

FISHERIES ORDER

Special Hook Size Regulations

Order 202.26

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 September 11, 2025, the following section(s) of the fisheries order shall read effective April 1, 2026, except as otherwise provided:

- 1) Locations where it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed un-weighted hook measuring ½-inch or less from point to shank:

County	Location	Effective Date
Allegan	Swan Creek (from the mouth upstream to the dam at 118th Avenue)	All year
Antrim, Kalkaska	Torch River from the Crystal Beach Road Bridge downstream to Lake Skegemog including Rapid River up to Aarwood Road Bridge	May 1 – July 1
Benzie	Platte River	All year
Berrien	Townsend Creek (T6S, R17W, S19 and the mouth area of Lake Chapin, to a point 100 yards below the Townsend Creek mouth into Lake Chapin)	All year
Charlevoix	Boyne River (from mouth upstream to dam in T32N, R5W, S5)	All year
Emmet	Bear River (from foot bridge north of Lake Street upstream to Lake Street Dam T34N, R5W, S6)	All year
Muskegon	The port of Muskegon from the Western most pier head extending into Lake Michigan (excluding break walls) to the Eastern most pier head extending into Muskegon Lake.	Nov 1 – Nov 30
Muskegon	The port of Whitehall/Montague from the Western most pier head extending into Lake Michigan to the Eastern most pier head extending into White Lake	Nov 1 – Nov 30
Ottawa	The port of Grand Haven from the Western most pier head extending into Lake Michigan to the US-31 bridge (North bound Beacon Blvd.)	Nov 1 – Nov 30
Van Buren	South Branch Black River and all tributaries upstream of Breedsville (Mill Street).	All year

- 2) For the purpose of this section, an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner, or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. Use of a bead fished on the hook or pegged or attached to the line no further than 4 inches above the eye of a single-pointed hook (restricted to measuring ½-inch or less from point to shank) is also considered to be a lure. From August 1 through November 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed hooks or jigs, measuring ½-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks measuring ⅜-inch or less from point to shank only when attached to an artificial lure on the following waters:
- a. Benzie County: all waters of the Betsie River.
 - b. Manistee County: all waters of Bear Creek, all waters of the Betsie River, and the Manistee River from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6).
 - c. Mason County: the Big Sable River (from mouth upstream to Hamlin Lake Dam).
 - d. Mason, Lake, Oceana, Newaygo: all waters of the Pere Marquette River.

- e. Manistee, Mason, and Lake Counties: all waters of the Little Manistee River.
- f. Muskegon and Oceana Counties: the White River (from mouth upstream to Hesperia Dam) and all waters of the North Branch White River.
- g. Muskegon and Newaygo Counties: the Muskegon River upstream to Croton Dam.
- h. Oceana and Mason Counties: all waters of the North Branch Pentwater River, South Branch Pentwater River (upstream to Hart Dam).

This order shall be assigned number FO-202.26 and is entitled "Special Hook Size Regulations."

This order supersedes the order entitled "Special Hook Size Regulations," which became effective April 1, 2025, and is assigned number FO-202.25.

This order shall take effect April 1, 2026, and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

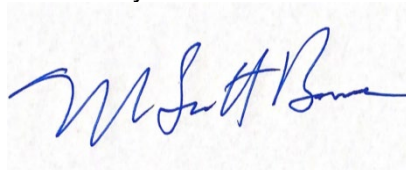
Issued on this 11th day of September 2025.

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



Rebecca Humphries, Vice Chair
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.



M. Scott Bowen
Director