3 recommendations: adjust closures on Houghton Lake tributaries and a boundary issue
- FO-206: Special Regulations for Warmwater species on Select Waters
 - 16 recommendations: Northern Pike, Muskellunge, Bass
- FO-215: Statewide Regulations for Warmwater Species
- FO-226: Hook and Line Restrictions During Walleye Spawning Runs
 - Each have 1 recommendation related to regulatory consolidation



Upcoming Fisheries Orders Recommendations

FO recommendations in September

- FO-200: Inland River and Stream - Trout and Salmon Regulations
 - 3 recommendations: Changing types and address boundary issue
- FO-210: Designated Trout Streams for Michigan
 - 4 recommendations: Remove from designation and addressing naming issue
- FO-254: Inland Lake - Trout and Salmon Regulations
 - 3 recommendations: Changing types

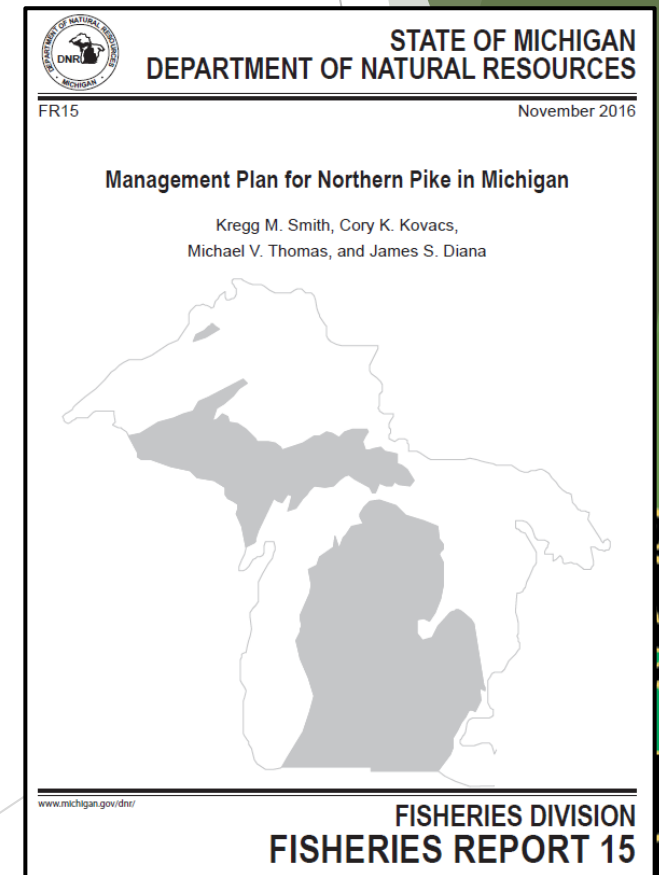


Upcoming Fisheries Orders Recommendations

- FO-206: Special fishing regulations for warmwater species on select waters
 - Several Northern Pike regulatory recommendations
 - Align with objectives described within the Northern Pike Management Plan
 - Supported with data obtained from fisheries surveys or through partnerships with anglers
 - Proposals that lack supporting biological data
 - Request staff to conduct surveys or work with anglers to obtain data



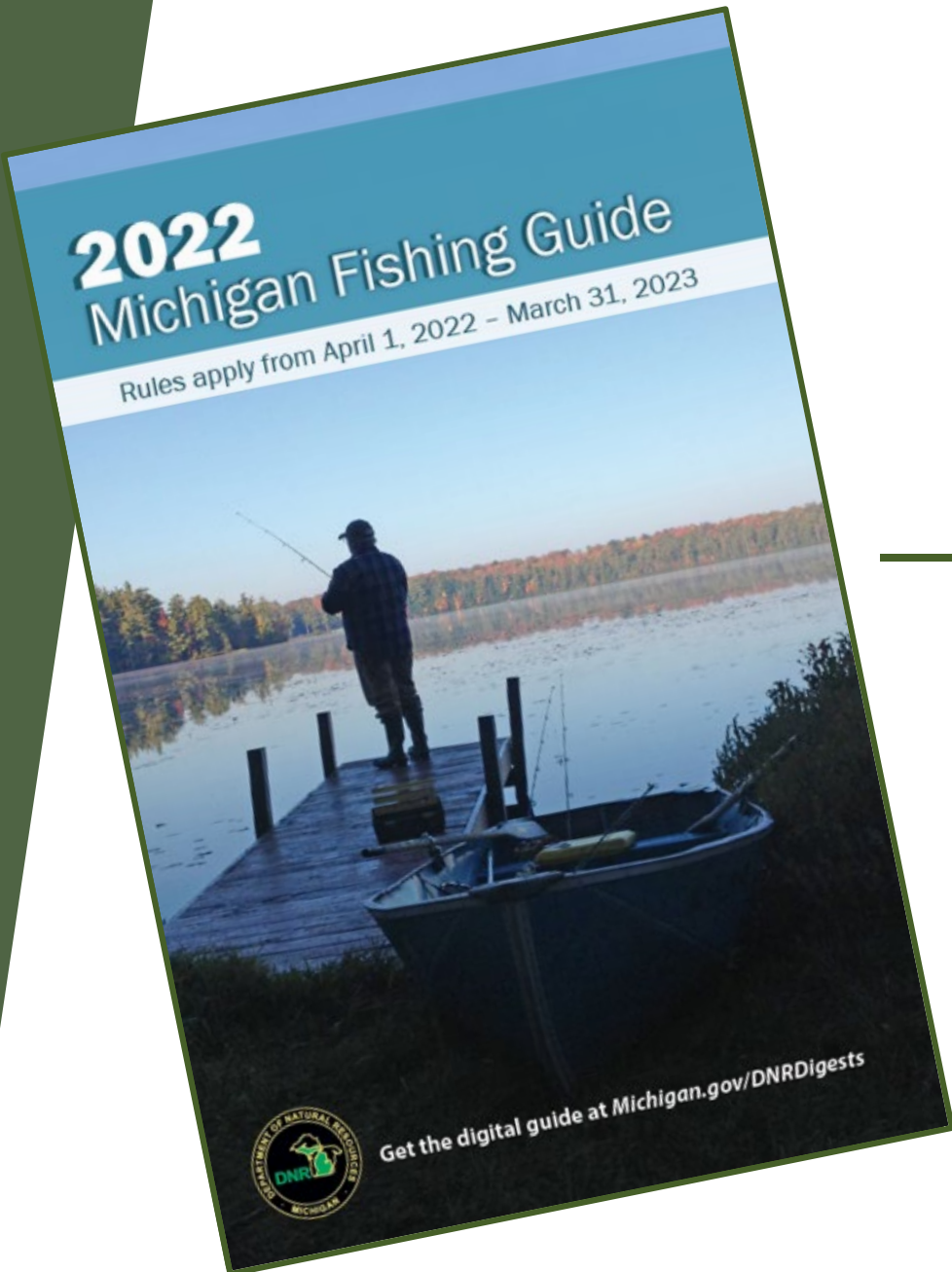
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Saginaw River Walleye Regulations

- Fisheries Order 206.22
 - Expanded Walleye harvest opportunity in the Saginaw River
 - Six additional weeks
- Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River will have the same regulations in 2023
 - All year possession season
 - 8 fish daily possession limit and 13” min size limit
- Currently Walleye regulations for these waters are contained within three Fisheries Orders
- Recommendation will maintain same Walleye regulations, but will consolidate into FO-215





Thank You!

Questions?

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