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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 200.23
Inland Rivers and Streams - Trout and Salmon Regulations

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 200 contains regulations pertaining to trout and salmon for inland rivers and streams. The Department is recommending three regulation amendments plus modifying the definition for artificial flies for consideration within this order and those are provided in the following list:

1. Huron River (Oakland County): The Department recommends modifying the upstream boundary under the Gear Restricted Streams section "from the sign below Moss Lake Outlet" to "from 50 yards below Proud Lake Dam (T2N, R8E, S18) to 100 yards below Wixom Road (T2N, R7E, S13)". A sign will be placed at this location to help anglers identify the boundary. The current upstream boundary has been a source of confusion for anglers targeting the broodstock brown trout that are stocked in this area, so this change has been recommended to add more clarity for anglers.
2. North Branch Cedar River (Gladwin County): The Department recommends changing from Type 1 regulations to Type 4 regulations near the tri city area (Bay City, Midland and Saginaw). This will increase angler opportunities by opening up the river to allow fishing all year for trout species plus other warmwater species found in this system. Managers do not feel this will have a negative effect on the resource.
3. Unnamed tributary on North Bank of Coldwater River (Barry County): This stream is described as a channelized ditch that has been managed under Type 2 trout regulations since 2000. Streams in the area are classified as warm transitional or warmwater streams. Recent discussions with conservation officers indicated that there is no angler activity for trout and this section is surrounded by private property. This stream lacks the thermal habitat to support coldwater fish species and is also recommended to be removed as a designated trout stream from FO-210. General statewide non-trout regulations are recommended for this stream where fishing will be open all year for all species.
4. Modify the definition of artificial flies to include the use of a second hook connected in-line (commonly referred to as a stinger hook) and restrict the hook sizes to ½-inch

or less. This will allow anglers to use some larger flies to target trout and salmon in gear restricted streams where only artificial flies may be used. The ½-inch hook size restriction will be put into place to reduce foul-hooking.

Fisheries Division conducted several Coffee and Conversation virtual meetings in spring 2022 where regulation changes were presented to the public and the proposals were fully supported. The artificial flies definition modification was developed with feedback from Law Enforcement Division and members of the Coldwater Resources Steering Committee. The definition did not reach internal consensus until recently, and therefore was not presented to the public during the spring meetings. The regulation proposals were discussed with local law enforcement staff who indicated their support and also stated that the new artificial flies definition will address enforcement challenges resulting from the current definition.

Issue Pros and Cons

Modifying regulations to reduce confusion in certain problematic areas helps anglers and law enforcement staff. Extending the fishing season in places where there are limited trout angling opportunities is a positive change for anglers. Removal of more restrictive trout regulations when trout management is no longer reasonable benefits anglers by expanding opportunities. There are no cons identified.

Biological

The boundary change is not a biological issue. Shifting management from more restrictive trout regulations to more liberalized trout regulations will expand the fishing season and is not expected to have a negative effect on the local trout population. Removing trout regulations from systems that no longer provide suitable habitat for trout species is the most logical management approach and supported by anglers.

Social

Anglers should benefit from more clarification on the boundaries in the Huron River area. Opening the North Branch of the Cedar River to fishing all year will provide anglers with another location to get outside and increase trout fishing opportunities. Removing the unnamed tributary on North Bank of Coldwater River from Type 2 stream regulations will indicate to anglers that there is no longer a trout fishery in this area.

Economic

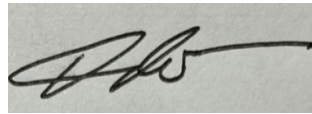
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order was submitted for information on September 8, 2022, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's August 30, 2022 calendar and may be eligible for approval on October 13, 2022.



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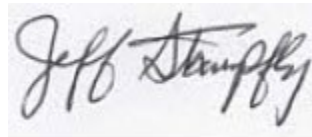


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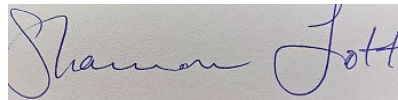
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.



Daniel Eichinger, Director

Date: October 13, 2022

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Amendment to FO 200.23 – Inland Rivers and Streams - Trout and Salmon Regulations

I MOVE TO AMEND FISHERIES ORDER 200.23 TO ADD “WITH THREAD” TO THE DEFINITION OF ARTIFICIAL FLIES. IN ADDITION, I PROPOSE MINOR EDITS TO THE SENTENCE STRUCTURE OF THE DEFINITION TO ADD CLARITY.

- 4) “Artificial flies”, known as wet and dry flies, streamers or nymphs, is defined as a single pointed hook, or no more than two single pointed hooks connected in-line (the second hook commonly known as a stinger hook), crafted with natural, artificial and/or synthetic materials attached to the hook **with thread**. An artificial fly may not include a spinner, spoon, scoop, lip or any other fishing lure or bait attached. Material of any type cannot be attached above the eye of the hook. ~~except that~~ The fly or leader may be weighted, but no weight shall be attached to the terminal tackle in a manner that allows the weight to be suspended from or below the hook. Single pointed hooks are restricted to measuring ½ inch or less from point to shank.

FISHERIES ORDER

Inland Rivers and Streams – Trout and Salmon Regulations Order 200.23

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 and Part 491 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on October 13, 2022, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2023, as follows:

The following inland rivers and streams regulations are established for trout and salmon:

Seasons – General

Except as otherwise noted in the following sections of this order or order FO-254, the fishing and possession seasons on non-designated trout streams and all other inland waters are open for the entire year for all trout and salmon.

*Note: For the purpose of this order Rainbow Trout refers to both Rainbow Trout and Steelhead.

- 1) Fisheries Order 210 provides a listing of all designated trout streams in Michigan. Some of the streams listed in FO-210 appear in FO-200 as Types 2, 3, 4 or gear restricted streams. Type 1 streams are not listed in FO-200. If a stream name appears in FO-210, but not in FO-200, then Type 1 stream regulations apply to that stream.
- 2) Notwithstanding any other order of the Department, for any inland stream not classified below the fishing and possession seasons are open for the entire year to the taking of trout and salmon, the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches (except 7 inches for Brook Trout), the daily possession limit shall be five (5) trout and salmon in any combination***, and all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- 3) On all waters open to possession, the daily possession limit may include up to five (5) Chinook Salmon or Coho Salmon, in any combination.
- 4) "Artificial flies", known as wet and dry flies, streamers or nymphs, is defined as a single pointed hook, or no more than two single pointed hooks connected in-line (the second hook commonly known as a stinger hook), crafted with natural, artificial and/or synthetic materials attached to the hook with thread. An artificial fly may not include a spinner, spoon, scoop, lip or any other fishing lure or bait attached. Material of any type cannot be attached above the eye of the hook. The fly or leader may be weighted, but no weight shall be attached to the terminal tackle in a manner that allows the weight to be suspended from or below the hook. Single pointed hooks are restricted to measuring ½ inch or less from point to shank.
- 5) "Chumming" means luring or attracting or attempting to lure or attract fish by scattering organic material into the water.
- 6) Chumming with organic materials shall be prohibited on all Type 1, 2, 3, 4 and Brook Trout Restoration Area streams.

- 7) On stream Types 1 through 4, size limits for Brook Trout and Brown Trout vary by stream type and may be found in the regulation section for each stream type. For all other species of trout and salmon, size limits shall be as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Chinook Salmon	10 inches
Coho Salmon	10 inches
Pink Salmon	10 inches
Atlantic Salmon	10 inches
Lake Trout	10 inches
Rainbow Trout	10 Inches
Splake	10 Inches

***NOTE: The daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Type 1 Streams

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.

Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Additional exception:

- 1) Platte River
 - a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) Rainbow Trout from the Upper (Hatchery) Platte River Weir downstream to Lake Michigan.

- Size limits:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook Trout	7 inches
Brown Trout	8 inches

Type 1 streams are listed in FO-210.

Type 2 Streams

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.

Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

- Size limits:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook Trout	10 inches
Brown Trout	12 inches

Following is a listing of Type 2 streams.

<u>Type 2 Streams</u>			
<u>County</u>	<u>Stream Name</u>	<u>Upstream Boundary</u>	<u>Downstream Boundary</u>
Alcona, Oscoda	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Evans Road (McKinley Bridge)	4001 Bridge
Allegan	Silver Creek	M-89 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S26)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River

Type 2 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Antrim, Crawford. Otsego	Manistee River		CR 612
Baraga, Houghton	Sturgeon River	US-41	Prickett Dam
Barry	Coldwater River	M-43 Bridge (T4N, R8W, S16)	Freeport Road Bridge (T5N, R9W, S36)
Cass	Dowagiac Creek	McKenzie Rd. (T5S, R14W, S31)	M-62
Cheboygan, Otsego	Pigeon River	Old Vanderbilt Rd.	Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail
Crawford	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Business Loop 75 (James St.)	Burton's Landing
Gogebic	Black River	US-2	Rainbow Falls
Lake	Pine River	Elm Flats PAS (T20N, R12W, S2)	Confluence with Tippy Dam Backwaters
Marquette	Carp River	Deer Lake Dam (T48N, R27W, S27)	Morgan Creek
Ontonagon	Middle Branch Ontonagon River		Agate Falls
St. Joseph	Curtis Creek and all tributaries		

Type 3 Streams

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: open for the entire year.
- Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.

Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Additional exceptions are:

1. On the following waters the daily possession limit shall be one (1) Rainbow Trout from March 15 through May 15 (this provision shall expire on January 8, 2027):
 - a. Manistee County - Bear Creek (from County Road 600 downstream to the confluence with the Manistee River)
 - b. Manistee County - Manistee River (from Tippy Dam downstream to the Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6))
 - c. Mason County – Pere Marquette River (from Reek Road (Indian Bridge) downstream to Old US-31)
 - d. Muskegon County - Muskegon River (from Croton Dam downstream to M-120)
 - e. Marquette County - Carp River (from the confluence of Morgan Creek (T47N, R25W, S4) downstream to Lake Superior)

- Size limits:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook Trout	15 inches
Brown Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type 3 streams.

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Alcona	Pine River	F-41	Lake Huron

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Alger	Hurricane River	Truck Trail (CO Rd 724; T49N, R15W, S25)	Lake Superior
Allegan	Black River	Confluence of North & South Branch Black River	Lake Michigan
Allegan	North Branch Black River	111 th Avenue (T1N, R16W, S3)	Confluence with mainstream
Allegan	Kalamazoo River	Calkins Dam (T2N, R14W, S15)	US-31
Alpena	Thunder Bay River	Ninth Street Dam	Lake Huron
Antrim	Elk River	Power Dam below Elk Lake	Lake Michigan
Arenac	Rifle River	Sage Lake Road (T23N, R3E, S22)	Lake Huron
Baraga	Falls River	US-41	Lake Superior
Baraga	Sturgeon River	Prickett Dam	Lake Superior
Berrien	St. Joseph River	Indiana State Line	Lake Michigan
Cheboygan	Cheboygan River	Cheboygan Dam	Lake Huron
Emmet	Carp Lake River	Bridge (T39N, R4W, S32)	Lake Michigan
Gogebic	Big Carp River	A point 100 yards downstream from Bathtub Falls (T50N, R45W, S1, NE ¹ / ₄ , NW ¹ / ₄)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Black River	Rainbow Falls (T49N, R46W, S10)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Little Carp River	Traders Falls (T50N, R45W, S2)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Maple Creek	Bridge (T49N, R46W, S18)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Ohman Creek	CR 505	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Presque Isle River	Manabezho Falls	Lake Superior
Houghton	Big Traverse River	Gay-Lake Linden Road	
Houghton	Otter River	Confluence of North Branch & West Branch Otter River	Sturgeon River
Houghton	Pilgrim River	US-41	Lake Superior
Houghton	Salmon-Trout River	Redridge Dam	Lake Superior
Huron	Bird Creek		
Huron	Pigeon River		
Huron	Pinnebog River		
Iosco	Au Sable River	Foote Dam	Lake Huron
Iosco	East Branch Au Gres River (Whitney Drain)	M-55 (T22N, R6E, S21)	Saginaw Bay
Iosco	Van Etten Creek	Van Etten Lake	Lake Huron
Iosco	Tawas River		
Isabella, Midland	Chippewa River	Outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W, S35)	Confluence with the Tittabawassee River (T14N, R2E, S21)
Leelanau	Crystal River	Fisher Dam	Lake Michigan
Leelanau	Leland River	None	Lake Michigan
Manistee	Bear Creek	CR 600	Confluence of Manistee River
Manistee	Manistee River	Tippy Dam	Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6)
Marquette	Carp River	Confluence of Morgan Creek (T47N, R25W, S4)	Lake Superior
Marquette	Chocolay River	Confluence of Big Creek (T47N, R24W, S9)	Lake Superior

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Mason	Lincoln River	Confluence of North & South Branches of Lincoln River (T19N, R17W, S32)	Lake Michigan
Mason	Pere Marquette River	Reek Road (Indian Bridge)	Old US-31
Mason	Sable River	Hamlin Lake Dam	Lake Michigan
Midland, Saginaw	Tittabawassee River	Sanford Dam	Confluence with Saginaw River
Muskegon	Cedar Creek	River Road	Confluence of Muskegon River
Muskegon, Newaygo	Muskegon River	Croton Dam	M-120
Ontonagon	Big Iron River	Koshak Road Bridge (T49N, R43W, S2)	Lake Superior
Ontonagon	West Branch Big Iron River	Burnt Dam Bridge (T50N, R44W, S36)	Confluence with Big Iron River
Ontonagon	Little Iron River	Nonesuch Falls (T50N, R43N, S1)	
Ontonagon	East Branch Ontonagon River	M-28	
Ontonagon	Firesteel (including East & West Branches)	M-26	
Ontonagon	Middle Branch Ontonagon River	Agate Falls	
Ontonagon	Misery River	Bridge (T53N, R37W, S15)	
Ontonagon	Ontonagon River		
Ontonagon	West Branch Ontonagon River	Confluence with Victoria Hydro Station Tail Race (T50N, R39W, S29, SE1/4 of SW1/4)	
Ontonagon	East Sleeping River	Railroad trestle (T53N, R38W, S25)	Lake Superior
Presque Isle	Swan River	US-23 Bridge	Lake Huron
Presque Isle	Trout River	Dam (T35N, R5E, S17)	Lake Huron
Saginaw	Saginaw River		Saginaw Bay
St. Clair	Black River	Private Dam in Port Huron State Game Area	Confluence with St. Clair River
Van Buren	South Branch Black River	Hamilton Street Bridge (T2S, R16W, S1)	Confluence with Mainstream (T1S, R17W, S2)

Type 4 Streams

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season:
 1. For Brook Trout, Brown Trout and Atlantic Salmon: the last Saturday in April - September 30.
 2. For all other species of trout and salmon, open for the entire year.
- Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.

Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Additional exceptions are:

1. Little Manistee River
 - a. The daily possession limit shall be one (1) Rainbow Trout from 300 feet downstream of the Little Manistee Weir down to the boundary with Manistee Lake, which is defined as the power line crossing downstream of Stronach Road Bridge (also referred to as Water Street on some maps).

2. Platte River
 - a. The daily possession limit shall be one (1) Rainbow Trout from the Upper (Hatchery) Platte River Weir downstream to Lake Michigan.
3. On the following waters the daily possession limit shall be one (1) Rainbow Trout from March 15 through May 15 (this provision shall expire on January 8, 2027):
 - a. Lake/Manistee Counties - Little Manistee River (from Johnson's Bridge (Johnson Road) downstream to 300 ft above the Little Manistee River Weir)
 - b. Lake/Mason Counties – Pere Marquette River (from the upstream edge of the boat ramp/slide at Gleason's Landing downstream to Reek Road (Indian Bridge))
 - c. Mason County – Big South Branch of the Pere Marquette River (from the confluence of Beaver and Winnepesaug Creeks downstream to the confluence with the Pere Marquette River)
 - d. Schoolcraft County - Manistique River (from the Papermill Dam downstream to Lake Michigan)

- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	7 inches
Brown Trout	10 inches

Following is a listing of Type 4 streams.

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Alcona, Iosco	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Alcona Dam	South Branch River
Alcona	Black River	Confluence with North Branch Black River	Lake Huron
Alger	Anna River	Railroad Bridge (T46N, R19W, S14)	Lake Superior
Alger	Au Train River	Powerhouse below M-94	Lake Superior
Alger	Laughing Whitefish River	Forks (T47N, R22W, S22)	Lake Superior
Alger	Miner's River	Miner's Falls	
Alger	Rock River	Railroad Bridge (T47N, R21W, S22)	Lake Superior
Alger	Sable Creek		
Alger	Sucker River	Old Grand Marais/Seney Road Bridge	
Allegan	Middle Branch Black River	Confluence of Spring Brook Creek (T1N, R15W, S22)	Confluence with Black River, Mainstream
Allegan	Gun River, Mainstream	122nd Avenue (T2N, R11W, S12)	US-131 bridge (T1N, R11W, S18)
Allegan	Pine Creek Tributary	101 st Avenue	Confluence with Pine Creek
Allegan	Swan Creek	109 th Avenue (T1N, R14W, S7)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River (T2N, R14W, S9)
Allegan	Rabbit River, Mainstream	US-131 Bridge (T4N, R11W, S31)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River (T3N, R15W, S16)
Alpena	Devils River	US-23 Bridge	Lake Huron
Alpena	Long Lake Creek	None	Lake Huron
Antrim	Elk River Bypass	Up to the Bypass Dam	Lake Michigan
Antrim	Grass River (including Clam Lake and Clam River)	Lake Bellaire	Torch Lake
Antrim	Intermediate River	Intermediate Dam	Lake Bellaire

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Antrim, Charlevoix	Jordan River	Graves Crossing	Lake Charlevoix
Baraga	Huron River	Big Erics Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35)	
Baraga	Ravine River	Sicotte Road	
Baraga	Silver River	Silver Falls	
Baraga	Slate River	Slate Falls	
Barry	Bassett Creek	Baker Lake	Confluence with Thornapple River
Barry, Kent	Coldwater River	Freeport Road	Confluence with Thornapple River
Barry	Turner Creek	(T3N, R10W, S23)	Confluence with Baker Creek (T3N, R10W, S9)
Benzie	Betsie River	Kurick Road	M-22
Benzie	Otter Creek	Otter Lake outlet (T27N, R14W, S13)	Lake Michigan
Benzie	Platte River	US-31 bridge at Veteran's Park	Lake Michigan
Berrien	Blue Creek		
Berrien	Dowagiac River	Niles Dam at Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13)	Confluence with St. Joseph River
Berrien	Galien River, Mainstream		Lake Michigan
Berrien	Galien River, South Branch		Confluence with the Galien River
Branch, St. Joseph	Prairie River, mainstream	Bowers Road (T8S, R7W, S4)	MacKale Road (T7S, R9W, S8)
Calhoun	Nottawa Creek	(T3S, R5W, S35)	Calhoun Co. line (T4S, R8W, S31)
Calhoun, Jackson	South Branch Rice Creek	Concord Road (Jackson Co.)	Confluence of Rice Creek and Kalamazoo River (T2S, R6W, S25)
Cass	Dowagiac Drain		
Cass	Dowagiac River, Mainstream	To source	Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13)
Charlevoix	Boyne River	P.H. Dam	Lake Charlevoix
Charlevoix, Emmet	Bear River	Walloon Lake	Northern edge of foot bridge north of Lake St.
Cheboygan, Emmet	Maple River	Woodland Road	Mouth
Cheboygan	Mill Creek		Lake Huron
Cheboygan	Pigeon River	Pine Grove Campground Stairs	East Mullet Road
Cheboygan	Sturgeon River	Afton Road (Webb Road)	Mouth at Burt Lake
Chippewa	Albany Creek	Bridge below lamprey weir	Lake Huron
Chippewa, Mackinac	Carp River, mainstream		Lake Huron
Chippewa	Halfaday Creek	Lakeshore Drive	Lake Superior
Chippewa	Pendill's Creek	Second Dam (T47N, R4W, S28)	Lake Superior
Chippewa, Mackinac	Pine River	H-40 Bridge	Lake Huron

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Crawford, Oscoda	Au Sable River, mainstream	McMasters Bridge Road (McMasters Bridge)	Rainbow Bend power line (T26N, R2E, S3)
Delta	Bark River	9 Road (Section line between T38N, R24W, S20, 29)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Big Fishdam River	CR 2222 Bridge (T41N, R18W, S9)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Days River	M-35 Bridge	Lake Michigan
Delta, Dickinson	Ford River	Northland Truck Trail (T43N, R27W, S35) Dickinson Co.	Lake Michigan
Delta	Rapid River	CR S-15 (T42N, R21W, S19)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Sturgeon River	CR 442 Bridge (T42N, R20W, S13)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Tacoosh River	29th Lane (CR G-24)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Whitefish River	38th Road (USFS 2236)	US-2 Bridge (T41N, R21W, S28)
Gladwin	North Branch Cedar River	(T20N, R2W, S2)	Confluence with Cedar River (T19N, R2W, S20)
Grand Traverse	Boardman River	Beitner Road	Lake Michigan
Houghton	Elm River	Road Bridge between (T53N, R36W, S3, S10)	
Houghton	Little Elm River	Agate Beach Road (T53N, R36W, S6)	
Houghton	South Branch Elm River	Bridge (T54N, R36W, S29, S32)	
Houghton	Graveraet River	Mouth of Deer Creek (T45N, R36W, S2)	
Houghton	Trap Rock River	Cemetery Road (T56N, R32W, S29)	
Ionia, Montcalm	Fish Creek	Sidney Road	Confluence with Maple River
Ionia, Montcalm	Prairie Creek	East Muskrat Road	Confluence with Grand River
Ionia	Sebewa Creek and all tributaries		
Kalamazoo	Augusta Creek	Little Gilkey Lake and Fair Lakes Outlets	Knappen Mills Dam
Kalamazoo	Portage Creek		Kilgore Road (T3S, R11W, S3)
Kalkaska, Wexford	Manistee River	Sunset Trail Road (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26)	M-115
Kalkaska	Rapid River	Antrim (Rugg) Pond	Torch River
Kalkaska, Antrim	Torch River	Torch Lake	Lake Skegemog
Kent	Nash Creek		Confluence with Rogue River
Kent	Ball Creek		Confluence with Rogue River
Kent	Buck Creek		Confluence with Grand River
Kent	Rogue River		Confluence with Grand River

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Keweenaw	Eagle River	Dam, Eagle River Village	
Keweenaw	Fanny Hooe River	Lake Fanny Hooe	
Keweenaw	Gratiot River	Bridge (T57N, R32W, S19, S20)	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Silver Creek	Falls (T58N, R32W, S26)	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Silver River	M-26	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Tobacco River	Mouth of Black Brook Creek	
Lake, Manistee	Little Manistee River	Johnson Road (Johnson's Bridge)	The boundary with Manistee Lake, which is defined as the power line crossing downstream of Stronach Road Bridge (also referred to as Water Street on some maps).
Lake, Mason	Pere Marquette River	Upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids	Reek Road (Indian Bridge)
Leelanau	Shalda Creek	Little Traverse Lake (T29N, R13W, S10)	Lake Michigan (T29N, R13W, S4)
Luce	Blind Sucker River	Blind Sucker Flooding Dam	
Luce	Two-Hearted River	CR 407 (High Bridge)	Lake Superior
Mackinac	Black River	Peters Truck Trail Footbridge	
Mackinac	Brevoort River	Brevoort Lake	
Mackinac	Crow River	Outfall of Amadon Pond	
Mackinac, Schoolcraft	Milakokia River	Inland-Limestone Co. Railroad Bridge (T41N, R13W, S1)	Lake Michigan
Mackinac	Millecoquins River	H-40 Bridge	Lake Michigan
Macomb	Clinton River	Yates Dam above Dequindre Road	Lake St. Clair
Macomb	North Branch Clinton River	32 Mile Road	Confluence with Clinton River
Manistee	Manistee River	Hodenpyl Reservoir	Red Bridge
Manistee	Bowens Creek	St. Pierre Road	M-22
Marquette	Big Garlic River	Forks (T49N, R27W, S12)	Lake Superior
Marquette	Harlow Creek	Railroad Bridge (T49N, T26W, S24)	Lake Superior
Marquette	Iron River	Lake Independence Dam	Lake Superior
Mason	Big South Branch Pere Marquette River	Confluence Beaver and Winnesaug Creeks	Confluence with Pere Marquette River
Mason	Sable River	Pole Bridge (T19N, R15W, S3)	Hamlin Lake
Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo	Little Muskegon River		
Mecosta, Osceola	Muskegon River	US-10 (T18N, R8W, S34)	DNR River Bend Bluffs PAS (T15N, R9W, S31)
Menominee	Big Cedar River	Veterans Memorial Park Dam (T38N, R26W, S9)	Lake Michigan
Menominee	Walton Creek	Westmann Dam (T35N, R25W, S18)	Lake Michigan

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Montmorency	Thunder Bay River	Atlanta Dam	Sucker Creek confluence upstream of Hillman Pond
Muskegon, Oceana	White River	Hesperia Dam	Lake Michigan
Newaygo	Tamarack Creek		
Oceana	Pentwater River	Hart Dam	Confluence with Pentwater Lake (Long Bridge Road or B15)
Oceana	North Branch Pentwater River	Oceana Drive	Confluence with Pentwater River, Mainstream
Oceana	North Branch White River	Arthur Road	Confluence with White River
Ontonagon	Union River	South Boundary Road (T51N, R42W, S22)	Lake Superior
Oscoda	Au Sable River, mainstream	Mio Dam	Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7)
Ottawa	Crockery Creek	Moore Road	Confluence with Grand River
Ottawa, Muskegon	North Branch Crockery Creek, Mainstream	Kenowa Avenue (T10N, R13W, S36)	Confluence with Crockery Creek, Mainstream at Ravenna
Ottawa	Sand Creek		
Presque Isle	Ocqueoc River	Barnhart Lake	Lake Huron
Schoolcraft	Manistique River	Papermill Dam	
St. Clair	Belle River		
St. Clair	Mill Creek		Confluence with Black River
St. Joseph	Mill Creek and tributaries	Preston Road (T7S, R12W, S7)	Impoundment (T7S, R12W, S32)
St. Joseph	Unnamed tributary (T6S, R10W, S26)		
Van Buren	Brush Creek except Reynolds Lake Drain	63 rd Avenue	Confluence with Paw Paw River
Van Buren	South Branch Paw Paw River, West Branch Paw Paw River, and (Gates Drain and tributaries		Railroad bridge downstream of I-94 (T3S, R14W, S14)
Van Buren	Pine Creek		101st Avenue (T1N, R12W, S32)
Wayne	Huron River	Belleville Lake Dam	Lake Erie

Gear Restricted Streams

NOTE:

- 1) On any stream reach that is being managed under gear restrictions, it shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food on any of the waters or on shore.

Au Sable River

- **Mainstream (Crawford County) from Burton's Landing to South Wakeley Bridge Road (Wakeley Bridge) – 9.0 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
 - Size Limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- **Mainstream (Crawford County) from South Wakeley Bridge Road (Wakeley Bridge) to McMasters Bridge Road (McMasters Bridge) – 8.0 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.

Au Sable River

- **Mainstream (Oscoda County) from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7) to Evans Road (McKinley Bridge) – 15.0 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 7 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.

- **North Branch (Crawford County) from Sheep Ranch to confluence with Mainstream – 20.7 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches

- **South Branch (Crawford County) from Chase Bridge Road (Chase Bridge) to Lower High Banks – 4.3 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
 - Size Limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.

- **South Branch (Crawford County) from Lower High Banks to confluence with Mainstream – 11.5 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.

Black River

- **(Otsego and Montmorency counties) from Tin Shanty Bridge Road to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31 SE/SE) – 4.4 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout; open for the entire year for Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than two (2) Brook Trout.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 8 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.

Cooks Run

- **(Iron County) from US Forest Hwy 16 to Confluence with South Branch Paint River – 4.5 miles**
 - From the last Saturday in April - September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations, except the minimum size limit for Brook Trout shall be 7 inches.
 - From October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:
 - Fishing Season: October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
 - Possession Season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
 - Size Limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.

Duck Creek

- **(Gogebic County) from Railroad Bridge (T44N, R39W, S16 SE1/4 SE1/4) to Confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River – 6.5 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: all species of trout – 10 inches.

Escanaba River

- **(Delta County) from Boney Falls Dam to Mouth of Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, S11)**
– 14.2 miles
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 12 inches; Rainbow Trout – 12 inches.

Fox River

- **(Schoolcraft County) from Fox River State Forest Campground (T46N, R14W, S11) to M-28**
– 7.6 miles
 - From the last Saturday in April - September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.
 - From October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:
 - Fishing Season: October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
 - Possession Season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
 - Size Limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.

Huron River

- **(Oakland County) from 50 yards below Proud Lake Dam (T2N, R8E, S18) to 100 Yards below Wixom Road (T2N, R7E, S13) – 2.0 miles**
 - From the last Saturday in April - September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.
 - From April 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:
 - Fishing Season: April 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
 - Possession Season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
 - Size Limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.

Little Manistee River

- **(Lake County) from North Peacock Trail (Spencer's Bridge T19N, R13W, S5) to Johnson Road (Johnson's Bridge T20N, R14W, S24) – 7.5 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open April 1 - December 31.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open April 1 - December 31 for all other species of trout and salmon.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) fish, any combination of trout and salmon.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 15 inches; all other species of trout and salmon – 10 inches.

Manistee River

- **(Crawford County) from CR 612 to M-72 – 9.2 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.

Manistee River

- **(Crawford and Kalkaska counties) from M-72 to Sunset Trail Road (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26) – 16.7 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.

Paint Creek

- **(Oakland County) from Gunn Road to Tienken Road – 5.0 miles**
 - Fishing Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for all species of trout.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for all species of trout.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: all species of trout – 14 inches.

Paint River

- **South Branch (Iron County) from the Mouth of Cooks Run (T44N, R36W, S28) to the Mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8) – 10.0 miles**
 - From the last Saturday in April - September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations, except the minimum size limit for Brook Trout shall be 7 inches.
 - From October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:
 - Fishing Season: October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
 - Possession Season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
 - Size Limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.

Pere Marquette River

- **(Lake County) from M-37 to the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R14W, S13) – 8.5 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
 - Tackle: artificial flies only; use or possession of scented material prohibited in the water or on shore.
 - Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout and salmon; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout or salmon.
 - Size Limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout and salmon. Trout and salmon less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.

- **(Lake County) from the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R14W, S13) to the Upstream Edge of the Boat Ramp at Rainbow Rapids – 10.5 miles**
 - From September 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 4 regulations, with the following exceptions:
 - Fishing Season: September 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
 - Possession Season: September 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
 - Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) Brook Trout; zero (0) Brown Trout; one (1) Rainbow Trout.
 - Size Limits: not applicable for Brook Trout and Brown Trout.

 - From the last Saturday in April - August 31, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:
 - Fishing Season: last Saturday in April - August 31.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - August 31.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout or salmon; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Brown Trout 18 inches or greater, and except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Rainbow Trout.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: all species of salmon – 10 inches; Brook Trout – 8 inches; Brown Trout – 8 inches; Rainbow Trout – 8 inches; except that the harvest of fish greater than 14 inches and less than 18 inches shall be prohibited for Brook Trout, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout.

Pigeon River

- **(Cheboygan and Otsego counties) from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail to Pine Grove Campground Stairs – 5.3 miles**
 - Fishing Season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession Season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
 - Tackle: artificial lures only.
 - Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Brown Trout.
 - Size Limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 12 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.

Adfluvial Brook Trout Restoration Areas

The following locations have more restrictive Brook Trout regulations. Fishing regulations on these waters shall supersede those in other sections which in any way conflict with the following: the possession season for Brook Trout is from the last Saturday in April – September 30 (except for the Salmon-Trout River as listed below), the minimum size limit on Brook Trout, Lake Trout, and Splake shall be 20 inches with a daily possession limit of one (1) Brook Trout, Lake Trout or Splake total combined.

- 1) Big Garlic River and tributaries (Marquette County), from County Road 550 (T50N, R26W, S33) downstream to Lake Superior (T50N, R26W, S21).
- 2) Big Huron River (Baraga and Marquette Counties), from Big Eric's Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S18).
- 3) Iron River (Marquette County), from Lake Independence Dam (T51N, R27W, S13) downstream to Lake Superior (T51N, R26W, S18).
- 4) Little Huron River (Marquette County), from unnamed bridge crossing located at the southern border of section 20 (T52N, R29W, S20) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S17).
- 5) Pilgrim River and tributaries (Houghton County), from the headwaters downstream to Portage Lake (T54N, R33W, S5).
- 6) Portage/Torch Lake system (including the Portage River, Portage Canal, North Entry and South Entry, Houghton County).
- 7) Ravine River (Baraga County), from Sicotte Road (T51N, R31W, S2) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S4).
- 8) Silver River (Baraga County), from Silver River Falls (T51N, R32W, S26) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S18).
- 9) Slate River (Baraga County), from Slate River Falls (1/2 mile upstream from Skanee Road T51N, R31W, S9) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S8).
- 10) Salmon-Trout River (Marquette County) from Lower Falls (T51N, R28W, S13) down to Lake Superior. Fishing season: last Saturday in April - August 14; Possession season: last Saturday in April - August 14.

This order shall be assigned number FO-200.23, and is titled “Inland Rivers and Streams – Trout and Salmon Regulations.”

This order supersedes the order titled “Inland Rivers and Streams – Trout and Salmon Regulations,” effective January 7, 2022, and was assigned number FO-200.22.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2023 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 13th day of October 2022.

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

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Thomas Baird, Chair
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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Daniel Eichinger
Director



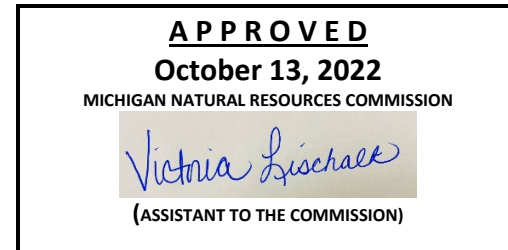
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DANIEL EICHINGER
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: August 15, 2022
RESUBMITTED: September 12, 2022



MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 254.23
Inland Lakes - Trout and Salmon Regulations

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 254 governs regulations for trout and salmon on inland lakes. The Department recommends adding a waterbody, modifying the regulation Type for one waterbody, and removing one lake from the order.

The Department proposes the following regulatory amendments for this order:

1. Big Trout Lake (Marquette): The Department recommends adding Big Trout Lake under Type E regulations to protect stocked brown trout. Big Trout Lake has a long history of being stocked with various trout species dating back to 1937. The lake also has developed into having a nice warmwater species component. A netting survey conducted in 2013 collected 5 brown trout (which were in poor condition) and various warmwater species. In 2014, brown trout stocking was discontinued, and the management emphasis changed towards stocking rainbow trout (Michigan strain steelhead) to try to develop a fishery consisting of cold- and warmwater species. Fall fingerling steelhead were stocked for several years and a follow-up survey in 2017 resulted in catching one 10-inch steelhead and 4 brown trout ranging in length from 17 – 22 inches. The most recent survey conducted in 2021 resulted in the collection of a single 15-inch steelhead. The poor performance of the fall fingerling steelhead stocking efforts resulted in managers cancelling steelhead stocking in this lake. Conversations with anglers and residents after the 2021 fish community survey indicated that there was a preference by the group for reinitiating a brown trout stocking program, and the Department agreed to manage the coldwater fishery primary for brown trout via stocking efforts. Adding Big Trout Lake under Type E regulations will protect stocked brown trout with a 15-inch minimum size limit and allow anglers to fish all year in this waterbody.
2. Redboat Lake (Gogebic): The Department recommends changing from Type D to C sportfishing regulations, which will result in expanded harvest opportunities for trout in a lake with an increasing relative abundance of warmwater fish species. A netting survey

in 2017 and 2021 documented an increasing trend in relative abundance of warmwater species like largemouth bass, bluegill, and yellow perch which are known to compete with trout. A 2021 netting survey documented that most brook trout collected were under 12 inches. The change to Type C will result in reducing the 15-inch minimum size limit to 8 inches, increase the daily possession limit from 1 to 5 with only three 15" or greater, expand the fishing season to all year, and will allow the use of all bait types, which will benefit anglers.

3. Grand Sable Lake (Alger): The Department recommends removing Type E fishing regulations due to a management shift from coldwater species to warmwater species in the lake. Prior to 2005, Grand Sable Lake was stocked with lake trout (not a naturally occurring species). In 2005, the National Park Service requested that the state move towards management of native species within park boundaries. Lake trout stocking was cancelled, and Type E fishing regulations were enacted to protect previously stocked lake trout there to larger sizes before harvest. It has been more than a decade since lake trout were stocked into Grand Sable Lake, and it is recommended that the limited trout population be regulated without a trout lake classification, which results in an 8-inch minimum size limit for trout and a possession season that is open all year.

Fisheries Division conducted several Coffee and Conversation virtual meetings in spring 2022 where regulation changes were presented to the public and the proposals were fully supported. The regulation proposals were also discussed with local law enforcement staff who indicated their support.

Issue Pros and Cons

Placing higher size limit regulations on unique trout fisheries with good survival and growth provides anglers with quality trout fishing opportunities. Adjusting trout regulations based upon recent survey information provides managers the ability to modify regulations that benefit anglers. Removal of more restrictive fishing regulations, when no longer necessary, creates more fishing opportunities. No cons have been identified.

Biological

Implementing new fishing regulations by placing a water under higher minimum size limit regulations provides anglers with quality trout fishing regulations when fish stocks exhibit good growth. Conversely, waters where stocked trout are not reaching the existing minimum size limit result in reduced angling opportunities. Waters that no longer focus on coldwater species management need to be placed under the most appropriate fishing regulations for anglers.

Social

Anglers support regulations that informed by available data and are biologically sound. Timely survey information enables managers to enact the most appropriate fishing regulations for anglers.

Economic

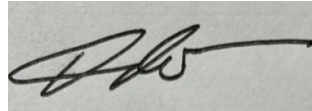
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order was submitted for information on September 8, 2022, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's August 30, 2022 calendar and may be eligible for approval on October 13, 2022.



James Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division

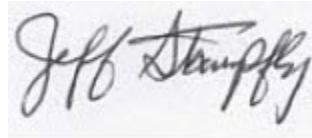


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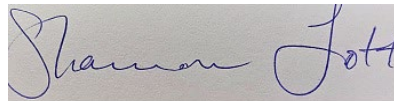
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Jeff Stampfly, Chief
Forest Resources Division



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Shannon Lott
Natural Resources Deputy

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



Daniel Eichinger, Director

Date: October 13, 2022

FISHERIES ORDER

Inland Lakes - Trout and Salmon Regulations Order 254.23

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 and Part 491 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on October 13, 2022, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2023, as follows:

The following regulations are established for trout and salmon on inland lakes:

*Note: For the purpose of this order Rainbow Trout refers to both Rainbow Trout and Steelhead.

Trout and Salmon in Inland Lakes

On those inland lakes designated below as Types A, B, C, D and E, the minimum size limits for Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Pink Salmon, and Atlantic Salmon shall be as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Chinook Salmon	10 inches
Coho Salmon	10 inches
Pink Salmon	10 inches
Atlantic Salmon	15 inches

Notwithstanding any other order of the Department, for any inland lake not classified below the fishing and possession seasons are open for the entire year to the taking of trout, the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches except, the daily possession limit shall be five (5) trout**, and all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.

**Note: The daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Type A Lakes

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - October 31.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - October 31.
- Tackle: natural baits except minnows (dead or alive) and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- Size limits:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook Trout	10 inches
Brown Trout	12 inches
Rainbow Trout	12 inches
Splake	12 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type A lakes. Type A lakes are managed strictly for trout and, as such, are designated trout lakes.

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alger	Addis Lakes (T46N, R20W, S33)
Alger	Bette's Pond

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alger	Brian's Pond
Alger	Cox Pond (T46N, R19W, S13)
Alger	Grand Marais Lake
Alger	Hike Lake
Alger	Irwin Lake
Alger	Rock Lake
Alger	Rock River Pond
Alger	Sitka Lake (T48N, R13W, S9)
Alger	Sullivan Lake (T49N, R15W, S21)
Alger	Trueman Lake
Alger	West John's Lake (T48N, R13W, S26)
Chippewa	Highbanks Lake
Chippewa	Naomikong Lake
Chippewa	Naomikong Pond
Crawford	Kneff Lake
Crawford	Shupac Lake
Delta	Bear Lake
Delta	Carr Lake (T43N, R18W, S36)
Delta	Carr Ponds (T43N, R18W, S26)
Delta	Kilpecker Pond (T43N, R18W, S11)
Delta	Norway Lake
Delta	Wintergreen Lake (T43N, R18W, S36)
Delta	Zigmaul Pond
Gogebic	Castle Lake
Gogebic	Cornelia Lake
Houghton	Penegor Lake
Iron	Deadman's Lake (T41N, R32W, S5 & 8)
Iron	Fortune Pond (T43N, R33W, S25)
Iron	Killdeer Lake
Iron	Madelyn Lake
Iron	Skyline Lake
Iron	Spree Lake
Keweenaw	No Name Pond (T57N, R31W, S8)
Luce	Bennett Springs Lake
Luce	Brockies Pond (T46N, R11W, S1)
Luce	Bullhead Lake (T49N, R11W, S34)
Luce	Dairy Lake
Luce	Holland Lake
Luce	Jack Lake
Luce	Little Whorl Lake
Luce	Pratt Lake
Luce	Silver Creek Pond
Luce	Syphon Lake
Luce	Trout Lake
Luce	Ward Lake
Luce	Wolverine Lake
Luce	Youngs Lake
Mackinac	Millecoquins Pond
Marquette	Cranberry Lake (T45N, R30W, S10)
Marquette	Just Lake
Marquette	Island Lake (T45N, R30W, S14)
Marquette	Moccasin Lake
Marquette	Section 13 Lake

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Marquette	Slough Lake
Marquette	Swanzy Lake
Oscoda	Crater Lake
Schoolcraft	Kings Pond
Schoolcraft	Lost Lake
Schoolcraft	Spring Pond

Type B Lakes

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: open for the entire year.
- Tackle: all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- Size limits:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook Trout	10 inches
Brown Trout	12 inches
Rainbow Trout	12 inches
Splake	12 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type B lakes.

Type B Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alcona	Reid Lake
Alcona	South Hoist Lake
Alger	Ackerman Lake
Alger	Cheryl's Pond (T44N, R19W, S25)
Alger	Kay's Pond
Alger	Mirror Lake
Alger	North (Upper) Shoe Lake (T48N, R17W, S36)
Alger	Sawaski Pond (T44N, R19W, S14)
Antrim	Green Lake
Baraga	Roland Lake
Barry	Deep Lake
Cass	Birch Lake
Cass	Hemlock Lake
Charlevoix	Louise Lake
Cheboygan	Silver Lake
Cheboygan	Weber Lake
Chippewa	Dukes Lake
Crawford	Bright Lake
Emmet, Charlevoix	Walloon Lake
Gogebic	Beatons Lake
Gogebic	Imp Lake
Gogebic	Moon Lake
Grand Traverse	Duck Lake
Grand Traverse	Green Lake
Iron	Chicagon Lake
Iron	Ellen Lake

Type B Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Iron	Golden Lake
Iron	Lake Ottawa
Kalkaska	Bear Lake
Kalkaska	Big Blue Lake
Kalkaska	North Blue Lake
Luce	Pretty lake
Luce	Tank Lake
Marquette	Bass Lake (T45N, R26W, S29)
Marquette	Brocky Lake
Marquette	Cedar Lake (T47N, R27W, S11)
Marquette	Forestville Basin (T48N, R25W, S8)
Marquette	Little Brocky Lake
Marquette	Little Shag Lake
Marquette	Perch Lake (T46N, R29W, S8)
Marquette	Silver Lake Basin
Marquette	Twin Lake (T45N, R30W, S23)
Montmorency	Avalon Lake
Montmorency	Clear Lake
Montmorency	McCormick Lake
Ogemaw	Lake George (T21N, R2E, S18)
Ontonagon	Courtney Lake
Oscoda	Loon Lake
Otsego	Big Chub Lake
Otsego	Bridge Lake
Otsego	Heart Lake
Otsego	Pickereel Lake
Presque Isle	Bear Den Lake (T33N, R2E, S32)
Schoolcraft	Banana Lake
Schoolcraft	Bear Lake (Nineteen Lake, T44N, R18W, S27)

Type C Lakes

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: open for the entire year.
- Tackle: all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	8 inches
Brown Trout	8 inches
Rainbow Trout	8 inches
Splake	8 inches
Lake Trout	8 inches

Following is a listing of Type C lakes.

Type C Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Antrim	Bellaire Pond
Berrien	Singer Lake
Branch	Cary Lake
Cass	Harwood Lake
Gogebic	Redboat Lake

Type C Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Grand Traverse	Sand Lake #1
Hillsdale	Bear Lake
Hillsdale	Bird Lake
Jackson	Farwell Lake (T4S, R2W, S25/36)
Jackson	Swains Lake
Kalamazoo	Little Paw Paw Lake (T3S, R12W, S31)
Kalamazoo	Ruppert Lake
Kalkaska	Big Guernsey Lake
Kalkaska	Big Twin Lake
Kalkaska	Starvation Lake
Leelanau	Lime Lake
Lenawee	Allens Lake (T5S, R2E, S10)
Lenawee	Deep Lake
Luce	Camp 8 Lake
Montcalm	Marl Lake
Montcalm	Nevins Lake
Muskegon	Half Moon Lake
Newaygo	Condon Lake
Oakland	Maceday Lake (T3N, R9E, S7)
Ontonagon	Mirror Lake
Ontonagon	Trout Creek Pond (T47N, R38W, S14)
Osceola	Center Lake
Van Buren	Shafer Lake

Type D Lakes

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - October 31.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - October 31.
- Tackle: only artificial lures may be used. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food on any of the waters or on shore.
- Daily Possession Limit: one (1) trout.
- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	15 inches
Brown Trout	15 inches
Rainbow Trout	15 inches
Splake	15 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type D lakes. Type D lakes are managed for trout and, as such, are designated trout lakes.

Type D Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Cheboygan	Hemlock Lake (T3N, R1W, S34, 35)
Houghton	Clear Lake
Houghton	Perrault Lake
Iron	Forest Lake
Iron	Timber Lake
Keweenaw	Lost Lake
Luce	Deer Lake
Luce	Moon Lake
Luce	Sid Lake

Type D Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Marquette	South Kidney Lake (T45N, R26W, S28)
Marquette	Rockingchair Lake, N., (T49N, R28W, S10)
Marquette	Rockingchair Lake, S., (T49N, R28W, S10)
Marquette	Strawberry Lake
Otsego	Ford Lake (T32N, R1W, S8)
Otsego	Lost Lake
Otsego	North Twin Lake
Otsego	Section Four Lake (T32N, R1W, S4)
Otsego	South Twin Lake
Otsego	West Lost Lake (T32N, R1W, S3)
Schoolcraft	Ned's Lake
Schoolcraft	Twilight Lake

Type E Lakes

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: open for the entire year.
- Tackle: all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: three (3) trout.
- Size limits:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum size limit</u>
Brook Trout	15 inches
Brown Trout	15 inches
Rainbow Trout	15 inches
Splake	15 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type E lakes.

Type E Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Antrim	Torch Lake
Antrim, Grand Traverse	Elk Lake
Barry, Kalamazoo	Gull Lake
Benzie	Crystal Lake
Cheboygan	Tower Pond (from dam upstream to M-68)
Leelanau	North Lake Leelanau
Leelanau	Big Glen Lake
Marquette	Big Trout Lake
Marquette	Lake Arfelin
Marquette	Sporely Lake
Roscommon	Higgins Lake

Type F Lakes (Drowned River-Mouth Lakes)

NOTE:

- 1) The following regulations shall apply in each drowned river-mouth lake identified below from the upstream limit of the lake to its mouth at Lake Michigan.
- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
 - Possession season:
 - 1) For all species of trout and salmon, open for the entire year.
 - Tackle: all types of natural baits and artificial lures may be used.
 - Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except:
 - 1) Excluding Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon, the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) of any one species of trout or salmon.
 - 2) The daily possession limit may include up to five (5) Chinook Salmon or Coho Salmon in any combination.
 - Size limits: minimum size limit: 10 inches for all species of trout and salmon.

Following is a listing of Type F lakes.

Type F Trout Lakes		
County	Lake Name	Upstream Limit
Allegan	Kalamazoo Lake/Silver Lake	US 31
Benzie	Betsie Lake	M-22
Charlevoix	Lake Charlevoix (including Round Lake)	
Manistee	Arcadia Lake	M-22
Manistee	Manistee Lake	Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, 16W, S6)
Manistee	Portage Lake	
Mason	Pere Marquette Lake	Old 31 Highway
Muskegon	Duck Lake	Nestrom Road
Muskegon	Mona Lake	US 31
Muskegon	Muskegon Lake	M-120
Muskegon	White Lake	Business Route US 31
Oceana	Pentwater Lake	Long Bridge Road (B15)
Oceana	Silver Lake	
Oceana	Stony Lake	Inlet of Stony Creek (Scenic Drive, T13N, R18W, S5)
Ottawa	Lake Macatawa	River Avenue
Ottawa	Pigeon Lake	Lakeshore Drive

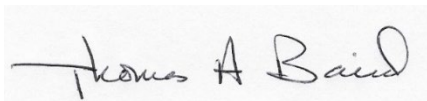
This order shall be assigned number FO-254.23, and is titled "Inland Lakes - Trout and Salmon Regulations".

This order supersedes the order titled "Inland Lakes - Trout and Salmon Regulations," effective April 1, 2022, and was assigned number FO-254.22.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2023 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 13th day of October 2022.

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

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Thomas Baird, Chair
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Eichinger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Daniel Eichinger
Director