FISHERIES ORDER

Spawning Closures
Order 204.26

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 October 14, 2026, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective October 15, 2026, 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

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

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
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-204.26 and is titled “Spawning Closures.”

This order supersedes the order entitled “Spawning Closures,” which became effective April 1, 2024, and is assigned number FO-204.24.

This order shall take effect October 15, 2026, and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 14th day of October 2026.

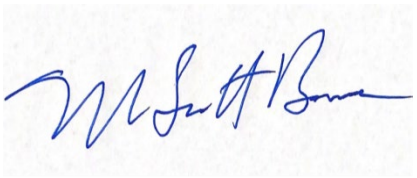
Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.



for

Rebecca Humphries, Chair
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.



M. Scott Bowen
Director