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RESUBMITTED: September 18, 2023

**APPROVED**  
**October 12, 2023**  
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
*Brooke Parmelee*  
(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

**Subject:** Fisheries Order 204.24  
Spawning Closures

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 204 enacts spawning closures that prohibit all fishing activity on specific waters to protect fishery resources during spawning migrations. The Department recommends making one change to the order. The Boardman River in Grand Traverse County is recommended for a modification. The current regulation closes 300 feet of the Boardman River upstream and downstream of the weir in Traverse City whenever the weir is in place. A pedestrian bridge was recently built downstream of the location which is 320 feet downstream of the weir. Therefore, the management unit recommends changing the regulation to “from the downstream side of the Front Street Bridge to the upstream side of the pedestrian bridge in the vicinity of the Boardman River weir in Traverse City”. The change will benefit anglers by adding two specific landmark boundary locations for the spawning closure.

The Central Lake Michigan Management Unit held a virtual meeting on March 9, 2023, to discuss the Boardman River boundary change. Comments were received in support of the changes. Local law enforcement staff provided support for the change and the management unit indicated that the new boundary will be marked with signage to increase awareness.

*Issue Pros and Cons*

Modifying a closure boundary when changes to the landscape occur is good for anglers and law enforcement purposes. No con has been determined.

*Biological*

This is not a biological change and protection of the resource will remain in place.

*Social*

The change is being made to improve the boundary of the Boardman River closure and will result in a better landmark for anglers.

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*Economic*

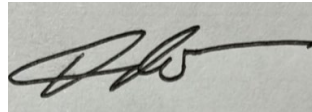
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Recommendation:

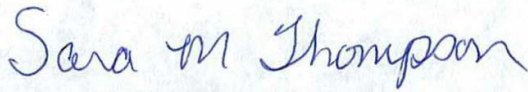
Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order was submitted for information and consideration on September 14, 2023, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 5, 2023, calendar and is eligible for approval on October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



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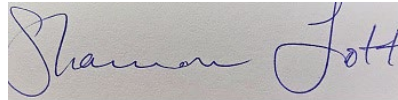
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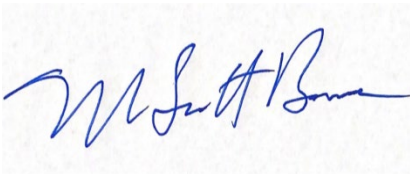


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Shannon Lott  
Natural Resources Deputy

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



M. Scott Bowen, Director

Date: October 12, 2023

# FISHERIES ORDER

## Spawning Closures Order 204.24

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 October 12, 2023, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2024, 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                          |

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| 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 - from the downstream side of the Front Street Bridge to the upstream side of the pedestrian bridge in the vicinity of the Boardman River 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      |

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| 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            |

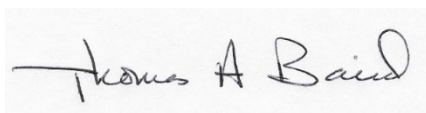
This order shall be assigned number FO-204.24, and is titled "Spawning Closures."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Spawning Closures," which became effective April 1, 2023, and is assigned number FO-204.23.

This order shall take effect April 1, 2024 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

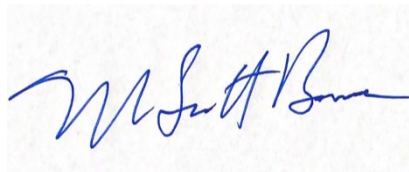
Issued on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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 206.23A  
Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters

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 206 governs fishing regulations for warmwater species in select waters. The Department is recommending several changes to the order including the addition of one water, modifications for two listings, and a modification to one regulation provision.

Addition

Chain Lakes (Iosco) is recommended to be added to the list of waters where northern pike are regulated with a daily possession limit of five northern pike with only one greater than 24 inches. The available biological data indicates an abundant and slow growing northern pike population that rarely achieves the current statewide minimum size limit of 24 inches. This recommendation will result in liberalizing angler harvest opportunities for northern pike in Chain Lakes. This recommended amendment received support when it was presented to the public during the division's spring coffee and conversations virtual meetings. Additionally, Law Enforcement Division provided their support for the change.

Modifications

The Department recommends modifying the existing northern pike regulation for Black Lake (Cheboygan and Presque Isle) to include the portion of the Black River from Alverno Dam upstream to the lake proper. These waters were inadvertently omitted from the Black Lake regulatory recommendation that was presented and approved last fall. Adding these connected waters will result in additional opportunities for anglers to harvest smaller northern pike while also reducing regulatory complexity. Additionally, the Department recommends an editorial modification to add Kent County to the muskellunge regulatory provision for the Grand River downstream from Sixth Street Dam. Although the current regulation includes waters in Kent and Ottawa counties the order only includes Ottawa County. The recommendation will help address potential confusion for anglers and conservation officers. These recommendations were supported by the public and local law enforcement.



### Regulation Provision Modification

The Department is recommending a modification to the regulation type that allows for five northern pike with only one greater than 24 inches in the daily possession limit. The amendment would alter the wording from “greater than 24 inches” to “24-inches or greater”, which will add clarity for anglers. Anglers brought up the issue this past spring during a spring coffee and conversation meeting. Internal discussions ensued and resulted in support to clarify the regulatory provision. The change will simplify the regulation and improve law enforcement efforts. The change is expected to have minimal differences on northern pike harvest by anglers.

Given that the proposed changes will liberalize fishing regulations, the Department recommends immediate effect. If supported, the Department will increase angler awareness by adding the changes 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*

Implementing more liberalized fishing regulations on northern pike in waters where growth is stunted increases angler opportunities for those interested in harvesting smaller fish. Placing uniform fishing regulations on connected waterbodies, when possible, reduces the regulatory complexity and improves angler compliance. Modifying regulation provisions suggested by anglers seeking more clarity provides benefits to anglers and enforcement efforts. No cons have been identified.

#### *Biological*

Biologists recommend enacting more liberalized fishing regulations when survey information indicates that the fish population is not attaining harvestable sizes per current regulations.

#### *Social*

Anglers are supportive of modifying regulations when survey information indicates that minimum size limit restrictions are not being met due to stunted growth.

#### *Economic*

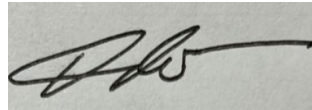
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order was submitted for information and consideration on August 10, 2023, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's August 1, 2023, calendar and is eligible for approval on September 14, 2023.



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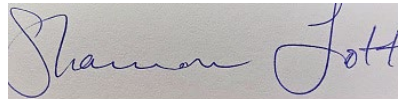
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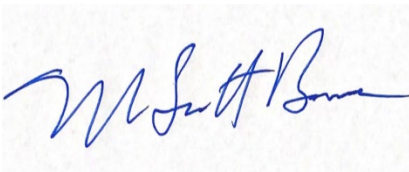


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# FISHERIES ORDER

## Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters Order 206.23A

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 October 12, 2023 the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective October 13, 2023, as follows:

The following special regulations are in effect for warmwater species on the selected waters and supersede those regulations that in any way conflict with those listed below:

### Alcona County

Badger Lake (T28N, R3E, S35) and McCollum Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

### Alger County

Echo and Duck Lakes on Grand Island: the possession limit for Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Au Train basin, 16 Mile Lake, Echo Lake, Nawakwa Lake, and Trout Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Grand Sable Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

### Allegan County

Pine Creek Flooding: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

### Antrim County

Clam Lake including all tributaries, Elk Lake (above Elk Rapids Dam) including all tributaries, Lake Bellaire including all tributaries upstream to Bellaire Dam, Lake Skegemog including all tributaries, and Torch Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Beals Lake including all tributaries, Benway Lake including all tributaries, Elsworth Lake including all tributaries, Hanley Lake including all tributaries, Intermediate Lake from Bellaire Dam upstream including all tributaries, Saint Clair Lake including all tributaries, Scotts Lake including all tributaries, Six Mile Lake including all tributaries, and Wilson Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Beals Lake, Benway Lake, Ellsworth Lake, Hanley Lake, Scotts Lake, Six Mile Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), St. Clair Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), and Wilson Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

### Baraga County

Vermillac (Worm) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

### Barry County

Gun Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Thornapple Lake (from McKeown road to Barger road): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches. The possession season for Muskellunge and Northern Pike shall be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June through November 30, inclusive.

Williams Lake: the fishing season shall be the last Saturday in April through December 15, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0).

Benzie County

Long Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Calhoun County

Harts Lake (T2S, R8W, S7, 18): the daily possession limit is zero (0).

Cass County

Corey Lake (T6S, R13W, S24) Little Crooked Lake, and Stone Lake (T6S, R15W, S35): the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10-inches.

Magician Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Charlevoix County

Saint Clair Lake including all tributaries and Six Mile Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Deer Lake, Fox Lake, Geneserath Lake, Six Mile Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), St. Clair Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), and Susan Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Cheboygan County

Black Lake including all tributaries and Black River including all tributaries (upstream to Kleber Dam), Burt Lake, Cheboygan River, Crooked River (downstream from Crooked Lake confluence), Indian River, Mullet Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Black Lake including all tributaries and Black River from Alverno Dam upstream, Black River upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only, Silver Lake (T33N, R3W, S11, 12), Wildwood Lake (T33N, R2W, S21), and Paradise (Carp) Lake (Cheboygan and Emmet Counties): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Cheboygan River from the south end of the outermost breakwall on Mullett Lake downstream to Cheboygan Dam, and Black River from Alverno Dam downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan River: the possession season for walleye shall be May 15 – March 15, inclusive.

Chippewa County

St. Marys River (from compensating gates downstream to DeTour/Drummond Island Ferry docks): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Frenchman Lake (T44N, R6W, S23, 25, 26) and Trout (Carp) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Clare County

Eight Point Lake, Lake Thirteen, Little Long Lake, and Long Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Crawford County

Jones Lake (T28N, R2W, S30, 31): the fishing season shall be from the last Saturday in April through September 30, inclusive. Tackle: artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water. Daily possession limit is zero (0).

Wakeley Lake (T26N, R2W, S23): the fishing season shall be from the last Saturday in April through September 30, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Big Creek Impoundment (T28N, R1W, S24, 25), River Lake (T28N, R2W, S30), and Pickerel Lake (Crawford and Oscoda Counties, T24N, R1W, S24 and T28N, R1E, S19): no size limit on Northern Pike

and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

#### Delta County

Chicago Lake, Carr Lake, Hamilton (McDonald) Lake, Lyman Lake, Escanaba River upstream from first dam at US-2, Round Lake (T40N, R20W, S1): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

#### Dickinson County

Hamilton Lake, Lake Louise, Lake Mary, Norway Lake, Rock Lake, and Sawyer Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater. (Norway Lake and Rock Lake waters shall expire on September 15, 2028).

#### Emmet County

Crooked River (downstream from Crooked Lake confluence): the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Crooked Lake, French Farm Lake Flooding, O'Neal Lake Flooding, Paradise (Carp) Lake (Cheboygan and Emmet Counties), and Pickerel Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

#### Gladwin County

Lake Lancelot, Lake Lancer and Wiggins Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

#### Gogebic County

Chaney Lake, Cisco Lake, Thousand Island Lake, Lindsley Lake, Poor Lake, Big African Lake, Little African Lake, Clearwater Lake, East Bay Lake, Fishhawk Lake, Indian Lake, Lake Gogebic, Morley Lake, Record Lake and Sunday Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

#### Grand Traverse County

Elk Lake (above Elk Rapids Dam) including all tributaries and Lake Skegemog including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Arbutus Lake and Spider Lake (T26N, R10W, S9, 10): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Boardman Lake, and Lake Dubonnet: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

#### Hillsdale County

Lake Diane: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 38-inches.

#### Houghton County

Portage and Torch Lake systems: no more than one (1) Walleye over 23 inches may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Prickett Impoundment and Rice Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

#### Ionia County

Woodard Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Long Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

#### Iosco County

Chain Lakes: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Iron County

Chicagon Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Lake Ottawa the daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Fire Lake and Indian Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18-inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Bass Lake, Bone Lake, Brule Lake, Buck Lake, Dawson Lake, Deer River, Hemlock Falls Reservoir, Indian Lake, Iron Lake, Lake Mary, Lake St. Kathryn, Michigamme Falls Reservoir, Michigamme Reservoir, Net River, Net River Wide Waters, Paint Lake, Paint River Pond (downstream of Horserace Rapids and upstream of Frog Island), Peavy Pond, Perch Lake, Railroad Lake, Runkle Lake, Shank Lake, Sunset Lake, and Winslow Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater. (Dawson Lake water shall expire on September 15, 2028).

Kalamazoo County

Long Lake (T3S, R10W, S17, 18, 19, 30): protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Kalkaska County

Lake Skegemog including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50-inches.

Cub Lake (T27N, R5W, S19): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Kent County

Murray Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Bass Lake (T10N, R9W, S12, 13, 14) and Wabasis Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Scram Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Pratt Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Grand River (downstream from Sixth Street Dam): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Keweenaw County

Schlatter Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Lake County

Big Bass Lake (T20N, R14W, S34): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10-inches.

Leelanau County

North Manitou Lake (T32N, R14W, S29, 32): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18-inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Florence Lake (T31N, R15W, S9): Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water. No size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Lenawee County

Lake Hudson: the possession season for Northern Pike and Muskellunge shall be the first Saturday in June through November 30, inclusive.

Luce County

Blind Sucker Flooding and Bodi Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

East Lake, Kaks Lake, and Muskallonge Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Tahquamenon River and Tributaries upstream from Upper Falls: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 38-inches.

Mackinac County

East Lake, Millecoquins Lake, and South Manistique Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Manistee County

Bar Lake and Chief Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Marquette County

Deer Lake Basin (T48N, R27W, S27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34), Carp River/Carp Creek downstream from M-28 (T47N, R27W, S4) and all other tributaries to Deer Lake Basin: the daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Fish Lake (T47N, R29W, S5, 6, 8): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18-inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Bass (East) Lake, Cedar Lake (T47N, R27W, S11), Dead River Storage Basin, Engman Lake, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Big West Branch Escanaba River, Escanaba River Mainstream downstream to Boney Falls Basin (except Greenwood, Schweitzer and Cataract Reservoirs), Shag (Big) Lake, and Witch Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Mason County

Hackert (Crystal) Lake (T18N, R17W, S2, 3): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Mecosta County

Canadian Lakes (in T14N, R8W, S20, 29, 30 north of Pierce Rd and south of Buchanan Rd in S19), Haymarsh Lake and Horsehead Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Menominee County

Shakey Lakes Chain including: Bass Lake, Beecher Lake, Lake Ann, Long Lake, East Lake, Resort Lake, Baker Lake, and Spring Lake and Westman Impoundment (including North and Hayward Lakes): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater. (Lake Ann water shall expire on September 15, 2028).

Missaukee County

Missaukee Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Montcalm County

Indian Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Sand Lake and Townline Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Monroe County

Crystal Waters State Game Area: the fishing season shall be open all year. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: all types of natural and artificial baits may be used.

Montmorency County

North and South Blue Lakes and Walled Lake: the fishing season shall be the last Saturday in April through September 30, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only.

Black River and tributary streams only, East Town Corner Lake, North Tomahawk Lake, Pug Lakes (T31N, R2E, S4, 5), Robarge (Pike) Lake, South Tomahawk Lake, and West Town Corner Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Muskegon County

Mona Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Big Blue Lake (T12N, R16W, S2, 3, 4): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Newaygo County

Sand Lake (T11N, R13W, S19) and Brush Lake (T14N, R12W, S1): the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Bullhead.

Baptist Lake (T11N, R11W, S23, 24): the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Walleye, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Bullhead.

Crystal Lake: the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Walleye.

Bills Lake, Diamond Lake, Nichols Lake, Ryerson (Long) Lake, Pickerel Lake, Kimball Lake, Emerald Lake, and Sylvan Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Oakland County

Upper Bushman Lake (T4N, R9E, S3): the daily possession limit is zero (0).

Oceana County

Round (Wykoff) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Ogemaw County

East Twin Lake, Lake Ogemaw and Sage Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Ontonagon County

Ontonagon River (Ontonagon County): no more than one (1) Walleye over 23 inches may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Lake of the Clouds (T15N, R43W, S21, 22): the daily possession limit for Smallmouth Bass is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Lake Gogebic: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Osceola County

Diamond Lake, Lake Miramichi, McCoy Lake, Rose Lake, and Wells Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Oscoda County

McCullum Lake and Pickerel Lake (Crawford and Oscoda Counties T24N, R1W, S24 and T28N, R1E, S19): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.



Ottawa County

Grand River (downstream from Sixth Street Dam) and Lake Macatawa: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Presque Isle County

Black Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46-inches.

Ocqueoc River and tributary streams, all lakes of the Ocqueoc River watershed including Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud, Nettie, Ocqueoc, Orchard, and Black Lake, the Black River and tributary streams, and the following lakes of the Black River watershed: Francis Lake, Tomahawk Flooding, East Town Corner Lake, and West Town Corner Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Roscommon County

Backus Creek from the stream mouth upstream, including all tributaries, Little Mud Lake Flooding, Backus Creek Flooding, and Backus Lake Flooding, Cut River from the river mouth at Houghton Lake upstream to CO 100 just downstream of Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake, Lake James and Lake St. Helen: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

Schoolcraft County

Boot Lake, Colwell Lake, Crooked Lake, Gulliver Lake, Kennedy Lake, MacDonald Lake, Seney Wildlife Refuge Ponds, Stanley Lake, Thunder Lake, and Worchester (Wolf) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

St. Joseph County

Corey Lake (T6S, R12W, S17, 18, 19, 20, 29) and Big Pleasant Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10-inches.

Van Buren County

Crooked Lake and Little Crooked Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10-inches.

Round Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 38-inches.

Magician Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Washtenaw County

Horseshoe Lake: the daily possession limit for Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike is one (1). The daily possession limit for Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Green Sunfish, Black Crappie and White Crappie, Warmouth, and Rock Bass in combination is ten (10).

Huron River, from the Mast Road Bridge in the Village of Dexter (T1S, R5E, S32) downstream to the Delhi Road Bridge (T2S, R5E, S2): the daily possession limit of Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Wexford County

Pleasant Lake and Stone Ledge Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) 24-inches or greater.

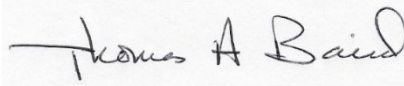
This order shall be assigned number FO-206.23A, and is titled "Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters."

This order supersedes the order titled "Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters," effective April 1, 2023, and is assigned number FO-206.23.

This order shall take effect on October 13, 2023 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

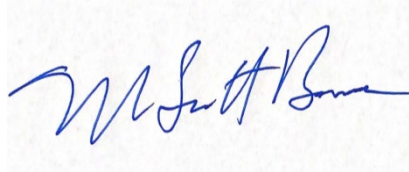
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Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

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Thomas Baird, Chair  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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M. Scott Bowen  
Director



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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



M. SCOTT BOWEN  
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: August 14, 2023  
RESUBMITTED: September 18, 2023

**APPROVED**  
**October 12, 2023**  
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
*Brooke Parmelee*  
(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

**Subject:** Fisheries Order 252.23  
Statewide - Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish, Cisco, Rainbow Smelt and Arctic Grayling 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 252 establishes regulations for lake whitefish, round whitefish, cisco, rainbow smelt and arctic grayling. The Department proposes one regulation change to arctic grayling fishing regulations to allow anglers to lawfully fish for grayling. Nearly a century ago, grayling populations flourished in several locations in Michigan until loss of habitat and overharvest resulted in a population collapse. The Department’s recent efforts through the Michigan Arctic Grayling Initiative to reintroduce grayling into several waters will provide anglers with fishing opportunities for this iconic species. However, a provision currently listed in the order prohibits anglers from trying to fish for this species. Grayling broodstock are being raised in the State’s fish production system and excess fish will need to be stocked into several waters as grayling inventory increases over time. Therefore, the Department recommends removing the text that makes attempting to fish for grayling unlawful as these waters are currently trout waters that already contain fishable trout populations and stocking grayling would put anglers in a difficult spot.

Given that the proposed change will liberalize grayling fishing regulations, the recommendation is to implement the change for immediate effect. If supported, the Department will increase angler awareness by adding 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*

Anglers will benefit from removal of the text that makes it unlawful to attempt to fish for grayling stocked into waters with other trout populations. There are no cons identified.

*Biological*

There is no biological reason to prohibit anglers from fishing for stocked grayling in waters where trout are already part of the fish community. Grayling broodstock will be reared in a fish

production facility and protected from angling effort; however, grayling stocked into other waters are being stocked for fishing opportunities.

*Social*

Grayling fishing opportunities will generate excitement and anglers will enjoy targeting them as the populations grow.

*Economic*

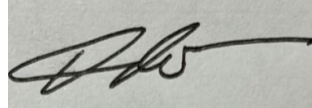
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

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 is eligible for approval on October 12, 2023.



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David Shaw, Chief  
Law Enforcement Division



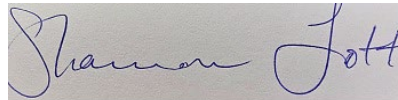
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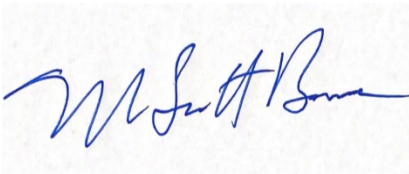


Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



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.



M. Scott Bowen, Director

Date: October 12, 2023

# FISHERIES ORDER

## Statewide - Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish, Cisco, Rainbow Smelt and Arctic Grayling Regulations Order 252.23

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 12, 2023, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective October 13, 2023, as follows:

The following regulations are established for Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish (also referred to as Menominee), Cisco (also referred to as Lake Herring), Rainbow Smelt and Arctic Grayling:

As used in this order the following definition is provided:

1. Great Lakes Connecting Waters: refers to specific bodies of water in Michigan that connect the Great Lakes. The designated connecting waters are the St. Marys River, the St. Clair River (begins at the Fort Gratiot Light), Lake St. Clair, and the Detroit River (begins at the imaginary line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County, and ending at the imaginary east/west line drawn through the most southernly point of Celeron Island).

### **Seasons - General**

Except as otherwise noted in FO-200 and FO-254, the fishing and possession seasons on non-designated trout streams and all other inland waters, Great Lakes, Great Lakes Connecting Waters, and other waters not otherwise closed to fishing are open for the entire year for all Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish, Cisco and Rainbow Smelt.

### **Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish and Cisco**

#### Size and daily possession limits for Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish and Cisco

On all waters, there is no minimum size limit for Lake Whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*), Round Whitefish (*Prosopium cylindraceum*) or Cisco (*Coregonus artedii*). On all Great Lakes, Great Lakes Connecting Waters and Type F lakes (see FO-254) the daily possession limit shall be ten (10) fish in any combination, except the daily possession limit shall be up to an additional ten (10) Round Whitefish in Lake Superior. On inland waters, the daily possession limit shall be five (5) Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish, or Cisco in any combination. The daily possession limit for Cisco shall be zero (0) for Indiana Lake (Cass County). See FO-205 for inland waters that differ from the five (5) fish daily possession limit.

### **Rainbow Smelt**

#### Size, daily possession limits and gear for Rainbow Smelt

On all waters, there is no minimum size limit for Rainbow Smelt (*Osmerus mordax*). The daily possession limit for Rainbow Smelt on all waters of the state shall be 2 gallons. See FO-219 for spear, bow and arrow, or crossbow seasons and FO-229 for netting seasons.

### **Arctic Grayling**

#### Size, daily possession limits, and season for Arctic Grayling

A person shall not at any time take or possess any Arctic Grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*) from any waters over which this state has jurisdiction.

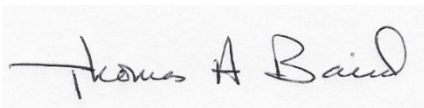
This order shall be assigned number FO-252.23, and is titled "Statewide - Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish, Cisco, Rainbow Smelt and Arctic Grayling Regulations".

This order supersedes the order titled "Statewide - Lake Whitefish, Round Whitefish, Cisco, Rainbow Smelt and Arctic Grayling Regulations," effective April 1, 2022, and was assigned number FO-252.22.

This order shall take immediate effect on October 13, 2023 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

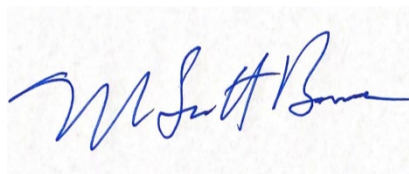
Issued on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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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M. Scott Bowen  
Director



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M. SCOTT BOWEN  
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: August 14, 2023  
RESUBMITTED: September 18, 2023

**APPROVED**  
**October 12, 2023**  
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
*Brooke Parmelee*  
(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

**Subject:** Fisheries Order 253.24  
Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters - 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 253 establishes regulations for trout and salmon in the Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters. The Department proposes two changes for the order involving combining lake trout and splake sportfishing regulations across all Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters (Connecting Waters) within each lake trout management unit and increasing the daily possession limit for lake trout and splake in the waters in Lake Huron lake trout management unit MH-1.

The Department recommends combining daily possession limits, seasons, and size limit regulations for lake trout and splake across all Great Lakes and Connecting Waters similar to what currently exists for Lake Huron lake trout management units MH-1 through MH-6. Splake are a hybrid between lake trout and brook trout that can exhibit characteristics of either parental species. Accurate identification requires examination of an internal organ called the pyloric caeca which cannot be conducted without culling the fish. Misidentification by anglers has resulted in law enforcement issues in the past whereby anglers have claimed that lake trout in their possession were actually splake and thus fell under different regulations. Given these identification and law enforcement concerns the recommendation is to treat lake trout and splake in combination.

The lake trout resource in MH-1 is shared by the State of Michigan (State) and five Tribal governments and has been managed under the terms of the 2000 Consent Decree for more than 20 years. Under this agreement, the State only receives 12% of the safe harvest limit for lake trout in MH-1. Because of this low allocation, the State's harvest does not have a biological impact on the lake trout population in MH-1; however, because recreational anglers have exceeded the annual harvest limit on numerous occasions, the State has been required to restrict the fishery to bring harvest in line with the harvest limit. In neighboring MH-2, the State receives 95% of the safe harvest limit under the terms of the 2000 Consent Decree. This has



resulted in a harvest limit well above State harvest levels, a stark contrast to the situation in MH-1.

For nearly four years, the State has been negotiating with Tribal governments and the Federal government for a successor to the 2000 Consent Decree. An updated agreement (proposed decree) is currently before the Federal court and all proceedings and filings are complete. We anticipate the court to order the proposed decree into effect sometime in August or September of 2023. One of the items in the proposed decree that will benefit recreational anglers in Lake Huron is a combination of management units MH-1 and MH-2. This means that the State's harvest limit for these two units will be combined. The State will receive 45% of the total harvest limit for the area of MH-1 and MH-2. This is expected to result in a harvest limit above what has ever been harvested by the State recreational fishery in these two management units.

Should the proposed decree go into effect, it presents an opportunity for the State to make the lake trout regulations in MH-1 consistent with those in MH-2, providing simplicity for recreational anglers.

The Department is recommending the following change to regulations for 2024 governing fishing for lake trout and splake in MH-1 to increase angler opportunity and make regulations between MH-1 and MH-2 consistent:

- Increase the lake trout and splake daily possession limit from two (2) lake trout and splake per day to no more than three (3) in combination.

The Department has communicated this change to the Lake Huron Citizen Fishery Advisory Committee (LHCFAC), and they support the increase in bag limit and simplification of regulations between MH-1 and MH-2.

#### *Issue Pros and Cons*

While the proposed decree is not yet in effect, as of this writing, it is anticipated that it will be by the time this regulatory change is enacted. If other information is received from the court, which indicates the proposed decree will not go into effect or will be delayed, the Department will evaluate this regulation change prior to it being up for action by the NRC.

#### *Biological*

There are no biological concerns associated with this change. The State's harvest limit that will govern MH-1 and MH-2 is expected to be well above recreational harvest levels under the proposed regulations.

#### *Social*

The Department has communicated this planned change with the LHCFAC, which is supportive of moving back to a 3-fish daily bag limit.

#### *Economic*

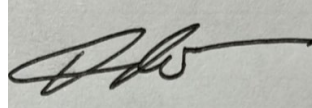
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:


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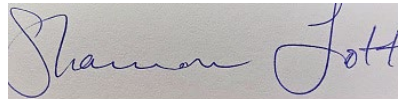
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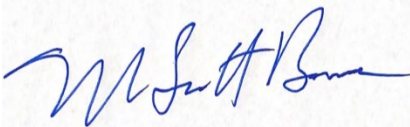


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Shannon Lott  
Natural Resources Deputy

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



M. Scott Bowen, Director

Date: October 12, 2023

# FISHERIES ORDER

## Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters - Trout and Salmon Regulations Order 253.24

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 12, 2023, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2024, as follows:

The following regulations are established in the Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters for trout and salmon:

As used in this order the following definition is provided:

1. Great Lakes Connecting Waters: refers to specific bodies of water in Michigan that connect the Great Lakes. The designated connecting waters are the St. Marys River, the St. Clair River (begins at the Fort Gratiot Light), Lake St. Clair, and the Detroit River (begins at the imaginary line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County, and ending at the imaginary east/west line drawn through the most southernly point of Celeron Island).

### **Seasons--General**

Except as otherwise noted in the following sections of this order, the fishing and possession seasons on the Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters are open for the entire year for all trout and salmon.

Exceptions to the general possession season:

- 1) The possession season for Lake Trout and Splake shall be January 1 - September 30 in MM-1 through MM-5 in Lake Michigan.
- 2) The possession season for Lake Trout and Splake shall be open for the entire year in MM-6 through MM-8 in Lake Michigan.
- 3) The possession season for Lake Trout and Splake shall be January 1 - September 30 in MH-1 and MH-2 in Lake Huron.
- 4) The possession season for Lake Trout and Splake shall be open for the entire year in MH-3 through MH-6 in Lake Huron.

### **Size limits**

Minimum size limit shall be 10 inches for all species of trout and salmon, except as follows:

- 1) Brook Trout
  - Lake Superior
    - a) MI-1 through MI-8: the minimum size limit for Brook Trout shall be 20 inches.
- 2) Lake Trout and Splake
  - Lake Michigan
    - a) MM-1 through MM-8: the minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.
  - Lake Huron
    - a) MH-1 through MH-6: The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.
  - Lake Superior
    - a) MI-1 through MI-8: The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Lake Trout 34 inches or greater.

### **Daily possession limits**

Five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout\*, Lake Trout and Splake (combined, in any combination), or Atlantic Salmon. Additional exceptions are:

- 1) Lake Superior
  - a) The daily possession limit may include up to one (1) Brook Trout, except that the daily possession limit shall be zero (0) for Brook Trout within 4.5 miles of Isle Royale (waters of the Isle Royale National Park).
  - b) The daily possession limit may include up to five (5) Lake Trout and Splake (combined, in any combination) in MI-4, MI-5, MI-6, MI-7, and MI-8.
- 2) St. Marys River
  - a) The daily possession limit may include up to ten (10) Pink Salmon from the last Saturday in April – September 30.
- 3) Lake Michigan
  - a) The daily possession limit may include up to two (2) Lake Trout and Splake (combined, in any combination) in management units MM-1, MM-2, MM-3, MM-4, and MM-5.

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

## **LAKE TROUT MANAGEMENT UNITS – Great Lakes**

### **Lake Michigan**

MM-1 is bounded on the southeast and south by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary in Green Bay and on the east by a north-south line beginning near Fairport in Delta County at Longitude 086°40'W and extending south to the Wisconsin-Michigan border.

MM-2 is bounded on the west by MM-1, on the east by a north-south line beginning about 4 miles west of Seul Choix Point in Schoolcraft County at Longitude 086°00'W and extending southward to Latitude 45°20'N, and on the south by an east-west line at Latitude 45°20'N that extends west from Longitude 086°00'W to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-3 is bounded on the west by a north-south line from the shore about 4 miles west of Seul Choix Point in Schoolcraft County at Longitude 86°00'W and extending southward to its intersection with Latitude 45°10' N, on the east by the Mackinac Bridge, and on the south by an east-west line from Longitude 086°00'W at Latitude 45°10' N and extending eastward to the shore about 4 miles north of Eastport in Antrim County.

MM-4 includes all waters of Grand Traverse Bay south of Latitude 45°10'N.

MM-5 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by an east-west line beginning on the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary at Latitude 45°20'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 086°00'W, then southward along said longitude to Latitude 45°10'N, then eastward along said latitude to its intersection with the west shore of Leelanau County, and on the south by an east-west line beginning near Arcadia in Manistee County at Latitude 44°30'N and extending west to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-6 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by MM-5, and on the south by an east-west line from Little Sable Point in Oceana County at Latitude 43°40'N and extending westward to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-7 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by MM-6, and on the south by an east-west line from the Michigan shore about 4 miles north of Holland in Ottawa County at Latitude 42°50'N and extending westward to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-8 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary and the Michigan-Illinois boundary, on the north by MM-7, and on the south by the Michigan-Indiana boundary.

### **Lake Huron**

MH-1 is bounded on the west by the Mackinac Bridge, on the north by an east west line from the village of Detour in Chippewa County at Latitude 46°00'N to the west shore of Drummond Island and an east-west line from the east shore of Drummond Island at Latitude 46°00'N to the international boundary, and on the east and south by a line beginning where Longitude 083°30'W intersects the international boundary near Drummond Island in Chippewa County and extending southward along said longitude to Latitude 45°30'N, then extending westward along said latitude to Longitude

083°40'W, then extending southward along said longitude to shore about 3.5 miles southeast of Adams Point in Presque Isle County.

MH-2 is bounded on the north by MH-1, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by an east-west line extending from the shore about one mile north of Black River in Alcona County at Latitude 44°50'N and extending eastward along said latitude to the International boundary.

MH-3 is bounded on the north by MH-2, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south 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 the international boundary.

MH-4 is bounded on the north by MH-3 and on the east by a north-south line beginning on the shore about 2.6 miles southeast of Point aux Barques Lighthouse in Huron County at Latitude 44°00'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 082°40'W, then northward along said longitude to the southern boundary with MH-3 at Latitude 44°10'N.

MH-5 is bounded on the west by MH-4, on the north MH-3, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by an east-west line beginning on the shore in the village of Forester in Sanilac County at Latitude 43°30'N and extending eastward along said latitude to the international boundary.

MH-6 is bounded on the north by MH-5, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by the Blue Water Bridge in St. Clair County at Latitude 43°00'N.

### Lake Superior

MI-1 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Minnesota boundary, on the north by the international boundary, and on the south by a line beginning on the Minnesota boundary at Latitude 47°40'N extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 088°30'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°50'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 088°00'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 48°00'N then eastward along said latitude to the international boundary.

MI-2 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Minnesota and the Michigan-Wisconsin boundaries, on the north by MI-1, and on the east by a north-south line extending from the shore about 2.6 miles southwest of Fourteen Mile Point in Ontonagon County northward at Longitude 089°10'W to the southern border of MI-1 at Latitude 47°40'N.

MI-3 is bounded on the west by MI-2, on the north by MI-1, and on the east by a line extending northward from the shore about 1.4 miles east of Copper Harbor in Keweenaw County at Longitude 087°50'W to Latitude 47°30'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°40'W then northward along said longitude to the international border.

MI-4 is bounded on the west by MI-3, on the north by the international boundary, and on the southeast and east by a line beginning on the shore at Pine River Point in Marquette County at Longitude 087°50'W and extending northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°00'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°30'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°10'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°20'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°20'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°00'W then northward to the international boundary.

MI-5 is bounded on the west and north by MI-4 and on the east by a north-south line beginning on Laughing Fish Point in Alger County at Longitude 087°00'W and extending northward to Latitude 47°20'N.

MI-6 is bounded on the west by MI-4 and MI-5, on the north by the international boundary, and on the east by a north-south line beginning on Au Sable Point in Alger County at Longitude 086°10'W and extending northward to the international boundary.

MI-7 is bounded on the west by MI-6, on the north by the international boundary, and on the east by a north-south line beginning about four miles east of Crisp Point in Luce County at Longitude 085°20'W and extending northward to the international boundary.

MI-8 is bounded on the west by MI-7, on the north and east by the international boundary with the easternmost border formed by a line from Brush Point in Chippewa County to Point aux Pins Ontario in the upper St. Marys River.

## **Lake Trout Refuges – Great Lakes**

The following areas are established as refuge areas for Lake Trout rehabilitation and shall be closed to the taking, keeping, and sport fishing for Lake Trout.

1) Lake Michigan (North part)

All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point (45°30' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude) 7¼ miles due west of the northwest corner of Section 30, T36N, R6W, (Emmet County, Michigan) on the Lake Michigan shoreline; then proceeding due west for 12 miles (to 45°30' north latitude, 85°30' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°35' north latitude, 85°30' west longitude); then proceeding due west for 8 miles (to 45°35' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 11¼ miles (to 45°45' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due west 16 miles (to 45°45' north latitude, 86°00' west longitude); then proceeding due south for 40 miles (to 45°10' north latitude, 86°00' west longitude); then proceeding due east for 8½ miles to (45°10' north latitude, 85°50' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°15' north latitude, 85°50' west longitude); then proceeding due east for 7½ miles (to 45°15' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°20' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due east 16½ miles (to 45°20' north latitude, 85°20' west longitude) then proceeding due north 6 miles (to 45°25' north latitude, 85°20' west longitude); then, proceeding due east 4 miles (to 45°25' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude); then proceeding northerly to the point of beginning (45°30' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude).

2) Lake Michigan (Mid Lake)

All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point 15 miles (43°40' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude) due west of the half (1/2) section line of Section 25, T15N, R19W, on the Lake Michigan shoreline (Oceana County); then proceeding 14.5 miles due west to the Michigan/Wisconsin boundary; then proceeding southerly along the boundary line to a point (43°03.5' north latitude, 87°05' west longitude) due west of the mouth of the Grand River (T8N, R16W, S30, Ottawa County) on the Lake Michigan shore; then proceeding due east 14 miles (to 43°03.5' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude); and then northerly to the point of beginning (43°40' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude).

3) Lake Huron (North end)

All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at the southwest corner of Section 17, T41N, R5E (Chippewa County) on the Lake Huron shoreline for the point of beginning and proceeding due south 15 miles (to 45°45' North latitude, 83°50' west longitude), then proceeding due east 8 miles (to 45°45' North latitude, 83°40' west longitude); then proceeding 6 miles due south (to 45°40' North latitude, 83°40' west longitude); then proceeding due east to the Michigan-Ontario border; then proceeding northwesterly and then northeasterly along said border to a point due south of the southeast corner of Section 1, T41N, R7E (Chippewa County), on the said shoreline, and westerly along said shoreline to the point of beginning.

4) Lake Huron (6 Fathom Bank)

All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point in Lake Huron at 45°00' north latitude, 82°45' E west longitude; then proceeding due east to the international boundary line between the U.S. and Canada; thence in a southeasterly direction to 44°40' north latitude; thence due west to 44°40' north latitude, 82°45' E west longitude; then proceeding due north to the point of beginning.

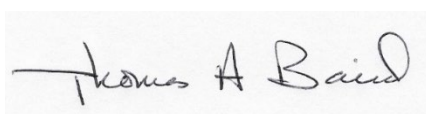
This order shall be assigned number FO-253.24, and is titled "Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters - Trout and Salmon Regulations".

This order supersedes the order titled "Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters - Trout and Salmon Regulations," effective May 13, 2022, and was assigned number FO-253.22A.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2024 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

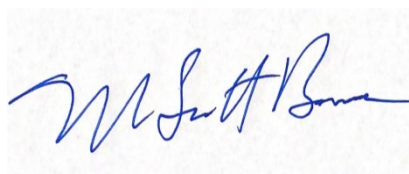
Issued on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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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M. Scott Bowen  
Director



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M. SCOTT BOWEN  
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: August 14, 2023  
RESUBMITTED: September 18, 2023



MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 254.23A  
Inland Lakes - 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 254 governs regulations for trout and salmon on inland lakes. The Department recommends removing three lakes from the order.

The Department proposes the following regulatory amendments for this order:

1. Half Moon Lake (Muskegon): The Department recommends removing Half Moon Lake under Type C regulations as the habitat is no longer suitable for trout management. Specifically, in 2021, a temperature and dissolved oxygen profile was recorded on August 12<sup>th</sup> that indicated that lake was anoxic from 15 feet of water to the bottom of the lake (83 feet of water). The upper 15 feet of water was 72°F or warmer with the surface water temperature reaching nearly 79°F. Additionally, coolwater predators (northern pike and walleye) reside in the lake, which creates additional challenges for trout survival. No trout species were collected during the most recent fish population assessment in 2022. For these collective reasons, the management unit is moving away from trout management on this water and stocking ended in 2021. This waterbody will now be covered under the general statewide fishing regulations.
2. Reid Lake (Alcona): The Department recommends removing Reid Lake under Type B regulations due to an unsuccessful rainbow trout and brown trout stocking program. Angler reports for trout over the years has been very sparse and managers indicated that there is an abundant fast-growing yellow perch population creating competitive pressures on the stocked trout. Angler preferences have shifted away from trout where anglers are now more interested in focusing on yellow perch in Reid Lake. Therefore, managers will no longer conduct fisheries management for coldwater species in this waterbody. This waterbody will now be covered under the general statewide fishing regulations.



3. Youngs Lake (Luce): The Department recommends removing Youngs Lake under Type A fishing regulations due to loss of public access. Youngs Lake was recently sold to a private individual who has indicated that public access is no longer allowed. Therefore, the management unit will remove this lake from any future stocking plans or management activities.

Two of the proposed changes above will liberalize fishing regulations and one lake is no longer open to public access. Given the circumstances, the recommendation is to implement the changes for immediate effect. If supported, the Department will increase angler awareness by adding the changes 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*

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. Removal of a water no longer open to public access will help inform anglers who may spend time travelling to a place where they are no longer welcome. No cons have been identified.

#### *Biological*

Implementing a change from coldwater to warmwater management on waters where stocked trout are not creating a fishery will help the Department conserve limited funds to be used in other places. 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 are informed by available data and are biologically sound. Timely survey information and angler reports helps managers to enact the most appropriate fishing regulations for anglers.

#### *Economic*

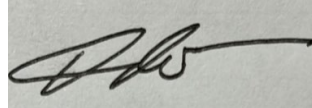
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

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



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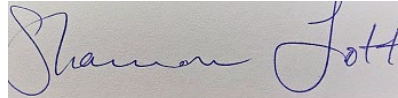
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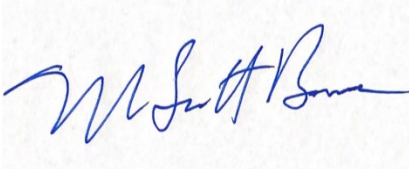


Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



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.



M. Scott Bowen, Director

Date: October 12, 2023

# FISHERIES ORDER

## Inland Lakes - Trout and Salmon Regulations Order 254.23A

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 October 12, 2023, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective October 13, 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                      |
| 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                     |
| Marquette                     | Slough Lake                         |

| Type A Designated Trout Lakes |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| County                        | Lake Name   |
| 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             | 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                                |
| Iron               | Golden Lake                               |
| Iron               | Lake Ottawa                               |

| Type B Trout Lakes |  |
|--------------------|--|
| County             | Lake Name                                  |
| 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  |
| Grand Traverse     | Sand Lake #1  |
| Hillsdale          | Bear Lake     |

| Type C Trout Lakes |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| County             | Lake Name                            |
| 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                          |
| 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                                 |
| Marquette                     | South Kidney Lake (T45N, R26W, S28)      |
| Marquette                     | Rockingchair Lake, N., (T49N, R28W, S10) |
| Marquette                     | Rockingchair Lake, S., (T49N, R28W, S10) |

| Type D Designated Trout Lakes |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| County                        | Lake Name                         |
| 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                                     |

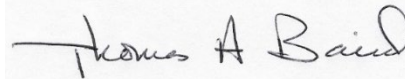
This order shall be assigned number FO-254.23A, and is titled "Inland Lakes - Trout and Salmon Regulations".

This order supersedes the order titled "Inland Lakes - Trout and Salmon Regulations," effective April 1, 2023, and was assigned number FO-254.23.

This order shall take immediate effect on October 13, 2023 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

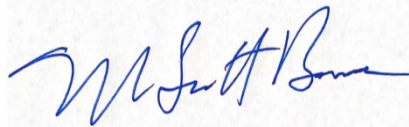
Issued on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

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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M. Scott Bowen  
Director