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MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

## MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 of 1994, 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 sportfishing regulations pertaining to trout and salmon on inland rivers and streams. The Department recommends modifying the Dowagiac River Type 4 stream fishing regulations. The Dowagiac River entry in Berrien County lists the upper boundary as the Niles Dam at Pucker Street and an entry for the Dowagiac River for Cass County indicates from the Niles Dam at Pucker Street upstream to the source. The Niles Dam at Pucker Street was removed in 2021 and no longer exists; therefore, the Niles Dam boundary reference will be updated. There are a few entries for the Dowagiac River listed in different counties which will now be combined into a single entry. This will improve clarity for anglers and conservation officers.

Given that the proposed change will clarify fishing regulations, the recommendation is to implement the change for immediate effect. In order to best inform anglers, the Department will add the change to the online digital version of the Fishing Guide and through a prerecorded message for the Regulation Hotline at 888-367-7060.

### Issue Pros and Cons

Modifying regulations to reduce confusion in certain problematic areas helps anglers and law enforcement staff. There are no cons identified.

*Biological*

The boundary change is not a biological issue.

*Social*

Anglers will benefit from the clarification on the boundary in the Dowagiac River.

*Economic*

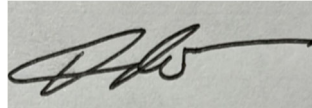
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

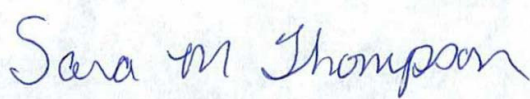
Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order was submitted for information and consideration on September 14, 2023, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 5, 2023, calendar and was eligible for approval on October 12, 2023.



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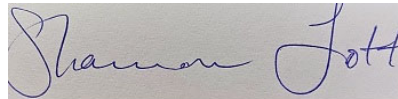
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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M. Scott Bowen, Director

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Date

# FISHERIES ORDER

## Inland Rivers and Streams – Trout and Salmon Regulations Order 200.23A

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 November 9, 2023, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective November 10, 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:

Species	Minimum size limit
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 <sup>th</sup> 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, NE¼, NW¼)	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 <sup>st</sup> Avenue	Confluence with Pine Creek
Allegan	Swan Creek	109 <sup>th</sup> 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, Cass, Van Buren	Dowagiac River (including Dowagiac Drain)	To source 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 Winnepesaug 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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-200.23A, 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 April 1, 2023, and was assigned number FO-200.23.

This order shall take immediate effect on November 10, 2023 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

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

Thomas Baird, Chair  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

M. Scott Bowen  
Director