

Fish Order 201.18

Special Fishing Regulations, Big Island Lake Complex, Schoolcraft County

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on September 14, 2017, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

The Big Island Lake Complex is described as all lands and waters bounded by County Road 445 on the west, County Road 437 on the south, U. S. Forest Service Haywire Grade Snowmobile Trail on the east and Townline Lake Road on the north. The area includes all connecting waterways with 19 major lakes plus several unnamed lakes: Cucumber, Big Island, Townline, Mid, Upper, Coattail, Onega, McInnes, Klondike, Center, Neds, Vance, Twilight, Farm (Blush), Byers, Nevilles, Bluegill, Pear, and Jarr Lakes, all in Schoolcraft County.

1. It shall be unlawful to fish by any means other than hook-and-line.
2. Artificial lures only, use of live bait is prohibited.
3. Minimum size limits, possession limits, and open seasons are as follows:

Species	Open Seasons	Min. Size Limit	Possession Limit
Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge) (see Note 1)	1 st Saturday in June – November 30	42 inches	1 fish per angling season
Northern Pike	May 15 – November 30	24 inches	2 fish per day
Bass	Sat. before Memorial Day – November 30	18 inches	1 fish per day
Yellow Perch, Bluegill & Pumpkinseed	Last Sat. in April - November 30	No size limit	5 fish per day in combination
Trout (Neds & Twilight only)	Last Sat. in April – Sept. 30	15 inches	1 fish per day

Note 1 - All harvested muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge) must be registered online at www.michigan.gov/fishing. Muskellunge harvest is limited to one (1) muskellunge per angler per year (April 1 – March 31).

4. It shall be unlawful to take or possess any other species of fish from these waters.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-201.18, and is entitled “Special Fishing Regulations, Big Island Lake Complex, Schoolcraft County.”

This Order supersedes the Order entitled “Special Fishing Regulations, Big Island Lake Complex, Schoolcraft County,” which became effective October 14, 2016, and is assigned number FO-201.16.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2018 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.