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MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
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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

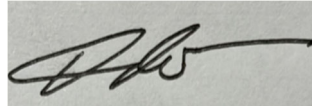
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

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 was eligible for approval on September 14, 2023.



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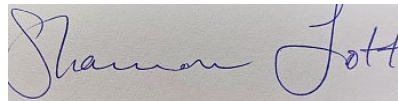
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

M. Scott Bowen, Director

Date

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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, Ellsworth 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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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 1st 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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

Dickinson County

Hamilton Lake, Lake Louise, Lake Mary 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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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, 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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

Menominee County

Shakey Lakes Chain including: Bass Lake, Beecher Lake, 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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

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~~[greater than 24 inches](#).

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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](#)~~greater than 24 inches~~.

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

Oscoda County

McCollum 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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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 greatergreater than 24 inches](#).

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~~greater than 24 inches.~~

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.

Issued on this 12th day of October 2023.

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

Thomas Baird, Chair
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

M. Scott Bowen
Director