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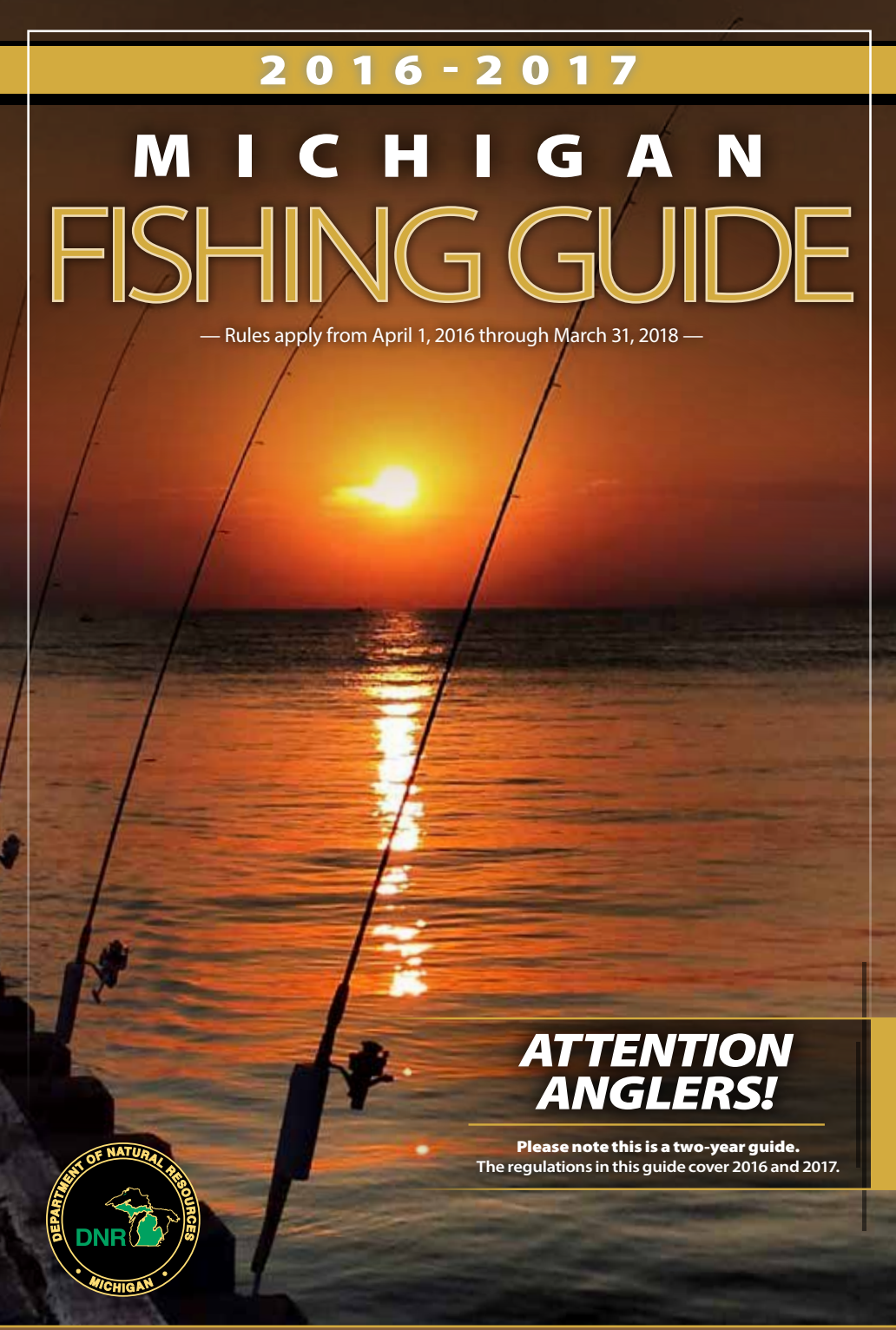

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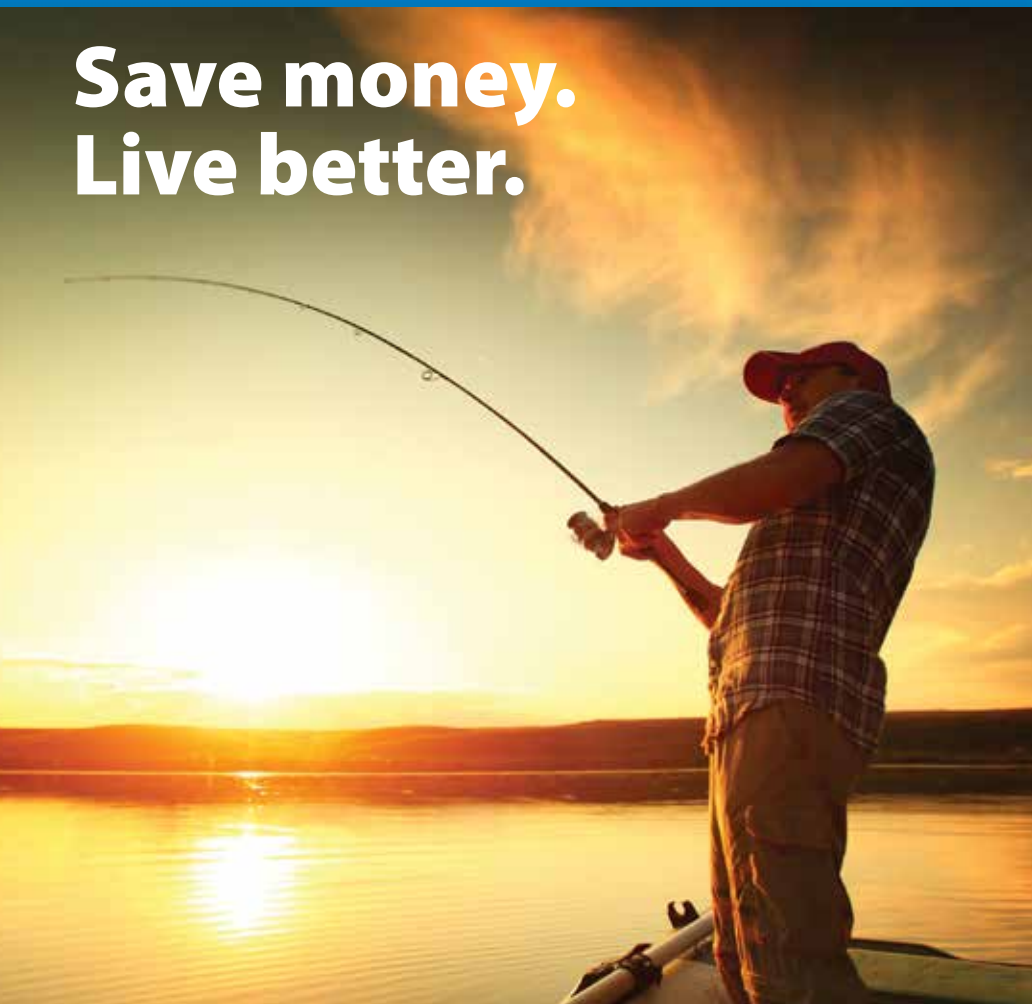

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Major Regulation Changes - New regulations appear in red text throughout the guide.

NOTE: Always check online for the most recent information: michigan.gov/fishing or call 888-367-7060 for a pre-recorded message.

Statewide

- Chumming is prohibited in all types 1, 2, 3 and 4 streams (p. 8 and p. 39).
- Minnows collected for personal use are restricted to the waterbody where caught (p. 27).
- Bass, northern pike, walleye and flathead catfish limits are no longer combined (p. 12)
- New bass tournament registration requirement (p. 62)

Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters

- Menominee R. lake sturgeon protection zone expanded (p. 25)

Lake Michigan

- Lake trout and splake now covered by same regulations (p. 21)
- Little Bay de Noc 1 walleye over 23" boundary change (p. 13)

Saginaw Bay (MH-4) and Saginaw R. up to Center Street Bridge

- Walleye possession limit is 8 with 13" minimum size limit (p. 13)
- Yellow perch possession limit is 25 (p. 14)

Lake Gogebic Walleye

- 2 of 5 walleye from 13" - 15" allowed in daily limit (p. 14)

Michigan's Fight Against Aquatic Invasive Species

The state is doing many things to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Michigan's waters to keep our rivers, lakes and streams world-class. Three specific efforts include grants, increasing awareness and reporting.

1. Invasive Species Grant Program - $3.6 million has been dedicated to fund projects that prevent, monitor and respond and eradicate new and current invasive species.
2. Attention anglers! You are our first line of defense in the fight against aquatic invasive species! We need your help, go online to www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies to learn about what you can do.
3. If you see something strange – report it! Take a photo of the species in question and contact the DNR through www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies.

Learn more about aquatic invasive species on pages 60-61.

Ontonagon R. Walleye

- Only 1 walleye >25" allowed in daily limit (p. 14)

Special Hook Size Regulations

- New artificial lure restrictions placed on Betsie R., Bear Cr., Manistee R., and Big Sable R. (See Common Terms p. 8).

NOTICE: This brochure is not a legal notice or a complete collection of fishing regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for anglers' convenience. Copies of Michigan's regulations can be obtained from our website, michigan.gov/dnr.

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Purchase your fishing license (and more) online at michigan.gov/dnr

Item #	Item Type	Cost
	DNR Sportcard	$1.00
	All-species Fishing Licenses	
200	**Resident Annual**	$26.00*
201	**Nonresident Annual**	$68.00*
202	**Senior Annual** (Residents 65 or older or Residents who are legally blind – see p. 6)	$11.00*
203	**24-hour** (Resident or Nonresident)	$10.00
204	**72-hour** (Resident or Nonresident)	$30.00
	Permit or Tag (Unavailable online or with web app)	
205	**Muskellunge Harvest Tag** (License Required, see p. 9)	FREE
206	**Sturgeon Fishing Permit and Harvest Tag** (License Required, see p. 8)	FREE
	Combo Hunt/Fish Licenses (Base, Annual Fishing, 2 Deer)	
115	**Hunt/Fish Resident**	$76.00*
116	**Hunt/Fish Nonresident**	$266.00*
	Lost Licenses	
	Lost your license? Visit michigan.gov/fishing for instructions on how to replace.	

Fishing license fees are waived for Michigan residents who are veterans with 100% disability or active-duty military (see p. 6).

Who needs a Michigan fishing license?
You must purchase a fishing license if you are 17 years of age or older to fish. If you are under 17, you may fish without a license, but you are required to observe all fishing rules and regulations. Please note, a license is required when targeting fish, amphibians, crustaceans and reptiles.

Where does the fishing license revenue go?
For information concerning where fishing license funds are used please see p. 64.

Where can you purchase a Michigan fishing license?
- DNR License Agents (www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10363_14518-34869--,00.html)
- DNR Customer Service Centers (see p. 59)
- Online (www.mdnr-elicense.com)

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2016-2017 Fishing Season

This table provides general hook-and-line fishing seasons/dates for the species listed. **There are many other fishing regulations associated with these species and seasons. Please refer to the rest of the 2016-2017 Michigan Fishing Guide for regulations concerning size limits, possession limits, and other restrictions.**

Species	Season Dates												More Info.
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass													
Catch-and-immediate-release on all waters	Open for Entire Year (2016 & 2017)												Page 13
Catch-and-keep on all waters, including Great Lakes		May 28 - December 31 (2016) & May 27 - December 31 (2017)											Pages 12-13
Catch-and-keep on Lake St. Clair & St. Clair & Detroit Rivers			June 18 - December 31 (2016) & June 17 - December 31 (2017)										Page 12
Muskellunge													
Lower Peninsula Great Lakes	Open for Entire Year (2016 & 2017)												Pages 12, 14
Lower Peninsula inland waters	April 30 - March 15 (2016) & April 29 - March 15 (2017)												Pages 12, 14
Upper Peninsula Great Lakes, inland waters & St. Marys River		May 15 - March 15 (2016 & 2017)											Pages 12, 14
Lake St. Clair & St. Clair & Detroit Rivers			June 4 - December 15 (2016) & June 3 - December 15 (2017)										Pages 12, 14
Northern Pike & Walleye													
Lower Peninsula Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair & St. Clair & Detroit Rivers	Open for Entire Year (2016 & 2017)												Pages 12-14
Lower Peninsula inland waters	April 30 - March 15 (2016) & April 29 - March 15 (2017)												Pages 12-14
Upper Peninsula Great Lakes, inland waters & St. Marys River		May 15 - March 15 (2016 & 2017)											Pages 12-14
Salmon & Trout													
Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, St. Marys River, St. Clair & Detroit Rivers	Open for Entire Year (See Great Lakes Lake Trout & Splake row below as well) (2016 & 2017)												Pages 18, 20-21
(Inland) Type 3 & 4 streams and Type B, C, E & F lakes	Open for Entire Year (2016 & 2017)												Pages 38-58
(Inland) Type 1 & 2 streams and Type A & D lakes	April 30 - Sept. 30 (2016) & April 29 - Sept. 30 (2017)												Pages 38-58
Gear Restricted streams	Please see pages 40-43 for information concerning seasons on these streams.												
Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Cisco (Lake Herring), Lake Whitefish, Smelt, Sunfishes, White Bass, Yellow Perch & Other Species													
All waters open for fishing	Open for Entire Year (2016 & 2017)												Pages 12, 14
Great Lakes Lake Trout & Splake - See Table 4 on Pages 18-21													
Lake Sturgeon - See Table 2 on p. 15													

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Fishing License Requirements and Special Provisions:

- You must purchase a license if you are 17 years of age or older.
- **If you are under 17, you may fish without a license, but you are required to observe all fishing rules and regulations.**
- When fishing, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license and exhibit both upon demand of a Michigan Conservation Officer, a Tribal Conservation Officer or any law enforcement officer.

Your fishing license is valid from Mar. 1 of a given year through Mar. 31 of the following year.

To purchase a fishing license or to obtain a permit or tag, you must have:

- A valid Michigan Driver License; or
- A valid Michigan ID Card (issued by the Secretary of State) with additional proof of Michigan residency, such as a Michigan voter registration card; or
- A DNR Sportcard (issued by license dealers). If the information on your DNR Sportcard from a previous year is still accurate, you may continue to use it.

To qualify for a resident fishing license, you must:

- Be a person who resides in a settled or permanent home or domicile within the boundaries of this state with the intention of remaining in this state, or
- Be a full-time student at a Michigan college or university, and reside in Michigan, or
- Serve full-time in the U.S. Military and be either officially stationed in Michigan or maintain residency in Michigan.

The ownership of land in Michigan by itself is not qualification for a resident license.

The following special provisions exist:

Residents serving in the Armed Forces: Active-duty military members who enlisted as Michigan residents and have maintained resident status for the purposes of obtaining a driver's license or voting may obtain a resident all-species license at no cost. Applicants must present proof of military status when applying for the free license. Proof of military status may include military ID, leave papers, duty papers, military orders or other evidence verifying that the applicant is a member of the military. This license, available at DNR Customer Service Centers and at license retail outlets statewide, is valid for the license year. Military members receiving a free license must present the license, along with proof of military status, if requested by a conservation officer. **Note:** non-resident, active-duty military personnel officially stationed in Michigan qualify for Michigan resident rates.

Veterans with a disability: A resident (with proof of eligibility) who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veteran benefits at the 100% rate, for a disability other than blindness, or a resident rated by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs as individually unemployable is eligible to obtain any resident fishing license free of charge.

Residents who are blind: A resident who is declared legally blind is eligible to purchase the senior fishing license.

Persons with developmental disabilities or residents of a home for the aged (licensed under the Public Health Code): A developmentally disabled individual or a resident of a home for the aged licensed under the Public Health Code may obtain a permit from the DNR to fish without a license if the developmentally disabled individual or the resident of the licensed home for the aged is a member of a group accompanied by 1 or more adults who hold a valid license to fish. Permits are available at DNR Customer Service Centers (see p. 59).

Description of Inland Waters

Inland waters are all waters within the jurisdiction of the state except the Great Lakes, and the bays and connecting waters. The connecting waters between Lake Superior and Lake Huron include that portion of the St. Marys River located within this state. The connecting waters of Lake Huron and Lake Erie include the St. Clair River (begins at the Fort Gratiot Light), Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River (beginning at the imaginary line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County and ending at the imaginary east-west line drawn through the most southerly point of Celeron Island). Inland waters also include all inland lakes, streams and tributaries to the Great Lakes.

Fishing and Harvest Closures (Spawning Closures)

Michigan prohibits fishing for various species at certain times of the year. These seasonal closures generally coincide with spawning periods and are often referred to as spawning closures. Many anglers and managers tend to think of these regulations as providing specific protection to spawning fish, and the timing and length of closed seasons are generally related to the timing and duration of spawning seasons. These closures are indicated by lake or stream in the county listing (see pages 28-32 and 44-58). Lakes and streams are closed to all fishing during the period listed.

Native American Fishing on Inland Waters

Federal treaties exist between the United States government and tribes residing in Michigan. Although the entire State of Michigan is covered by treaties, only two treaty areas are currently subject to fishing by tribal governments. The Treaty of Washington, signed in 1836, covers the eastern Upper Peninsula and the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan. The Treaty of La Pointe, signed in 1842, covers the western Upper Peninsula, except Menominee County and areas of northern Wisconsin.

Seasons and possession limits for tribal members may differ somewhat from state regulations. In addition, under a permit system, tribal members may use spears and may place impoundment nets on designated public waters. The use of gill nets are prohibited in inland waters. If you encounter these activities, do not disrupt the fishers or interfere with their nets. For more information please visit michigan.gov/fishing and search for tribal coordination unit.

Artificial Flies: Any commonly accepted single hook wet and dry flies, streamers and nymphs without spinner, spoon, scoop, lip or any other fishing lure or bait attached. The fly or leader may be weighted, but no weight shall be attached to the fly or to the terminal tackle in a manner that allows the weight to be suspended from or below the hook.

Artificial Lure: A manmade lure manufactured to imitate natural bait. Artificial lures include spoons, spinners, flies and plugs made of metal, plastic, wood and other non-edible materials. They also include plastic products made to resemble worms, eggs, fish and other aquatic organisms. **NOTE:** For the following waters: all waters of the **Betsie R.** (Benzie and Manistee Cos.), all waters of **Bear Cr.** (Manistee Co.), the **Manistee R.** from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6; Manistee Co.), and the **Big Sable R.** from mouth upstream to Hamlin Lake Dam (Mason Co.), an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, un-weighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.

Cast Net: A net not exceeding 8 feet in diameter without walls or sides that is thrown to take minnows, alewife, smelt and shad in the Great Lakes and Connecting Waters.

Catch-and-Immediate-Release (CIR): The act of returning fish immediately to the water without injury and without holding in a livewell or similar device. Anglers may continue to fish CIR given that they have reached their daily possession limit for a given species.

Chumming: the practice of luring or attracting fish or attempting to lure or attract fish by scattering organic material into the water. Material commonly used as chum includes fish eggs, corn, rice, noodles, oatmeal and maggots.

Daily Possession Limit: The total number of fish, amphibians or reptiles that may be caught and retained in one day. See also Possession Limit.

Designated Trout Lake: Any lake so designated by the state that contains a significant population of trout or salmon. All Type A and all Type D lakes are designated trout lakes (see pages 38-58).

Designated Trout Stream: Any stream so designated by the state that contains a significant population of trout or salmon. All Type 1, all Type 2, all Gear Restricted Streams, all research areas and Brook Trout Research Areas, most Type 3 and most Type 4 waters are designated trout streams (see pages 38-58).

Detroit River: Beginning at the imaginary line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County and ending at the imaginary east-west line drawn through the most southerly point of Celeron Island.

Dip Net: A square net that is constructed from a piece of webbing of heavy twine, hung on heavy cord or frame so as to be without sides or walls, and suspended from the corners and attached in such a manner that when the net is lifted no part is more than 4 feet below the plane formed by the imaginary lines connecting the corners from which the net is suspended. As used in fishing, it shall be lowered and raised vertically as nearly as possible (also referred to as a drop net or umbrella net).

Dropper Line: A line in addition to the main fishing line that contains a hook. Dropper lines are usually attached to the main line.

Drop-shotting: Using a weight suspended below a hook that is tied directly to the main fishing line.

Drowned River Mouth Lakes: An area of a river where it enters the Great Lakes. Considered inland waters and are listed in Note 3 on p. 18.

Fishing Season: The period of time a body of water is open to fishing. It is unlawful to fish in any body of water outside of the fishing season.

Fishing Tournament: An organized competition among anglers with specific rules applying to that particular event. See also Tournament Registration p. 62.

Great Lakes Connecting Waters: Specific water bodies of water in Michigan that connect the Great Lakes. The designated waters are L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R. (begins at the Fort Gratiot Light) and the Detroit R. NOTE: Portage/Torch Lakes (Houghton County) are not designated as Great Lakes connecting waters.

Hand Net and Landing Net: A mesh bag of webbing or wire, suspended from a circular, oval or rectangular frame attached to a handle. These are the most common fishing nets used in Michigan (see p. 10).

Hook: A single, double or treble pointed hook. All hooks, single, double or treble pointed and attached to a manufactured artificial lure shall be counted as 1 hook.

Inland Waters: All waters in Michigan EXCEPT the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes Connecting Waters.

Lake Sturgeon Fishing Permit and Harvest Tag: The fishing permit and harvest tag are combined into one item and the name has been changed. They are free and legally required for all anglers who fish for lake sturgeon. The fishing permit is the upper portion and the harvest tag is the lower portion. Lake sturgeon harvest is limited to 1 per person per angling year (Apr. 1 – Mar. 31), where harvest is allowed. The permit/tag are non-transferable and are only available at license agents or DNR Service

Centers. For more information see lake sturgeon regulations on p. 15.

MH-4: (Map, p. 20) A Lake Huron fisheries management unit which is bounded on the north by a line beginning on the shore on Au Sable Point in Iosco Co. at latitude 44°20'N and extending eastward along said latitude to longitude 083°10'W, then southward along said longitude to latitude 44°10'N, then eastward along said latitude to longitude 082°40'W, then southward along said line to latitude 44°00'N, then westward along said line to shore about 2.6 miles southeast of Point aux Barques light in Huron Co.

Minnows: Chubs, shiners, dace, stonerollers, sculpins (muddlers), mudminnows and suckers of a size used for bait in hook-and-line fishing. See p. 10 and p. 27.

Muskellunge Harvest Tag: The tag is free and legally required for anyone to harvest a muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge) in Michigan waters. Muskellunge harvest is limited to 1 per person per angling year (Apr. 1 – Mar. 31). The tag is non-transferable and is only available at license agents or DNR Service Centers. A muskellunge shall be immediately released or tagged with a validated muskellunge harvest tag.

Possession Limit: In addition to 1 day's daily possession limit of fish, a person may possess an additional 2 daily possession limits of fish taken during previous fishing days provided that the additional limits of fish are processed (canned, cured by smoking or drying, or frozen). This provision does not apply to lake sturgeon or muskellunge. Anglers who have not attained the age of 17 are entitled to the possession limit even though they do not have a fishing license. A person fishing waters bordered by other states or provinces AND possessing multiple fishing licenses may possess the limit allowed for ONLY ONE license while in transit, but while fishing in Michigan waters, must comply with Michigan possession and size limits.

Possession Season: That portion of the fishing season during which it is legal to harvest fish.

Protected Slot Limit: Prohibits the possession or harvest of fish that fall within a protected minimum and maximum size interval (see p. 14).

Snagging: Attempting to take fish in a manner that the fish does not take the hook voluntarily in its mouth. It is unlawful to snag a fish.

Tournament Registration: Following the appropriate process to register a bass tournament with the Department. See p. 62.

Trapping: Catching or taking fish by use of a device, such as a cage or net, designed to capture a fish or animal.

Weir: A fence or enclosure set in water to block or retain fish.

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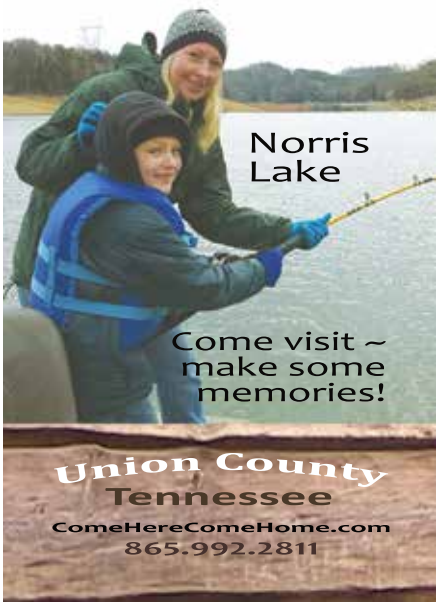

Bait: Any fish and frogs may be used as bait when legally taken and possessed, EXCEPT lampreys, live carp, goldfish, or live gobies. Wigglers (mayfly nymphs) and other aquatic nymphs and larvae also may be used for bait, but may not be taken from any trout stream except for personal use on the same stream. Crayfish may be taken for bait and personal use (see below). See exceptions on the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (see pages 24-25). *To help reduce the spread of invasive species, anglers are reminded to properly dispose of all bait containers including worms and soil, crayfish and minnows in a trash receptacle.*

Bow Fishing: Bow and arrow and crossbow may be used on certain waters for certain species. See Table 3 Bow and Spear Fishing Regulations on pages 16-17.

Crayfish: Native crayfish may be harvested in all waters as long as the water body is open to fishing. In designated trout waters, crayfish may only be taken during the fishing season for trout. Anglers may use traps, nets, hook-and-line or hands to harvest crayfish. All crayfish traps must bear the owners name and address. There is no minimum size limit or possession limit. Crayfish species not native to Michigan waters, which include (but are not limited to) red swamp crayfish (*Procambarus clarkii*) and rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*), may not be used for bait, whether alive or dead, on any waters of this state whether those waters are public or private. Rusty crayfish may be harvested for consumptive purposes. Crayfish may not be possessed or used for bait, whether alive or dead, on Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters.

Dip Nets: Dip nets may be used for bowfin, carp, gar, smelt and suckers in non-trout streams. A permit is required if equipment is to be left overnight. See Table 5 General Netting Regulations, p. 23.

Drop-shotting: The practice of having a weight suspended below a hook that is tied directly to the main fishing line is lawful on inland lakes, Great Lakes and Great Lakes Connecting Waters only. This gear may not be used on rivers, streams or drowned river mouth lakes.

Gaffs: Gaffs may be used to help land lawfully hooked fish on all waters EXCEPT on a designated trout stream. Gaffs are not recommended for use on fish that are not legal to harvest or fish you plan to release. For more information see p. 16.

Hand Nets: Hand nets may be used to help land lawfully hooked fish. During Apr., May and Jun., hand nets larger than 5 ½ feet in circumference or having a handle exceeding 14" may NOT be used or possessed on designated trout streams EXCEPT as provided in Table 5 General Netting Regulations p. 23. Hand nets may also be used to take bowfin, carp, gar, smelt and suckers.

Hook-and-Line Fishing: Fish taken must be hooked in the mouth. Fish not hooked in the mouth must be returned to the water immediately. No more than 3 lines per person (including tip-ups) nor more than 6 hooks or lures may be used. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or "night crawler harness" are counted as 1 hook (**note:** for crappie/perch rigs and umbrella rigs each hook is counted as part of total allowed). Hooks must be baited or attached to an artificial bait. Any number of hooks may be used on 1 line for taking smelt in recognized smelt waters (visit michigan.gov/fishing). All tip-ups and other similar devices must be marked with the name and address of the owner in legible English, either directly on the object or securely fastened to it by a plate or tag. All lines must be under immediate control. Hook and size regulations exist on certain streams (see Exceptions to General Regulations by County, pages 28-32).

Hoop Nets: May be used for burbot only on certain waters Dec. 15 – last day of Feb. A permit is required through a local DNR office. See Table 5 General Netting Regulations p. 23.

Minnows for Personal Use: Minnows for personal use only may be taken with hook-and-line, seines, dip nets, hand nets and traps with a valid fishing license and may only be used in the waters where collected (p. 27). In trout streams, minnows may only be taken during the open season for trout by hook-and-line or minnow traps. Minnows may not be taken from LEELANAU: Hatlem's Cr., LIVINGSTON and OAKLAND: Kent L. including the Huron R. upstream to the Hubbell Millpond Dam in Milford, OCEANA: Silver L. and all tributaries. Gear restrictions are as follows: seines must not be over 12 feet by 4 feet; hand nets not over 8 square feet and without sides or walls; and minnow traps not over 24" long. Minnow traps must bear the owners name and address. Cast nets (not exceeding 8 feet in diameter without walls or sides) may be used to take minnows, alewife, smelt and shad in the Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, and the Detroit R., St. Clair R., and St. Mary's R.

Spearing: Hand, rubber or spring-propelled spears may be used for certain species. See Table 3 Bow and Spear Fishing Regulations pages 16-17.

It Is Unlawful To:

- **Chum with organic material** in all types (1, 2, 3 and 4) streams (p. 8 and p. 39).
- **Possess or transport** any live transgenic (genetically engineered) organism or any live specimen of the following non-native fish, crayfish, or freshwater mollusk: bighead carp, black carp, silver carp, grass carp (*white amur*), members of the snakehead family (Channidae), Wels catfish, bitterling, stone moroko, zander, Ide, Japanese weatherfish, rudd, tench, Eurasian ruffe, tubenose goby, round goby, red swamp crayfish, yabby crayfish, rusty crayfish, killer shrimp, zebra mussel, golden mussel or quagga mussel. To do so may result in civil fines up to $10,000.
- **Use for bait any crayfish species not native to Michigan waters,** whether alive or dead, on any waters of this state.
- **Import, plant or transplant** live game fish including viable eggs of any game fish without permit.
- **Buy or sell** fish or parts of fish, reptiles, amphibians or crayfish taken under a sport fishing license.
- **Take fish** for the sole purpose of removing the eggs.
- **Harvest, attempt to harvest, or possess any threatened or endangered species** except as authorized by the DNR. For more information, see michigan.gov/fishing and click on Managing Michigan's Fisheries.
- **Harvest or attempt to harvest** freshwater mussels (clams or bivalves) whether living or dead, including the shell or parts thereof, from any waters of the state.
  - » **Exception 1:** Zebra and quagga mussels may be taken.
  - » **Exception 2:** A special cultural or scientific investigation permit may be obtained from the DNR for the taking of freshwater mussels.
- **Use multi-pointed hooks exceeding** ⅜" between point and shank and/or single-pointed hooks exceeding ½" between point and shank on all streams (including tributaries to the Great Lakes) from Aug. 1 - May 31.
- **Use lures exceeding one ounce** on all streams from Aug. 1 to May 31 except when fishing in the Detroit R., St. Clair R., and St. Marys R.
- **Possess or sell** a multi-pointed hook with a weight permanently attached.
- **Possess illegally harvested fish** or mutilated fish that cannot be measured or identified.
- **Possess more than** the Michigan daily possession limit when fishing in Michigan waters even if holding licenses from more than one state or province.
- **Commercially take, possess, or sell** rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) in Michigan.
- **Commercially take** amphibians or reptiles in Michigan.
- **Disturb or remove** reptile eggs from the wild without a permit.
- **Fish for** any species or possess fishing devices along a stream or lake closed to fishing.
- **Fish with** your hands, firearms, explosives, setlines, poisons or methods other than lawful fishing methods.
- **Fish** anywhere in a fish ladder or within 100 feet of a lamprey control weir. http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/lamprey-barriers_182441_7.pdf
- **Use a net** to take a fish within 100 feet of a dam (landing nets are allowed to secure a legally hooked fish).
- **Use a seine** for any species other than minnows.
- **Use cast nets** in any inland water.
- **Shoot** reptiles or amphibians with a firearm (including spring, air or gas propelled), bow and arrow, or crossbow.
- **Have a weight** rigidly attached to a multi-pointed hook, or suspended from a multi-point hook.
- **Fish on a river, stream or drowned river mouth** (note 3, p. 18) using a weight suspended below any hook unless the hook is on a dropper line (a leader) that is at least 3" long.
- **Deposit litter**, fish, offal or any foreign matter in any waters of the state or any lands, private or public.
- **Take or attempt to take** fish outside of the open season for that species.
- **Commercially harvest** wigglers from any state waters from Jun. 1 – Sep. 1.
- **Snag a fish** or retain a fish not legally hooked in the mouth.

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This table provides general statewide regulations for the species listed. **However, there are many waters in the state that have fishing regulations which differ from those in this table. For instance, it is unlawful to possess fishing gear or fish for suckers on designated trout waters during the closed fishing season.** Please refer to the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (see pages 24-25), Sylvania Wilderness Area (see p. 26), Exceptions to General Regulations by County (see pages 28-32), and Inland Trout & Salmon Regulations (pages 38-58) for exceptions. Table notes are found on pages 13-15.

Table 1: General Hook & Line Regulations

Species (Note 1)	Minimum Size (inches)	Daily Possession Limit	Possession Seasons
Largemouth Bass **Smallmouth Bass** (Note 2)	14"	5	**3rd. Sat. in Jun. - Dec. 31:** L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. (See Note 2) **Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31:** All other waters including Great Lakes (except those listed in Note 2) (See Note 2)
Walleye (Note 3)	15"	5	**May 15 – Mar. 15:** Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R. **Last Sat. in Apr. – Mar. 15:** Lower Peninsula inland waters **Open All Year:** Lower Peninsula Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.
Northern Pike (Note 7)	24"	2	
Flathead Catfish	15"	5	**Open All Year**
Channel Catfish	12"	10	
Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge) (See Note 7)	42"	Only 1 per angler per angling year (Apr. 1 - Mar. 31)	**May 15 – Mar. 15:** Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R. **Last Sat. in Apr. – Mar. 15:** Lower Peninsula inland waters **Open All Year:** Lower Peninsula Great Lakes **1st Sat. in Jun. – Dec. 15:** L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.
Yellow Perch (Note 4)	No size limit	50	**Open All Year**
Sunfishes (Note 5)		25 in any combination of the listed species	
White Bass		25 on Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R. 10 on inland waters	
Lake Whitefish **Cisco** (Lake Herring)		12 in any combination	
Lake sturgeon	**Please see Table 2, p. 15 for Lake Sturgeon Regulations**		
Smelt	No size limit	2 gallons	**Open All Year** (See p. 23, Table 5 for Netting Regulations)
All others (Note 6)	No size limit	No possession limit	**Open All Year**

Notes for Table 1

Note 1 - All Warmwater Fish:

Warmwater fish include all species listed in this table. **Regulations for trout and salmon on inland waters are provided on pages 38-58.**

Note 2 - Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass:

All bass fishing tournaments held in 2016 and thereafter shall be registered online using the Department's Michigan Fishing Tournament Information System at the following website: www.mcgi.state.mi.us/fishingtournaments/. For more information see p. 62.

Catch-and-Immediate-Release (CIR) seasons: CIR fishing for bass is allowed all year on all waters, unless otherwise closed to fishing. All bass caught must be immediately (see common terms p. 8) returned to the water.

On **L. Michigan**, within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago: Beaver, Garden, High and Hog, (CHARLEVOIX) the possession season is Jul. 1 - Dec. 31 and open to bass CIR all year.

Note 3 - Walleye:

- **Lake Huron waters of MH-4 (see p. 9) including Saginaw Bay and Saginaw R. upstream to Center St. (Douglas G. Schenk) Bridge:** The daily possession limit for walleye is 8 with a 13" minimum size limit. Any changes will be announced on the DNR website (michigan.gov/fishing) and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.
- **Lake Erie**: The daily possession limit will remain at 6 walleye through Apr. 30 of the given year. The daily possession limit for walleye will be set on May 1 each year. The daily possession limit will be announced on the DNR website (michigan.gov/fishing) and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.
- **L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.**: On these waters the daily possession limit for walleye is 6 and the minimum size limit is 13".
- **Little Bay de Noc** (DELTA): No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed in daily limit north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point Lighthouse to the mouth of the Bark R.
- **Michigan waters of Green Bay**: from the mouth of the Menominee R. northward to latitude/longitude (45.5505, -87.2637) located approximately 6 miles north of the Cedar R. from Mar. 2 - Fri. before 1st Sat. in May the daily possession limit is 1 walleye and from the 1st Sat. in May - Mar. 1 the daily possession limit is 5 walleye.

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Notes for Table 1 (continued)

- **L. Gogebic (GOGEBIC and ONTONAGON):** Anglers may possess up to 2 walleye between 13" - 15" as part of the daily possession limit of 5 walleye.
- **Mullett L. proper, Cheboygan R. from Mullett L. downstream to Cheboygan Dam (T38N, R1W, S31), and Black R. from Alverno Dam (T37N, R1W, S35) downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan R. (CHEBOYGAN)**: The daily possession limit for walleye is 3 and the season for harvest of walleye is May 15 - Mar. 15, inclusive.
- **Ontonagon R. (ONTONAGON):** No more than 1 walleye over 25" may be possessed in daily possession limit.

Note 4 - Yellow Perch:

- **L. Huron** waters of MACKINAC and CHIPPEWA and the St. Marys R., the minimum size limit is 7".
- **L. Michigan** south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays) the possession limit is 35 perch.
- **L. Gogebic** (GOGEBIC and ONTONAGON): The daily possession limit for yellow perch is 25 with no more than 5 yellow perch 12" or greater.
- **Lake Huron waters of MH-4 (see p. 9) including Saginaw Bay and Saginaw R. upstream to Center St. (Douglas G. Schenk) Bridge:** The daily possession limit for yellow perch is 25. Any changes will be announced on the DNR website (michigan.gov/fishing) and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.

Note 5 - Sunfishes:

Includes: black and white crappies, bluegill, green and hybrid sunfish, longear, pumpkinseed, redear, rock bass, and warmouth.

Note 6 - Other Species:

Those species not listed above and not considered trout or salmon or threatened and endangered species which are protected from harvest.

Note 7 - Muskellunge & Northern Pike:

Muskellunge Harvest Tag Requirement
A non-transferable Muskellunge Harvest Tag is required in order to harvest muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge) in Michigan waters. For more information see p. 9.

Waters with higher minimum size limits on Muskellunge: BARRY: Gun L. 46", Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.) 50". OTSEGO: Big Bear L. 50".

Waters with lower minimum size limits on muskellunge: LUCE: Tahquamenon R. and tributaries (upstream from Upper Falls) 38".

Lakes with Muskellunge & Northern Pike possession seasons from the last Sat. in Apr. - Nov. 30: BARRY: Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.) LENAWEE: L. Hudson OTSEGO: Big Bear L.

Lakes with 24" – 34" protected slot limit on northern pike and daily possession limit of 2 northern pike: ALLEGAN: Pine Cr. Flooding KALAMAZOO: Long L. (T3S, R10W, S17/18/19/30) KENT: Bass L. (T10N, R9W, S12/13/14) LUCE: Blind Sucker Flooding and Bodi L. MONTCALM: Townline and Sand L.

Waters where up to 5 northern pike of any size may be taken with only 1 greater than 24" allowed in the daily possession limit: **Alcona**: Badger L. **Alger**: Nawakwa, Trout and 16 Mile Lks. **Antrim**: Beals, Benway, Ellsworth, Hanley, Scotts, Six Mile, St. Clair, and Wilson Lks. **Baraga**: Vermillac (Worm) L. **Benzie**: Long L. **Charlevoix**: Deer, Fox, Geneserath, Six Mile, and St. Clair and Susan Lks. **Cheboygan**: Black R. (upstream of Tower Dam includes Tower Pond and tributaries), Paradise (Carp), Silver and Wildwood Lks. **Chippewa**: Frenchman and Trout (Carp) Lks. **Clare**: Eight Point L. and L. Thirteen **Crawford**: Big Creek Imp., River and Pickerel Lks. **Delta**: Carr, Chicago, Hamilton, and Lyman Lks. and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US- 2) **Dickinson**: Sawyer L. **Emmet**: French Farm and O'Neal L. Floodings, and Paradise (Carp) L. **Gladwin**: L. Lancer **Gogebic**: African (Big and Little), Chaney, Cisco, Clearwater, East Bay, Fishhawk, Indian, Lindsley, Morley, Poor, Record, and Thousand Island Lks. **Grand Traverse**: Boardman L. and L. Dubonnet. **Houghton**: Rice L. **Iron**: Bone, Buck, Indian, Runkle and Winslow Lks., Hemlock Falls and Michigamme Reservoir, Michigamme Falls and Peavy Reservoir, L. St. Kathryn, Deer R., Net R., and Net R. Wide Waters. **Keweenaw**: Schlatter L. **Leelanau**: Florence L. (S. Manitou Is.). **Luce**: East and Muskallonge Lks. **Mackinac**: East, Millecoquins, and South Manistique Lks. **Manistee**: Bar and Chief Lks. **Marquette**: Bass (East), Cedar, Engman, Shag (Big), and Witch Lks., Dead R. Storage Basin, Middle Br. Escanaba R., Big West Br. Escanaba R. mainstream downstream to Boney Falls Basin (except Greenwood, Schweitzer and Cataract Reservoirs) **Mason**: Hackert (Crystal) L. **Mecosta**: Haymarsh and Horsehead Lks. **Menominee**: Westman Imp. **Missaukee**: Missaukee L. **Montcalm**: Crystal L. **Montmorency**: Robarge L., East and West Town Corner, and Pug Lks., Black R. and tributaries **Muskegon**: Big Blue L. **Newaygo**: Diamond,

Emerald, Kimball, Nichols, Pickerel, Ryerson (Long) and Sylvan Lks. **Oceana**: Round (Wykoff) and Silver Lks. **Ogemaw**: East Twin Lake, L. Ogemaw **Osceola**: L. Miramichi, Diamond, Rose and Wells Lks. **Oscoda**: Pickerel L. **Otsego**: Black R. and tributaries **Presque Isle**: Francis and Orchard Lks., Ocqueoc R. and tributaries, Ocqueoc Watershed Lakes (Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud and Nettie, and Ocqueoc), Black R. and tributaries and Tomahawk Flooding **Roscommon**: L. St. Helen, Cut R. (from the river mouth at Houghton L. upstream to CO 100 just downstream of Higgins L.), Houghton L., Backus Cr. from the stream mouth upstream, including all tributaries, Little Mud L. Flooding, Backus Cr. Flooding, and Backus L. Flooding **Schoolcraft**: Boot, Crooked, Kennedy, Stanley and Thunder Lks.; **Seney National Wildlife Refuge Pools**: contact Refuge office (906-586-9851).

Waters where up to 5 northern pike 24" or greater allowed in the daily possession limit: Lake St. Clair, St. Clair R., and Detroit R.

Waters without possession limits or size limits on northern pike: BRANCH: Lake Lavine.

All sturgeon anglers shall obtain a non-transferable Lake Sturgeon Fishing Permit and Harvest Tag prior to fishing for lake sturgeon (available at license vendors). Upon harvesting a lake sturgeon, anglers must validate their Lake Sturgeon Harvest Tag, attach it to the lake sturgeon, and register their harvest within 24 hours (except as noted below) at a designated registration site. **Lake sturgeon harvest is limited to only 1 lake sturgeon per angler per year (Apr. 1 - Mar. 31).** Harvest of lake sturgeon is limited to the waters of the state listed in the table below where harvest is allowed. Spearing for lake sturgeon is prohibited, except in Black Lake (Cheboygan County), during special winter season; pre-registration is required. For more information, visit michigan.gov/sturgeon.

Table 2: Lake Sturgeon
Hook & Line Fishing Only (except as indicated above)

Waters	Seasons	Regulations and Size Restrictions
Great Lakes and Connecting Waters (except L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.; see below), **all inland waters** (except those listed below)	**Fishing Season:** Jul. 16 – Nov. 30 **Possession Season:** None	No Possession. All lake sturgeon must be released immediately.
Lake St. Clair and **St. Clair River**	**Fishing Season:** Jul. 16 – Nov. 30 **Possession Season:** Jul. 16 – Sep. 30	Between 42" - 50", inclusive. Lake sturgeon less than 42" and greater than 50" must be released immediately.
Otsego Lake (Otsego Co.)	**Fishing and Possession Season:** Jul. 16 – Mar. 15	50" minimum size limit. Lake sturgeon less than 50" must be released immediately.
All MI-WI Boundary Waters (see pages 24-25 for more details)	**Fishing and Possession Season:** 1st Sat. in Sep. – Sep. 30	60" minimum size limit. Lake sturgeon less than 60" must be released immediately.
Black Lake (Cheboygan Co.)	**Fishing and Possession Season:** 1st Sat. in Feb. through the following Wed. or until the quota is reached (whichever comes first)	No size limit. All harvested lake sturgeon must be reported immediately to DNR on site. **Contact DNR Gaylord office (989) 732-3541 for details.**

The seasons, gear, waters, and species where a spear or bow and arrow or crossbow may be used are specified in the table below and lists which follow (except as otherwise prohibited). Spearing gear shall be limited to: hand-propelled spear, rubber-propelled spear, spring-propelled spear, bow and arrow, or crossbow. Artificial lights may be used. It shall be unlawful to use a rubber-propelled spear or a spring-propelled spear without being submerged and have the spear under control by means of an attached line not exceeding twenty feet in length. It is unlawful to spear any fish in a waterbody closed to fishing, except as noted in the spearing exceptions list. Unless noted otherwise, all general regulations apply for the species listed (see pages 12-14). *Anglers should contact local enforcement offices for information concerning local weapons ordinances banning the use of bow and arrow or crossbow in some locations. Maps have been developed to assist anglers in identifying inland trout waters and the regulations associated with each Type as indicated by color scheme and text. Maps are only available online at www.michigan.gov/fishingguide.*

Table 3: Bow & Spear Fishing Regulations

Season	Gear	Waters*	Species
Open All Year	spear or bow and arrow or crossbow (as listed above)	ALL WATERS **except:** Designated Trout Lakes and Designated Trout Streams and Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters. Also see *Spearing Exceptions List* below.	bowfin, bullheads, burbot, carp, catfish, cisco (lake herring), drum, gizzard shad, goldfish, grass carp, longnose gar, smelt, **suckers, whitefish
Dec. 1 - Mar. 15 (through the ice)	hand-propelled spear (only)	ALL WATERS **except:** Designated Trout Lakes and Designated Trout Streams and Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters. Also see *Spearing Exceptions List* below. See p. 40 for more information.	northern pike and muskellunge

* All Type A and D lakes are Designated Trout Waters. All Types 1 and 2 streams, Gear Restricted Streams, Research Areas, Brook Trout Restoration Areas, and nearly all Types 3 and 4 streams are Designated Trout Waters.

**The term suckers refers to: suckers (longnose, white, northern hog, spotted), redhorse (silver, golden, black, greater, shorthead), buffalo (bigmouth, black), lake chubsucker, and quillback carpsucker.

Spearing Exceptions List

Waters Closed to Northern Pike and Muskellunge Spearing

It shall be unlawful to fish by any means other than hook-and-line for northern pike or muskellunge in the following waters:

- ALGER: Kingston L.; ALPENA/MONTMORENCY: Fletcher Floodwaters; BARRY: Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.); ~~CHIPPEWA: Caribou L.~~; CLARE: Budd L.; CLINTON: L. Ovid; DELTA: Dana L.; DICKINSON: East, Island, South, and West Lks (all within Groveland Mines); IRON: Brule and Chicagon Lks., L. Emily, Paint L., Paint (Brule Isle Imp.) Pond, Stanley and Swan Lks.; KENT: Campau and Murray Lks.; KEWEENAW: L. Gratiot; LENAWEE: L. Hudson; LUCE: Round (North Manistique) L.; ~~OTSEGO: Big Bear L.~~; SCHOOLCRAFT: Grassy and McKeever Lks.; ST. JOSEPH: Long L. (Fabius Twp. T6S, R12W, S7); VAN BUREN: Bankson and Round Lks. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, S31)

Waters Closed To Muskellunge Spearing

It shall be unlawful to fish by any other means other than hook-and-line for muskellunge in the following waters: L. Erie, L. St. Clair, Detroit R., and St. Clair R.

Waters with Spearing and Gaff Hook Restrictions

It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any species of fish with spearing gear or gaff hook from Apr. 1 – Jun. 15 from the following waters of CHEBOYGAN County: Black R., Cheboygan R., and Indian R.

Waters Open To Yellow Perch Spearing

A hand-propelled spear or bow and arrow or crossbow may be used to harvest yellow perch from Jan. 1 - end of Feb. in L. St. Clair.

Designated Trout Streams Open To Spring Spearing

The following designated trout streams listed by county are open to the use of spearing gear from Apr. 1 - May 31, for taking bowfin, bullheads, burbot, carp, catfish, cisco (lake herring), drum, longnose gar, gizzard shad, goldfish, grass carp, smelt, **suckers (as listed above) and lake whitefish:

- ALCONA: Bryant Cr. from Vaughn L. downstream to Little L.; Buff Cr.; Sucker Cr. from confluence of Vincent Cr. (T27N, R8E, S9) downstream to Hubbard L. (T28N, R7E, S36); CALHOUN: Nottawa Cr. from Calhoun Co. line (T4S, R8W, S31) upstream to T3S, R5W, S35; Rice Cr. South Branch Rice Cr. from confluence of Rice Cr. and Kalamazoo R. (T2S, R6W, S25) upstream to Concord Rd. (Jackson Co.); CHIPPEWA: Trout Cr. downstream of Big Trout L. (T42N, R3E, S31); Prentiss Cr. (T42N, R2E,); DELTA: Squaw Cr. downstream of Co. Rd 513; MACKINAC: Doe Cr. (T43N, R10W); Foley Cr. downstream of I-75; Hoban Cr. downstream of US-2; Hudson Cr. (T41N, R11W, S8); Martineau Cr. downstream of I-75; McClouds Cr.; Milakokia R. from Milakokia L. downstream to Heinz L.; Norton Cr. from M-135 downstream to South Manistique L.; Nunn's Cr. downstream of Highway M -134; Pearson's Cr. T42N, R1W and R1E; Rabbits Back Cr. downstream of Mackinac Trail; Scrams Cr. (T42N, R11W, S11); Taylor Cr. (T43N, R12W, S2, 11, 12 and 13); MASON: Sable R. from Freesoil Rd. downstream to Custer Rd. (T20N, R16W, S22); VAN BUREN: Dowagiac R. and tributaries upstream of 50th Street (T4S, R15W, S35); Lake of the Wood Outlet to confluence with Dowagiac R. (T45N, R15W, S34).

The regulations in this table apply to fishing on the Great Lakes for the following species: Atlantic salmon, brook trout (Note 2), brown trout, Chinook salmon, coho salmon, lake trout (Note 4), pink salmon, rainbow trout (steelhead) and splake (Note 4). For regulations that pertain to fishing for trout and salmon on inland waters, see pages 38-58.

Great Lakes Trout & Salmon Regulations (Note 1)

Seasons by Water Type	Minimum Size	Daily Possession Limit (Notes 2, 3, 4)
Open All Year: (Note 4) L. Superior, L. Michigan, L. Erie, L. Huron, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R. and Detroit R.	**10"** (Note 2, 4) (also see Table 4 and p. 21)	**Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.:** 5 total in any combination; no more than 3 of any one species, except up to 5 coho, Chinook, or pink salmon allowed. **On the St. Marys R.:** 5 additional pink salmon allowed from last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30.

Note 1

All Trout and Salmon: Refer to Exceptions to General Regulations by County, for waters that have regulations that differ from those shown above (see pages 28-32).

Note 2

Brook Trout: For L. Superior, the minimum size limit for brook trout is 20" and possession limit is 1 fish. Within 4.5 miles of Isle Royale (Isle Royale National Park waters), catch-and-immediate-release; no possession.

Note 3

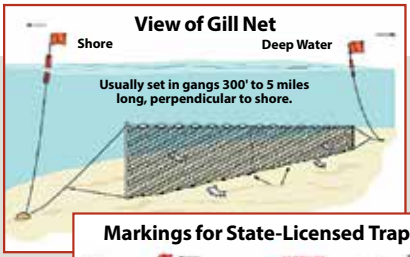
Drowned River Mouth Lakes: On the following inland waters trout and salmon regulations are as follows: 5 total trout and salmon in any combination; no more than 3 of any one species, except up to 5 coho or Chinook salmon; minimum size limit is 10"; fishing season is open all year and the possession season for lake trout is Jan. 1 – Oct 31. For all other species of trout and salmon, the possession season is open all year. ALLEGAN: Kalamazoo and Silver Lks. BENZIE: Betsie L. MANISTEE: Arcadia, Manistee, and Portage Lks. MASON: Pere Marquette L. MUSKEGON: Duck, Mona, Muskegon, and White Lks. OCEANA: Pentwater, Silver, and Stony Lks. OTTAWA: Macatawa and Pigeon Lks.

Note 4

Lake Trout and Splake Regulations: Lake Trout and splake regulations for the Great Lakes are listed by Lake Trout Management Unit (see Table 4, p. 21). To help identify Management Unit boundaries, a few major ports are listed for each. The map on p. 20 provides a graphic to further define the boundaries. For a complete description of lake trout Management Unit boundaries, contact any DNR Customer Service Center (see p. 59) or check online at michigan.gov/dnr.

Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Nets

Anglers and boaters on the Great Lakes may encounter commercial fishing gear such as trap nets, gill nets and set hooks in Michigan waters. All state-licensed or Native American commercial fishing gear are required to be marked with floats or staff/flag buoy combinations depending on the licensing entity. Anglers and boaters should give wide berth to any markers, since anchor lines may extend several hundred feet in any direction from the floats or flags along the length of the gear. The diagrams to the right will give sport anglers and boaters an idea about some of the markings they might encounter and assist them in avoiding entanglement of fishing gear or boat propellers. Tampering with commercial fishing gear is illegal and can create safety problems for other boaters on the water.



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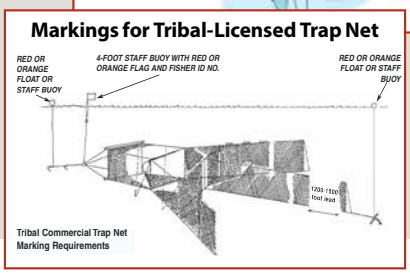

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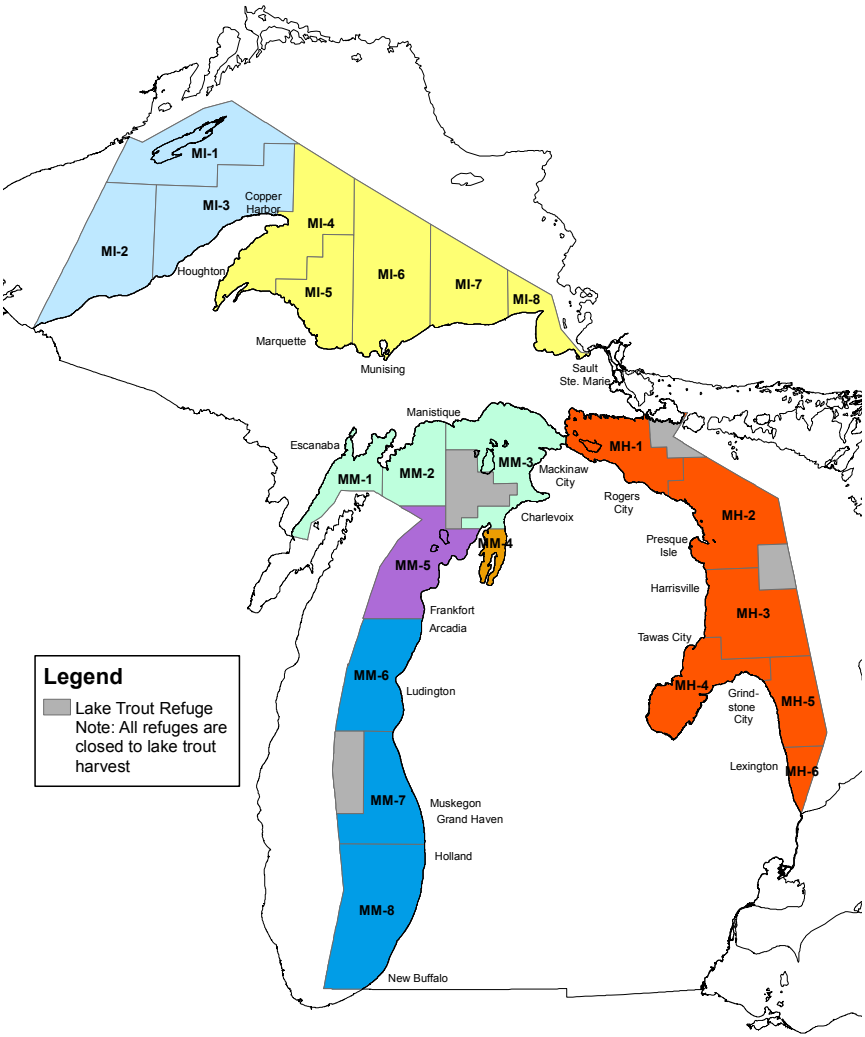
Lake Trout Management Units and Refuges



For a complete description of refuge and management unit boundaries, check online or contact any DNR Customer Service Center. If viewing this guide online, click here for a complete map with coordinates.

Great Lakes Boundary Data provided by ESRI

For lake trout and splake, the size limit information and the season information is noted in the table below. The daily possession limit for lake trout and splake is 5 in any combination, but no more than 3 of any one species, EXCEPT in Lake Superior, as noted in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Lake Trout & Splake Regulations for the Great Lakes

Any changes will be posted on the DNR website (michigan.gov/fishing) and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.

Lake Trout Management Unit, Major Ports	Possession Season	Size Restrictions (inches)	Lake Trout Possession Limit
Lake Superior: map color coded by unit regulations			
MI 1-3: Windigo, Ontonagon, Copper Harbor	Open All Year	The minimum size limit for lake trout and splake shall be 15"; the daily possession limit shall not include more than 1 lake trout 34" or greater.	3
MI 4-8: Big Bay, Marquette, Au Train, Munising, Grand Marais, Pendills Bay, Brimley State Park			5
Lake Huron: map color coded by unit regulations			
MH 1-6: DeTour, Cedarville, St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Rogers City, Presque Isle, Rockport, Alpena, Black R, Harrisville, Tawas, Grindstone, Harbor Beach, Lexington	Jan. 1 - Sep. 30 (lake trout and splake)	The minimum size limit for lake trout and splake shall be 15".	3
Lake Michigan: map color coded by unit regulations			
MM 1-3: Menominee, Escanaba, Manistique, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix	Jan. 1 - Sep. 30 (lake trout and splake)	The size restrictions and daily possession limits for Lake Trout and Splake for these management units will be set by March 31 annually. These regulations will be available online at Michigan.gov/fishing and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.	
MM 4: Elk Rapids, Traverse City, Northport			
MM 5: Leland, Frankfort, Platte Bay			
MM 6-8: Arcadia, Manistee, Ludington, Grand Haven, Holland, New Buffalo	Jan. 1 - Oct. 31 (lake trout and splake)	The minimum size limit for lake trout and splake shall be 15".	3

Regulations for Frogs, Toads, Salamanders, Turtles, Lizards and Snakes

Amphibians and reptiles MAY NOT be shot with firearms (including spring, air, or gas propelled), bow and arrow, or crossbow.

The following shall not be taken or possessed except as authorized by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources: **Blanding's, spotted, wood, and eastern box turtle; black rat snake, Butler's garter snake, eastern fox snake, copper-bellied water snake, Kirtland's snake, queen snake,** smooth green snake, **and eastern massasauga rattlesnake; boreal chorus frog, Blanchard's cricket frog,** pickerel frog; Fowler's toad; mudpuppy, **small-mouthed salamander, marbled salamander, six-lined racerunner, and western lesser siren;** all reptile eggs; and amphibians and reptiles protected under Part 365 (Endangered Species) of 1994 P.A. 451. For further information check online at michigan.gov/fishing or contact any Customer Service Center, see p. 59.

Personal Use: A fishing license is required to take amphibians and reptiles for personal use. Reptiles and amphibians may not be bought, sold or offered for sale.

Hand, trap, nets, seines (up to 12 x 4 feet overall dimensions), and hook-and-line may be used. Set lines may not be used to take turtles.

Frogs may be speared but NOT with the aid of an artificial light.

Traps used (or possessed) in areas frequented by reptiles must have a plate or tag attached bearing the name and address of the user in legible English.

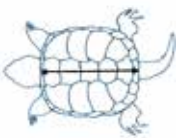
For taking turtles, no more than 3 traps may be used, mesh traps must be no less than 1" mesh, and traps must be set to allow turtles to surface and breathe.

It is illegal to possess or transport in the field, dressed or processed reptiles or amphibians that cannot be measured or identified.

Snapping turtle carapace length: to obtain the carapace (top of shell) length, use a flexible tape to measure from the nuchal scute (the scute directly behind the turtle's head) to the base of the notch where the two most posterior scutes meet (see image below).

Species	Season	Minimum Size (inches)	Daily Possession Limit	Total Possession Limit
Frogs, toads, salamanders	Last Sat. in May - Nov. 15	none	10 in any combination	10 in any combination
Snapping turtles (Note 1)	Jul. 15 - Sep. 15	13" minimum carapace length	2 in combination (no more than 1 of either species)	4 total in combination (no more than 2 of either species)
Softshell turtles		none		
All other turtles (painted, musk, map, red-eared slider); snakes and lizards	Open All Year	none	3 in combination (However, no more than 2 turtles and no more than 1 of any one turtle species)	6 total in combination (However, no more than 4 turtles and no more than 2 of any one turtle species)

Note 1: Carapace length: use a flexible tape to measure from the shell behind the turtle's head to the posterior end of the shell.



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The following restrictions apply for the species, seasons and waters listed below:

- Nets and seines may not be fished within 100′ of any dam.
- Hand nets may be of any circumference and handle length, except for taking minnows (see pages 8 and 10).
- Dip nets may not exceed 9′ x 9′ square.
- There is a two-gallon daily possession limit on smelt.
- Seines may not exceed 12′ x 4′ and may only be used for minnows except under a scientific collector's permit issued by the DNR.

Table 5: General Netting Regulations

Season	Gear	**Species	*Waters
Mar. 1 – May 31	Hand Net	Bowfin, Carp, Goldfish, Gizzard Shad, Longnose Gar, Smelt, Suckers	All Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R., and St. Marys R. including all tributaries to those waters from the mouth to ½ mile upstream (except that Thompson Cr. ([Schoolcraft Co.], is closed). See List A for inland streams open to hand netting.
Mar. 20 – May 31	Dip Net	Bowfin, Carp, Goldfish, Gizzard Shad, Longnose Gar, Smelt, Suckers	All Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula streams, except Designated Trout Streams. See List B for additional streams closed to dip netting.
Dec. 15 – end of Feb.	Hoop Net	Burbot (permit required from local DNR office)	Peshekee R. (Marquette Co.); Au Train R. (Alger Co.) from Au Train L. to mouth; Sturgeon R. (Baraga Co.) from M-38 bridge to mouth; Sturgeon R. (Houghton Co.).
Open all year	Seine, Hand Net, Dip Net	Minnows	All waters, except Designated Trout Streams and those waters closed to minnow harvest.
Open all year	Cast Net	Alewife, Minnows, Smelt, Gizzard Shad	Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R., and St. Marys R.

*Review the netting exceptions list below and p. 24 for regulations that differ from those listed in the table above.

**For the purpose of this Order the term "suckers" refers to: suckers (longnose, white, northern hog, spotted), redhorse (silver, golden, black, greater, shorthead), buffalo (bigmouth, black), lake chubsucker, and quillback carpsucker. The term "minnows" refers to small baitfish used as bait: chubs, shiners, dace, stonerollers, sculpins (muddlers), mudminnows, and suckers.

Netting Exceptions

LIST A – Inland Waters Open to Hand Netting

The following inland waters are open to use of hand nets from March 1– May 31 for Bowfin, Carp, Goldfish, Gizzard Shad, Longnose Gar, Smelt, and Suckers:

ALGER: Towes Cr.; W. Br. Whitefish R. from Sea Lamprey Barrier (T44N, R21W, S29) downstream 500′ to posted signs; CHARLEVOIX: L. Charlevoix and tributaries to 1/2 mile upstream; CHIPPEWA: Trout Cr. down from Big Trout L. (T42N, R3E, S31); Prentiss Cr. (T42N, R2E); DELTA: Days R. from sea lamprey barrier downstream for 500′; Rapid R. from Rapid River Falls (T42N, R21W, S19) down to Co. Rd S15; Escanaba R. from mouth to 1st dam upstream of US-2; Ford R. down from Jaeger Rd.; HOUGHTON: Portage L. and tributaries to 1/2 mile upstream; N. and S. Portage Canal and tributaries to 1/2 mile upstream; Torch L. and tributaries to 1/2 mile upstream; LUCE: Little Two Hearted R. from mouth upstream to bridge on Co. Rd. 412 (T50N, R9W, S25); MACKINAC: Doe Cr. (T43N, R10W, S9); Foley Cr. down from I-75; Hoban Cr. down from US-2; Hudson Cr. (T41N, R11W, S8); Martineau Cr. down from I-75; McClouds Cr.; Milakokia R., Milakokia L. down to Heinz L.; Norton Cr. from M-135 down to S. Manistique L.; Nunn's Cr. from M-134 to mouth; Pearson's Cr. (T42N, R1W and R1E); Rabbits Back Cr. down from Mackinac Trail; Scrams Cr. (T42N, R11W, S11); Taylor Cr. (T43N, R12W, S2, 11, 12, 13); MANISTEE: Little Bear Cr. down from Bear L. to trunkline US-31; MENOMINEE: Big Cedar R. down from mouth of Elwood Cr. (T35N, R25W, S11).

LIST B – Inland Streams Closed to Dip Netting

It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any species of fish with dip nets on the following named streams:

ARENAC: Au Gres R. from Saginaw Bay upstream to M-65 (T22N, R5E, S26); Rifle R. from Steve's Rd. (T19N, R5E, S9) upstream; BENZIE: Cold Cr. from Crystal L. (T26N, R15W, S26) upstream; GRAND TRAVERSE: Unnamed Cr. from Green L. (T26N, R12W, S20) upstream to Bridges L.; IOSCO: Au Gres R. from Saginaw Bay upstream to M-65 (T22N, R5E, S26); LEELANAU: Houdek Cr. from North Lake Leelanau (T31N, R12W, S35) upstream; MONROE: Huron R. from L. Erie upstream to Belleville Dam; Stony Cr. from L. Erie upstream to Finzel Rd. (T5S, R8E, S23); WAYNE: Huron R. from L. Erie upstream to Belleville Dam.

These rules and regulations supersede all others governing fishing on Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters that in any way conflict. Where regulations of Michigan and Wisconsin differ, persons shall comply with the regulations of the state in whose territorial waters they are fishing.

The interstate boundary waters in which fishing is to be governed by the special regulations are: The **L. Michigan waters between the breakwalls at the mouth of the Menominee R. beginning at an imaginary line drawn between the most lakeward point of each breakwall. Menominee R., its sloughs and impoundments** (Menominee, Dickinson, Iron Counties, Michigan; Florence, Marinette Counties, Wisconsin); **Brule R.** (Iron County, Michigan; Florence and Forest Counties, Wisconsin); **Brule Island Impoundment**, upstream to a line running east-west through the first island upstream from the junction of the Brule and Paint Rivers (Iron County, Michigan; Florence County, Wisconsin); **Smoky L.** (Iron County, Michigan; Vilas County, Wisconsin); **Norwood L., Lac Vieux Desert, Crystal L., Mill L., Big Bateau L., Mamie L.** (Cisco Chain), **West Bay L.** (Cisco Chain), **Big L.** (Cisco Chain), **Crampton L., Plum L., Tenderfoot L., Roach L., Little Presque Isle L., Cyrus L., Basin L., Stateline L.** (Gogebic County, Michigan; Vilas County, Wisconsin); **East Fork Montreal R. up to the mouth of Layman Cr.** (Gogebic County, Michigan; Iron County, Wisconsin); **Montreal R.**, Gogebic County, Michigan; Iron County, Wisconsin).

Legal fishing methods

- Up to 3 lines per person with a total of 3 hooks or baits may be used.
- Lines must be attended at all times.
- Dip nets not exceeding 9 feet square or in diameter, without walls may be used in the Menominee R. from Apr. 1- May 14 for taking of suckers, redhorse, carp, smelt, and burbot (except from Hattie Street Bridge in Marinette-Menominee to the first dam upstream and within 200 feet of all other dams).
- Fish shanties used in ice fishing must be legibly marked with the name and address of owner, and persons placing a shanty on these waters shall remove the shanty by midnight of Mar. 15. In Wisconsin boundary waters, fish shanty doors cannot be locked from inside during occupancy.
- Crayfish may not be possessed or used for bait on Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters.
- You may fish (troll) from a motorboat with the motor running or a sailboat under sail except on the Wisconsin side of the boundary waters of Vilas County.
- All residents of Michigan and Wisconsin holding a resident sport fishing license from their respective state, or residents of states other than Michigan and Wisconsin holding a sport fishing license issued by either Michigan or Wisconsin, may fish in the boundary waters.

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Table 7: Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Water Regulations

(Hook & Line Only - Use of spear, bow and arrow and crossbow prohibited)

Species (Note 1)	Waters	Seasons	Minimum Size (inches)	Daily Possession Limit
Trout, Salmon	Smoky L., Montreal R., and Menominee R. mouths to 1st dam.	Open All Year	10"	5
	Menominee R. and Montreal R. above 1st dam. Brule R. mouth to US-2	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	7"	
	Brule R. above US-2 bridge		Brook Trout 8" Brown Trout 12"	
Smallmouth Bass Largemouth Bass	All boundary waters	1st Sat. in May - Fri. before 3rd Sat. in Jun.	Catch-and-Immediate-Release	
		3rd Sat. in Jun. - Nov. 30	14"	5 in combination
Walleye, Sauger	All boundary waters except rivers and impoundments	1st Sat. in May - Mar. 1	15"	5 in combination
	All rivers and impoundments	Mar. 2 - Fri. before 1st Sat. in May		1
		1st Sat. in May - Mar. 1		5 in combination (See Note 2)
Northern Pike	All boundary waters	1st Sat. in May - Mar. 1	none	5
Bluegills, Crappies, Sunfish, Yellow Perch	All boundary waters	Open All Year	none	25 in combination
Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge)	All boundary waters	May 15 - Nov. 30	40"	(See Note 3)
Lake Sturgeon	All boundary waters	1st Sat. in Sep. - Sep. 30	60"	(See Note 4)
Channel Catfish	All boundary waters	Open All Year	none	10
Lake Whitefish Cisco (Lake Herring)	All boundary waters	Open All Year	none	10 in combination
All others	All boundary waters	Open All Year	none	none

Note 1: Fishing for trout is not allowed during the closed season in the Brule R. upstream from U.S. Hwy 2 Bridge (T41N, R32W, S9) Iron Co., MI and the Montreal R. above Superior Falls flowage. **Note 2:** On Lac Vieux Desert, the daily limit for walleye is 3. **Note 3:** A non-transferable Muskellunge Harvest Tag must be obtained prior to harvesting any muskellunge. The tag has no cost and is available at all license vendors. A harvested muskellunge shall be immediately tagged with a validated Muskellunge Harvest Tag. Muskellunge harvest is limited to 1 muskellunge per angler per year (Apr. 1 – Mar. 31). For the Menominee River, from Hattie Street Dam downstream to the end of the breakwalls in Green Bay, the minimum size limit for muskellunge is 50". **Note 4**: A non-transferable Lake Sturgeon Fishing Permit and Harvest Tag must be obtained prior to fishing for lake sturgeon. The permit/tag is at no cost and available at all license agents. A harvested lake sturgeon shall be immediately tagged with a validated Harvest Tag and be registered within 24 hours at a designated registration site (for more information visit michigan.gov/sturgeon. Lake sturgeon harvest is limited to only 1 lake sturgeon per angler per year (Apr. 1 – Mar. 31). For the Menominee River, from Grand Rapids Dam downstream to the end of the breakwalls in Green Bay, the daily possession limit for lake sturgeon is 0, catch-and-immediate-release sturgeon fishing only.

Michigan-Indiana Bordering Lakes

Residents of Indiana or Michigan fishing in any of the waters listed below and who possess a valid fishing license for either state, shall be permitted to fish therein only in accordance with the laws and regulations of the state having jurisdiction over that portion of the waters in which fishing is done.

Clear Lake - Indiana, St. Joseph Co./**South Clear Lake** - Michigan, Berrien Co., **Indiana Lake** - Indiana, Elkhart Co./Michigan, Cass Co., **Fish Lake** - Indiana, La Grange Co./Michigan, St. Joseph Co., **Lake George** - Indiana, Steuben Co./Michigan, Branch Co., **Long Lake** -Indiana, Steuben Co./Michigan, Hillsdale Co.

Sylvania Wilderness Area Regulations

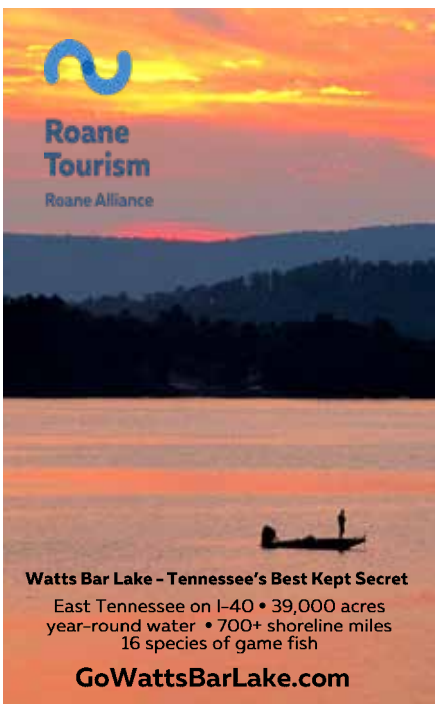
The following lakes in Gogebic County are subject to special regulations: Banks, East Bear, West Bear, Clark, Corey, Cub, Deer Island, Dorothy, Elsie, Fisher, Florence, Germain, Glimmerglass, Golden Silence, Hay, Helen, High, Honey, Jay, Johnston Springs, Katherine, Kerr, Liluis, Lois, Loon, Louise, Marsh, Moss, Mountain, Snap Jack, Trapper, and Whitefish Lakes.

Seasons

Statewide seasons apply for all fish species, **except that no fishing shall be allowed before the last Sat. in Apr. or after Oct. 31 of each year.**

Size Limits

- Lake trout: not less than 30".
- Walleye: not less than 20".
- Northern pike: not less than 30".
- All other species: no size limit.



Possession Limits

- Largemouth or smallmouth bass must be returned immediately to the water without injury and may not be possessed on the special provision lakes of the Sylvania Wilderness Area.
- Northern pike, walleye and lake trout: not more than 1 fish of any of these species.
- All other species: 10 singly or in any combination of species.

Method of Take

- Hook-and-line fishing only, not to exceed 3 lines to which may be attached a total of 6 hooks on all lines. All hooks attached to a manufactured artificial lure shall be counted as 1 hook.
- Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. "Artificial lure" means any lure that is man-made, in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait, used to attract fish for the purpose of taking them, and shall include artificial flies. Barbless hooks are defined as a hook from which all barbs have been deleted when manufactured, filed off, or pinched down.
- Live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material may not be used or possessed at any time on special provision Sylvania Wilderness Area lakes.

A fish disease known as Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) was discovered in Michigan waters. In an attempt to slow the spread of fish diseases like VHS, the following regulations have been put into place. NOTE: the regulations in effect concern only those species listed on the right. Be sure to check michigan.gov/vhs for the most up-to-date regulations and information.

Baitfish Exclusion Zones

The following locations are vital to hatchery operations and require greater protection. Therefore, baitfish shall not be used or possessed on the following waters:

Benzie County: Brundage Cr. and tribs., Kinney Cr. and Stanley Cr., from its confluence with the Platte R. (T26N, R13W, S7), to their headwaters, including Brundage Spring Pond.

Chippewa County: Pendills L. (T47N, R4W, S25, 26) including tributary Pendills Cr. downstream to its confluence with L. Superior (T47N, R4W, S28). Sullivan Cr. from its headwaters (T46N, R4W, S32) downstream to its confluence with the N. Br. of the Pine R. (T45N, R4W, S23). Viddian Cr. from its headwaters (T47N, R4W, S32) downstream to its confluence with Pendills Cr. (T47N, R4W, S28).

Marquette County: Cherry Cr. from the location of the Cherry Creek Rd. (T47N, R24W, S18) to the headwaters at County Rd 480 (T47N, R25W, S22).

General Statewide Provisions

1. A person shall not stock baitfish, live fish or roe in public waters of the state prior to receiving a Fish Stocking Permit from the department and the permit must be in possession when transporting and stocking the fish. It is unlawful to import any uncertified baitfish species found on the list of Susceptible Fish Species.
2. Fish caught in a waterbody should only be released into the waterbody where originally caught and not transferred into another location where the fish could not have freely moved to.
3. All baitfish or fish collected for personal use as bait or cut bait shall only be used for fishing purposes in the original waters of collection and must be used on a hook.
4. A person who trailers a boat over land shall drain all water from the live well(s) and the bilge of their boat upon leaving any body of water.

Help Michigan's waters stay world-class, put unused bait in the trash!

VHS Fish Species

Atlantic salmon
Black bullhead
Black crappie
Bluegill
Bluntnose minnow
Brook trout
Brown bullhead
Channel catfish
Cisco (lake herring)
Common shiner
Creek chub
Emerald shiner
Fathead minnow
Flathead catfish
Golden shiner
Green sunfish
Hybrid sunfish
Lake trout
Lake whitefish
Largemouth bass
Muskellunge
Northern pike
Northern redbelly dace
Pacific herring
Pumpkinseed
Rainbow smelt
Rainbow trout
Redear sunfish
Rock bass
Sand shiner
Smallmouth bass
Spotfin shiner
Spottail shiner
Walleye
Warmouth
White bass
White crappie
White sucker
Yellow bullhead
Yellow perch

VHS Clinical Signs

Photos from Dr. Mohamed Faisal, MSU

Hemorrhagic areas on skin
Gizzard Shad, Lake St Clair

Hemorrhagic areas near eye
Yellow perch, Lake St. Clair

Typical hemorrhagic areas in swim bladder
Yellow perch, Lake St. Clair

Hemorrhagic areas in muscle tissue
Yellow perch, Lake St. Clair

Exceptions to General Regulations by County

Many water bodies have special regulations that differ from the general Hook & Line Fishing (Table 1, p. 12), General Netting (Table 5, p. 23), and Bow and Spear Fishing regulations (Table 3, pages 16-17). The following is a list of waters, organized by county, with special regulations **that are NOT included in the following sections of the Fishing Guide:** General Regulations tables cited above; Special Northern Pike and Muskellunge Regulations (see pages 14-15); Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Regulations (see pages 24-25); and Sylvania Wilderness Area Regulations (see p. 26).

Alger:

Rock R. closed to fishing from dam to lower foot bridge downstream from M-28 Apr. 1 - Jun. 30. **Duck and Echo Lks**. (Grand Island), catch-and-release on smallmouth bass. **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** (contact park for regulation specifics 906-387–3700).

Allegan:

Swan Cr. from mouth to dam at 118th Ave. fishing restricted to one single-pointed unweighted hook not more than 3/8" from point to shank; from mouth upstream to diversion dam ("The Tubes," T2N, R14W, S9) closed to fishing Sep. 1 - Nov. 30.

Antrim:

Intermediate R. closed to fishing from Bellaire Dam to M-88 Bridge Apr. 1 - May 14.

Arenac:

Saganing Cr. (upstream from State Rd.) and **Pine R.** (upstream from State Rd.) closed to fishing Mar. 16 - Fri. before last Sat. in Apr.

Baraga:

Lakes of Craig Lake State Park (Clair, Craig, Crooked, Keewaydin, Nelligan, Teddy, and Thomas Lks.) artificial lures only; northern pike, muskellunge, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass must be released, minimum size on walleye is 15", no size limit on other species; possession limit on walleye is 2; otherwise, all general rules apply. Motorboats of all types prohibited on all except Thomas and Keewaydin Lks.; **Sturgeon R.** from Prickett Dam downstream to mouth of Clear Cr. (T50N, R35W, S12) closed to all fishing Apr. 1 - Jun. 30.

Barry:

Williams L. open season is last Sat. in Apr. - Dec. 15, catch-and-release only.

Bay:

Kawkawlin R. and all tributaries upstream of Euclid Ave., and **Saganing Cr.** (upstream from State Rd.) and **Pine R.** (upstream from State Rd.) closed to fishing Mar. 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr. On the **Kawkawlin R.** downstream from Euclid Ave. and the **Saginaw R.** and all tributaries, the following regulations apply from Mar. 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows (except that minnows may be used on both the **Saginaw R**. main stem and **Kawkawlin R. main stem**); natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2" between point and shank; weights may not be attached rigidly to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3" long; no beads, spinners or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6" of any hook.

Benzie:

Platte R. restricted to only one single-pointed, unweighted hook no larger than 3/8" from point to shank; closed to fishing within 300 ft. of upper (hatchery) weir whenever weir is in place and closed within 300 ft. of lower weir whenever weir is in place; closed to fishing from US-31 bridge at Veteran's Park downstream to **Platte L.** Jan. 1 – Mar. 31. **Betsie R.** closed to fishing all year within 100 feet of lamprey barrier and fish passage facility (T25N, R15W, S2). On all waters of the **Betsie R.**, an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, unweighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.

Berrien:

Townsend Cr. (T6S, R17W, S19), and the mouth area of Lake Chapin, to a point 100 yards below the Townsend Cr. mouth into Lake Chapin), it is unlawful to use other than one single-pointed, unweighted hook measuring 3/8" or less from point to shank.

Calhoun:

Harts L. catch-and-release only for all species.

Cass:

Corey and Stone Lks. minimum size limit on largemouth bass is 10".

Charlevoix:

Medusa Cr. and area of L. Michigan for a radius of 100′ of mouth closed to fishing when weir is in place. **Boyne R**. from mouth upstream to dam (T32N, R5W, S5) restricted to one single-pointed, unweighted hook no larger than 3/8" from point to shank. On **L. Michigan**, within one-half mile of the following islands of the **Beaver Island Archipelago**: **Beaver, Garden, High and Hog** the possession season for largemouth and smallmouth bass is Jul. 1 - Dec. 31 and open to bass CIR all year.

Cheboygan:

Mullett L. proper, Cheboygan R. from Mullett L. downstream to Cheboygan Dam (T38N, R1W, S31), and Black R. from Alverno Dam (T37N, R1W, S35) downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan R. (Cheboygan Co.): The daily possession limit for walleye is 3 and the season for harvest of walleye is May 15 – Mar. 15, inclusive**. Cheboygan R., Indian R., or Black R**. unlawful to fish during Apr. 1 - Jun. 15 with spear, bow and arrow, crossbow, dip net or gaff. **Black R**. between Kleber Dam and Red Bridge (T35N, R1E, S5) unlawful to fish in any manner during Oct.1 - Jun. 15. **Lower Black R**. from Alverno Dam down to Mograin Bridge, no fishing Apr. 1 - May 14. **Black L. and tributaries** no commercial minnow take; sturgeon fishing prohibited except under special season (see p. 15). **Douglas L. Pike Marsh** closed to fishing when marsh is in operation.

Chippewa:

Potagannissing R. from Potagannissing Dam downstream to Maxton Rd. (T42N, R6E, S15) closed to fishing Mar. 16 - May 14. **L. Huron and St. Marys R.**, yellow perch minimum size is 7".

Crawford:

Wakeley L. open season Jun. 15 - Aug. 31, catch-and-release fishing with artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food or scented material at any time on the shore or water. **Jones L.** open season Jun. 1 - Sep. 30, catch-and-release fishing with artificial lures only.

Delta:

Little Bay de Noc north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point Lighthouse to the mouth of the Bark R.; no more than 1 walleye 23" or greater in daily possession limit. **Rapid R. Borrow Pit** (Stockyard Pond, T40N, R21W, S5) closed to fishing all year.

Dickinson:

See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (see pages 24-25). **Fumee L**. county ordinance currently prohibits access for the purpose of fishing. **Hamilton, Louise, and Mary Lks**. no possession of largemouth and smallmouth bass from the last Sat. in May - Jun. 20.

Emmet:

Bear R. from mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam (T34N, R5W, S6) restricted to one single-pointed, unweighted hook no larger than 3/8" from point to shank.

Genesee:

Flint R. downstream from the Holloway Dam **and all tributaries**, the following regulations apply from Mar. 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows (except that minnows may be used upstream of Hamilton St. Dam and all respective tributaries T7N, R7E, S7); natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2" between point and shank; weights may not be rigidly attached to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3" long; no beads, spinners or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6" of any hook.

Gogebic:

L. Gogebic the daily possession limit for yellow perch is 25 with no more than 5 yellow perch 12" or greater. Anglers may possess up to 2 walleye between 13" - 15" as part of their daily possession limit of walleye. See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (see pages 24-25). **Sylvania Wilderness Area** regulations (see p. 26).

Grand Traverse:

Boardman R. closed to fishing whenever weir is in place from 300′ above to 300′ below. **Arbutus and Spider Lks.** largemouth and smallmouth bass minimum size limit is 10".

Iosco:

Au Gres R. from 50′ upstream of Allen Rd. bridge to 500′ downstream closed to all fishing Mar. 16 - Fri. before last Sat. in Apr. **E. Br. Au Gres R**. between DNR lamprey barrier and Legget Rd. closed to fishing Dec. 1 - Fri. before last Sat. in Apr. **Au Sable R**. from Foote Dam

(including the apron) to 175′ downstream from the dam closed to fishing all year.

Iron:

Winslow L. no possession of walleye. See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (see pages 24-25). **Chicagon L. and L. Ottawa,** daily possession limit of whitefish and cisco (lake herring) is 5 in any combination. **L. Ottawa** no possession of largemouth and smallmouth bass. **Fire and Indian Lks.** largemouth and smallmouth bass possession limit is 1 fish and minimum size limit is 18".

Isle Royale National Park:

Michigan fishing laws apply and state license required on L. Superior waters of park. Artificial baits only on inland waters. On L. Superior, within 4.5 miles of Isle Royale, no possession of brook trout. (Contact park for specific regulations 906-482-0984)

Kalkaska:

Cub L. (T27N, R5W, S19) largemouth and smallmouth bass minimum size limit is 10".

Lake:

Big Bass L. (T20N, R14W, S34) largemouth and smallmouth bass minimum size limit is 10".

Leelanau:

North Manitou L. bass minimum size limit is 18", the possession limit is 1; fishing restricted to artificial lures only; live bait, dead or prepared bait, organic or processed food, or scented materials may not be possessed on the water or the shore. **Florence L.** (S. Manitou Is.) fishing restricted to artificial lures only; live bait, dead or prepared bait, organic or processed food, or scented materials may not be possessed on the water or the shore. No person shall take or attempt to take minnows for personal use from **Hatlem's Cr.**

Livingston:

Spring Mill Pond (Island Lake Recreation Area) Mar. 15 - Mar. 31 no fishing; Apr. 1 - Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr., catch-and-release of trout with artificial lures only; last Sat. in Apr. - Mar. 14 statewide regulations apply. No person shall take or attempt to take minnows for personal use from **Kent L.** including the Huron R. upstream to the Hubbell Millpond dam in Milford.

Luce:

Unlawful to launch or retrieve motorized vessel (greater than 5 horsepower) from state land on the **E. Branch Fox R.** from M-28 to the mouth of Cold Cr. **Tahquamenon R. and tributaries** (upstream from Upper Falls) muskellunge minimum size limit is 38".

Mackinac:

Mackinac, Shephard, and Flower Bays closed to fishing Mar. 15 - May 14. **L. Huron** yellow perch minimum size is 7".

Macomb:

On the Clinton R. cut-off channel (T2N, R13E): from spillway weir to the Harper Rd. Bridge: the following regulations apply from Mar. 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows; natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2″ between point and shank; weights may not be rigidly attached to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3″ long; no beads, spinners, or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6″ of any hook.

Manistee:

Little Manistee R. 300′ above and below the DNR weir is closed to fishing all year; from 300′ above DNR weir to Spencers Bridge closed to fishing Jan. 1 - Mar. 31; also from 300′ below DNR weir to mouth closed to fishing Sep. 1 - Nov. 14 and Jan. 1 - Mar. 31. **South end of Manistee L.** (south of a line from red post 100 ft. south of boat launch on east side of lake to a red post near south end of Packaging Corp. on west side of lake), closed to fishing Sep. 6 - Oct. 15 or to when the quota of Chinook eggs has been taken. On all waters of the **Betsie R.**, all waters of **Bear Cr.** (Manistee Co.), and the **Manistee R.** from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6), an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, un-weighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.

Marquette:

Deer L. Basin, **Carp R**. downstream from M-28 (T47N, R27W, S4), **and all other tributaries to Deer L. Basin** fishing restricted to artificial lures, catch-and-release only; live bait, dead or prepared bait, organic or processed food, or scented materials may not be possessed on the water or the shore. **Fish L.** largemouth and smallmouth bass minimum size 18" and possession limit is 1 bass only. **Salmon-Trout R.**, from Lower Falls to mouth closed to fishing Aug. 15 - Fri. before last Sat. in Apr.

Mason:

On the **Sable R.** from mouth upstream to Hamlin Lake Dam, an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, un-weighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.

Menominee:

Michigan waters of Green Bay: see note 3 p. 13. See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (see pages 24-25).

Midland:

Tittabawassee R. between Sanford Dam and mouth of the **Salt R.** and between Dow Dam and Gordonville Bridge, closed to fishing from Mar. 16 - Fri. before last Sat. in Apr. **On the Chippewa, Pine, Salt, and Tittabawassee R. and all their tributaries** the following regulations apply from Mar. 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows; natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2" between point and shank; weights may not be rigidly attached to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3" long; no beads, spinners or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6" of any hook.

Montmorency:

East Fish, West Fish, and Middle Fish Lks., Fuller Cr. Pond, Hunt Cr. (above Section Z bulkhead T29N, R2E, S25), and **Fuller Cr.** (in the Hunt Cr. Trout Research Station Area), no fishing. **North and South Blue Lks.**, open season is the last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30, catch-and-release only, artificial lures only.

Newaygo:

Baptist L., no possession of walleye, channel catfish, flathead catfish or bullheads; **Brush** and **Sand Lks**. no possession of channel catfish, flathead catfish or bullheads.

Oakland:

Upper Bushman L. catch-and-release only for all species. No person shall take or attempt to take minnows for personal use from **Kent L.** including the **Huron R.** upstream to the Hubbell Millpond Dam in Milford.

Oceana:

No person shall take or attempt to take minnows for personal use from **Silver L. and all tributaries.**

Ontonagon:

L. Gogebic the daily possession limit for yellow perch is 25 with no more than 5 yellow perch 12" or greater. Anglers may possess up to 2 walleye between 13" - 15" as part of their daily possession limit of walleye. **W. Br. Ontonagon R**. from confluence with Victoria Hydro tailrace upstream to Victoria Dam is closed to fishing Apr. 1 - Jun. 10. **Lake of the Clouds** fishing restricted to artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food or scented material at any time on the shore or water. No spearing, no possession of smallmouth bass. **Ontonagon R**. no more than 1 walleye over 25" may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Otsego:

Otsego L. Pike Marsh closed to fishing whenever marsh is in operation. **Otsego L**. see lake sturgeon regulations (see p. 15).

Presque Isle:

Clinton Cr. closed to fishing Apr. 1 - May 14. **Grand L. Pike Marsh** unlawful for any person other than state employee to use or operate a motorized vehicle on the access road leading from US-23 to the Grand L. Pike Marsh during Mar. - May, closed to fishing whenever marsh is operating. **Rainy R.** from confluence with Black L. upstream to N. Allis Rd. Bridge (T35N, R2E, S15) closed to fishing Apr. 1 - May 14. **Shuberts Cr. (Monaghan Cr.)** from Long L. upstream to Clinton Cr. Rd. (T33N, R7E, S14), closed to fishing Apr. 1 - May 14. **Swan R.** from 300' above weir to mouth closed to fishing whenever weir is in place.

Roscommon:

Backus Cr. from confluence with Cut R. upstream to Little Mud L. Dam closed to fishing Mar. 23 - Apr. 23. **Cut R.** from confluence with Backus Cr. upstream to outlet at Marl L. closed to fishing Mar. 23 - Apr. 23.

St. Joseph:

Big Pleasant and Corey Lks. minimum size limit for largemouth bass is 10".

Saginaw:

On the Bad, Cass, Flint, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Tittabawassee Rivers and all their tributaries the following regulations apply from Mar. 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows, except

that minnows may be used on the Saginaw R., Swan Cr. and tributaries, and the Bad R. and tributaries upstream from confluence with Pickerel Cr. (T10N, R3E, S4); natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2" between point and shank; weights may not be attached rigidly to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3" long; no beads, spinners or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6" of any hook.

Schoolcraft:

Thompson Cr. closed to use of hand nets. **Seney National Wildlife Refuge** waters have limited fishing, contact Refuge office (906-586-9851). On the **Big Island Lakes Complex (Big Island, Bluegill, Byers, Center, Cucumber, Coattail, Farm (Blush), Jarr, Klondike, McInnes, Onega, Pear, Mid, Nevilles, Townline, Upper, and Vance lakes)** no wheeled or motorized vehicles (including electric or outboard motors) are allowed; artificial lures only; no spearing, no netting, and use of live bait prohibited; muskellunge and northern pike open season May 15 - Nov. 30, minimum size limit 42", and possession limit is 1 northern pike; muskellunge (including tiger muskellunge) is limited to 1 fish per year per angler and anglers must have a muskellunge harvest tag to harvest a muskellunge (see p. 9); bass fishing is open from Sat. before Memorial Day - Nov. 30, minimum size limit 18", and possession limit is 1; perch, bluegill, and pumpkinseed open season is from last Sat. in Apr. – Nov. 30, possession limit is 5 fish in combination; all other fish no open season. Unlawful to launch or retrieve motorized vessel (greater than 5 horsepower) from state land on the **E. Branch Fox R.** from M-28 to the mouth of Cold Cr.

Van Buren:

S. Branch Black R. and all tributaries upstream of Breedsville (Mill Str.) restricted to only one single-pointed, unweighted hook no larger than 3/8" from point to shank.

Washtenaw:

Huron R. from Mast Rd. Bridge in Dexter (T1S, R5E, S32) downstream to Delhi Rd. Bridge (T2S, R5E, S2) catch-and-release only on largemouth and smallmouth bass. **Horseshoe L**. largemouth bass possession limit is 1, minimum size is 14"; northern pike possession limit is 1, sunfish (Note 5, p. 14) possession limit is 10.

Stocking Public Waters

Find out if any fish have been stocked in your favorite spot with your favorite sport fish at michigandnr.com/fishstock

EAT SAFE FISH – Michigan's *Eat Safe Fish Guide*.

There are many health benefits to eating fish. However, to get the most benefits, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recommends eating fish that are low in chemical contaminants. You can use the *Eat Safe Fish Guide* (*ESF Guide*) to find fish that have been tested for chemicals and are safe for everyone to eat.

- MDHHS tests only the parts of the fish that you eat for chemicals. That's the information used to make the guidelines in the *ESF Guide*.
- The guidelines in the *ESF Guide* are safe for everyone to use - including pregnant women, children, and those with illnesses, like cancer or diabetes.
- You can't see or taste the chemicals that can cause health problems. The only way to know if they're in your fish is to use the MDHHS *ESF Guide*. Get yours today!

Chemicals can be in fish that you catch or buy from anywhere in the world, but there are always good choices for eating. To get a free copy of the MDHHS *ESF Guide* and other helpful information about choosing and eating safe fish, visit michigan.gov/eatsafefish or call MDHHS at 1-800-648-6942.

Angler Rights On Public Streams

On fenced or posted property or farm property, an angler wading or floating a navigable public stream may, without written or oral consent, enter upon property within the clearly defined banks of the stream, or without damaging farm products, walk a route as closely proximate to the clearly defined bank as possible when necessary to avoid a natural or artificial hazard or obstruction, including, but not limited to a dam, deep hole or fence or other exercise of ownership by the riparian owner.

However, per the Michigan Penal Code Section 552c, a person is prohibited from intentionally and without authority or permission from entering in or upon premises or structures belonging to another person that is a "key facility" if that key facility is completely enclosed by a physical barrier of any kind. A key facility includes: a chemical manufacturing facility; a refinery; an electric utility facility; a water intake structure or water treatment facility; a natural gas facility; gasoline, propane, liquid natural gas, or other fuel terminal or storage facility; a transportation facility; a pulp or paper manufacturing facility; a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility; a hazardous waste storage, treatment or disposal facility; and a telecommunication facility.

Railroad Rights-Of-Way

Railroad rights-of-way are private property. Trespassing on railroad property, including the trestles and bridges, is a misdemeanor. Written permission must be obtained from the railroad company to be exempt from railway trespass.

Angler Harassment Information

Anglers in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from unreasonable and deliberate interference. Michigan law prohibits individuals from obstructing or interfering with the lawful taking of aquatic species. The DNR supports fishing as a legitimate form of recreation and as a useful tool in the management of aquatic resources. Michigan Conservation Officers are committed to protecting anglers from the intentional disruption of the fishing experience. Individuals whose fishing is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to the DNR by calling a local conservation officer, the nearest DNR office, or toll free at 800-292-7800 (Report All Poaching hotline).

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)

When selecting a PFD, be sure to read the label to verify that it is appropriate for a person of your size and weight. Try your PFD on to make sure it fits properly and check to make sure it is U.S. Coast Guard approved.

Craft under 16 feet long:

For Great Lakes and connecting waterways, the U.S. Coast Guard requires all vessels less than 16 feet to carry one wearable approved Type I, II or III PFD for each person on board. For inland waters not connected to the Great Lakes, each person on board must have either a wearable or throwable PFD.

Craft 16 feet or longer:

If your boat is 16 feet or longer, you must have on board at least one throwable PFD (Type IV), PLUS one of any of these wearable PFDs for each person on board:

- Offshore Life Jacket (Type I)
- Near-shore Bouyant Vest (Type II)
- Flotation Aid (Type III)

Michigan law requires:

- Everyone operating, riding or being towed by a personal watercraft must wear a non-inflatable Type I, II or III PFD.
- Persons less than 6 years old must wear a Type I or Type II PFD when riding on the open deck area of a boat.

Learn more at: www.boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/book.html

Master Angler Awards

The Master Angler Patch is awarded to all entries meeting the established minimum length for Catch-and-Keep and Catch-and-Immediate-Release entries. Please note there is no longer a weight requirement for Catch-and-Keep entries. All fish must be taken by legal Michigan sportfishing methods, during the open season, and in Michigan waters **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. DNR Fisheries Division reserves the right to reject any application if the entry does not meet the established criteria. Only 1 patch will be awarded for both Catch-and-Keep AND Catch-and-Immediate-Release entries. No more than 1 patch per species will be awarded to each angler per year.

- The Master Angler Certificate is awarded to anglers who catch one of the top 5 fish of each species in both the Catch-and-Keep and the Catch-and-Immediate-Release categories. Anglers catching a State Record fish also receive this award.
- Measuring the length of your fish: Measure your fish from the tip of the nose (or lower jaw) to tip of the tail in a straight line. Do NOT measure in a curve around the body from nose to tail. Measure to the closest 1/8". Tail and jaw should be pinched together.
- Applications are available at all Customer Service Centers (see p. 59) and at michigan.gov/masterangler. The deadline for submitting an entry is **Jan. 10, 2017 and 2018**. **Each application must have a photo submitted as well. Applications and photos may be submitted either all electronically or via the mail. Electronic applications and photos may be sent to masterangler@michigan.gov. Mailed applications and photos may be sent to:** Fisheries Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 30446, Lansing, MI 48909.
- State Record fish are recognized by weight only. To qualify, your fish must exceed the current listed State Record weight and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist. See the list of Customer Service Centers on p. 59.

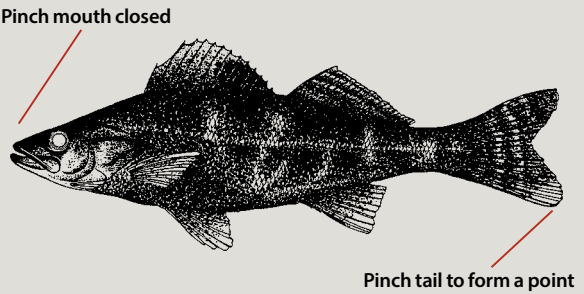
Releasing a Fish

When practicing catch-and-release, please follow these suggestions to reduce the risk of injury to the fish:

- Never use a gaff.
- Land your catch carefully and quickly. Avoid handling the fish at all and remove the hook gently with pliers.
- Use a landing net made of soft or knotless mesh and always try to net your fish head first.
- Try to keep the fish in the water and gently cradle it while carefully removing the hook.
- Leave your fish in the water until you are ready to take a photo.
- Do not squeeze the fish and keep your fingers out of the fish's gills since a torn gill could cause the fish to bleed to death.
- Touch your fish as little as possible. Always wet your hands when touching your fish.
- Cut the line near the hook if a fish is deeply hooked. A steel hook will rust away leaving the fish unharmed.
- Release your fish, pointing it into a slow current or gently moving it back and forth until its gills are working properly and the fish regains its balance. Once fully recovered, allow the fish to swim from your hands (big fish may take longer to recover).

Length Measurement Directions

Measure fish from tip of nose (or lower jaw) to tip of tail in a straight line (DO NOT measure in a curve around the body from nose to tail). Measure to the closest 1/8th". Tail and jaw should be pinched together.



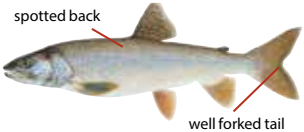
Minimum Entry Lengths/Weights and Current State Records

Catch-and-Immediate-Release and **Catch-and-Keep Entries** must meet minimum length.

Species	Minimum Entry Length (inches)	Current State Record (lbs.-oz.)
Bass, Largemouth	22"	11-15
Bass, Rock	11.5"	3-10
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	9-5
Bass, White	16"	6-7
Bluegill	10"	2-12
Buffalo, Bigmouth	32"	24-12
Buffalo, Black	26"	44-9
Bullhead, Black	14"	3-7
Bullhead, Brown	14"	3-12.3
Bullhead, Yellow	14"	3-9.6
Bowfin	27"	14-0
Burbot	26"	18-4
Carp (Note 1)	30"	61-8* / 45-0**
Carpsucker, Quillback	19"	8-8
Catfish, Channel	29"	40-0
Catfish, Flathead	29"	52-0
Cisco (Lake Herring)	16"	5-6
Crappie, Black	14"	4-2
Crappie, White	14"	3-6
Freshwater Drum	25"	28-10
Gizzard Shad	16"	4-2
Lake Sturgeon	50"	193-0
Longnose Gar	32"	18-0
Muskellunge, Great Lks.	42"	58-0
Muskellunge, Northern	42"	49-12
Muskellunge, Tiger	42"	51-3
Northern Pike	40"	39-0
Perch, White	10"	2-0
Perch, Yellow	14"	3-12
Salmon, Atlantic	32"	32-10
Salmon, Chinook	39"	46-1
Salmon, Coho	31"	30-9
Salmon, Pink	21"	8-9
Smelt	10"	12"
Splake	25"	17-8
Sucker, Longnose	17"	6-14
Sucker, N. Hog	13"	2-8
Sucker, Redhorse	22"	12-14.2
Sucker, White	20"	7-3
Sunfish, Green	9"	1-8
Sunfish, Hybrid	10"	1-7
Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	9"	2-2.4
Sunfish, Redear	10"	2-5.8
Sunfish, Warmouth	9"	1-6
Trout, Brook	15"	9-8
Trout, Brown	32"	41-7.2
Trout, Lake	34"	61-8
Trout, Rainbow (Steelhead)	32"	26-8
Walleye	29"	17-3
Whitefish, Lake	23"	14-4.5
Whitefish, Menominee	15"	4-0

Note 1: *State record Carp; **Largest hook & line Carp

Lake Trout



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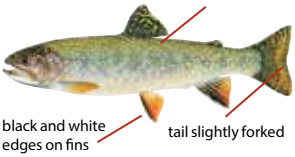

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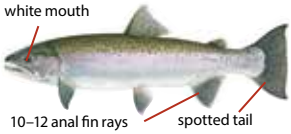

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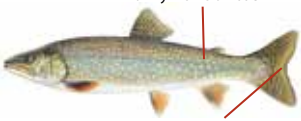

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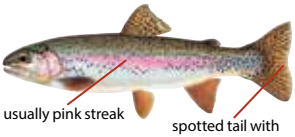

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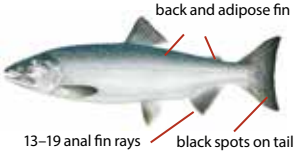

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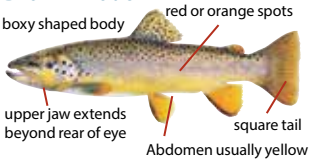

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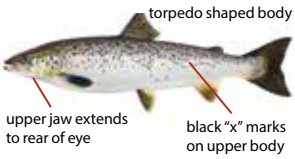
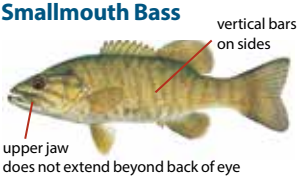


Smallmouth Bass



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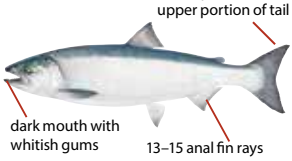

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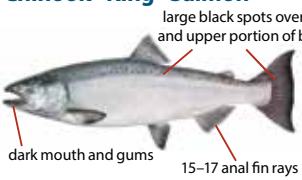

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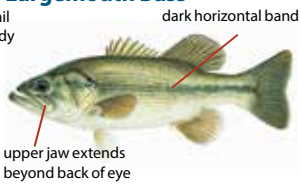

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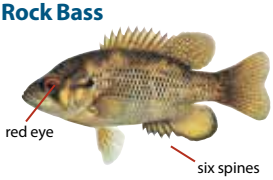

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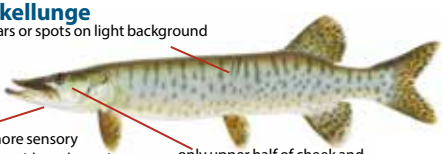

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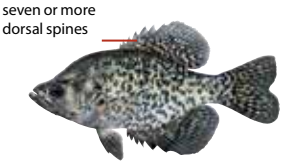

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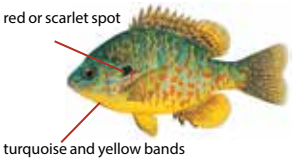

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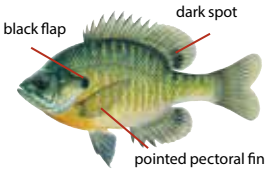

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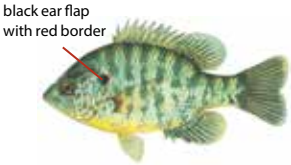

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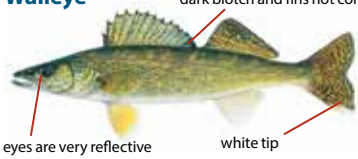

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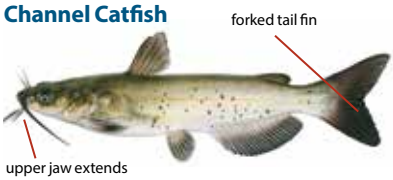

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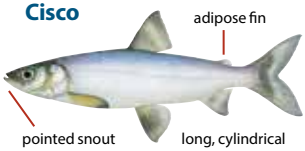

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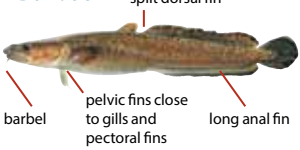

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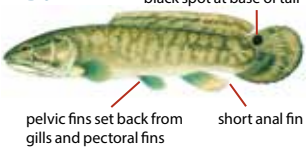
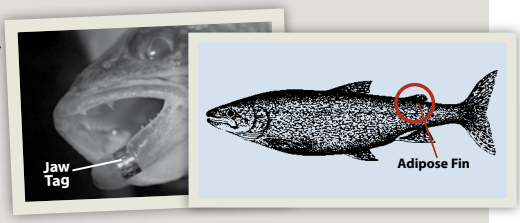


Marked and Tagged Fish

In evaluating fish stocks, the DNR often marks fish with a visible tag, an internal tag or fin clips. If you catch a tagged fish, please record the tag number and as much of the following information as possible: species, length, weight, sex and the date and location caught. Enter the data online at michigan.gov/taggedfish or take it to the nearest drop off location (see michigan.gov/taggedfish, "Coded Wire Tags"). If releasing the fish, carefully remove and retain the tag from all species EXCEPT lake sturgeon. This will allow for more accurate recording of the tag number.

Many Great Lakes trout or salmon have been marked with a microscopic coded-wire tag implanted in the head of the fish. Fish with these tags can be identified by the absence of the adipose fin. If you catch and keep a trout or salmon with ONLY its adipose fin missing, that fish could have such a tag. Please record the species, length, weight, sex and the date and location caught; freeze only the head and take it to your nearest drop site location as indicated above.



Inland Trout & Salmon Regulations

The information in this section (pages 38-58) provides fishing regulations that pertain only to the taking of trout and salmon from inland waters. Check the county listings, arranged by county, on pages 44-58 for specific waters and the regulations placed on each according to the Type listed for that entry. Regulations for lakes and streams are listed in either the lake regulations table (below), stream regulations table (p. 39), or the gear restricted streams section (pages 40-43). **Maps have been developed to assist anglers in identifying inland trout waters and the regulations associated with each Type as indicated by color scheme and text. Maps are only available online at michigan.gov/fishingguide**. During closed season dates on inland trout and salmon waters, fishing is prohibited for all species. Anglers should check the *It is Unlawful To* section for restrictions on hooks and lures (p. 11) and the Exceptions to General Regulations by County (pages 28-32) for other restrictions.

Inland Trout & Salmon Lake Regulations

The following regulations pertain only to inland lake Types A - F as listed on pages 44-58.
Maps are available online at: michigan.gov/fishingguide

Lake Type	Fishing Season	Possession Season	Tackle	Daily Possession Limit	Brook Trout	Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, & Splake	Lake Trout	Coho, Chinook, & Pink Salmon	Atlantic Salmon
					Minimum Size Limit (inches)				
A	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	All except minnows	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
B	Open All Year	Open All Year	All	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
C	Open All Year	Open All Year	All	5/3*	8"	8"	8"	10"	15"
D	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	Artificial lures only**	1	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
E	Open All Year	Open All Year	All	3+	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
F	Open All Year	Lake Trout Jan. 1 - Oct. 31 Other Trout & Salmon open all year	All	5/3^	10"	10"	10"	10"	10"

* 5 fish, with no more than 3 trout 15" or greater.

** On Type D lakes, it is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food or scented material on any of the waters or on shore.

^ 5 fish in any combination, but no more than 3 fish of any one species, except up to 5 salmon (Chinook or coho) may be retained.

\+ 3 fish in combination

Designated Trout Lakes:

All Type A and all Type D lakes are designated trout lakes (see p. 8).

Regulations for Lakes Not Classified as Lake Type:

Except for lakes in the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters and Sylvania Wilderness Area, any other inland lake not classified by Type is open all year to the taking of trout with an 8-inch minimum size limit and 5 fish daily possession limit, no more than 3 of which may be 15" or greater. Artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used. See pages 24-25 and 26 for Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters and Sylvania Wilderness Area regulations, respectively.

Inland Trout & Salmon Stream Regulations

The following regulations pertain only to inland stream Types 1 - 4, Research Areas (RA), and Brook Trout Restoration Areas (BTRA) as listed on pages 44-58. Maps are available online at: michigan.gov/fishingguide.

All types of natural and artificial baits may be used on stream Types 1-4 Note: chumming is prohibited on stream Types 1-4 (p. 8).			Minimum Size Limit (inches)			Daily Possession Limit
Stream Type (Colors below are indicated accordingly on the maps online.)	**Fishing Season**	**Possession Season**	**Brook Trout**	**Brown Trout**	**Atlantic, Chinook, Coho & Pink Salmon, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout** (Steelhead), **Splake**	**All Trout and Salmon**
1 (Approx. 1,400 streams)	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	7"	8"	10"	5 fish, but no more than 3 trout 15" or greater
2 (14 streams)	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30	10"	12"		
3 (60 streams)	Open All Year	Open All Year	15"	15"		
4 (130 streams)	Open All Year	**Last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30** for Brook Trout, Brown Trout, and Atlantic Salmon **Open all year** for all other Trout and Salmon	7"	10"		
Research Areas (RA)	**Research Areas:** Portions of the **Bryan Creek** (Marquette and Dickinson Counties), **East Branch Huron River** (Baraga and Marquette Counties), **East Branch Tahquamenon River** (Chippewa County), **East Branch Ontonagon River** (Houghton and Iron Counties), **Dead River** (Marquette County), **Driggs River** (Schoolcraft County), **Presque Isle River and tributaries** (Gogebic County), **Rock River and tributaries** (Alger County), and **Salmon-Trout River** (Marquette County) allow for possession of 5 additional brook trout. **Spring Mill Pond** (Livingston County) and Salmon-Trout River (Marquette County) are under special regulations as indicated on p. 52. We apologize for this confusion, the printed version of the 2016-2017 Michigan Fishing Guide does not reflect this description. All of these waters are indicated on the online maps (michigan.gov/fishingguide) with gray shading. Please see the county listings for specific regulations on these waters.						
Brook Trout Restoration Areas (BTRA)	**The following locations have more restrictive Brook Trout regulations.** Fishing regulations on these waters shall supersede those in other sections which in any way conflict with the following: the harvest season for Brook Trout is from the last Saturday in April - September 30, the minimum size limit on Brook Trout, Lake Trout, and Splake shall be 20 inches with a daily possession limit of one (1) Brook Trout, Lake Trout or Splake total combined. Click here for color-coded maps. 1. **Big Garlic River** and tributaries (Marquette County), from County Road 550 (T50N, R26W, S33) downstream to Lake Superior (T50N, R26W, S21). 2. **Big Huron River** (Baraga and Marquette Counties), from Big Eric's Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S18). 3. **Iron River** (Marquette County), from Lake Independence Dam (T51N, R27W, S13) downstream to Lake Superior (T51N, R26W, S18). 4. **Little Huron River** (Marquette County), from unnamed bridge crossing located at the southern border of section 20 (T52N, R29W, S20) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S17). 5. **Pilgrim River** (Houghton County), from Paradise Road (T54N, R33W, S5) downstream to mouth at Portage Lake (T54N, R33W, S7). 6. **Portage/Torch Lake system** (including the Portage River, Portage Canal, North Entry and South Entry, Houghton County). 7. **Ravine River** (Baraga County), from Sicotte Road (T51N, R31W, S2) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S4). 8. **Silver River** (Baraga County), from Silver River Falls (T51N, R32W, S26) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S18). 9. **Slate River** (Baraga County), from Slate River Falls (1/2 mile upstream from Skanee Road T51N, R31W, S9) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S8).						

Designated Trout Streams:

All Type 1, all Type 2, all Gear Restricted Streams, all Research Areas (RA), and all Brook Trout Restoration Areas (BTRA) are designated trout streams. Most Type 3 and most Type 4 streams are designated trout streams (check the online maps for more information).

Regulations for Streams Not Classified as Stream Type or Listed as a Gear Restricted Stream

Except for streams in the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters, any other inland stream not classified by Type is open to trout fishing all year with an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 5 fish daily possession limit, no more than 3 of which may be 15" or greater, except up to 5 salmon (Chinook or coho) 15" or greater may be retained in the daily possession limit on these waters. Artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used. Please see pages 24-25 for Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters regulations.

Gear Restricted Streams

The following streams have regulations that differ from those in Types 1–4 as listed on Inland Trout & Salmon Regulations. On all streams managed under gear restrictions, it shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any of the waters or on shore (this restriction does not apply when a stream is under Type regulations). **Gear Restricted Streams are indicated in red color on the maps online at** michigan.gov/fishingguide**.**

Au Sable River

Mainstream (Crawford County) from Burton's Landing (T26N, R3W, S11) to South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge): Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** closed all year; except for children under 12 the possession season is open all year; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero trout; except children under 12 may keep 1 trout; **Size Limits:** for children under 12 there is an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 12-inch maximum size limit for trout. **Mileage:** 9.0 miles.

Mainstream (Crawford County) from South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge) to McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge): Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout with no more than 1 trout 18" or greater; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout and rainbow trout — 10"; brown trout — 18". **Mileage:** 8.0 miles.

Mainstream (Oscoda County) from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7; 44° 39′ 40.550" N/ 84° 7′ 24.280" W) to Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge): Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout with no more than 1 trout 18" or greater; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 7"; brown trout – 18"; rainbow trout – 10". **Mileage:** 15.0 miles.

North Branch (Crawford County) from Sheep Ranch (T28N, R2W, S12; 44° 49′ 40.470" N/ 84° 29′ 25.933" W) to confluence with Mainstream: Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout with no more than 1 trout 18" or greater; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout and rainbow trout — 10"; brown trout — 18". **Mileage:** 20.7 miles

South Branch (Crawford County) from Chase Bridge Rd. (Chase Bridge) to Lower High Banks (T25N, R2W, S13; 44° 33′ 49.735" N/ 84° 29′ 59.107" W): Fishing season: open all year; **Possession Season:** closed all year; except for children under 12 the possession season is open all year; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero trout; except children under 12 may keep 1 trout; **Size Limits:** for children under 12 there is an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 12-inch maximum size limit for trout. **Mileage:** 4.3 miles.

South Branch (Crawford County) from Lower High Banks (T25N, R2W, S13; 44° 33′ 49.735" N/ 84° 29′ 59.107" W) to confluence with Mainstream: Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout with no more than 1 trout 18" or greater; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout and rainbow trout — 10"; brown trout — 18". **Mileage:** 11.5 miles.

Black River

(Otsego and Montmorency counties) from Tin Shanty Bridge Rd. to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31 SE/SE; 45° 6′ 50.872" N/ 84° 21′ 0.488" W): Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout; open all year for brown trout and rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 5 trout; with no more than 2 brook trout; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout and rainbow trout — 10"; brown trout — 8". **Mileage:** 4.4 miles.

Cooks Run

(Iron County) from US Forest Hwy 16 to confluence with South Branch Paint River:

- **From the last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30,** this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations, except the minimum size limit for brook trout is 7".
- **From Oct. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.,** this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing Season:** Oct. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.; **Possession Season:** closed; except for children under 12 the possession season is open; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero trout; except children under 12 may keep 1 trout; **Size Limits:** for children under 12 there is an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 12-inch the maximum size limit for all trout. **Mileage:** 4.5 miles.

Duck Creek

(Gogebic County) from Railroad Bridge (T44N, R39W, S16) to confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River: Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. - Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: all trout – 10". **Mileage:** 6.5 miles.

Escanaba River

(Delta County) from Boney Falls Dam to Mouth of Silver Creek: Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout — 10"; brown trout and rainbow trout — 12". **Mileage:** 14.2 miles.

Fox River

(Schoolcraft County) from Fox River State Forest Campground (T46N, R14W, S11; 46° 24′ 1.668" N/ 86° 1′ 50.271" W) to M-28:

- **From the last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30,** this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.
- **From Oct. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.,** this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing Season:** Oct. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.; **Possession Season:** closed; except for children under 12 the possession season is open; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero trout; except children under 12 may keep 1 trout; **Size Limits:** for children under 12 there is an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 12-inch maximum size limit for all trout. **Mileage:** 7.6 miles.

Huron River

(Oakland County) from the Sign below Moss Lake Outlet to the Signs 100 Yards below Wixom Road:

- **From the last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30,** this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.
- **From Apr. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.,** this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing season:** Apr. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.; **Possession Season:** closed; except for children under 12 the possession season is open; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero trout; except children under 12 may keep 1 trout; **Size Limits:** for children under 12 there is an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 12-inch maximum size limit for all trout. **Mileage:** 2.0 miles.

Little Manistee River

(Lake County) from North Peacock Trail (Spencer's) to Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge): Fishing Season: Apr. 1 – Dec. 31; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open Apr. 1 – Dec. 31 for all other trout and salmon; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 fish, any combination of trout and salmon; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brown trout — 15"; all other trout and salmon — 10". **Mileage:** 7.5 miles.

Manistee River

(Crawford County) from CO. Rd. 612 to M-72: Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout; with no more than 1 trout 18" or greater; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout and rainbow trout — 10"; brown trout — 18". **Mileage:** 9.2 miles.

(Crawford and Kalkaska counties) from M-72 to Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge): Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout; with no more than 1 trout 18" or greater; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout and rainbow trout — 10"; brown trout — 18". **Mileage:** 16.7 miles.

Paint Creek

(Oakland County) from Gunn Rd. to Tienken Rd.: Fishing Season: last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for all trout; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for all trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: all trout — 14". **Mileage:** 5.0 miles.

Good Fishing Depends on Clean Water

Many of our rivers, lakes, and coastal areas are experiencing algae blooms that cover our favorite fishing spots with green slime and cause fish kills and "dead zones" where no aquatic life can survive. The cause is usually nitrogen and phosphorus pollution that comes from farm and lawn fertilizers, septic systems, animal waste, and sewage treatment plants. Here's what you can do to keep the water clean:

- Take care not to over fertilize and closely follow package instructions
- Pick up pet waste and properly manage waste from livestock
- Use green practices such as rain barrels, rain gardens, and permeable pavements
- Maintain septic systems
- Encourage your community to invest in its wastewater infrastructure

Supporting water quality protection supports great fishing!
Learn more at: www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/

EPA United States Environmental Protection Agency

Paint River

South Branch (Iron County) from the Mouth of Cooks Run to the Mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River:

- **From the last Sat. in Apr – Sep. 30,** this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations, except the minimum size limit for brook trout is 7".
- **From Oct. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.,** this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing Season:** Oct. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.; **Possession Season:** closed; except for children under 12 the possession season is open; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero trout; except children under 12 may keep 1 trout; **Size Limits:** for children under 12 there is an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 12-inch maximum size limit for all trout. **Mileage:** 10.0 miles.

Pere Marquette River

(Lake County) from M-37 to the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R14W, S13; 43° 52′ 14.521" N/ 85° 55′ 21.752" W): Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** closed all year; except for children under 12 the possession season is open all year; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero trout and salmon; except children under 12 may keep 1 trout or salmon; **Size Limits:** for children under 12 there is an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 12-inch maximum size limit for all trout and salmon. **Mileage:** 8.5 miles.

(Lake County) from the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R14W, S13; 43° 52′ 14.521" N/ 85° 55′ 21.752" W) to the Upstream Edge of the Boat Ramp at Rainbow Rapids (T18N, R14W, S27; 43° 55′ 5.321" N/ 85° 58′ 30.719" W):

- **From Sep. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.,** this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 4 regulations, with the following exceptions: **Fishing Season:** Sep. 1– the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.; **Possession Season:** Sep. 1 – the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.; **Daily Possession Limit:** 1 rainbow trout; **Size Limits:** rainbow trout — 10".
- **From the last Sat. in Apr. – Aug. 31,** this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Aug. 31; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. –Aug. 31; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout or salmon; with no more than 1 brown trout 18" or greater, and no more than 1 rainbow trout; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: all salmon — 10"; brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout – 8"; except that the harvest of fish greater than 14" and less than 18" shall be prohibited for brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout. **Mileage:** 10.5 miles.

Pigeon River

(Cheboygan and Otsego counties) from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail (T32N, R1W, S10; 45° 10′ 50.753" N/ 84° 25′ 27.866" W) to Pine Grove Campground Stairs (T33N, R1W, S17; 45° 14′ 38.497" N/ 84° 26′ 47.983" W): Fishing Season: open all year; **Possession Season:** last Sat. in Apr. – Sep. 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open all year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily Possession Limit:** 2 trout; with no more than 1 brown trout; **Size Limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout and rainbow trout — 10"; brown trout — 12". **Mileage:** 5.3 miles.

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County Listing of Lakes and Streams

Below is a listing of the inland lakes and streams that are managed for trout and salmon, along with their respective regulation Type. Please see pages 38-39 for detailed regulations for each Type. For inland lakes, the lake name will appear under the appropriate county and will be followed by a letter (A-F). The letter designates the Type of regulations that apply to that lake. For streams, the stream name will be followed by a number (2-4 or the abbreviation GR which stands for Gear Restricted Streams or RA for Research Area or BTRA for Brook Trout Restoration Area, see p. 39) and any upstream/downstream boundaries that apply to that section of stream. **Type 1 streams are not listed in the text.** For a complete listing of all trout streams, check online or contact any DNR Fisheries Office. An SC indicates a fishing closure for the area and time period mentioned. **Maps are available online at** michigan.gov/fishingguide.

Alcona County

Lakes	Type
O'Brien Lake	A
Reid Lake	B
South Hoist Lake	B

Streams	Type
Au Sable River Mainstream from Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge) downstream to 4001 Bridge.	2
Au Sable River Mainstream from Alcona Dam to South Branch River.	4
Black River from confluence with North Branch Black River downstream to Lake Huron.	4
Pine River from F-41 downstream to Lake Huron.	3

Alger County

Lakes	Type
Ackerman Lake	B
Addis Lakes	A
Bette's Pond	A
Brian's Pond	A
Cheryl's Pond (T44N, R19W, S25)	B
Cole Creek Pond (T46N, R20W, S24)	A
Cox Pond	A
Grand Marais Lake	A
Grand Sable Lake	E
Hike Lake	A
Irwin Lake	A
Johns Lake West	A
Kay's Pond	B
Mirror Lake	B
North (Upper) Shoe Lake	B
Rock River Pond	A
Rock Lake	A
Sawaski Pond (T44N, R19W, S14)	B
Sitka Lake	A
Sullivan Lake	A
Trueman Lake	A

Streams	Type
Anna River from Railroad Bridge (T46N, R19W, S14) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Au Train River from Powerhouse below M-94 downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Hurricane River downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Laughing Whitefish River from Forks (T47N, R22W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Miner's River from Miner's Falls downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Rock River from Railroad Bridge (T47N, R21W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior. **SC — Closed to Fishing** — Apr. 1 – Jun. 30 between dam and its downstream-most foot bridge located downstream from M-28 in T47N, R21W, S15.	4
Rock River and tributaries from bridge crossing in T46N, R21W, S15 downstream to railroad bridge (T47N, R21W, S22), Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Sable Creek	4
Sucker River upstream limit is old Grand Marais/Seney Road Bridge.	4

Allegan County

Lakes	Type
Kalamazoo Lake/Silver Lake from US-31 down to Lake Michigan.	F

Streams	Type
Black River Mainstream from confluence of North and South branches down to Lake Michigan.	3

Gun River Mainstream from 122nd Ave. (T2N, R11W, S12) downstream to US 131 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S18).	4
Kalamazoo River from Calkins Dam (T2N, R14W, S15) downstream to US-31.	3
Middle Branch Black River from confluence of Spring Brook Creek (T1N, R15W, S22) downstream to confluence of Main Branch Black River.	4
North Branch Black River from 111th Ave. (T1N, R16W, S3) downstream to confluence with Mainstream.	3
Pine Creek Tributary from 101st Ave. to confluence with Pine Creek.	4
Rabbit River Mainstream from US-131 Bridge (T4N, R11W, S31) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River (T3N, R15W, S16).	4
Silver Creek from M-89 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S26) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River.	2
Swan Creek from 109th Ave. (T1N, R14W, S7) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River (T2N, R14W, S9). **Note:** On the Swan River from mouth upstream to the dam at 118th Ave. it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8" or less from point to shank. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Sep. 1 – Nov. 30 from mouth upstream to Diversion Dam ("The Tubes"), T2N, R14W, S9.	4

Alpena County

Streams	Type
Devils River from US-23 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.	4
Long Lake Creek downstream limit is Lake Huron.	4
Thunder Bay River from Ninth Street Dam downstream to Lake Huron.	3

Antrim County

Lakes	Type
Bellaire Pond	C
Elk Lake	E
Green Lake	B
Torch Lake	E

Streams	Type
Elk River from Power Dam below Elk Lake downstream to Lake Michigan.	3
Elk River Bypass from Bypass Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Grass River (inc. Clam River) from Lake Bellaire downstream to Torch Lake.	4
Intermediate River from Intermediate Dam downstream to Lake Bellaire. **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Apr. 1 - May 14 Bellaire Dam to Highway M-88 Bridge.	4
Jordan River from Graves Crossing (T31N, R6W, S32) downstream to Lake Charlevoix.	4
Manistee River from headwaters downstream to CO. Rd. 612.	2
Torch River from Torch Lake downstream to Lake Skegemog.	4

Arenac County

Streams	Type
East Branch Au Gres River (Whitney Drain) from M-55 downstream to Saginaw Bay.	3
Rifle River from Sage Lake Road (T23N, R3E, S22) downstream to Saginaw Bay.	3

Baraga County

Lakes	Type
Lake Alice	D
Roland Lake	B

Streams	Type
East Branch Huron River and tributaries, upstream of confluence with West Branch Huron River, Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Falls River from US-41 to Lake Superior.	3
Big Huron River from Big Eric's Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S18).	4 BTRA
Otter River from confluence of North and West Branch Otter River downstream to Sturgeon River.	3
Ravine River from Sicotte Road (T51N, R31W, S2) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S4).	4 BTRA

Silver River from Silver River Falls (T51N, R32W, S26) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S18).	4 BTRA
Slate River from Slate River Falls (1/2 mile upstream from Skanee Road T51N, R31W, S9) downstream to Huron Bay (T51N, R31W, S8).	4 BTRA
Sturgeon River from US-41 downstream to Prickett Dam.	2
Sturgeon River from Prickett Dam downstream to Lake Superior. **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Apr. 1 - Jun. 30 from the Prickett Dam downstream to mouth of Clear Creek (T50N, R35W, S12).	3

Barry County

Lakes	Type
Deep Lake	B
Gull Lake	E
Streams	**Type**
Bassett Creek from Baker Lake downstream to confluence with Thornapple River.	4
Cedar Creek from sources downstream to M-37 (T2N, R8W, S9).	4
Coldwater River from M-43 Bridge (T4N, R8W, S16) downstream to Freeport Road Bridge.	2
Coldwater River from Freeport Rd. downstream to confluence with Thornapple River.	4
Turner Creek from (T3N, R10W, S23) downstream to confluence with Baker Creek (T3N, R10W, S9).	4
Unnamed Tributary on North Bank of Coldwater River (T4N, R7W, S18).	2

Bay County

Streams	Type
Saginaw River	3

Benzie County

Lakes	Type
Betsie Lake from M-22 down to Lake Michigan.	F
Crystal Lake	E

Streams	Type
Betsie River from Kurick Rd. downstream to M-22. **SC-Closed to fishing** year-round within 100 feet of the lamprey barrier and fish passage facility at T25N, R15W, S2. **NOTE:** On all waters of the **Betsie R.**, an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, un-weighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.	4
Otter Creek from Otter Lake outlet (T27N, R15W, S13) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Platte River from US-31 bridge at Veteran's Park downstream to Lake Michigan. Note: The daily possession limit shall be 1 rainbow trout from Upper Hatchery Weir to Lake Michigan. **Note:** On the Platte River, Benzie County, it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8" or less from point to shank. **SC – Closed to Fishing** – within 300 ft. of the upper (hatchery) weir infrastructure whenever weir is in place. **SC – Closed to Fishing** – whenever weir is in place within 300 ft. of the lower weir. **SC – Closed to Fishing** – Jan 1 – Mar 31 from US-31 bridge at Veteran's Park downstream to Platte Lake.	4

Berrien County

Lakes	Type
Singer Lake	C
Streams	**Type**
Blue Creek	4
Dowagiac River from Niles Dam at Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13) downstream to confluence with St. Joseph River.	3
Galien River Mainstream downstream limit is Lake Michigan.	4
South Branch Galien River Mainstream only, downstream limit is the confluence with Galien River.	4
St. Joseph River from Indiana state line downstream to Lake Michigan.	3

Branch County

Lakes	Type
Cary Lake	C
Lake Lavine	C
Streams	**Type**
Prairie River Mainstream from Bowers Road (T8S, R7W, S4) downstream to McKale Road (T7S, R9W, S8).	4

Calhoun County

Streams	Type
South Branch Rice Creek from Concord Rd. downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River.	4
Nottawa Creek	4

Cass County

Lakes	Type
Birch Lake	B
Harwood Lake	C
Hemlock Lake	B
Streams	**Type**
Dowagiac Creek from Mckenzie Street (T5S, R14W, S31) downstream to M-62.	2
Dowagiac Drain	4
Dowagiac River Mainstream (including Dowagiac Drain) from source downstream to Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13).	4

Charlevoix County

Lakes	Type
Lake Charlevoix	E
Thumb (Louise) Lake	B
Walloon Lake	B
Streams	**Type**
Bear River from Walloon Lake downstream to Lake Michigan. **Note:** On the Bear River, from the mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam (T34N, R5W, S6) it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8" or less from point to shank.	4
Boyne River from P. H. Dam downstream to Lake Charlevoix. **Note:** On the Boyne River, from the mouth upstream to dam (T32N, R5W, S5) it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8" or less from point to shank.	4
Jordan River from Graves Crossing (T31N, R6W, S32) downstream to Lake Charlevoix.	4
Medusa Creek **SC - Closed to Fishing -** whenever weir is in place. 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.	

Cheboygan County

Lakes	Type
Hemlock Lake	D
Silver Lake	B
Twin Lake #1	B
Tower Pond (from dam to M-68)	E
Weber Lake	B
Streams	**Type**
Black River **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Apr. 1 - May 14 from Alverno Dam downstream to Mograin Bridge (T37N, R1W, S26). **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Oct. 1 - Jun. 15 between Kleber Dam and Red Bridge (T35N, R1E,S5).	1
Cheboygan River from Cheboygan Dam downstream to Lake Huron.	3
Maple River from dam (T36N, R4W, S10) in Emmet County downstream to mouth.	4
Mill Creek	4
Pigeon River from Old Vanderbilt Rd. downstream to Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail (T32N, R1W, S10).	2
Pigeon River from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail to Pine Grove Campground Stairs.	GR
Pigeon River from Pine Grove Campground Stairs (T33N, R1W, S17) to mouth at Mullet Lake.	4
Sturgeon River from Afton Rd. (Also called Webb Rd. or Wolverine Rd.) downstream to mouth at Burt Lake.	4

Chippewa County

Lakes	Type
Dukes Lake	A
Highbanks Lake	A
Naomikong Lake	A
Naomikong Pond	A
Trout Brook Pond	A

Streams	Type
Albany Creek from bridge below lamprey weir to Lake Huron.	4
Carp River, Mainstream	4
East Branch Tahquamenon River and tributaries, upstream of M-123 Bridge, Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Halfaday Creek from Lakeshore Drive downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Pendill's Creek from Second Dam (T47N, R4W, S28) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Pine River from H-40 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.	4

Crawford County

Lakes	Type
Bright Lake	A
Kneff Lake	A
Shupac Lake	A
Streams	**Type**
Au Sable River Mainstream from Business Loop 75 (James St.) downstream to Burton's Landing (T26N, R3W, S11).	2
Au Sable River Mainstream from Burton's Landing downstream to South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge).	GR
Au Sable River Mainstream from South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge) to McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge).	GR
Au Sable River Mainstream from McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge) downstream to Rainbow Bend power line (T26N, R2E, S4).	4
Manistee River from headwaters downstream to CO. Rd. 612.	2
Manistee River from CO. Rd. 612 to M-72.	GR
Manistee River from M-72 downstream to Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26).	GR
North Branch Au Sable River from Sheep Ranch downstream to confluence with Mainstream.	GR
South Branch Au Sable River from Lower High Banks downstream to confluence with Mainstream.	GR
South Branch Au Sable River from Chase Bridge Rd. (Chase Bridge) to Lower High Banks.	GR

Delta County

Lakes	Type
Bear Lake	A
Carr Lake	A
Carr Ponds	A
Kilpecker Pond	A
Norway Lake	A
Wintergreen Lake	A
Zigmaul Pond	A
Streams	**Type**
Bark River from 9 Road (Section Line Between T38N, R24W, S20 & 29) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Big Fishdam River from County Road 2222 Bridge (T41N, R18W, S9) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Days River from Highway M-35 Bridge downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Escanaba River from Boney Falls Dam downstream to mouth of Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, S11).	GR
Ford River from Northland Truck Trail (T43N, R27W, S35) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Rapid River from County Road S-15 (T42N, R21W, S19) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Sturgeon River from County Road 442 Bridge (T42N, R20W, S13) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Tacoosh River from 29th Lane (County Road G-24) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Whitefish River from 38th Road (U.S.F.S. 2236) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4

Dickinson County

Lakes	Type
Bass Lake	B

Streams	Type
Bryan Creek from Spear Lake (T45N, R27W, S7) downstream to confluence with West Branch of the Escanaba River (T44N, R26W, S28), Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Ford River from Northland Truck Trail (T43N, R27W, S35) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4

Eaton County

Streams	Type
Sebewa Creek and Tributaries	4

Emmet County

Lakes	Type
Walloon Lake	B

Streams	Type
Bear River from Walloon Lake downstream to Lake Michigan. **Note:** On the Bear River, from the mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam (T34N, R5W, S6) it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8" or less from point to shank.	4
Carp Lake River from Bridge in (T39N, R4W, S32) downstream to Lake Michigan.	3
Maple River from dam (T36N, R4W, S10), Emmet County downstream to mouth.	4

Gogebic County

Lakes	Type
Beatons Lake	B
Black River Lake	B
Castle Lake	A
Cornelia Lake	A
Finger Lake	B
Imp Lake	B
Little Duck Lake	B
Mishike Lake	A
Moon Lake	B
Redboat Lake	D

Streams	Type
Big Carp River from a point 100 yards downstream of Bathtub Falls (T50N, R45W, S1) to Lake Superior.	3
Black River from Rainbow Falls (T49N, R46W, S10) downstream to Lake Superior.	3
Black River from US-2 downstream to Rainbow Falls.	2
Duck Creek from Railroad Bridge (T44N, R39W, S16) to confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River.	GR
Little Carp River from Traders Fall (T50N, R45W, S2) downstream to Lake Superior.	3
Maple Creek from Bridge in (T49N, R46W, S18) downstream to Lake Superior.	3
Middle Branch Ontonagon River downstream limit is Agate Falls.	2
Omans Creek from County Road 505 downstream to Lake Superior.	3
Presque Isle River from Manabezho Falls to Lake Superior.	3
Presque Isle River and its tributaries from the headwaters at the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary line downstream to Manabezho Falls (T50N, R45W, S30), Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA

Grand Traverse County

Lakes	Type
Duck Lake	B
Elk Lake	E
Green Lake	B
Sand Lake #1	C

Streams	Type
Boardman River from Sabin Dam downstream to Lake Michigan. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Whenever weir is in place within 300 feet upstream or downstream of weir in Traverse City.	3

Hillsdale County

Lakes	Type
Bear Lake	C
Bird Lake	C
Hemlock Lake	C

Houghton County

Portage/Torch Lake system (including the Portage River, Portage Canal, North Entry and South Entry.	BTRA

Lakes	Type
Clear Lake	D
Emily Lake	B

Lake Gerald	B
Lake On Three	B
Penegor Lake	A
Perrault Lake	D
Roland Lake	B
Streams	**Type**
Big Traverse River upstream limit is Gay-Lake Linden Road.	3
East Branch Ontonagon River upstream limit is Hwy. M-28.	3
East Branch Ontonagon River and tributaries, upstream of M-28 Bridge at Kenton, Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Elm River from Road Bridge between (T53N, R36W, S3 &10) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Graveraet River from mouth of Deer Creek (T54N, R36W, S2) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Little Elm River from Agate Beach Road (T53N, R36W, S6) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Otter River from confluence of North and West Branch Otter River downstream to Sturgeon River.	3
Pilgrim River upstream limit is Hwy US-41.	3 BTRA
Pilgrim River from Paradise Road (T54N, R33W, S5) downstream to mouth at Portage Lake (T54N, R33W, S7).	BTRA
Salmon Trout River from Redridge Dam downstream to Lake Superior.	3
South Branch Elm River from bridge (T54N, R36W, S29 & S32) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Sturgeon River from US-41 downstream to Prickett Dam.	2
Sturgeon River from Prickett Dam downstream to Lake Superior. **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Apr. 1 - Jun. 30 from the Prickett Dam downstream to mouth of Clear Creek (T50N, R35W, S12).	3
Trap Rock River upstream limit is Cemetery Road (T56N, R32W, S29).	4

Huron County

Streams	Type
Bird Creek	3
Pigeon River	3
Pinnebog River	3

Ionia County

Streams	Type
Dickerson Creek	4
Fish Creek from Sidney Rd. downstream to confluence with Maple River.	4
Prairie Creek	4
Sebewa Creek and Tributaries	4

Iosco County

Lakes	Type
Buck Creek Pond	D
Streams	**Type**
Au Sable River Mainstream from Foote Dam downstream to Lake Huron. **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Year-round, the portion below the Foote Dam including the apron to 175 feet downstream from the dam.	3
Au Sable River Mainstream Alcona Dam to South Branch River.	4
East Branch Au Gres River (Whitney Drain) from M-55 downstream to Saginaw Bay **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Dec. 1 - Friday before last Saturday in Apr. between DNR lamprey weir and Legget Road (T21N, R6E, S10).	3
Tawas River	3
Van Etten Creek from Van Etten Lake downstream to mouth.	3

Iron County

Lakes	Type
Camp Lake	B
Caspian Pond	B
Chicagon Lake	B
Deadman's Lake	A
Ellen Lake	B
Forest Lake	D
Fortune Lake	B
Fortune Pond	A
Golden Lake	B
Hannah-Webb Lake	A
Killdeer Lake	A
Long Lake	B
Madelyn Lake	A
Lake Ottawa	B
Skyline Lake	A
Spree Lake	A
Timber Lake	D

Streams	Type
Cooks Run from US Forest Hwy 16 to confluence with South Branch Paint River (T44N, R36W, S28).	GR
East Branch Ontonagon River and tributaries, upstream of M-28 Bridge at Kenton, Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Paint River, South Branch from the Mouth of Cooks Run (T44N, R36W, S28) to the Mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8).	GR

Isabella County

Streams	Type
Chippewa River from Outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W, S35) Isabella Co. downstream to confluence with the Tittabawassee River, (T14N, R2E, S21), Midland Co.	3

Jackson County

Lakes	Type
Farwell Lake	C
Swains Lake	C
Streams	**Type**
South Branch Rice Creek from Concord Rd. downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River.	4

Kalamazoo County

Lakes	Type
Gull Lake	E
Little Paw Paw Lake	B
Ruppert Lake	C
Streams	**Type**
Augusta Creek from Little Gilkey Lake and Fair Lakes outlets downstream to Knappen Mills Dam.	4
Portage Creek downstream limit is Kilgore Rd. (T3S, R11W, S3).	4

Kalkaska County

Lakes	Type
Bear Lake	B
Big Blue Lake	B
Big Guernsey Lake	C
Big Twin Lake	C
North Blue Lake	B
Starvation Lake	C

Streams	Type
Manistee River from M-72 downstream to Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26).	GR
Manistee River from Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26) downstream to M-115.	4
Rapid River from Antrim (Rugg) Pond downstream to Torch River.	4
Torch River from Torch Lake downstream to Lake Skegemog.	4

Kent County

Lakes	Type
Lime Lake	C
Marjella Lake	C
Streams	**Type**
Ball Creek downstream limit is confluence with Rogue River.	4
Buck Creek downstream limit is confluence with Grand River.	4
Coldwater River from Freeport Rd. downstream to confluence with Thornapple River.	4
Nash Creek downstream limit is confluence with Rogue River.	4
Rogue River downstream limit is confluence with Grand River.	4

Keweenaw County

Lakes	Type
Lost Lake	D
No Name Pond (T57N, R31W, S8)	A
Streams	**Type**
Eagle River upstream limit is dam at Eagle River Village.	4
Fanny Hooe River upstream limit is Lake Fanny Hooe.	4
Gratiot River from Bridge (T57N, R32W, S19,20) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Silver Creek upstream limit is Falls (T58N, R32W, S26).	4
Silver River upstream limit is Hwy M-26.	4
Tobacco River upstream limit is mouth of Black Brook Creek.	4

Lake County

Streams	Type
Little Manistee River from North Peacock Trail (Spencer's Bridge T19N, R13W, S5) to Johnson's Road (Johnson's Bridge T20N, R14W, S24). **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 - from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge.	GR
Little Manistee River from Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge) downstream to Manistee Lake. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 - from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge.	4
Pere Marquette River from M-37 to the downstream edge of the boat ramp/slide at Gleason's Landing.	GR
Pere Marquette River from the downstream edge of the boat ramp/slide at Gleason's Landing to the upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids.	GR
Pere Marquette River from the upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids (T18N, R14W, S27) downstream to Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge).	4
Pine River from Elm Flats Public Access Site to confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.	2

Leelanau County

Lakes	Type
Big Glen Lake	E
Lime Lake	C
North Lake Leelanau	E
Streams	**Type**
Crystal River from Fisher Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	3
Leland River	3
Shalda Creek from Little Traverse Lake outlet (T29N, R13W, S10) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4

Lenawee County

Lakes	Type
Allens Lake	C
Deep Lake	C

Livingston County

Lakes	Type
Spring Mill Pond, (Island Lake Recreation Area): No fishing Mar. 15 - Mar. 31. Catch-and-release fishing for trout - artificial lures only - Apr. 1 - the Fri. before the last Sat. in Apr.; from the last Sat. in Apr. - Mar. 14, 5 fish limit, 8-inch minimum size limit, no more than 3 fish 15" or larger, artificial and natural baits may be used.	

Luce County

Lakes	Type
Belle Lake 1	E
Bennett Springs Lake	A
Brockies Pond (T46N, R11W, S1)	A
Bullhead Lake	A
Camp 8 Lake	B
Dairy Lake	A
Deer Lake	D
Dillingham Lake	A
Holland Lake	A
Jack Lake	A
Little Whorl Lake	A
Moon Lake	D
Peanut Lake	E
Pratt Lake	A
Pretty Lake	B
Sid Lake	D
Silver Creek Pond	A
Spring Creek Pond	A
Syphon Lake	A
Tank Lake	B
Trout Lake	A
Ward Lake	A
Wolverine Lake	A
Youngs Lake	A
Streams	**Type**
Blind Sucker River upstream limit is Blind Sucker Flooding Dam.	4
Two-Hearted River from Co. Rd. 407 (High Bridge) downstream to Lake Superior.	4

Mackinac County

Lakes	Type
Castle Rock Pond	A
Millecoquins Pond	A
Streams	**Type**
Black River upstream limit is Peters Truck Trail Footbridge.	4

Brevoort River upstream limit is Brevoort Lake.	4
Carp River, Mainstream	4
Crow River upstream limit is outfall of Amadon Pond.	4
Milakokia River Inland-Limstone Co. Railroad Bridge (T41N, R13W, S1) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Millecoquins River from H-40 bridge downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Pine River from H-40 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.	4

Macomb County

Streams	Type
Clinton River from Yates Dam above Dequindre Rd. downstream to Lake St. Clair.	4
North Branch Clinton River from 32 Mile Rd. downstream to confluence with Clinton River.	4

Manistee County

Lakes	Type
Arcadia Lake from inlet of Bowens Creek to Lake Michigan.	F
Manistee Lake from Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6) to Lake Michigan. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Sep. 6 - Oct. 15 or whenever the established quota of Chinook eggs are taken - The southern end of Manistee Lake in the vicinity of the mouth of the Little Manistee River, being that area of Manistee Lake south of a line drawn from a squared red post, located 100 feet southeast of the launch ramp at the DNR Public Access Site on the east shore, extending southwesterly to a squared red post on the west shore located near the southern end of the Packaging Corporation of America plant.	F
Portage Lake	F
Streams	**Type**
Bear Creek from County Road 600 (T23N, 14W, S6) downstream to confluence with Manistee River. **NOTE:** On all waters of **Bear Cr.** (Manistee Co.), an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, un-weighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.	3
Betsie River from Kurick Rd. downstream to M-22. **NOTE:** On all waters of the **Betsie R.**, an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, un-weighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.	4
Little Manistee River from Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge) downstream to Manistee Lake. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Sep. 1 - Nov. 14 and Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 from a point 300 feet downstream from the DNR weir in T21N, R16W, S25 to Manistee Lake. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Year-round within 300 feet of the DNR weir, T21N, R16W, S25. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge. **Note:** The daily possession limit shall be 1 rainbow trout from 300' downstream of Little Manistee River Weir to Manistee Lake.	4
Manistee River from Hodenpyl Res. downstream to Red Bridge.	4
Manistee River from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6). **NOTE:** On the **Manistee R.** from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6), an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, un-weighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.	3
Pine River from Elm Flats Public Access Site to confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.	2

Marquette County

Lakes	Type
Bass Lake	B
Bedspring Lake	A
Brocky Lake	B
Cedar Lake	B
Clear Lake	A
Cranberry Lake	A

Crooked Lake	B
Forestville Basin	B
Island Lake (T45N, R30W, S14)	A
Just Lake	A
Keyhole Lake, East	D
Lake Arfelin	E
Little Brocky Lake	B
Little Shag Lake	B
Log Lake	A
Moccasin Lake	A
Pauls Lake, North	D
Pauls Lake, South	D
Perch Lake	B
Rockingchair Lake, North	D
Rockingchair Lake, South	D
Section 13 Lake	A
Silver Lake Basin	B
Silver Lake	A
Slough Lake	A
South Kidney Lake (T45N, R26W, S28)	D
Sporley Lake	E
Squaw Lake	B
Strawberry Lake	D
Swanzy Lake	A
Twin Lake (T45N, R30W, S23)	B
Streams	**Type**
Big Garlic River from Forks (T49N, R27W, S12) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Big Garlic River and tributaries from County Road 550 (T50N, R26W, S33) downstream to Lake Superior (T50N, R26W, S21).	BTRA
Bryan Creek from Spear Lake (T45N, R27W, S7) downstream to confluence with West Branch of the Escanaba River (T44N, R26W, S28), Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Carp River from Deer Lake Dam (T48N, R27W, S27) downstream to Morgan Creek.	2
Carp River from Morgan Creek downstream to Lake Superior.	3
Chocolay River from confluence of Big Creek (T47N, R24W, S9) downstream to Lake Superior.	3
Dead River and tributaries, from Silver Lake Dam to Hoist Dam, Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit. **Note: Deer L. Basin, Carp R.** downstream from M-28 (T47N, R27W, S4), **and all other tributaries to Deer L. Basin** fishing restricted to artificial lures, catch-and-release only; live bait, dead or prepared bait, organic or processed food, or scented materials may not be possessed on the water or the shore.	RA
East Branch Huron River and tributaries, upstream of confluence with West Branch Huron River, Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Ford River from T43N, R27W, S33 (Dickinson County) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Harlow Creek from Railroad Bridge (T49N, R26W, S24) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
Big Huron River from Big Eric's Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S18).	4 BTRA
Iron River from Lake Independence Dam (T51N, R27W, S13) downstream to Lake Superior (T51N, R26W, S18).	4 BTRA
Little Huron River from unnamed bridge crossing located at the southern border of section 20 (T52N, R29W, S20) downstream to Lake Superior (T52N, R29W, S17).	BTRA
Salmon-Trout River, Research Area: from the last Saturday in Apr.-Aug. 14, Type 2 stream regulations apply, EXCEPT brook trout regulations are as follows: 18" minimum size limit, daily harvest/possession is (1) fish. From Aug. 15 - Friday before the last Saturday in Apr., the river is closed to fishing. These regulations apply to that portion of the Salmon-Trout River from Lower Falls (T51N, R28W, S13) down to Lake Superior.	RA

Mason County

Lakes	Type
Pere Marquette Lake from Old 31 Highway to Lake Michigan.	F

Streams	Type
Big South Branch Pere Marquette River from confluence of Beaver/Winnepesaug creeks downstream to confluence with Pere Marquette River.	4
Lincoln River from confluence of North and South Branches of Lincoln River, (T19N, R17W, S32) downstream to Lake Michigan.	3
Little Manistee River from Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge) downstream to Manistee Lake. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Jan. 1 - Mar. 31 from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge.	4
Pere Marquette River from the upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids (T18N, R14W, S27) downstream to Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge).	4
Pere Marquette River from Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge) downstream to Old US-31.	3
Sable River from Bridge Crossing (T19N, R15W, S3) downstream to Hamlin Lake.	4
Sable River from Hamlin Lake Dam downstream to Lake Michigan. **NOTE:** On the **Sable R.** from mouth upstream to Hamlin Lake Dam, an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed, un-weighted hooks, measuring 1/2-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks 3/8-inch or less from point to shank ONLY when attached to a body bait, plug, spinner or spoon.	3

Mecosta County

Streams	Type
Little Muskegon River	4
Muskegon River from US-10 downstream to River Bend Bluffs Public Access Site (T15N, R9W, S31).	4

Menominee County

Streams	Type
Big Cedar River from Veterans Memorial Park Dam (T38N, R26W, S9) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Ford River from T43N, R27W, S35 (Dickinson County) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Walton Creek (River) from Westmann Dam (T35N, R25W, S18) down to Lake Michigan.	4

Midland County

Streams	Type
Chippewa River from outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W, S35) Isabella Co. downstream to confluence with the Tittabawassee River, (T14N, R2E, S21), Midland Co.	3
Tittabawassee River from Sanford Dam downstream to confluence with the Saginaw River. **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Mar. 16 - Fri. before last Sat. in Apr. between Sanford Dam and the mouth of the Salt River (T15N, R1W, S24). **SC - Closed to Fishing -** Mar. 16 - Fri. before last Sat. in Apr. between the Dow Dam and Gordonville Bridge (T13N, R2E, S1).	3

Montcalm County

Lakes	Type
Marl Lake	C
Nevins Lake	C
Streams	**Type**
Dickerson Creek	4
Fish Creek from Sidney Rd. downstream to confluence with Maple River.	4
Little Muskegon River	4
Prairie Creek	4
Tamarack Creek	4

Montmorency County

Lakes	Type
Avalon Lake	B
Clear Lake	B
Lake Fifteen	B
McCormick Lake	B
Streams	**Type**
Black River from Tin Shanty Bridge Rd. downstream to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31).	GR
Thunder Bay R. from Atlanta dam to Sucker Cr. confluence upstream of Hillman Pond	4

Muskegon County

Lakes	Type
Duck Lake from Nestrom Rd. to Lake Michigan.	F
Half Moon Lake	C

Mona Lake from US-31 to Lake Michigan.	F
Muskegon Lake from M-120 to Lake Michigan.	F
White Lake from Business Route US-31 (in Whitehall) to Lake Michigan.	F
Streams	**Type**
Cedar Creek from River Rd. (T11N, R15W, S33) downstream to confluence with Muskegon River.	3
Muskegon River from Bridge Street (new bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp., downstream to M-120.	3
North Branch Crockery Creek mainstream from Kenowa Ave. (T10N, R13W, S36) downstream to confluence with Crockery Creek mainstream at Ravenna.	4
White River from Hesperia Dam downstream to White Lake (Business Route US-31 in Whitehall)	4

Newaygo County

Lakes	Type
Condon Lake	C
Streams	**Type**
Big South Branch Pere Marquette River from confluence of Beaver/Winnepesaug creeks downstream to confluence with Pere Marquette River.	4
Little Muskegon River	4
Muskegon River from Croton Dam downstream to Bridge Street (New Bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp.	4
Muskegon River from Bridge Street (new bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp., downstream to M-120.	3
Tamarack Creek	4

Oakland County

Lakes	Type
Maceday Lake	C
Streams	**Type**
Huron River from the Sign below Moss Lake Outlet to the Signs 100 yards below Wixom Rd. (T2N, R7E, S13).	GR
Paint Creek from Gunn Rd. to Tienken Rd.	GR

Oceana County

Lakes	Type
Pentwater Lake from Long Bridge Rd (B15) to Lake Michigan.	F
Silver Lake downstream limit is Lake Michigan.	F
Stony Lake from inlet of Stony Creek to Lake Michigan.	F
Streams	**Type**
North Branch Pentwater River from Oceana Dr. downstream to confluence with mainstream of Pentwater River.	4
North Branch White River from Arthur Rd. downstream to confluence with White River.	4
Pentwater River from Hart Dam downstream to confluence with Pentwater Lake (Long Bridge Rd. or B15).	4
White River from Hesperia Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	4

Ogemaw County

Lakes	Type
Lake George	B
Streams	**Type**
Rifle River from Sage Lake Road (T23N, R3E, S22) downstream to Saginaw Bay.	3

Ontonagon County

Lakes	Type
Courtney Lake	B
Mirror Lake	B
Trout Creek Pond	C
Streams	**Type**
Big Iron River from Koshak Rd. Bridge (T49N, R43W, S2) downstream to Lake Superior.	3
East Branch Ontonagon River upstream limit is Hwy. M-28.	3
East Sleeping River from railroad trestle (T53N, R38W, S25) downstream to Lake Superior.	3
Firesteel River (including East & West Branch) upstream limit is Hwy. M-26.	3
Little Iron River upstream limit is Nonesuch Falls (T50N, R43N, S1).	3

Middle Branch Ontonagon River downstream limit is Agate Falls.	2
Middle Branch Ontonagon River Agate Falls is upstream limit.	3
Misery River upstream limit is bridge in T53N, R37W, S15.	3
Ontonagon River	3
Union River from South Boundary Rd. (T51N, R42W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
West Branch Big Iron River from Burnt Dam Bridge (T50N, R44W, S36) downstream to confluence with Big Iron River.	3
West Branch Ontonagon River upstream limit is confluence with Victoria Hydro Station tail race (T50N, R39W, S29). **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Apr. 1 - Jun. 10 from its confluence with the Victoria Hydro Station tail race in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of T50N, R39W, S29 upstream to Victoria Dam.	3

Osceola County

Lakes	Type
Center Lake	C
Streams	
Muskegon River from US-10 downstream to River Bend Bluffs Public Access Site (T15N, R9W, S31).	4

Oscoda County

Lakes	Type
Crater Lake	A
Loon Lake	B
Streams	**Type**
Au Sable River Mainstream from McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge) downstream to Rainbow Bend power line (T26N, R2E, S3).	4
Au Sable River Mainstream from Mio Dam down to the Mio power line at (T26N, R3E, S7).	4
Au Sable River Mainstream from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7) downstream to Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge).	GR
Au Sable River Mainstream from Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge) downstream to 4001 Bridge.	2

Otsego County

Lakes	Type
Big Chub Lake	B
Bridge Lake	B
Ford Lake	D
Heart Lake	B
Lost Lake	D
North Twin Lake	D
Pickerel Lake	A
Section Four Lake	D
South Twin Lake	D
West Lost Lake	D
Streams	**Type**
Black River from Tin Shanty Bridge Rd. downstream to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31).	GR
Manistee River from headwaters downstream to Co. Rd. 612.	2
Pigeon River from Old Vanderbilt Rd. downstream to Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail.	2
Pigeon River from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail to Pine Grove Campground stairs.	GR

Ottawa County

Lakes	Type
Lake Macatawa from River Ave. to Lake Michigan.	F
Pigeon Lake from Lakeshore Drive to Lake Michigan.	F
Streams	**Type**
Crockery Creek Mainstream from Moore Rd. (T10N, R13W, S4) in Muskegon County downstream to confluence with Grand River (Ottawa County).	4
North Branch Crockery Creek mainstream from Kenoa Ave. (T10N, R13W, S36) downstream to confluence with Crockery Creek mainstem at Ravenna.	4
Sand Creek	4

Presque Isle County

Lakes	Type
Bear Den Lake (T33N, R2E, S32)	B
Trout Creek Pond (T35N, R5E, S17)	C
Streams	**Type**
Ocqueoc River from Barnhart Lake downstream to Lake Huron.	4

Swan River from US-23 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron. **SC- Closed to Fishing -** Whenever weir is in place - from 300 feet above weir to mouth (T35N, R6E, S20 & S29).	3
Trout River from dam (T35N, R5E, S17) downstream to Lake Huron.	3

Roscommon County

Lakes	Type
Higgins Lake	E

Saginaw County

Streams	Type
Saginaw River	3
Tittabawassee River from Sanford Dam downstream to confluence with the Saginaw River.	3

Schoolcraft County

Lakes	Type
Banana Lake	B
Bear (Nineteen) Lake	B
Kings Pond	A
Lost Lake	A
Ned's Lake	D
Spring Pond	A
Twilight Lake	D
Streams	**Type**
Driggs River and tributaries, upstream of M-28 Bridge, Research Area: Type 1 regulations apply, EXCEPT 5 additional brook trout may be retained as part of daily possession limit.	RA
Fox River from Fox River State Forest Campground (T46N, R14W, S11) to M-28.	GR
Manistique River upstream limit is Papermill Dam.	4
Milakokia River Inland-Limstone Co. Railroad Bridge (T41N, R13W, S1) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4

St. Clair County

Streams	Type
Belle River	4
Black River from private dam in Port Huron State Game Area downstream to confluence with St. Clair River.	3
Mill Creek downstream limit is confluence with Black River.	4

St. Joseph County

Streams	Type
Curtis Creek and Tributaries	2
Mill Creek and Tributaries from Preston Road (T7S, R12W, S7) downstream to impoundment at T7S, R12W, S32.	4
Prairie River Mainstream from Bowers Road (T8S, R7W, S4) downstream to McKale Road (T7S, R9W, S8).	4
Unnamed Tributary (T6S, R10W, S26).	4

Van Buren County

Lakes	Type
Shafer Lake	C
Streams	**Type**
Black River Mainstream from confluence of North and South branches down to Lake Michigan.	3
Brush Creek Except Reynolds Lake Drain from 63rd Ave. downstream to confluence with Paw Paw River.	4
Dowagiac River Mainstream (including Dowagiac Drain) from source downstream to Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13).	4
Pine Creek downstream limit is 101st Ave. (T1N, R12W, S32).	4
South Branch of the Black River from Hamilton Street Bridge (T2S, R16W, S1) downstream to confluence with mainstream (T1S, R17W, S2). Type 1 from Hamilton St. Bridge up to Bangor City Dam. **Note:** South Branch Black River and all Tributaries upstream of Breedsville (Mill Str.) - it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8" or less from point to shank.	3
South Branch Paw Paw River (aka Gates Drain or West Branch) and Tributaries	4

Wayne County

Streams	Type
Huron River from Belleville Lake Dam in Wayne Co. downstream to Lake Erie.	4

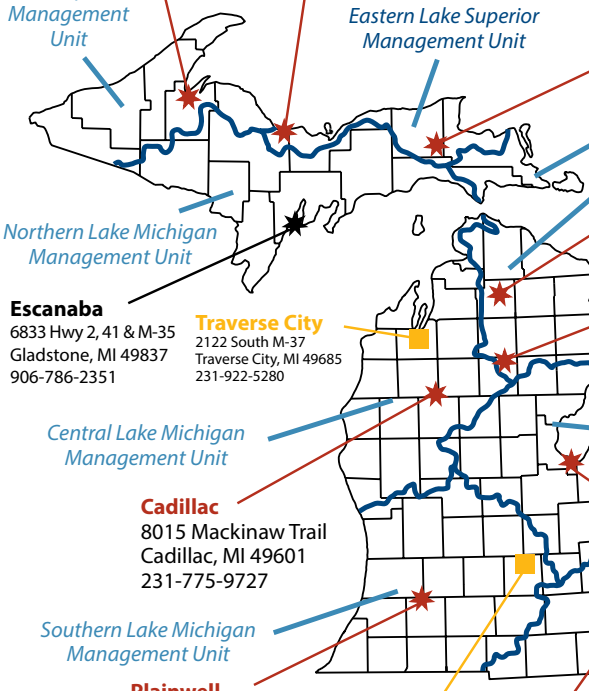
Wexford County

Streams	Type
Manistee River from Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26) downstream to M-115.	4
Pine River from Elm Flats Public Access Site to confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.	2

The **Customer Service Centers** shown below are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RAP (Report All Poaching) – 800-292-7800

Weekly Fishing Report: 855-777-0908 or online at michigan.gov/fishingreport



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Marquette
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Newberry
5100 M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
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1732 W M-32
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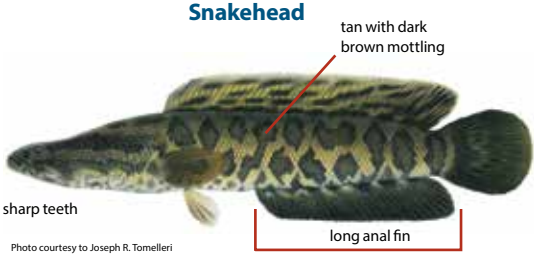
Aquatic Invasive Plants and Animals

Michigan's waters are threatened by numerous nonnative aquatic invasive plants and animals. Species such as the zebra mussel, round goby, sea lamprey, Eurasian ruffe, European frog-bit, Eurasian watermilfoil, rusty crayfish, and spiny water flea are causing significant damage to Michigan's natural resources. A number of species also are knocking at the door, including bighead carp and silver carp coming up the Illinois River and Chicago Area Waterway that could potentially enter Lake Michigan and snakehead fish that are found in other Midwest states. Aquatic invasive species are harmful to recreational fishing and do extensive economic and natural resource damage. *To help reduce the spread of invasive species, anglers are reminded to properly dispose of all bait including worms, crayfish and minnows in a trash receptacle.*

The following illustrations show a few of the most serious aquatic nuisance species threatening Michigan:

Snakehead



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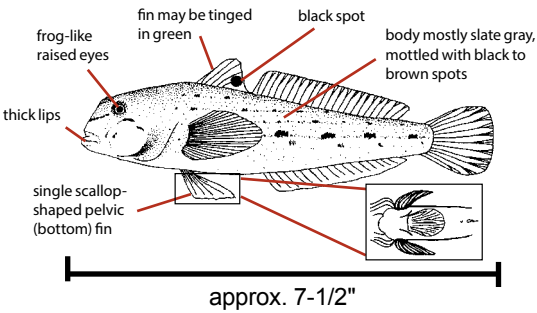
Round Goby



New Zealand Mudsnail

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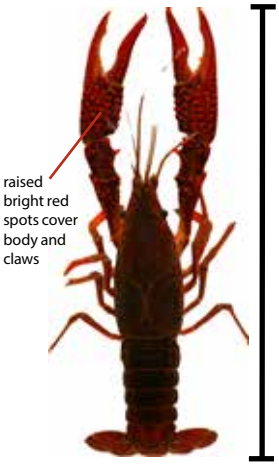
Average length: 1/8"
Brown with 5 whirls
Typically found in coldwater streams

Red Swamp Crayfish



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2-5" in length

European Frog-Bit

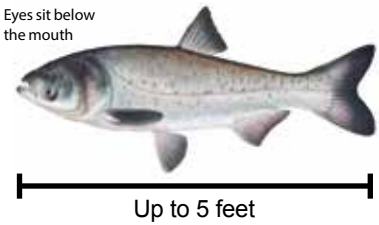
Floating leaves: round or heart-shaped, the size of a silver dollar coin

Invasive Carp Identification

Adult bighead and silver carp are large fish that can be easily identified by the position of their eyes. Both species have eyes that are below a line from the fork of the tail to the mouth. Juvenile invasive carp can be easily confused with minnows and you may find one in your bait bucket.

If you believe you have seen or caught an invasive carp, DO NOT RELEASE IT. Please visit michigan.gov/asiancarp to fill out an online invasive carp reporting form, or call the DNR at 517-284-5830.

Adult Bighead Carp

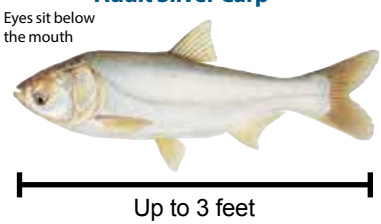


Juvenile Bighead Carp

A noticeable keel (ridge on the underbelly) with no scales that extends from the pelvic fin to the anal fin

Eyes are positioned below the line extending from the tail to snout

Adult Silver Carp



Adult Invasive Carp illustrations by Joseph R. Tomelleri.

Juvenile Silver Carp

A noticeable keel (ridge on the underbelly) with no scales that extends from the gills to the anal fin

Eyes are positioned below the line extending from tail to snout

Juvenile Invasive Carp illustrations by Emily Damstra.

Help Stop the Spread!

Anglers and boaters can help prevent the spread of fish diseases and other aquatic invasive species by taking the following steps:

- Clean, drain and dry boats, trailers, waders and other equipment thoroughly between fishing trips to keep from transporting undesirable fish pathogens and organisms from one water body to another with special care to clean fishing equipment when you are done fishing.
- A light bleach solution is an excellent disinfectant for cleaning your equipment. You may also want to use a coarse bristled brush and a heated pressure washer.
- Allow boats, trailers and other equipment to fully dry for at least 5 days in the sun before use.
- Do not move fish or fish parts from one body of water to another.
- Only purchase live bait from a retailer.
- Do not release live bait into any water body. Dispose of them properly in the trash.
- Report unusual fish or unusual numbers of dead or dying fish to the local DNR Customer Service Centers (see p. 59).
- Educate other anglers about measures they can take to prevent the spread of fish diseases and other aquatic nuisance species.

Natural resource managers are concerned about the introduction of new species and emphasize the importance of reporting any discoveries. Anglers should save and report unidentified fish to contacts listed at **michigan.gov/invasivespecies**. You can also report to the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network at **www.misin.msu.edu**.

If you have any questions, contact a Customer Service Center or visit **michigan.gov/invasivespecies**.

Lead Alternatives

The DNR would like to remind anglers that lead can cause mortality when ingested by mammals and birds. There are nontoxic alternatives to lead such as tin, bismuth, steel and tungsten-nickel alloy for use in jigs, sinkers and other gear. These materials can be found at established sporting goods retailers and online.

Fishing Tournament Information

All bass fishing tournaments (as defined on p. 9) held in 2016 and thereafter shall be registered online using the DNR's Michigan Fishing Tournament Information System at the following website: www.mcgi.state.mi.us/fishingtournaments/. Tournament directors shall verify all tournament participants and provide a unique registration receipt to all participating anglers. Tournament directors shall report tournament results to the DNR by December 31, annually.

Boat Registration

For information about boat registration, please see "The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws & Responsibilities" available online at michigan.gov/boating. Boat registrations are handled through the Secretary of State.

Ice Shanties

A person placing a shanty on the ice for fishing shall permanently affix their name and address on ALL SIDES of the shanty in legible letters at least 2" in height. The letters shall be readily visible and consist of material not soluble in water. The name and address must be on the shanty and may not be placed on a board or other material that is then attached to the shanty. Tents or other temporary shelters must be removed from the ice each day and do not require identification.

Persons placing a shanty on the waters of the **Upper Peninsula** shall remove the shanty by midnight of Mar. 31 each year. Persons placing a shanty on Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters shall remove the shanty by midnight of Mar. 15 each year (see pages 24-25).

Persons placing a shanty on waters in the counties of **Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, or Wexford** shall remove the shanty by midnight of Mar. 15 each year. Persons placing a shanty upon the waters of the **remaining portion of the Lower Peninsula** shall remove the shanty by midnight on Mar. 1 each year. Shanties placed on **L. St. Clair** shall be removed before sunset on the first Sunday after Feb. 20 each year. In all areas, a shanty must be removed if ice conditions become unsafe, regardless of the date. After the above dates, a shanty must be removed at the end of each day's fishing activity.

Parasites and Diseases of Fish

Occasionally anglers catch fish with black, pinhead-size spots which cause the fish to have a peppered appearance, or a fish may be caught which has white-to-yellow-colored grubs under the skin or in the flesh. Yellow perch taken from the shallower waters of the Great Lakes often contain red worms coiled within the body cavity. These conditions are caused by common fish parasites. Fish with these parasites are safe to eat because the parasites are killed by cooking. Black spot and yellow grub parasites are most common in bass, sunfish (all species)

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and northern pike, and red worm is specific to yellow perch. These parasites may be found in other species of fish as well.

It is not unusual for anglers to catch walleye with pink, whitish or yellowish wart-like growths on their bodies and fins. These markings are caused by fish viruses, the most common of which is called lymphocystis. This is primarily a skin disease, and the flesh is usually not affected. Lymphocystis is harmless to humans and affected fish are safe to eat. Skinning the fish usually removes all diseased tissue. If a legal-size fish is heavily affected and appears aesthetically unpleasing, it should be kept for disposal because a fish that is released will only spread more virus. Please note, if you keep a fish for disposal it is still part of your daily possession limit.

Northern pike from some waters occasionally are caught with various size and colors of external tumors which may be whitish, creamy, pink or red. In advanced stages, the tumors are ugly open sores tinged with red and often are referred to as red sore. These tumors are caused by a naturally occurring virus which is specific to northern pike and muskellunge. The disease is not known to be infectious to other animals or man; however, affected fish are not aesthetically pleasing and should not be eaten. Affected fish (of legal size) should be kept for disposal because a fish that is released may spread the infection to other fish. Please note, if you keep a fish for disposal it is still part of your daily possession limit.

Seasonal Fish Mortalities

Throughout the year, it is not uncommon to witness dead or dying fish in ponds and lakes across the state. Many incidents stem from natural causes such as winter kill, brought about by a depletion of oxygen supplies coincident with heavy snow and ice cover; stress (brought about by low oxygen levels); periods of unusually rapid temperature increase or natural stresses associated with spawning. The deaths may be viewed as nature's way of reducing the fish population and selecting those fish which are most fit for survival. If you suspect a fish kill is caused by non-natural causes, please call your nearest DNR location (see p. 59) or Michigan's Pollution Emergency Alert System (800) 292-4706.

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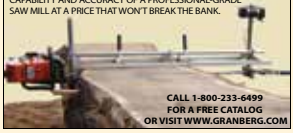

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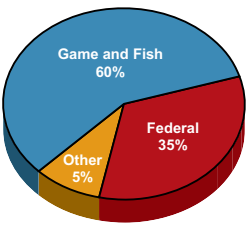
The mission of the DNR Fisheries Division is to protect and enhance Michigan's aquatic life and habitats for the benefit of current and future generations.

Revenue from fishing and hunting license sales supports DNR activities to enhance Michigan's natural resources. The license sales also increase federal revenue to the State of Michigan for the management of these resources. Please help to support Michigan's abundant natural resources by purchasing a fishing and hunting license each year. Learn more at michigan.gov/itsyournature.

Fisheries Division Appropriation Budget: Fiscal Year 2015-2016 ($31,814,300)



Funding Sources

Game and Fish Protection Fund: $19,152,000 (60%)
The funds are mainly derived from fishing and hunting license revenues and all monies are earmarked for fishing- and hunting-related operations.

Federal Funds: $11,047,700 (35%)
Our primary federal funding source is the Sport Fish Restoration fund program, which comes from a federal excise tax on fishing equipment and a portion of the federal fuel tax revenue attributed to motorboats. Michigan received $11 million in fiscal year 2015 (seventh highest in the nation) based on a distribution formula of land/water area and number of state fishing license holders. Of this amount, $9.3 million was used for Fisheries Division programs. The remaining $1.7 million was used by Parks and Recreation Division for projects in support of fishing and boating.

Other Funds: $1,614,600 (5%)
State general fund/general purpose, litigation settlement and private funds.

Appropriations by Program (Total: $31,814,300)

Fisheries Resources Management and Cormorant Population Mitigation Programs: $20,696,600 (65%)
Expenditures are for the protection and maintenance of healthy Great Lakes and inland waters and fish communities and for the rehabilitation of those species and habitats that have been degraded.

Fish Production Program: $10,141,700 (32%)
Expenditures are for the hatching, rearing and transportation of fish required for management of both the Great Lakes and inland fisheries.

Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program: $976,000 (3%)
Expenditures are for the mitigation of damages from development projects in Michigan waters. Funds are used for fish habitat rehabilitation, for the protection of intact habitat as compensation for damages, and to improve fishing access.

Other sources of information:

Great Lakes Fishery Commission:
www.glfc.org

Great Lakes Fishery Trust:
www.glft.org

Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council:
www.great-lakes.org

Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers:
www.fffglc.org

Michigan Charter Boat Association:
www.micharterboats.com

Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited:
www.mctu.org

Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association:
www.michigansteelheaders.org

Michigan Sea Grant:
www.miseagrant.umich.edu

Michigan United Conservation Clubs:
www.mucc.org

Recreational Boat and Fishing Foundation:
www.takemefishing.org

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority:
www.1836cora.org

Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission:
www.glifwc.org

Michigan Department of Health & Human Services' Eat Safe Fish Information:
www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish

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