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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 204.23
Spawning Closures

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 204 enacts spawning closures that prohibits all fishing activity on specific waters to protect fishery resources during spawning migrations. The Department recommends making three changes to the order. Denton Creek in Roscommon County is recommended for addition to the order to protect spawning walleye from unlawful fishing activities. The second recommendation involves a modification for the Au Sable River below Foote Dam in Iosco County to shorten the area closed to fishing which will enable anglers to utilize fishing structures below the dam. Lastly, the Backus Creek closure in Roscommon County is recommended for removal since walleye have not been observed in that system.

Therefore, the following changes are proposed:

1. Addition – Roscommon County: Denton Creek is recommended to be closed to fishing from March 23 through April 23.
2. Modify – Iosco County: Au Sable River Foote Dam closure area is recommended to be reduced to only include Foote Dam and the apron below Foote Dam.
3. Removal – Roscommon County: Backus Creek currently has a spawning closure set in place to protect spawning walleye that is no longer necessary.

The Central Lake Michigan Management Unit held a virtual meeting on March 9, 2022, to discuss Denton Creek and Backus Creek closures. Comments were received in support of the changes. Law Enforcement staff have indicated their support for the proposals.

The Northern Lake Huron Management Unit held a virtual meeting on April 7, 2022, to discuss the Au Sable River Foote Dam spawning closure proposal. Comments received were supportive of the proposed modification to the spawning closure.

Issue Pros and Cons

Adding a stream to the list provides greater protection of the resource. Modifying the length of the Foote Dam spawning closure will increase angler opportunities by allowing anglers to fish from structures built to increase angler access. Removal of a closure no longer needed will remove an unnecessary restriction on local angling opportunities.

Biological

Protecting fish during a vulnerable time like the spawning migration will help maintain important broodstock in areas where natural reproduction supports the fishery. Removing a spawning closure where it is unnecessary will have no biological effect.

Social

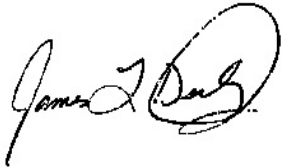
Adding a spawning closure to protect naturally spawning walleye is supported by anglers. Modifying the length of a closure to increase angler access and removing an unnecessary spawning closure are also supported by anglers.

Economic

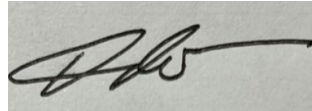
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

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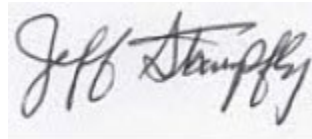
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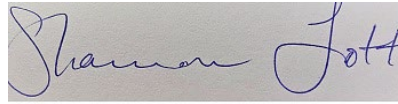
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Daniel Eichinger, Director

Date: September 8, 2022

FISHERIES ORDER

Spawning Closures Order 204.23

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 September 8, 2022, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2023, except as otherwise provided:

- 1) The following stream sections are closed to fishing to protect concentrations of spawning fish:

County	Area Closed	Closure Time
Alger	Rock River - between dam and its downstream-most foot bridge located downstream from M-28 (T47N, R21W, S15)	April 1 – June 30
Antrim	Intermediate River from Bellaire Dam to Highway M-88 Bridge	April 1 – May 14
Arenac, Bay	Pine River – upstream from State Road (T18N, R5E, S5)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Arenac, Bay	Saganing Creek – upstream from State Road (T18N, R5E, S30)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Baraga	Sturgeon River – from the Prickett Dam downstream to mouth of Clear Creek (T50N, R35W, S12)	April 1 – June 30
Bay	Kawkawlin River and all tributaries upstream from Euclid Avenue (T14N, R5E, S6)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Benzie	Platte River from US-31 bridge at Veteran's Park downstream to Platte Lake	January 1 – March 31
Benzie	Platte River within 300 feet of the upper (hatchery) weir infrastructure	Whenever weir is in place
Benzie	Platte River within 300 feet of the lower weir infrastructure	Whenever weir is in place
Benzie	Betsie River Homestead Dam – No fishing within 100 feet upstream and downstream from the lamprey barrier and fish passage facility (T25N, R15W, S2)	November 16 – July 31
Benzie	Betsie River Homestead Dam – No fishing within 300 feet upstream and downstream from the lamprey barrier and fish passage facility (T25N, R15W, S2)	August 1 – November 15

Charlevoix	Medusa Creek – Tributary to Lake Michigan (T34N, R8W, S28) and including an area of Lake Michigan in a radius of 100 feet from the mouth of Medusa Creek	Whenever weir is in place
Cheboygan	Black River - from Kleber Dam downstream to Red Bridge (T35N, R1E, S5), it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any species of fish	April 1 - June 15
Cheboygan	Lower Black River from Alverno Dam downstream to Mograin Bridge (T37N, R1W, S26)	April 1 – May 14
Chippewa	Potaganissing River from Potagannising Dam downstream to Maxton Road (T42N, R6E, S15)	March 16 – May 14
Delta	Rapid River Borrow Pit (T40N, R21W, S34)	Year-round
Grand Traverse	Boardman River within 300 feet upstream or downstream of weir in Traverse City	Whenever weir is in place
Iosco	East Branch Au Gres River – between DNR lamprey weir and Legget Road (T21N, R6E, S10)	December 1 – day before last Saturday in April
Iosco	Au Sable River – From Foote Dam to the downstream edge of the apron of the dam	Year-round
Iosco	Au Gres River from a point 50 feet upstream from the Allen (Cox) Road Bridge to 500 feet downstream (T21N, R6E, S31 & 32)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Manistee	Little Manistee River from a point 300 feet downstream from the DNR weir (T21N, R16W, S25) 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).	September 1 – November 14 and January 1 – March 31
Manistee	Little Manistee River within 300 feet of the DNR weir (T21N, R16W, S25)	Year-round
Manistee, Mason, Lake	Little Manistee River from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencers Bridge	January 1 – March 31
Marquette	Salmon-Trout River from lower falls (T51N, R28W, S13) to the mouth (T52N, R27W, S31)	August 15 – Friday before the last Saturday in April
Midland	Tittabawassee River—between Sanford Dam and the mouth of the Salt River (T15N, R1W, S24)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April
Midland	Tittabawassee River—between the Dow Dam and Gordonville Bridge (T13N, R2E, S1)	March 16 – Friday before last Saturday in April

Ontonagon	West Branch Ontonagon River—from its confluence with the Victoria Hydro Station tail race (T50N, R39W, SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of S29) upstream to Victoria Dam, including the tailrace canal	April 1 – June 10
Otsego	Otsego Lake Pike Marsh (T30N, R3W, S20)	March 16 – June 15
Presque Isle	Shuberts Creek (T33N, R7E) from Long Lake upstream to Clinton Creek Road (T33N, R7E, S14)	April 1 – May 14
Presque Isle	Clinton Creek (T33N, R7E, S26)	April 1 – May 14
Presque Isle	Grand Lake Pike Marsh (T34N, R7E, S21 & 22)	Whenever marsh is in operation
Presque Isle	Swan River – from 300 feet above weir to mouth (T35N, R6E, S20 & 29)	Whenever weir is in place
Presque Isle	Rainy River from the confluence with Black Lake upstream to North Allis Road Bridge (T35N, R2E, S15)	April 1 – May 14
Roscommon	Cut River from its confluence with Backus Creek (T23N, R3W, S22) upstream to its outlet at Marl Lake (T24N, R3W, S34)	March 23 – April 23
Roscommon	Denton Creek from the Lake James Dam downstream to Houghton Lake	March 23 – April 23

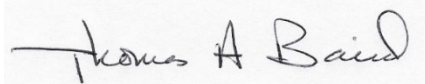
This order shall be assigned number FO-204.23, and is titled "Spawning Closures."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Spawning Closures," which became effective April 1, 2022, and is assigned number FO-204.22.

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

Issued on this 8th day of September 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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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 215.23
Statewide Warmwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass

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 215 covers statewide fishing regulations for warmwater gamefish species. The Department recommends moving the provision currently listed in Fisheries Order 206.22 for the Saginaw River “from the mouth of the river, upstream to the Center Road (Douglas G. Schenk) Bridge, also known as West Center Street (Bay and Saginaw Counties): the possession season for walleye shall be open all year” into this order. The provision was added to Fisheries Order 206.22 as an amendment by the Natural Resources Commission (Commission) in 2021. The Department recommends placing the provision in Fisheries Order 215.23 where other walleye regulations on this water are currently listed.

It should be noted that Fisheries Order 206.23 is also being presented For Information Only at this meeting and that the order is recommended to be effective April 1, 2023. Therefore, Fisheries Order 206.22, currently in effect, contains the Commission amendment and will remain effective through March 31, 2023. Fisheries Order 215 is also recommended to be effective on April 1, 2023. The process of moving the provision from Fisheries Order 206 to 215 will not have an effect on the timing or duration of the new walleye possession season expansion.

Issue Pros and Cons

Moving the provision to Fisheries Order 215 will benefit the Department by having the walleye daily possession limit, minimum size limit and possession season all together for this area. No cons have been identified.

Biological

This change is not based upon biological information.

Fisheries Order FO-215.23

Statewide Warmwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass

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Social

Anglers will not notice a difference and the expanded fishing opportunity recommended by the Commission will still be implemented.

Economic

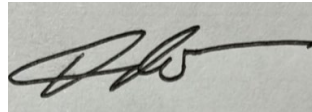
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

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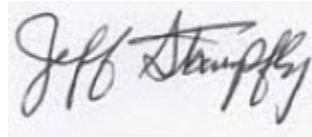
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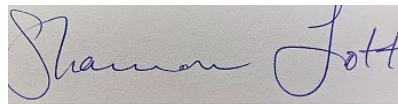
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Daniel Eichinger, Director

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FISHERIES ORDER

Statewide Warmwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass Order 215.23

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 September 8, 2022, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2023, as follows:

A. For the purpose of this order the following definitions are provided:

- 1) Catch-and-Immediate-Release (CIR): means the act of returning fish immediately to the water without injury and without holding in livewell or like object.
- 2) MH-4: is a Lake Trout management unit which is bounded on the north by a line beginning on the shore on Au Sable Point in Iosco County at Latitude 44°20'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 083°10'W, then southward along said longitude to Latitude 44°10'N, then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 082°40'W, then southward along said line to Latitude 44°00'N, then westward along said line to shore about 2.6 miles southeast of Point aux Barques Light in Huron County.

The statewide seasons, size limits, and daily possession limits on all state waters shall be as listed below, except as otherwise ordered:

B. Statewide Seasons

A person shall not take, catch, or kill or attempt to take, catch or kill any of the species of fish named in this Order except during the seasons that are specified below for each species of fish named in this Order.

- 1) Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass:
 - a) CIR fishing shall be permitted all year.
 - b) On Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, and Detroit River:
 - i) The possession season shall be the third Saturday in June - December 31.
 - c) On Lake Michigan within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago – Beaver, Garden, High, and Hog, Charlevoix County:
 - i) The possession season shall be July 1 - December 31.
 - d) All other waters not otherwise closed to fishing:
 - i) The possession season shall be the Saturday before Memorial Day - December 31.
- 2) Walleye, Northern Pike, and Muskellunge:
 - a) CIR fishing for Muskellunge shall be permitted all year.
 - b) An area in the Green Bay portion of Lake Michigan, Menominee County, beginning at the intersection of the north boundary line of Menominee County with the west shoreline of the Bay in Section 3, T36N, R24W or approximate latitude/longitude (45.5505, -87.2637); thence east approximately 8 miles to latitude/longitude (45.5505, -87.101); thence south approximately 10 miles to the intersection with the state boundary at approximate

latitude/longitude (45.444, -87.101); thence southwesterly and westerly approximately 36 miles along the state boundary in Green Bay, between the mainland of Michigan and the Door Peninsula of Wisconsin, to the mouth of the Menominee River, thence northeasterly along the shoreline of Green Bay to the point of beginning:

- i) The possession season for Walleye shall be open for the entire year.
 - ii) The possession season for Northern Pike shall be May 15 - March 15.
 - iii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.
- c) All other inland, Great Lakes, and connecting waters of the Upper Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:
- i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be from May 15 - March 15.
 - ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.
- d) Inland waters of the Lower Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:
- i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be from the last Saturday in April - March 15.
 - ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.
- e) Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River, and Detroit River:
- i) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be the first Saturday in June - December 31.
 - ii) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be open for the entire year.
- f) All other Great Lakes and connecting waters of the Lower Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:
- i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be open for the entire year.
 - ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.
- 3) Flathead Catfish, Channel Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass:
- a) All waters not otherwise closed to fishing:
 - i) The possession season shall be open for the entire year.

C. Statewide Warmwater Regulations; Size and Possession Limits

Species	Minimum Size Limit	Daily Possession Limit
Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass	14 inches	Five (5) per day in any combination
Walleye (See Note 1)	15 inches	Five (5) per day
Northern Pike (See Note 2)	24 inches	Two (2) per day
Flathead Catfish	15 inches	Five (5) per day
Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge) (See Note 3)	42 inches	One (1) per angling season
Channel Catfish	12 inches	Ten (10) per day
Yellow Perch (See Note 4)	No size limit	Twenty-five (25) per day
Sunfishes: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish, Longear Sunfish, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Rock Bass, Warmouth, White Crappie	No size limit	Twenty-five (25) per day in any combination
White Bass	No size limit	Twenty-five (25) per day on Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, St. Marys River, St. Clair River, and Detroit River; Ten (10) per day on inland waters

NOTES

1. **Walleye** - the following waters have regulations that differ from the statewide regulations:
 - a) Lake Michigan waters of Little Bay de Noc: that portion north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point Lighthouse to the mouth of the Bark River in Delta County.
 - i) The daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Walleye 23" or greater.
 - b) Lake Michigan waters of Green Bay: An area in the Green Bay portion of Menominee County, beginning at the intersection of latitude 45 degrees 30 minutes north with the west shoreline of the Bay in Section 24, T36N, R24W, thence east approximately 6 miles to the intersection of latitude 45 degrees 30 minutes north with longitude 87 degrees 10 minutes west, thence south approximately 10 miles to the intersection of longitude 87 degrees 10 minutes west with the state boundary, thence southwesterly and westerly approximately 36 miles along the state boundary in Green Bay, between the mainland of Michigan and the Door Peninsula of Wisconsin, to the mouth of the Menominee River, thence northeasterly along the shoreline of Green Bay to the point of beginning:
 - i) March 2 - the Friday before the first Saturday in May the daily possession limit shall be one (1) Walleye; and
 - ii) The first Saturday in May - March 1 the daily possession limit shall be five (5) Walleyes.
 - c) Lake Huron waters of MH-4 including Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River from the mouth of the river, upstream to the Center Road (Douglas G. Schenk) Bridge, also known as West Center Street (Bay and Saginaw Counties):
 - i) The possession season for Walleye shall be open for the entire year.
 - ii) The minimum size limit for Walleye shall be 13 inches.
 - iii) The daily possession limit for Walleye shall be eight (8).

- d) Lake Erie, Detroit River, Lake St. Clair, and St. Clair River (beginning at the Ft. Gratiot Light):
- i) The daily possession limit for Walleye will be based on Michigan's share of the annual total allowable catch (TAC) for Walleye pursuant to the categories in the table below. The TAC is reported in March of each year by the Lake Erie Committee, which is under the aegis of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.
 - (1) The daily possession limit for Walleye will take effect on May 1 of each year and will be in place through April 30 of the following year.
 - (2) Prior to May 1 each year, a notice of the daily possession limit will be posted on the DNR's website (www.michigan.gov/fishing) and noted in a statewide news release.

Michigan TAC	Walleye Possession Limit
greater than 108,364	six (6)
96,958 to 108,364	five (5)
85,551 to 96,957	four (4)
74,144 to 85,550	three (3)
62,737 to 74,143	two (2)
less than 62,737	one (1)

2. **Northern Pike** - the following waters have daily possession limits that differ from the statewide daily possession limit:
 - a) Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, and Detroit River:
 - i) The daily possession limit for Northern Pike shall be five (5).
3. **Muskellunge** –anglers are required to register Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge) harvest within 24 hours online at www.michigan.gov/fishing.
 - a) Statewide:
 - i) Muskellunge harvest is limited to one (1) Muskellunge per angler per year (April 1 – March 31).
4. **Yellow Perch** – the following waters have daily possession limits that differ from the statewide daily possession limit:
 - a) Lake Erie:
 - i) The daily possession limit for Yellow Perch shall be fifty (50).
 - b) Lake Gogebic:
 - i) The daily possession limit for Yellow Perch shall be twenty-five (25), with no more than five (5) Yellow Perch 12 inches or greater.

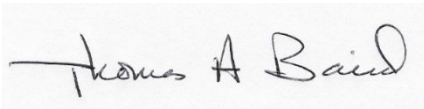
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This order supersedes the order titled "Statewide Coolwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass," which became effective April 1, 2022 and was assigned number FO-215.22.

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

Issued on this 8th day of September 2022.

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

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Thomas Baird, Chair
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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 226.23
Hook and Line Restrictions During Walleye Spawning Runs

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 covers special fishing regulations to protect walleye during spawning runs in specific waters. The Department recommends moving the provision currently listed in Fisheries Order 206.22 for the Saginaw River “from the mouth of the river, upstream to the Center Road (Douglas G. Schenk) Bridge, also known as West Center Street (Bay and Saginaw Counties): no special seasonal gear restrictions apply” into this order. The provision was added to Fisheries Order 206.22 as an amendment by the Natural Resources Commission (Commission) in 2021. The Department recommends placing the provision in Fisheries Order 226.23 where seasonal gear restrictions on walleye are currently listed.

It should be noted that Fisheries Order 206.23 is also being presented For Information Only at this meeting and that the order is recommended to be effective April 1, 2023. Therefore, Fisheries Order 206.22, currently in effect, contains the Commission amendment and will remain effective through March 31, 2023. Fisheries Order 226 is also recommended to be effective on April 1, 2023. The process of moving the provision from Fisheries Order 206 to 226 will not have an effect on the timing or duration of the gear restriction removal for this area.

Issue Pros and Cons

Moving the provision to Fisheries Order 226 will benefit the Department by reducing the number of orders where the gear restriction regulations are maintained for this area. No cons have been identified.

Biological

This change is not based upon biological information.

Social

Anglers will not notice a difference and the expanded fishing opportunity recommended by the Commission will still be implemented.

Economic

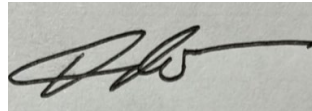
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

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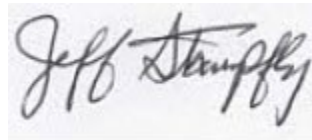
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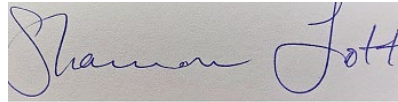
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FISHERIES ORDER

HOOK AND LINE RESTRICTIONS DURING WALLEYE SPAWNING RUNS Order 226.23

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 September 8, 2022, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2023, 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 from upstream of the Center Road (Douglas G. Schenk) Bridge, also known as West Center Street and tributaries, Kawkawlin River downstream from Euclid avenue (T14N, R5E, S5).

Saginaw county: Saginaw River from upstream of the Center Road (Douglas G. Schenk) Bridge, also known as West Center Street, 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 Holloway dam and all respective tributaries.

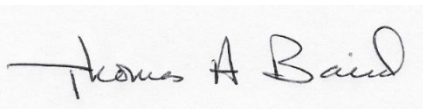
This Order shall be assigned number FO-226.23, and is entitled "Hook and Line Restrictions during Walleye Spawning Runs."

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, 2022, and is assigned number FO-226.22.

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

Issued on this 8th day of September 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