

## Corey Lake and Pleasant Lake

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be conducting a fish survey on Corey and Pleasant Lakes during the spring and summer of 2008. The study is being conducted to collect information on indices of abundance and estimates of annual harvest and fishing effort for largemouth bass. A second objective of the study is to collect sufficient growth and mortality statistics to be able to evaluate effects of fishing on largemouth bass. Special fishing regulations have been established on these lakes to improve these valuable fisheries. However, the ten-inch minimum size limit regulation has not been evaluated to determine if the regulation is helping to improve the size of largemouth bass. Starting on April 21, 2008 the DNR will be surveying largemouth bass for age and growth, and tagging fish to evaluate population abundance and angler exploitation. Staff of the DNR will be working at night on each lake using electrofishing equipment until the beginning of May. A territorial creel clerk will survey anglers on Corey and Pleasant Lakes from April 26 to the end of October to capture targeted effort and catch statistics of the fishery and document the catch of all tagged and non-tagged largemouth bass.

If you catch a fish with a jaw tag, please report the following information: species, length, weight (if known), tag location (where tag was attached), the 5-digit identification number (the larger of the two sets of numbers), tag return address (for example Michigan DNR 621 Tenth St. Plainwell, MI 49080), capture date, and capture location by using the tag return form found at: <http://www.michigandnr.com/taggedfish/>. In the notes box of the form, please list time of capture and sex of fish (if known). You can also submit your tag to the Michigan DNR office using the mailing address located on the tag. Upon receiving your information, a letter stating when and where the fish was tagged will be sent to you via US mail.

If you catch a tagged fish during catch and release season, or if you choose not to keep the fish, please remove the jaw tag for proper reporting. Jaw tags can be most easily removed from a fish with needle-nose pliers. When removing a tag from a fish that you plan to release, please be careful to avoid breaking the jaw bone.

Jaw Tag  
Location

