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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 200.18
Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 200 establishes statewide fishing regulations for trout, salmon, lake whitefish, lake herring, and smelt. Fisheries Division is proposing several regulation changes including adding a suite of Upper Peninsula (UP) waters where anglers may harvest additional brook trout, seven modifications to type regulations in several waterbodies, eight removals from the Order, and inserting a provision to protect arctic grayling from being taken or possessed.

During the past six years, at the request of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and with input from members of the Coldwater Regulations Steering Committee, Division staff investigated social and biological aspects of increasing anglers' brook trout possession limit from 5 to 10 on a subset of Upper Peninsula streams. Public opinions were obtained via several methods including public meetings (25+), various surveys (internet, postcard, creel - from which 384 responses were received), consultations with sport clubs and other governing agencies, and from e-mails, letters, and phone calls. Biological information was gathered on seven streams using electrofishing surveys while creel clerks collected catch, effort, and harvest data on four streams.

Staff worked to select specific stream segments or sub watersheds to be considered for the 10-brook trout possession limit based on criteria proposed by Fisheries Division and accepted by the NRC. Staff considered and discussed individual sub-watersheds, but also looked broadly across all unit boundaries. The intent of the regulation change is to diversify fishing opportunities across the whole UP landscape while simultaneously being protective of brook trout populations.

Criteria for site selection

1. Streams selected should be 1st or 2nd order. A section of 3rd order stream can be considered for inclusion if helpful in enforcement or description of boundaries. This should be an exception to the rule, and likely supportable by the public at large.
2. Typically this regulation should be proposed for not more than one "sub-watershed" per watershed. Exceptions should be well founded and based on watershed size.
3. A goal should be to provide this opportunity so that anglers have this choice within relatively short driving distances. Anglers shouldn't have to drive 2 counties over to find one.

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4. Proposed streams should not be known as or predicted to be key critical habitat for brook trout in the larger watershed system
    a. It is not a critical spawning or nursery habitat significant to larger watershed system
    b. It is not a critical thermal refuge for fish in the larger watershed system
5. Proposed streams will not include those with coaster regulations for the current experiment.
6. Proposed streams will not be known to harbor remnant coaster populations or have produced notable observations of them.
7. Proposed streams will not include those identified to date by staff (and public) as waters that should remain at 5 fish daily bag limit.
8. Proposed streams will are not known as high or moderate angling use streams, relative to UP angling effort levels.
9. Proposed streams will likely have reasonable support for its inclusion by those who support the enhanced opportunity and those that are opposed to it.
10. The Department shall complete an evaluation of the impacts related to the increased bag limit not later than five years after the effective date of the regulatory change to increase the bag limit.

Upper Peninsula streams where a 10-brook trout bag limit is proposed

The following waters are recommended as places where anglers may retain up to 5 additional brook trout combined with the daily possession limit of 5 trout for up to 10 brook trout per angler per day total.

Alger County:
- Sucker River and all tributaries upstream of Old Seney Road (CR 781).

Baraga County:
- East Branch Fence River (Baraga and Iron Counties) upstream from North Fence Line River Road.
- Falls River from Blackjack Road (Golf Course Road) upstream to confluence with Ogema Creek and Burns Creek.
- Sidnaw Creek (Baraga and Houghton Counties) and all tributaries upstream from confluence with Sturgeon River.
- Silver River and all tributaries upstream from Upper Silver Falls (northeast of Herman).
- Sturgeon River upstream from highway Nestoria/Herman Road.
- West Branch Huron River upstream from confluence with Robarge Creek.

Chippewa County:
- North Branch Pine River and all tributaries upstream from H-40 (in Rudyard).

Delta County:
- Fishdam River (Delta and Schoolcraft Counties) and all tributaries upstream from County Road 2222 Bridge.
- Haymeadow Creek and all tributaries upstream from Whitefish River.

Dickinson County:
- East Branch Sturgeon River and all tributaries upstream from Leeman Road.
- Fern Creek and all tributaries upstream from Pine Creek Lake Road.

Gogebic County:
- Black River upstream of South Black River Road, excluding McDonald Creek.
- Bluff Creek (Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties) and all tributaries upstream from Choate Road.
- Powdermill Creek and all tributaries upstream from Highway US- 2.
- Tamarack River (Gogebic and Iron Counties) from confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River at Federal Forest Road 4500.
- Little Presque Isle River and all tributaries upstream from confluence with mainstream Presque Isle River.

Houghton County:
- Deer Creek upstream from confluence with Gravereat River.
- East Branch Ontonagon River (Houghton and Iron Counties) upstream from confluence with Glitter Creek near Lower Dam Road crossing.
- Sante River and all tributaries upstream from North Branch Otter River.
- Sidnaw Creek (Baraga and Houghton Counties) and all tributaries upstream from confluence with Sturgeon River.

Iron County:
- Deer River and all tributaries upstream from Bradley Road.
- East Branch Fence River (Baraga and Iron Counties) upstream from North Fence Line River Road.
- East Branch Ontonagon River (Houghton and Iron Counties) upstream from confluence with Glitter Creek near Lower Dam Road crossing.
- Margeson Creek and tributaries upstream from Noyes Road.
- Tamarack River (Gogebic and Iron Counties) from confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River at Federal Forest Road 4500.

Keweenaw County:
- Tobacco River and all tributaries upstream from Gagnon Road.

Luce County:
- West Branch Sage River and all tributaries upstream of Highway M-28.
- North Branch Two Hearted River and all tributaries upstream of County Road 418 Bridge.

Mackinac County:
- Black River and all tributaries upstream from Peters Truck Trail footbridge.
- Paquin Creek and all tributaries upstream from Lake Michigan.

Marquette County:
- Boise Creek and all tributaries upstream from Red Road.
- Trout Falls Creek and tributaries upstream from County Road LB (18 Road).

Ontonagon County:
- Big Iron River and all tributaries upstream from Federal Forest Road 791 (County Road 360).
- Bluff Creek (Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties) and all tributaries upstream from Choate Road.
- West Branch Firesteel River and all tributaries upstream from Highway M-38.

Schoolcraft County:
- Driggs River and all tributaries upstream from Highway M-28.
- Fishdam River (Delta and Schoolcraft Counties) and all tributaries upstream from County Road 2222 Bridge.
- Middle and South Branch Stutts Creek and all tributaries upstream from State Highway M-94.

Modifications

The following list of waters has been recommended for changes from one regulation type to another as indicated below:

1. Pickerel Lake (Otsego County) - Change from Type A to Type B regulations; anglers request longer fishing season as this lake is part of a State Forest Campground. This will result in increased angler opportunities.

2. Little Paw Paw Lake (Kalamazoo County) - Change Type B to C reducing minimum size limits so anglers can keep rainbow trout which are not reaching the current minimum size limit. This will result in increased angler opportunities.

3. Buck Creek Pond (Iosco County) – Change from Type D to Type 1 regulations; recent issues with water control structure allowed a mix of warmwater species into the pond and trout were reportedly not attaining minimal size limit for angler harvest. Changing to Type 1 regulations will result in lower size limit regulation and anglers should be able to harvest some trout now. This will result in increased angler opportunities.

4. Dowagiac River (Berrien County) - Pucker St. Dam downstream to confluence with St. Joseph R. - Change from Type 3 to 4; removing dam which will open stream up to migrating trout and salmon. This will result in increased angler opportunities.

5. South Branch Paw Paw River (Van Buren County) - Change the downstream boundary for the Type 4 stream reach to "the railroad bridge downstream of I-94 (T3S, R14W, S14)". Insert West Branch Paw Paw River and Gates Drain to listing (also in the Fishing Guide); clarification issue.

6. Whitefish River (Delta County) – Modify downstream boundary from Lake Michigan to US-2 Bridge in T41N, R21W, S28 to match it with the listing in Fisheries Order 210.

7. Cole Creek Pond (Alger County) – Change from Type A to Type 1 regulation; habitat conditions more like a stream than pond so stream regulations should apply.

Removals

The following waterbodies are recommended for removal from the Order and will now be regulated under general regulations:

1. O'Brien Lake (Alcona County) - Remove from Type A to general regulations; warmwater species have replaced trout. This will result in increased angler opportunities.

2. Trout Brook Pond (Chippewa County) – Remove Type A regulations from the pond as the dam structure will be removed thus the water level will drop and make this location unsuitable for trout management.

3. Bass Lake (Dickinson County) - Remove from Type B to general regulations; habitat conditions are no longer suitable for trout management.

4. Keyhole East Lake (Marquette County) - Remove from Type D to general regulations; a recent change to ownership of the access road has resulted in loss of ability to stock fish and anglers to being able to fish here; therefore, removal of special regulations is prudent.

5. Black River Lake (Gogebic County) - Remove from Type B to general regulations; habitat conditions are no longer suitable for trout management.

6. Hannah-Webb Lake (Iron County) - Remove from Type A to general regulations; warmwater species have taken over the lake and management is moving away from trout management here. This will result in increased angler opportunities.

7. Lake Roland (Houghton County) - Remove from Type B to general regulations; trout are stocked into this mixed fishery and anglers report trout not surviving to current size limit so this change will allow harvest of smaller sized trout. This will result in increased angler opportunities.

8. Lake Gerald (Houghton County) - Remove from Type B to general regulations; trout are stocked into this mixed fishery and anglers report trout not surviving to current size limit so this change will allow harvest of smaller sized trout. This will result in increased angler opportunities.

Arctic Grayling Possession Unlawful

The final recommended change involves adding a provision stating that the taking or possession of arctic grayling is prohibited. Section 48725 currently houses this provision; however, the section of statue has been recommended for repeal. Given that Fisheries Division has a plan for reintroduction of arctic grayling, the provision for protection needs to be maintained. Therefore; the following is recommended to be added to the Order: "A person shall not at any time take, attempt to take, or possess any arctic grayling taken from any waters over which this state has jurisdiction".

Issue Pros and Cons

The proposed regulation changes will benefit anglers by creating additional fishing opportunities. Regulation modifications on specific water bodies are made in response to new information about the local fish population and changes are pursued by managers to benefit anglers when appropriate. However, there are instances when regulations are implemented in order to better protect resources.

Biological

Findings from biological surveys on brook trout streams were not definitive overall: population abundance in different streams fluctuated from year to year regardless of which regulations were in place. In order to be protective of UP brook trout populations while also providing expanded fishing opportunities under a 10-bag regulation, DNR staff selected stream sections that were distributed across the UP where potential impacts were judged to be minimal.

Social

Proponents on both sides of the brook trout bag limit issue were divided, vocal, and passionate. This bag limit regulation may be controversial for some segments of the angling public. Implementing a 10-bag limit on selected streams distributed across the UP is a compromise that offers fishing opportunities across the spectrum of public opinion and simultaneously provides overall protection to UP brook trout populations.

Economic

The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this Order. This Order was submitted for information on October 12, 2017, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's October 2017 calendar and may be eligible for approval on November 9, 2017.

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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FISHERIES ORDER

Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations Order 200.18

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on November 9, 2017, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

The following regulations are established for trout, salmon, whitefish, lake herring, and smelt:

LAKE TROUT MANAGEMENT UNITS – Great Lakes

Lake Michigan

MM-1 is bounded on the southeast and south by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary in Green Bay and on the east by a north-south line beginning near Fairport in Delta County at Longitude 086°40'W and extending south to the Wisconsin-Michigan border.

MM-2 is bounded on the west by MM-1, on the east by a north-south line beginning about 4 miles west of Seul Choix Point in Schoolcraft County at Longitude 086°00'W and extending southward to Latitude 45°20'N, and on the south by an east-west line at Latitude 45°20'N that extends west from Longitude 086°00'W to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-3 is bounded on the west by a north-south line from the shore about 4 miles west of Seul Choix Point in Schoolcraft County at Longitude 86°00'W and extending southward to its intersection with Latitude 45°10' N, on the east by the Mackinac Bridge, and on the south by an east-west line from Longitude 086°00'W at Latitude 45°10' N and extending eastward to the shore about 4 miles north of Eastport in Antrim County.

MM-4 includes all waters of Grand Traverse Bay south of Latitude 45°10'N.

MM-5 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by an east-west line beginning on the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary at Latitude 45°20'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 086°00'W, then southward along said longitude to Latitude 45°10'N, then eastward along said latitude to its intersection with the west shore of Leelanau County, and on the south by an east-west line beginning near Arcadia in Manistee County at Latitude 44°30'N and extending west to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-6 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by MM-5, and on the south by an east-west line from Little Sable Point in Oceana County at Latitude 43°40'N and extending westward to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-7 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary, on the north by MM-6, and on the south by an east-west line from the Michigan shore about 4 miles north of Holland in Ottawa County at Latitude 42°50'N and extending westward to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary.

MM-8 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary and the Michigan-Illinois boundary, on the north by MM-7, and on the south by the Michigan-Indiana boundary.

Lake Huron

MH-1 is bounded on the west by the Mackinac Bridge, on the north by an east west line from the village of Detour in Chippewa County at Latitude 46°00'N to the west shore of Drummond Island and an east-west line from the east shore of Drummond Island at Latitude 46°00'N to the international boundary, and on the east and south by a line beginning where Longitude 083°30'W intersects the international boundary near Drummond Island in Chippewa County and extending southward along said longitude to Latitude 45°30'N, then extending westward along said latitude to Longitude 083°40'W, then extending southward along said longitude to shore about 3.5 miles southeast of Adams Point in Presque Isle County.

MH-2 is bounded on the north by MH-1, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by an east-west line extending from the shore about one mile north of Black River in Alcona County at Latitude 44°50'N and extending eastward along said latitude to the International boundary.

MH-3 is bounded on the north by MH-2, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by a line beginning on the shore on Au Sable Point in Iosco County 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 the international boundary.

MH-4 is bounded on the north by MH-3 and on the east by a north-south line beginning on the shore about 2.6 miles southeast of Point aux Barques light in Huron County at Latitude 44°00'N and extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 082°40'W, then northward along said longitude to the southern boundary with MH-3 at Latitude 44°10'N.

MH-5 is bounded on the west by MH-4, on the north MH-3, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by an east-west line beginning on the shore in the village of Forester in Sanilac County at Latitude 43°30'N and extending eastward along said latitude to the international boundary.

MH-6 is bounded on the north by MH-5, on the east by the international boundary, and on the south by the Blue Water Bridge in St. Clair County at Latitude 43°00'N.

Lake Superior

MI-1 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Minnesota boundary, on the north by the international boundary, and on the south by a line beginning on the Minnesota boundary at Latitude 47°40'N extending eastward along said latitude to Longitude 088°30'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°50'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 088°00'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 48°00'N then eastward along said latitude to the international boundary.

MI-2 is bounded on the west by the Michigan-Minnesota and the Michigan-Wisconsin boundaries, on the north by MI-1, and on the east by a north-south line extending from the shore about 2.6 miles southwest of Fourteen Mile Point in Ontonagon County northward at Longitude 089°10'W to the southern border of MI-1 at Latitude 47°40'N.

MI-3 is bounded on the west by MI-2, on the north by MI-1, and on the east by a line extending northward from the shore about 1.4 miles east of Copper Harbor in Keweenaw County at Longitude 087°50'W to Latitude 47°30'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°40'W then northward along said longitude to the international border.

MI-4 is bounded on the west by MI-3, on the north by the international boundary, and on the southeast and east by a line beginning on the shore at Pine River Point in Marquette County at Longitude 087°50'W and extending northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°00'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°30'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°10'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°20'W then northward along said longitude to Latitude 47°20'N then eastward along said latitude to Longitude 087°00'W then northward to the international boundary.

MI-5 is bounded on the west and north by MI-4 and on the east by a north-south line beginning on Laughing Fish Point in Alger County at Longitude 087°00'W and extending northward to Latitude 47°20'N.

MI-6 is bounded on the west by MI-4 and MI-5, on the north by the international boundary, and on the east by a north-south line beginning on Au Sable Point in Alger County at Longitude 086°10'W and extending northward to the international boundary.

MI-7 is bounded on the west by MI-6, on the north by the international boundary, and on the east by a north-south line beginning about four miles east of Crisp Point in Luce County at Longitude 085°20'W and extending northward to the international boundary

MI-8 is bounded on the west by MI-7, on the north and east by the international boundary with the easternmost border formed by a line from Brush Point in Chippewa County to Point aux Pins Ontario in the upper St. Marys River.

SECTION I. Seasons--General

Except as otherwise noted in the following sections of this Order, the fishing and possession seasons on non-designated trout streams and all other inland waters, the Saginaw River, and the Great Lakes and connecting waters are open for the entire year for all trout, salmon, whitefish, and Lake Herring.

Exceptions to the general possession season:

1) The possession season for Lake Trout and Splake shall be January 1 - September 30 in MM-1 through MM-5 in Lake Michigan.
2) The possession season for Lake Trout and Splake shall be open for the entire year in MM-6 through MM-8 in Lake Michigan.
3) The possession season for Lake Trout and Splake shall be January 1 - September 30 in MH-1 and MH-2 in Lake Huron.
4) The possession season for Lake Trout and Splake shall be open for the entire year in MH-3 through MH-6 in Lake Huron.

SECTION II. Lake Whitefish and Lake Herring

Size and daily possession limits for Lake Whitefish and Lake Herring

On all waters, there is no minimum size limit for Lake Whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*) or Lake Herring (*Coregonus artedi*). The daily possession limit shall be twelve (12) fish in any combination, except the daily possession limit shall be five (5) fish in any combination on Chicagon Lake and Lake Ottawa (Iron County).

SECTION III. Rainbow Smelt

Size, daily possession limits, season, and gear for Rainbow Smelt

On all waters, there is no minimum size limit for Rainbow Smelt (*Osmerus mordax*). The daily harvest/possession limit for smelt on all waters of the state shall be 2 gallons. The harvest season is open all year for hook-and-line. See FO-219 for spear, bow and arrow, or crossbow seasons and FO-229 for netting seasons.

SECTION IV. Arctic Grayling

Size, daily possession limits, season, and gear for Arctic Grayling

A person shall not at any time take, attempt to take, or possess any Arctic Grayling (*Thymallus tricolor*) taken from any waters over which this state has jurisdiction.

SECTION V. Trout and Salmon—Great Lakes and Connecting Waters

Size limits

Minimum size limit shall be 10 inches for all species of trout and salmon, except as follows:

1) Brook Trout

Lake Superior

a) MI-1 through MI-8: the minimum size limit for Brook Trout shall be 20 inches.

2) Lake Trout

Lake Michigan

a) MM-1 through MM-8: the minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Lake Huron

a) MH-1 through MH-6: The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Lake Superior

a) MI-1 through MI-8: The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Lake Trout 34 inches or greater.

3) Splake

Lake Michigan

a) MM-1 through MM-8: the minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Lake Huron

a) MH-1 through MH-6: The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Lake Superior

a) MI-1 through MI-8: The minimum size limit shall be 15 inches.

Daily possession limit

Five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout*, Lake Trout, Splake, or Atlantic Salmon. Additional exceptions are:

1) Lake Superior

a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) Brook Trout, except that the daily possession limit shall be zero (0) for Brook Trout within 4.5 miles of Isle Royale (waters of the Isle Royale National Park).

b) The daily possession limit shall be five (5) Lake Trout in MI-4, MI-5, MI-6, MI-7, and MI-8.

2) St. Marys River

a) The daily possession limit shall be ten (10) Pink Salmon from the last Saturday in April - September 30.

3) Lake Michigan

a) The daily possession limit shall be two (2) Lake Trout in management units MM-1, MM-2, MM-3, MM-4, and MM-5.

*Note: For the purpose of this Order Rainbow Trout refers to both Rainbow Trout and Steelhead.

SECTION VI: Trout and Salmon in Inland Lakes

On those inland lakes designated below as Types A, B, C, D and E, the minimum size limits for Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Pink Salmon, and Atlantic Salmon shall be as follows:

Species	Minimum size limit
Chinook Salmon	10 inches
Coho Salmon	10 inches
Pink Salmon	10 inches
Atlantic Salmon	15 inches

Notwithstanding any other Order of the Department, for any inland lake not classified below the fishing and possession seasons are open for the entire year to the taking of trout, the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches, the daily possession limit shall be five (5) trout**, and all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.

**Note: The daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Type A Lakes

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Tackle: natural baits except minnows (dead or alive) and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	10 inches
Brown Trout	12 inches
Rainbow Trout	12 inches
Splake	12 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type A lakes. Type A lakes are managed strictly for trout and, as such, are designated trout lakes.

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alger	Addis Lakes (T46N, R20W, S33)
Alger	Bette's Pond
Alger	Brian's Pond
Alger	Cox Pond (T46N, R19W, S13)
Alger	Grand Marais Lake
Alger	Hike Lake
Alger	Irwin Lake
Alger	Rock Lake
Alger	Rock River Pond
Alger	Sitka Lake (T48N, R13W,S9)
Alger	Sullivan Lake (T49N, R15W, S21)
Alger	Trueman Lake
Alger	West John's Lake (T48N, R13W, S26)
Chippewa	Dukes Lake

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Chippewa	Highbanks Lake
Chippewa	Naomikong Lake
Chippewa	Naomikong Pond
Crawford	Bright Lake
Crawford	Kneff Lake
Crawford	Shupac Lake
Delta	Bear Lake
Delta	Carr Lake (T43N, R18W, S36)
Delta	Carr Ponds (T43N, R18W, S26)
Delta	Kilpecker Pond (T43N, R18W, S11)
Delta	Norway Lake
Delta	Wintergreen Lake (T43N, R18W, S36)
Delta	Zigmaul Pond
Gogebic	Castle Lake
Gogebic	Cornelia Lake
Gogebic	Mishike Lake
Houghton	Penegor Lake
Iron	Deadman's Lake (T41N, R32W, S5 & 8)
Iron	Fortune Pond (T43N, R33W, S25)
Iron	Killdeer Lake
Iron	Madelyn Lake
Iron	Skyline Lake
Iron	Spree Lake
Keweenaw	No Name Pond (T57N, R31W, S8)
Luce	Bennett Springs Lake
Luce	Brockies Pond (T46N, R11W, S1)
Luce	Bullhead Lake (T49N, R11W, S34)
Luce	Dairy Lake
Luce	Dillingham Lake
Luce	Holland Lake
Luce	Jack Lake
Luce	Little Whorl Lake
Luce	Pratt Lake
Luce	Silver Creek Pond
Luce	Spring Creek Pond
Luce	Syphon Lake
Luce	Trout Lake
Luce	Ward Lake
Luce	Wolverine Lake
Luce	Youngs Lake
Mackinac	Castle Rock Pond
Mackinac	Millecoquins Pond
Marquette	Bedspring Lake
Marquette	Clear Lake
Marquette	Cranberry Lake (T45N, R30W, S10)
Marquette	Just Lake
Marquette	Island Lake (T45N, R30W, S14)
Marquette	Log Lake

Type A Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Marquette	Moccasin Lake
Marquette	Section 13 Lake
Marquette	Silver Lake (T46N, R24W, S32)
Marquette	Slough Lake
Marquette	Swanzy Lake
Oscoda	Crater Lake
Schoolcraft	Kings Pond
Schoolcraft	Lost Lake
Schoolcraft	Spring Pond

Type B Lakes

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: open for the entire year.
- Tackle: all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	10 inches
Brown Trout	12 inches
Rainbow Trout	12 inches
Splake	12 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type B lakes.

Type B Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alcona	Reid Lake
Alcona	South Hoist Lake
Alger	Ackerman Lake
Alger	Cheryl's Pond (T44N, R19W, S25)
Alger	Kay's Pond
Alger	Mirror Lake
Alger	North (Upper) Shoe Lake (T48N, R17W, S36)
Alger	Sawaski Pond (T44N, R19W, S14)
Antrim	Green Lake
Baraga	Roland Lake
Barry	Deep Lake
Cass	Birch Lake
Cass	Hemlock Lake
Charlevoix	Louise Lake
Cheboygan	Silver Lake
Cheboygan	Twin Lake #1
Cheboygan	Weber Lake
Emmet, Charlevoix	Walloon Lake
Gogebic	Beatons Lake

Type B Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Gogebic	Finger Lake
Gogebic	Imp Lake
Gogebic	Little Duck Lake
Gogebic	Moon Lake
Grand Traverse	Duck Lake
Grand Traverse	Green Lake
Houghton	Emily Lake
Houghton	Lake on Three
Iron	Camp Lake (T42N, R35W, S7, 17, 18)
Iron	Caspian Pond (T42N, R35W, S1)
Iron	Chicagon Lake
Iron	Ellen Lake
Iron	Fortune Lake (T42N, R33W, S4,5)
Iron	Golden Lake
Iron	Long Lake
Iron	Lake Ottawa
Kalkaska	Bear Lake
Kalkaska	Big Blue Lake
Kalkaska	North Blue Lake
Luce	Camp 8 Lake
Luce	Pretty lake
Luce	Tank Lake
Marquette	Bass Lake (T45N, R26W, S29)
Marquette	Brocky Lake
Marquette	Cedar Lake (T47N, R27W, S11)
Marquette	Crooked Lake
Marquette	Forestville Basin (T48N, R25W, S8)
Marquette	Little Brocky Lake
Marquette	Little Shag Lake
Marquette	Perch Lake (T46N, R29W, S8)
Marquette	Silver Lake Basin
Marquette	Squaw Lake
Marquette	Twin Lake (T45N, R30W, S23)
Montmorency	Avalon Lake
Montmorency	Clear Lake
Montmorency	Lake Fifteen
Montmorency	McCormick Lake
Ogemaw	Lake George (T21N, R2E, S18)
Ontonagon	Courtney Lake
Ontonagon	Mirror Lake
Oscoda	Loon Lake
Otsego	Big Chub Lake
Otsego	Bridge Lake
Otsego	Heart Lake
Otsego	Pickerel Lake
Presque Isle	Bear Den Lake (T33N, R2E, S32)
Schoolcraft	Banana Lake
Schoolcraft	Bear Lake (Nineteen Lake, T44N, R18W, S27)

Type C Lakes

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: open for the entire year.
- Tackle: all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	8 inches
Brown Trout	8 inches
Rainbow Trout	8 inches
Splake	8 inches
Lake Trout	8 inches

Following is a listing of Type C lakes.

Type C Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Antrim	Bellaire Pond
Berrien	Singer Lake
Branch	Cary Lake
Branch	Lake Lavine
Cass	Harwood Lake
Grand Traverse	Sand Lake #1
Hillsdale	Bear Lake
Hillsdale	Bird Lake
Hillsdale	Hemlock Lake
Jackson	Farwell Lake (T4S, R2W, S25/36)
Jackson	Swains Lake
Kalamazoo	Little Paw Paw Lake (T3S, R12W, S31)
Kalamazoo	Ruppert Lake
Kalkaska	Big Guernsey Lake
Kalkaska	Big Twin Lake
Kalkaska	Starvation Lake
Kent	Lime Lake
Kent	Marjella Lake (T10N, R11W, S18)
Leelanau	Lime Lake
Lenawee	Allens Lake (T5S, R2E, S10)
Lenawee	Deep Lake
Montcalm	Marl Lake
Montcalm	Nevins Lake
Muskegon	Half Moon Lake
Newaygo	Condon Lake
Oakland	Maceday Lake (T3N, R9E, S7)
Ontonagon	Trout Creek Pond (T47N, R38W, S14)
Osceola	Center Lake
Presque Isle	Trout Creek Pond (T3S, R5E, S17)
Van Buren	Shafer Lake

Type D Lakes

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Tackle: only artificial lures may be used. 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.
- Daily Possession Limit: one (1) trout.
- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	15 inches
Brown Trout	15 inches
Rainbow Trout	15 inches
Splake	15 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type D lakes. Type D lakes are managed for trout and, as such, are designated trout lakes.

Type D Designated Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Baraga	Lake Alice
Cheboygan	Hemlock Lake (T3N, R1W, S34, 35)
Gogebic	Redboat Lake
Houghton	Clear Lake
Houghton	Perrault Lake
Iron	Forest Lake
Iron	Timber Lake
Keweenaw	Lost Lake
Luce	Deer Lake
Luce	Moon Lake
Luce	Sid Lake
Marquette	South Kidney Lake (T45N, R26W, S28)
Marquette	Pauls Lake, North
Marquette	Pauls Lake, South
Marquette	Rockingchair Lake, N., (T49N, R28W, S10)
Marquette	Rockingchair Lake, S., (T49N, R28W, S10)
Marquette	Strawberry Lake
Otsego	Ford Lake (T32N, R1W, S8)
Otsego	Lost Lake
Otsego	North Twin Lake
Otsego	Section Four Lake (T32N, R1W, S4)
Otsego	South Twin Lake
Otsego	West Lost Lake (T32N, R1W, S3)
Schoolcraft	Ned's Lake
Schoolcraft	Twilight Lake

Type E Lakes

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: open for the entire year.
- Tackle: all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: three (3) trout.
- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	15 inches
Brown Trout	15 inches
Rainbow Trout	15 inches
Splake	15 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type E lakes.

Type E Trout Lakes	
County	Lake Name
Alger	Grand Sable Lake
Antrim	Torch Lake
Antrim, Grand Traverse	Elk Lake
Barry, Kalamazoo	Gull Lake
Benzie	Crystal Lake
Charlevoix	Lake Charlevoix
Cheboygan	Tower Pond (from dam upstream to M-68)
Leelanau	North Lake Leelanau
Leelanau	Big Glen Lake
Luce	Belle Lake 1
Luce	Peanut Lake
Marquette	Lake Arfelin
Marquette	Sporely Lake
Roscommon	Higgins Lake

Type F Lakes (Drowned River-Mouth Lakes)

NOTE:

1) The following regulations shall apply in each drowned river-mouth lake identified below from the upstream limit of the lake to its mouth at Lake Michigan.

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season:
  1) For all species of trout and salmon, open for the entire year.
- Tackle: all types of natural baits and artificial lures may be used.
- Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except:
  1) Excluding Chinook Salmon and Coho Salmon, the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) of any one species of trout or salmon.
  2) The daily possession limit may include up to five (5) Chinook Salmon or Coho Salmon in any combination.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: 10 inches for all species of trout and salmon.

Following is a listing of Type F lakes.

Type F Trout Lakes		
County	Lake Name	Upstream Limit
Allegan	Kalamazoo Lake/Silver Lake	US 31
Benzie	Betsie Lake	M-22
Manistee	Arcadia Lake	Inlet of Bowens Creek
Manistee	Manistee Lake	Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, 16W, S6)
Manistee	Portage Lake	
Mason	Pere Marquette Lake	Old 31 Highway
Muskegon	Duck Lake	Nestrom Rd.
Muskegon	Mona Lake	US 31
Muskegon	Muskegon Lake	M-120
Muskegon	White Lake	Business Route US 31
Oceana	Pentwater Lake	Long Bridge Road (B15)
Oceana	Silver Lake	
Oceana	Stony Lake	Inlet of Stony Creek (Scenic Dr., T13N, R18W, S5)
Ottawa	Lake Macatawa	River Ave.
Ottawa	Pigeon Lake	Lakeshore Dr.

SECTION VII. Trout and Salmon on Inland Streams

NOTES:

1) Fisheries Order 210 provides a listing of all designated trout streams in Michigan. Some of the streams listed in FO-210 appear in FO-200 (see section VII) as Types 2, 3, 4 or gear restricted streams. Type 1 streams are not listed in FO-200. If a stream name appears in FO-210, but not in FO-200 (section VII), then Type 1 stream regulations apply to that stream.
2) Notwithstanding any other Order of the Department, for any inland stream not classified below the fishing and possession seasons are open for the entire year to the taking of trout and salmon, the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches, the daily possession limit shall be five (5) trout and salmon in any combination***, and all types of natural bait and artificial lures may be used.
3) On all waters open to possession, the daily possession limit may include up to five (5) Chinook Salmon or Coho Salmon, in any combination.
4) "Artificial flies" means any commonly accepted single hooked 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.
5) "Chumming" means luring or attracting or attempting to lure or attract fish by scattering organic material into the water.
6) Chumming with organic materials shall be prohibited on all Type 1, 2, 3, and 4 streams.

7) On stream Types 1 through 4, size limits for Brook Trout and Brown Trout vary by stream type and may be found in the regulation section for each stream type. For all other species of trout and salmon, size limits shall be as follows:

Species	Minimum size limit
Chinook Salmon	10 inches
Coho Salmon	10 inches
Pink Salmon	10 inches
Atlantic Salmon	10 inches
Lake Trout	10 inches
Rainbow Trout	10 Inches
Splake	10 Inches

***Note: The daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Type 1 Streams

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.
- Chumming with organic materials is prohibited on all Type 1 streams.

Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

Additional exception:

1) Platte River
   a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) Rainbow Trout from the Upper (Hatchery) Platte River Weir downstream to Lake Michigan.

- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	7 inches
Brown Trout	8 inches

Type 2 Streams

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30.
- Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.
- Chumming with organic materials is prohibited on all Type 2 streams.

Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	10 inches
Brown Trout	12 inches

Following is a listing of Type 2 streams.

Type 2 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Alcona, Oscoda	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge)	4001 Bridge
Allegan	Silver Creek	M-89 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S26)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River
Antrim, Crawford. Otsego	Manistee River		Co. Rd. 612
Baraga, Houghton	Sturgeon River	US-41	Prickett Dam
Barry	Coldwater River	M-43 Bridge (T4N, R8W, S16)	Freeport Rd. Bridge (T5N, R9W, S36)
Barry	Unnamed tributary on North Bank Coldwater River (T4N, R7W, S18)		
Cass	Dowagiac Creek	McKenzie Rd. (T5S, R14W, S31)	M-62
Cheboygan, Otsego	Pigeon River	Old Vanderbilt Rd.	Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail
Crawford	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Business Loop 75 (James St.)	Burton's Landing
Gogebic	Black River	US-2	Rainbow Falls
Lake	Pine River	Elm Flats PAS (T20N, R12W, S2)	Confluence with Tippy Dam Backwaters
Marquette	Carp River	Deer Lake Dam (T48N, R27W, S27)	Morgan Creek
Ontonagon	Middle Br. Ontonagon River		Agate Falls
St. Joseph	Curtis Creek and all tributaries		

Type 3 Streams

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: open for the entire year.
- Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.
- Chumming with organic materials is prohibited on all Type 3 streams.

Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.

- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	15 inches
Brown Trout	15 inches

Following is a listing of Type 3 streams.

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Alcona	Pine River	F-41	Lake Huron

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Allegan	Black River	Confluence of North & South Branch Black River	Lake Michigan
Allegan	North Branch Black River	111th Ave. (T1N, R16W, S3)	Confluence with mainstream
Allegan	Kalamazoo River	Calkins Dam (T2N, R14W, S15)	US-31
Alpena	Thunder Bay River	Ninth St. Dam	Lake Huron
Antrim	Elk River	Power Dam below Elk Lake	Lake Michigan
Arenac	Rifle River	Sage Lake Rd. (T23N, R3E, S22)	Lake Huron
Baraga	Falls River	US-41 Hwy	Lake Superior
Baraga	Sturgeon River	Prickett Dam	Lake Superior
Berrien	St. Joseph River	Indiana State Line	Lake Michigan
Cheboygan	Cheboygan River	Cheboygan Dam	Lake Huron
Emmet	Carp Lake River	Bridge (T39N, R4W, S32)	Lake Michigan
Gogebic	Big Carp River	A point 100 yards downstream from Bathtub Falls (T50N, R45W, S1, NE¼, NW¼)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Black River	Rainbow Falls (T49N, R46W, S10)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Little Carp River	Traders Falls (T50N, R45W, S2)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Maple Creek	Bridge (T49N, R46W, S18)	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Ohman Creek	Co. Rd. 505	Lake Superior
Gogebic	Presque Isle River	Manabezho Falls	Lake Superior
Grand Traverse	Boardman River	Sabin Dam	Lake Michigan
Houghton	Big Traverse River	Gay-Lake Linden Rd.	
Houghton	Otter River	Confluence of North Branch & West Branch Otter River	Sturgeon River
Houghton	Pilgrim River	US-41	Lake Superior
Houghton	Salmon-Trout River	Redridge Dam	Lake Superior
Huron	Bird Creek		
Huron	Pigeon River		
Huron	Pinnebog River		
Iosco	Au Sable River	Foote Dam	Lake Huron
Iosco	East Branch Au Gres River (Whitney Drain)	M-55 (T22N, R6E, S21)	Saginaw Bay
Iosco	Van Etten Creek	Van Etten Lake	Lake Huron
Iosco	Tawas River		
Isabella, Midland	Chippewa River	Outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W, S35)	Confluence with the Tittabawassee River (T14N, R2E, S21)
Leelanau	Crystal River	Fisher Dam	Lake Michigan
Leelanau	Leland River	None	Lake Michigan
Manistee	Bear Creek	Co. Road 600	Confluence of Manistee River

Type 3 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Manistee	Manistee River	Tippy Dam	Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6)
Marquette	Carp River	Confluence of Morgan Creek (T47N, R25W, S4)	Lake Superior
Marquette	Chocolay River	Confluence of Big Creek (T47N, R24W, S9)	Lake Superior
Mason	Lincoln River	Confluence of North & South Branches of Lincoln River (T19N, R17W, S32)	Lake Michigan
Mason	Pere Marquette River	Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge)	Old US-31
Mason	Sable River	Hamlin Lake Dam	Lake Michigan
Midland, Saginaw	Tittabawassee River	Sanford Dam	Confluence with Saginaw River
Muskegon	Cedar Creek	River Rd.	Confluence of Muskegon River
Muskegon	Muskegon River	Bridge St. (New Bridge)	M-120
Ontonagon	Big Iron River	Koshak Rd. Bridge (T49N, R43W, S2)	Lake Superior
Ontonagon	West Branch Big Iron River	Burnt Dam Bridge (T50N, R44W, S36)	Confluence with Big Iron River
Ontonagon	Little Iron River	Nonesuch Falls (T50N, R43N, S1)	
Ontonagon	East Branch Ontonagon River	M-28	
Ontonagon	Firesteel (including East & West Branches)	M-26	
Ontonagon	Middle Branch Ontonagon River	Agate Falls	
Ontonagon	Misery River	Bridge (T53N, R37W, S15)	
Ontonagon	Ontonagon River		
Ontonagon	West Branch Ontonagon River	Confluence with Victoria Hydro Station Tail Race (T50N, R39W, S29, SE1/4 of SW1/4)	
Ontonagon	East Sleeping River	Railroad trestle (T53N, R38W, S25)	Lake Superior
Presque Isle	Swan River	US-23 Bridge	Lake Huron
Presque Isle	Trout River	Dam (T35N, R5E, S17)	Lake Huron
Saginaw	Saginaw River		Saginaw Bay
St. Clair	Black River	Private Dam in Port Huron State Game Area	Confluence with St. Clair River
Van Buren	South Branch Black River	Hamilton St. Bridge, (T2S, R16W, S1)	Confluence with Mainstream (T1S, R17W, S2)

Type 4 Streams

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season:
  1) For Brook Trout, Brown Trout and Atlantic Salmon: the last Saturday in April - September 30.
  2) For all other species of trout and salmon, open for the entire year.
- Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used.
- Chumming with organic materials is prohibited on all Type 4 streams.

Daily Possession Limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater.
Additional exceptions are:

1) Little Manistee River
   a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) Rainbow Trout from 300 feet downstream of the Little Manistee Weir down to Manistee Lake.
2) Platte River
   a) The daily possession limit shall be one (1) Rainbow Trout from the Upper (Hatchery) Platte River Weir downstream to Lake Michigan.

- Size limits:

Species	Minimum size limit
Brook Trout	7 inches
Brown Trout	10 inches

Following is a listing of Type 4 streams.

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Alcona, Iosco	Au Sable River, Mainstream	Alcona Dam	South Branch River
Alcona	Black River	Confluence with North Branch Black River	Lake Huron
Alger	Anna River	Railroad Bridge (T46N, R19W, S14)	Lake Superior
Alger	Au Train River	Powerhouse below M-94	Lake Superior
Alger	Hurricane River		Lake Superior
Alger	Laughing Whitefish River	Forks (T47N, R22W, S22)	Lake Superior
Alger	Miner's River	Miner's Falls	
Alger	Rock River	Railroad Bridge (T47N, R21W, S22)	Lake Superior
Alger	Sable Creek		
Alger	Sucker River	Old Grand Marais/Seney Rd. Bridge	
Allegan	Middle Branch Black River	Confluence of Spring Brook Creek (T1N, R15W, S22)	Confluence with Black River, Mainstream
Allegan	Gun River, Mainstream	122nd Ave., (T2N, R11W, S12)	US-131 bridge (T1N, R11W, S18)
Allegan	Pine Creek Tributary	101st Ave.	Confluence with Pine Creek

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Allegan	Swan Creek	109th Ave. (T1N, R14W, S7)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River (T2N, R14W, S9)
Allegan	Rabbit River, Mainstream	US-131 Bridge, (T4N, R11W, S31)	Confluence with Kalamazoo River (T3N, R15W, S16)
Alpena	Devils River	US-23 Bridge	Lake Huron
Alpena	Long Lake Creek	None	Lake Huron
Antrim	Elk River Bypass	Up to the Bypass Dam	Lake Michigan
Antrim	Grass River (including Clam Lake and Clam River)	Lake Bellaire	Torch Lake
Antrim	Intermediate River	Intermediate Dam	Lake Bellaire
Antrim, Charlevoix	Jordan River	Graves Crossing	Lake Charlevoix
Baraga	Huron River	Big Erics Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35)	
Baraga	Ravine River	Sicotte Rd.	
Baraga	Silver River	Silver Falls	
Baraga	Slate River	Slate Falls	
Barry	Bassett Creek	Baker Lake	Confluence with Thornapple River
Barry	Cedar Creek	Sources	M-37 (T2N, R8W, S9)
Barry, Kent	Coldwater River	Freeport Rd.	Confluence with Thornapple River
Barry	Turner Creek	T3N, R10W, S23	Confluence with Baker Creek (T3N, R10W, S9)
Benzie	Betsie River	Kurick Rd.	M-22
Benzie	Otter Creek	Otter Lake outlet (T27N, R14W, S13)	Lake Michigan
Benzie	Platte River	US-31 bridge at Veteran's Park	Lake Michigan
Berrien	Blue Creek		
Berrien	Dowagiac River	Niles Dam at Pucker St. (T7S, R17W, S13)	Confluence with St. Joseph River
Berrien	Galien River, Mainstream		Lake Michigan
Berrien	Galien River, South Branch		Confluence with the Galien River
Branch, St. Joseph	Prairie River, mainstream	Bowers Rd. (T8S, R7W, S4)	MacKale Rd. (T7S, R9W, S8)
Calhoun	Nottawa Creek	T3S, R5W, S35	Calhoun Co. line (T4S, R8W, S31)
Calhoun, Jackson	South Branch Rice Creek	Concord Rd. (Jackson Co.)	Confluence of Rice Creek and Kalamazoo River (T2S, R6W, S25)
Cass	Dowagiac Drain		

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Cass	Dowagiac River, Mainstream	To source	Pucker St. (T7S, R17W, S13)
Charlevoix	Boyne River	P.H. Dam	Lake Charlevoix
Charlevoix, Emmet	Bear River	Walloon Lake	Lake Michigan
Cheboygan, Emmet	Maple River	Dam (T36N, R4W, S10)	Mouth
Cheboygan	Mill Creek		Lake Huron
Cheboygan	Pigeon River	Pine Grove Campground Stairs	Mouth at Mullet Lake
Cheboygan	Sturgeon River	Afton Rd. (Webb Rd.)	Mouth at Burt Lake
Chippewa	Albany Creek	Bridge below lamprey weir	Lake Huron
Chippewa, Mackinac	Carp River, mainstream		Lake Huron
Chippewa	Halfaday Creek	Lakeshore Dr.	Lake Superior
Chippewa	Pendill's Creek	Second Dam (T47N, R4W, S28)	Lake Superior
Chippewa, Mackinac	Pine River	H-40 Bridge	Lake Huron
Crawford, Oscoda	Au Sable River, mainstream	McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge)	Rainbow Bend power line (T26N, R2E, S4)
Delta	Bark River	9 Rd. (Section line between T38N, R24W, S20, 29)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Big Fishdam River	Co. Rd. 2222 Bridge (T41N, R18W, S9)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Days River	M-35 Bridge	Lake Michigan
Delta, Dickinson	Ford River	Northland Truck Trail (T43N, R27W, S35) Dickinson Co.	Lake Michigan
Delta	Rapid River	Co. Rd. S-15 (T42N, R21W, S19)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Sturgeon River	Co. Rd. 442 Bridge (T42N, R20W, S13)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Tacoosh River	29th Lane (County Rd. G-24)	Lake Michigan
Delta	Whitefish River	38th Rd.(USFS 2236)	US-2 Bridge in T41N, R21W, S28
Houghton	Elm River	Rd. Bridge between (T53N, R36W, S3, 10)	
Houghton	Little Elm River	Agate Beach Rd. (T53N, R36W, S6)	
Houghton	South Branch Elm River	Bridge (T54N, R36W, S29, 32)	
Houghton	Graveraet River	Mouth of Deer Creek (T45N, R36W, S2)	
Houghton	Trap Rock River	Cemetery Rd. (T56N, R32W, S29)	
Ionia	Dickerson Creek		
Ionia, Montcalm	Fish Creek	Sidney Rd.	Confluence with Maple River

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Ionia, Montcalm	Prairie Creek	East Muskrat Rd.	Confluence with Grand River
Ionia	Sebewa Creek and all tributaries		
Kalamazoo	Augusta Creek	Little Gilkey Lake and Fair Lakes Outlets	Knappen Mills Dam
Kalamazoo	Portage Creek		Kilgore Rd. (T3S, R11W, S3)
Kalkaska, Wexford	Manistee River	Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26)	M-115
Kalkaska	Rapid River	Antrim (Rugg) Pond	Torch River
Kalkaska, Antrim	Torch River	Torch Lake	Lake Skegemog
Kent	Nash Creek		Confluence with Rogue River
Kent	Ball Creek		Confluence with Rogue River
Kent	Buck Creek		Confluence with Grand River
Kent	Rogue River		Confluence with Grand River
Keweenaw	Eagle River	Dam, Eagle River Village	
Keweenaw	Fanny Hooe River	Lake Fanny Hooe	
Keweenaw	Gratiot River	Bridge (T57N, R32W, S19, 20)	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Silver Creek	Falls (T58N, R32W, S26)	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Silver River	M-26	Lake Superior
Keweenaw	Tobacco River	Mouth of Black Brook Creek	
Lake, Manistee	Little Manistee River	Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge)	Manistee Lake
Lake, Mason	Pere Marquette River	Upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids	Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge)
Leelanau	Shalda Creek	Little Traverse Lake (T29N, R13W, S10)	Lake Michigan (T29N, R13W,S4)
Luce	Blind Sucker River	Blind Sucker Flooding Dam	
Luce	Two-Hearted River	Co. Rd. 407 (High Bridge)	Lake Superior
Mackinac	Black River	Peters Truck Trail Footbridge	
Mackinac	Brevoort River	Brevoort Lake	
Mackinac	Crow River	Outfall Of Amadon Pond	
Mackinac, Schoolcraft	Milakokia River	Inland-Limestone Co. Railroad Bridge (T41N, R13W, S1)	Lake Michigan
Mackinac	Millecoquins River	H-40 Bridge	Lake Michigan
Macomb	Clinton River	Yates Dam above Dequindre Rd.	Lake St. Clair
Macomb	North Branch Clinton River	32 Mile Rd.	Confluence with Clinton River
Manistee	Manistee River	Hodenpyl Reservoir	Red Bridge
Marquette	Big Garlic River	Forks (T49N, R27W, S12)	Lake Superior

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
Marquette	Harlow Creek	Railroad Bridge (T49N, T26W, S24)	Lake Superior
Marquette	Iron River	Lake Independence Dam	Lake Superior
Mason	Big South Branch Pere Marquette River	Confluence Beaver and Winnepesaug Creeks	Confluence with Pere Marquette River
Mason	Sable River	Pole Bridge (T19N, R15W, S3)	Hamlin Lake
Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo	Little Muskegon River		
Mecosta, Osceola	Muskegon River	US-10 (T18N, R8W, S34)	DNRE River Bend Bluffs PAS (T15N, R9W, S31)
Menominee	Big Cedar River	Veterans Memorial Park Dam (T38N, R26W, S9)	Lake Michigan
Menominee	Walton Creek	Westmann Dam (T35N, R25W, S18)	Lake Michigan
Montmorency	Thunder Bay River	Atlanta Dam	Sucker Creek confluence upstream of Hillman Pond
Muskegon	White River	Hesperia Dam	Lake Michigan
Newaygo	Muskegon River	Croton Dam	Bridge St. (New Bridge)
Newaygo	Tamarack Creek		
Oceana	Pentwater River	Hart Dam	Confluence with Pentwater Lake (Long Bridge Rd. or B15)
Oceana	North Branch Pentwater River	Oceana Dr.	Confluence with Pentwater River, Mainstream
Oceana	North Branch White River	Arthur Rd.	Confluence with White River
Ontonagon	Union River	South Boundary Rd. (T51N, R42W, S22)	Lake Superior
Oscoda	Au Sable River, mainstream	Mio Dam	Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7)
Ottawa	Crockery Creek	Moore Rd.	Confluence with Grand River
Ottawa, Muskegon	North Branch Crockery Creek, Mainstream	Kenowa Ave. (T10N, R13W, S36)	Confluence with Crockery Creek, Mainstream at Ravenna
Ottawa	Sand Creek		
Presque Isle	Ocqueoc River	Barnhart Lake	Lake Huron
Schoolcraft	Manistique River	Papermill Dam	
St. Clair	Belle River		
St. Clair	Mill Creek		Confluence with Black River

Type 4 Streams			
County	Stream Name	Upstream Boundary	Downstream Boundary
St. Joseph	Mill Creek and tributaries	Preston Rd. (T7S, R12W, S7)	Impoundment (T7S, R12W, S32)
St. Joseph	Unnamed tributary (T6S, R10W, S26)		
Van Buren	Brush Creek except Reynolds Lake Drain	63rd Ave.	Confluence with Paw Paw River
Van Buren	South Branch Paw Paw River, West Branch Paw Paw River, and (Gates Drain and tributaries		Rail road bridge downstream of I-94 (T3S, R14W, S14)
Van Buren	Pine Creek		101st Ave. (T1N, R12W, S32)
Wayne	Huron River	Belleville Lake Dam	Lake Erie

Gear Restricted Streams

NOTE:

1) On any stream reach that is being 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.

Au Sable River, Mainstream (Crawford County) from Burton's Landing to South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge)

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.

  Possession season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
- Tackle: artificial flies only
- Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- Mileage: 9.0 miles.

Au Sable River, mainstream (Crawford County) from South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge) to McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge)

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.
- Mileage: 8.0 miles.

Au Sable River, mainstream (Oscoda County) from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7) to Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge)

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 7 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.
- Mileage: 15.0 miles.

Au Sable River, North Branch (Crawford County) from Sheep Ranch to confluence with Mainstream

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches
- Mileage: 20.7 miles

Au Sable River, South Branch (Crawford County) from Chase Bridge Rd. (Chase Bridge) to Lower High Banks

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- Mileage: 4.3 miles.

Au Sable River, South Branch (Crawford County) from Lower High Banks to confluence with Mainstream

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.
- 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)

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout; open for the entire year for Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily possession limit: five (5) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than two (2) Brook Trout.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 8 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.
- Mileage: 4.4 miles.

Cooks Run, (Iron County) from US Forest Hwy 16 to Confluence with South Branch Paint River

From the last Saturday in April - September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations, except the minimum size limit for Brook Trout shall be 7 inches.

From October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- Fishing season: October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- Possession season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- Mileage: 4.5 miles.

Duck Creek (Gogebic County) from Railroad Bridge (T44N, R39W, S16 SE1/4 SE1/4) to Confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: all species of trout – 10 inches.
- Mileage: 6.5 miles.

Escanaba River (Delta County) from Boney Falls Dam to Mouth of Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, S11)

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 12 inches; Rainbow Trout – 12 inches.
- Mileage: 14.2 miles.

Fox River (Schoolcraft County) from Fox River State Forest Campground (T46N, R14W, S11) to M-28

From the last Saturday in April - September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.

From October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- Fishing season: October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- Possession season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- Mileage: 7.6 miles.

Huron River (Oakland County) from the Sign below Moss Lake Outlet to the Signs 100 Yards below Wixom Road (T2N, R7E, S13)

From the last Saturday in April - September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.

From April 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- Fishing season: April 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- Possession season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- Mileage: 2.0 miles.

Little Manistee River (Lake County) from North Peacock Trail (Spencer's Bridge T19N, R13W, S5) to Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge T20N, R14W, S24)

- Fishing season: open April 1 - December 31.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open April 1 - December 31 for all other species of trout and salmon.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) fish, any combination of trout and salmon.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 15 inches; all other species of trout and salmon – 10 inches.
- Mileage: 7.5 miles.

Manistee River (Crawford County) from CO. Rd. 612 to M-72

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.
- Mileage: 9.2 miles.

Manistee River (Crawford and Kalkaska counties) from M-72 to Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26)

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 18 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.
- Mileage: 16.7 miles.

Paint Creek (Oakland County) from Gunn Rd. to Tienken Rd.

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for all species of trout.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for all species of trout.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: all species of trout – 14 inches.
- Mileage: 5.0 miles.

Paint River, South Branch (Iron County) from the Mouth of Cooks Run (T44N, R36W, S28) to the Mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8)

From the last Saturday in April - September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations, except the minimum size limit for Brook Trout shall be 7 inches.

From October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- Fishing season: October 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- Possession season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout.
- Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- 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)

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year.
- Tackle: artificial flies only.
- Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout and salmon; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout or salmon.
- Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout and salmon. Trout and salmon less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.
- Mileage: 8.5 miles.

Pere Marquette River (Lake County) from the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R14W, S13) to the Upstream Edge of the Boat Ramp at Rainbow Rapids

From September 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 4 regulations, with the following exceptions:

- Fishing season: September 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- Possession season: September 1 - the Friday before the last Saturday in April.
- Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) Brook Trout; zero (0) Brown Trout; one (1) Rainbow Trout.
- Size limits: not applicable for Brook Trout and Brown Trout.

From the last Saturday in April - August 31, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows:

- Fishing season: last Saturday in April - August 31.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - August 31.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout or salmon; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Brown Trout 18 inches or greater, and except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Rainbow Trout.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: all species of salmon – 10 inches; Brook Trout – 8 inches; Brown Trout – 8 inches; Rainbow Trout – 8 inches; except that the harvest of fish greater than 14 inches and less than 18 inches 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 to Pine Grove Campground Stairs

- Fishing season: open for the entire year.
- Possession season: last Saturday in April - September 30 for Brook Trout and Brown Trout; open for the entire year for Rainbow Trout.
- Tackle: artificial lures only.
- Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Brown Trout.
- Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 10 inches; Brown Trout – 12 inches; Rainbow Trout – 10 inches.
- Mileage: 5.3 miles.

Adfluvial Brook Trout Restoration Areas

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 possession 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.

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).

Upper Peninsula 10-Possession Brook Trout Waters

The following list of waters have expanded opportunities where anglers may harvest 5 additional Brook Trout combined with the daily possession limit of 5 trout for up to 10 brook trout per angler per day total.

Alger County:

- Sucker River watershed:
  - Sucker River and all tributaries upstream of Old Seney Road (CR 781).

Baraga County:

- Falls River watershed:
  - Falls River from highway Blackjack Road (Golf Course Road) upstream to confluence with Ogema Creek and Burns Creek.
- Huron River watershed:
  - West Branch Huron River upstream from confluence with Robarge Creek.
- Michigamme River watershed:
  - East Branch Fence River (Baraga and Iron Counties) upstream from North Fence Line River Road.
- Silver River watershed:
  - Silver River and all tributaries upstream from Upper Silver Falls (northeast of Herman).
- Sturgeon River watershed:
  - Sidnaw Creek (Baraga and Houghton Counties) and all tributaries upstream from confluence with Sturgeon River.
  - Sturgeon River upstream from highway Nestoria/Herman Road.

Chippewa County:
- Pine River watershed:
  - North Branch Pine River and all tributaries upstream from H-40 (in Rudyard).

Delta County:
- Whitefish River watershed:
  - Haymeadow Creek and all tributaries upstream from Whitefish River.
- Fishdam River watershed:
  - Fishdam River (Delta and Schoolcraft Counties) and all tributaries upstream from County Road 2222 Bridge.

Dickinson County:
- Sturgeon River watershed:
  - East Branch Sturgeon River and all tributaries upstream from Leeman Road.
  - Fern Creek and all tributaries upstream from Pine Creek Lake Road.

Gogebic County:
- Black River watershed:
  - Black River upstream of South Black River Road, excluding McDonald Creek.
  - Powdermill Creek and all tributaries upstream from Highway US- 2.
- Ontonagon River watershed:
  - Bluff Creek and all tributaries upstream from Choate Road.
  - Tamarack River (Gogebic and Iron Counties) from confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River at Federal Forest Road 4500.
- Presque Isle watershed:
  - Little Presque Isle River and all tributaries upstream from confluence with mainstream Presque Isle River.

Houghton County:
- Graveraet River watershed:
  - Deer Creek upstream from confluence with Graveraet River.
- Ontonagon River watershed:
  - East Branch Ontonagon River (Houghton and Iron Counties) upstream from confluence with Glitter Creek near Lower Dam Road crossing.
- Otter River watershed:
  - Sante River and all tributaries upstream from North Branch Otter River.
- Sturgeon River watershed.
  - Sidnaw Creek (Baraga and Houghton Counties) and all tributaries upstream from confluence with Sturgeon River.

Iron County:
- Michigamme River watershed:
  - Deer River and all tributaries upstream from Bradley Road.
  - East Branch Fence River (Baraga and Iron Counties) upstream from from North Fence Line River Road.
  - Margeson Creek and tributaries upstream from Noyes Road.
- Ontonagon River watershed:
  - East Branch Ontonagon River (Houghton and Iron Counties) upstream from confluence with Glitter Creek near Lower Dam Road crossing.
  - Tamarack River (Gogebic and Iron Counties) from confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River at Federal Forest Road 4500.

Keweenaw County:
- Tobacco River watershed:
  - Tobacco River and all tributaries upstream from Gagnon Road.

Luce County:
- Sage River watershed:
  - West Branch Sage River and all tributaries upstream of Highway M-28.

- Two Hearted River watershed:
  - North Branch Two Hearted River and all tributaries upstream of County Road 418 Bridge.

Mackinac County:

- Black River watershed:
  - Black River and all tributaries upstream from Peters Truck Trail footbridge.
- Paquin Creek watershed:
  - Paquin Creek and all tributaries upstream from Lake Michigan.

Marquette County:

- Dead River watershed:
  - Boise Creek and all tributaries upstream from Red Road.
- Michigamme River watershed:
  - Trout Falls Creek and tributaries upstream from County Road LB (18 Road).

Ontonagon County:

- Iron River watershed:
  - Big Iron River and all tributaries upstream from Federal Forest Road 791 (County Road 360).
- Ontonagon River watershed:
  - Bluff Creek (Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties) and all tributaries upstream from Choate Road.
- Firesteel River watershed:
  - West Branch Firesteel River and all tributaries upstream from Highway M-38.

Schoolcraft County:

- Fishdam River watershed:
  - Fishdam River (Delta and Schoolcraft Counties) and all tributaries upstream from County Road 2222 Bridge.
- Manistique River watershed:
  - Driggs River and all tributaries upstream from Highway M-28.
  - Middle and South Branch Stutts Creek and all tributaries upstream from State Highway M-94.

The Department shall evaluate and determine whether up to 20 percent of the total mileage of the Type 1 waters in the Upper Peninsula may be recommended for this regulation. In 2018, the Department shall provide a report on this evaluation at a regular meeting of the Natural Resources Commission.

Research Areas

The following streams have ongoing research projects associated with them. Fishing regulations on these streams shall be as follows:

1) Salmon-Trout River (Marquette County) from Lower Falls (T51N, R28W, S13) down to Lake Superior: Fishing season: last Saturday in April - August 14; Possession season: last Saturday in April - August 14; Tackle: artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout and salmon in any combination, except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater and no more than one (1) Brook Trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: Brook Trout – 18 inches; Brown Trout – 8 inches; all other species of trout or salmon – 10 inches.

Refuges

The following areas are established as refuge areas for Lake Trout rehabilitation and shall be closed to the taking, keeping, and sport fishing for Lake Trout.

1) Lake Michigan (North part)
All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point (45°30' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude) 7¼ miles due west of the northwest corner of Section 30, T36N, R6W, (Emmet County, Michigan) on the Lake Michigan shoreline; then proceeding due west for 12 miles (to 45°30' north latitude, 85°30' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°35' north latitude, 85°30' west longitude); then proceeding due west for 8 miles (to 45°35' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 11¼ miles (to 45°45' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due west 16 miles (to 45°45' north latitude, 86°00' west longitude); then proceeding due south for 40 miles (to 45°10' north latitude, 86°00' west longitude); then proceeding due east for 8½ miles to (45°10' north latitude, 85°50' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°15' north latitude, 85°50' west longitude); then proceeding due east for 7½ miles (to 45°15' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due north for 6 miles (to 45°20' north latitude, 85°40' west longitude); then proceeding due east 16½ miles (to 45°20' north latitude, 85°20' west longitude) then proceeding due north 6 miles (to 45°25' north latitude, 85°20' west longitude); then, proceeding due east 4 miles (to 45°25' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude); then proceeding northerly to the point of beginning (45°30' north latitude, 85°15' west longitude).

2) Lake Michigan (Mid Lake)
All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point 15 miles (43°40' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude) due west of the half (1/2) section line of Section 25, T15N, R19W, on the Lake Michigan shoreline (Oceana County); then proceeding 14.5 miles due west to the Michigan/Wisconsin boundary; then proceeding southerly along the boundary line to a point (43°03.5' north latitude, 87°05' west longitude) due west of the mouth of the Grand River (T8N, R16W, S30, Ottawa County) on the Lake Michigan shore; then proceeding due east 14 miles (to 43°03.5' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude); and then northerly to the point of beginning (43°40' north latitude, 86°50' west longitude).

3) Lake Huron (North end)
All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at the southwest corner of Section 17, T41N, R5E (Chippewa County) on the Lake Huron shoreline for the point of beginning and proceeding due south 15 miles (to 45°45'North latitude, 83°50' west longitude), then proceeding due east 8 miles (to 45°45'North latitude, 83°40' west longitude); then proceeding 6 miles due south (to 45°40'North latitude, 83°40' west longitude); then proceeding due east to the Michigan-Ontario border; then proceeding northwesterly and then northeasterly along said border to a point due south of the southeast corner of Section 1, T41N, R7E (Chippewa County), on the said shoreline, and westerly along said shoreline to the point of beginning.

4) Lake Huron (6 Fathom Bank)
All waters enclosed within an area bounded by a line commencing at a point in Lake Huron at 45°00'north latitude, 82°45'E west longitude; then proceeding due east to the international boundary line between the U.S. and Canada; thence in a southeasterly direction to 44°40'north latitude; thence due west to 44°40'north latitude, 82°45'E west longitude; then proceeding due north to the point of beginning.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-200.18, and is entitled "Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish and Lake Herring Regulations," which became effective June 9, 2017, and is assigned number FO-200.17.

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

Issued on this 9th day of November, 2017.

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

John Matonich, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 215.18
Statewide Warmwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue Orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 215 establishes the statewide warmwater species sport fishing regulations. There are several regulation changes proposed for this Order, each focusing on muskellunge. The Department's goal is to expand muskellunge fishing opportunities by instituting a catch-and-immediate-release (CIR) fishing season open all year. Another proposal involves changing the muskellunge possession season later in the year to the first Saturday in June for all waters except the Lower Peninsula Great Lakes waters which are open all year. The possession season for Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River and the Detroit River is recommended to be extended by two weeks to close after December 31 to align with the bass season closure on the same waters. The Department recommends moving to mandatory registration for all harvested muskellunge and eliminating the muskellunge harvest tag requirement for those harvesting muskellunge.

Fisheries Division staff have been evaluating muskellunge fishing regulations over the past year and developed a package of recommended changes. The changes can be seen as a balancing of the regulations where some new opportunities like the CIR fishing season and removal of the harvest tag requirement are countered by moving the possession season later (to provide added protection to spawning fish) and requiring mandatory registration of harvested muskellunge. Anglers who harvest a muskellunge will need to register their fish within 24 hours online at: www.michigan.gov/fishing or by phone (TBD). This will provide managers with important information to aid in future management efforts for this prized species. No changes are recommended to the possession limit of one muskellunge per angler per fishing season as this regulation has continued support by anglers. These regulations have been presented at the division's coffee and conversation meetings where anglers indicated their support.

The muskellunge harvest tag requirement is recommended for removal as the tag is now being broadly distributed as a freebie by license vendors. The tag was originally intended to be used as a tool by the Department to monitor muskellunge harvest. Unfortunately, the high number of anglers collecting the tag has raised the cost associated with this process while only a handful of anglers have reported their harvest

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as registration was voluntary. Therefore, the prudent approach is to remove the tag requirement based upon the return of investment to the Department.

Issue Pros and Cons
Anglers will have expanded fishing opportunities with these changes as they will now be able to fish all year for muskellunge. A change to the possession season will allow for greater protection of muskellunge during spawning activities in many waters. Anglers have reported that greater protection was warranted during this vulnerable time for muskellunge. Removal of the harvest tag requirement will remove a potential restriction for an angler who catches a trophy fish worth mounting and does not have the appropriate harvest tag to keep the fish. Now, with mandatory registration an angler can keep the fish and register the fish online without needing the harvest tag.

Conversely, the mandatory online registration requirement may be difficult for some anglers camping or in areas were internet signals are slow or lacking. The Department will monitor this process and make adjustments if necessary.

Biological
The proposed regulation changes are primarily based upon biological information. The CIR season is possible given that most anglers generally release the muskellunge. Plus, the possession season is being moved back to provide greater protection to spawning fish. The mandatory reporting requirement will result in more expansive information which managers can use to monitor angler activities and provide information about how many muskellunge are harvested.

Social
Anglers support expanded fishing opportunities if all the risks are evaluated. Anglers have been supportive of the more restrictive regulations placed on muskellunge as they are considered a trophy fish. The mandatory registration requirement may be seen as a negative by some people in areas where internet phone service is less than desired.

Economic
There are no anticipated significant economic gains or losses expected from the passage of this Order. However, expanding fishing opportunities does stimulate movement of anglers who have been shown to travel far distances to fish.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this Order. This Order was submitted for information at the September 14 and October 12, 2017, Natural Resources Commission meetings. This item appeared on the Department's September and October 2017 calendars and may be eligible for approval on November 9, 2017.

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh, Director

11/9/17
Date

FISHERIES ORDER

Statewide Warmwater Regulations For Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, And White Bass
Order 215.18

A. For the purpose of this Order the following definitions are provided:

1) Catch-and-Immediate-Release (CIR): means the act of returning fish immediately to the water without injury and without holding in livewell or like object.
2) Fishing tournament: means an organized competition among anglers with specific rules applying to that particular event.
3) MH-4: is a Lake Trout management unit which is bounded on the north by a line beginning on the shore on Au Sable Point in Iosco County 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 County.
4) Tournament registration: means following the appropriate process to register a bass tournament with the Department.

The statewide seasons, size limits, and daily possession limits on all state waters shall be as listed below, except as otherwise Ordered:

B. Statewide Seasons

A person shall not take, catch, or kill or attempt to take, catch or kill any of the species of fish named in this Order except during the seasons that are specified below for each species of fish named in this Order.

1) Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass:
   a) CIR fishing shall be permitted all year.
   b) <u>On Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, and Detroit River:</u>
      i) The possession season shall be the third Saturday in June - December 31.
   c) <u>On Lake Michigan within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago – Beaver, Garden, High, and Hog, Charlevoix County:</u>
      i) The possession season shall be July 1 - December 31.
   d) <u>All other waters not otherwise closed to fishing:</u>
      i) The possession season shall be the Saturday before Memorial Day - December 31.
2) Walleye, Northern Pike, and Muskellunge:
   a) CIR fishing for Muskellunge shall be permitted all year.
   b) <u>An area in the Green Bay portion of Lake Michigan, Menominee County, beginning at the intersection of the north boundary line of Menominee County with the west shoreline of the Bay in Section 3, T36N, R24W or approximate latitude/longitude (45.5505, -87.2637); thence</u>

east approximately 8 miles to latitude/longitude (45.5505, -87.101); thence south approximately 10 miles to the intersection with the state boundary at approximate latitude/longitude (45.444, -87.101); thence southwesterly and westerly approximately 36 miles along the state boundary in Green Bay, between the mainland of Michigan and the Door Peninsula of Wisconsin, to the mouth of the Menominee River, thence northeasterly along the shoreline of Green Bay to the point of beginning:

i) The possession season for Walleye shall be open for the entire year.

ii) The possession season for Northern Pike shall be May 15 - March 15.

iii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.

c) All other inland, Great Lakes, and connecting waters of the Upper Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:

i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be from May 15 - March 15.

ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.

d) Inland waters of the Lower Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:

i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be from the last Saturday in April - March 15.

ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.

e) Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River, and Detroit River:

i) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be the first Saturday in June - December 31.

ii) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be open for the entire year.

f) All other Great Lakes and connecting waters of the Lower Peninsula not otherwise closed to fishing:

i) The possession season for Walleye and Northern Pike shall be open for the entire year.

ii) The possession season for Muskellunge shall be from the first Saturday in June - March 15.

3) Flathead Catfish, Channel Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass:

a) All waters not otherwise closed to fishing:

i) The possession season shall be open for the entire year.

C. Statewide Warmwater Regulations; Size and Possession Limits

Species	Minimum Size Limit	Daily Possession Limit
Largemouth Bass and Smallmouth Bass	14 inches	Five (5) per day in any combination
Walleye (See **Note 1**)	15 inches	Five (5) per day
Northern Pike (See **Note 2**)	24 inches	Two (2) per day
Flathead Catfish	15 inches	Five (5) per day
Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge) (See **Note 3**)	42 inches	One (1) per angling season
Channel Catfish	12 inches	Ten (10) per day
Yellow Perch (See **Note 4**)	No size limit	Fifty (50) per day
Sunfishes: Black Crappie, Bluegill, Green Sunfish, Hybrid Sunfish, Longear Sunfish, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Rock Bass, Warmouth, White Crappie	No size limit	Twenty-five (25) per day in any combination
White Bass	No size limit	Twenty-five (25) per day on Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, St. Marys River, St. Clair River, and Detroit River; Ten (10) per day on inland waters

NOTES

1. **Walleye** - the following waters have daily possession limits that differ from the statewide daily possession limit:
   a) St. Clair River beginning at the Ft. Gratiot Light and Lake St. Clair:
      i) The minimum size limit shall be 13 inches.
      ii) The daily possession limit may include one (1) additional Walleye.
   b) Lake Michigan waters of Little Bay de Noc: that portion north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point Lighthouse to the mouth of the Bark River in Delta County.
      i) The daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) Walleye 23" or greater.
   c) Lake Michigan waters of Green Bay: An area in the Green Bay portion of Menominee County, beginning at the intersection of latitude 45 degrees 30 minutes north with the west shoreline of the Bay in Section 24, T36N, R24W, thence east approximately 6 miles to the intersection of latitude 45 degrees 30 minutes north with longitude 87 degrees 10 minutes west, thence south approximately 10 miles to the intersection of longitude 87 degrees 10 minutes west with the state boundary, thence southwesterly and westerly approximately 36 miles along the state boundary in Green Bay, between the mainland of Michigan and the Door Peninsula of Wisconsin, to the mouth of the Menominee River, thence northeasterly along the shoreline of Green Bay to the point of beginning:

i) March 2 - the Friday before the first Saturday in May the daily possession limit shall be one (1) Walleye; and
ii) The first Saturday in May - March 1 the daily possession limit shall be five (5) Walleyes.

d) Lake Huron waters of MH-4 including Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River up to Center Road Bridge:
i) The minimum size limit for Walleye shall be 13 inches.
ii) The daily possession limit for Walleye shall be eight (8).

e) Lake Erie:
i) The daily possession limit for Walleye will be based on Michigan's share of the annual total allowable catch (TAC) for Walleye pursuant to the categories in the table below. The TAC is reported in March of each year by the Lake Erie Committee, which is under the aegis of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.
(1) The daily possession limit for Walleye will take effect on May 1 of each year and will be in place through April 30 of the following year.
(2) Prior to May 1 each year, a notice of the daily possession limit will be posted on the DNR's website (www.michigan.gov/fishing) and noted in a statewide news release.

Michigan TAC	Walleye Possession Limit
greater than 108,364	six (6)
96,958 to 108,364	five (5)
85,551 to 96,957	four (4)
74,144 to 85,550	three (3)
62,737 to 74,143	two (2)
less than 62,737	one (1)

2. **Northern Pike** - the following waters have daily possession limits that differ from the statewide daily possession limit:
a) Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, and Detroit River:
i) The daily possession limit for Northern Pike shall be five (5).
3. **Muskellunge** –anglers are required to register Muskellunge (including Tiger Muskellunge) harvest within 24 hours online at www.michigan.gov/fishing.
a) Statewide:
i) Muskellunge harvest is limited to one (1) Muskellunge per angler per year (April 1 – March 31).
4. **Yellow Perch** – the following waters have regulations that differ from the statewide regulations:
a) Lake Michigan waters south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays):
i) The daily possession limit shall be 35.
b) Lake Huron waters of Mackinac and Chippewa Counties and the St. Mary's River:
i) The minimum size limit for Yellow Perch shall be 7 inches.
c) Lake Huron waters of MH-4 including Saginaw Bay and Saginaw River up to Center Road Bridge (T12N, R4E, S35):
i) The daily possession limit for Yellow Perch shall be 25.

D. Bass Fishing Tournament Regulations

1. 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 http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/fishingtournaments/.

2. 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 Department by December 31, annually.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-215.18, and is entitled "Statewide Warmwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Statewide Coolwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass," which became effective October 8, 2015, and is assigned number FO-215.15A.

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

Issued on this 9th day of November, 2017.

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

John Matonich, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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SUBMITTED: September 18, 2017
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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 219.18
Bow, Spear, and Crossbow Fishing Regulations

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue Orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

This Order covers fishing regulations for anglers using bow, spear, or crossbow to fish in Michigan. Two changes are proposed for this Order. First, Lower Crooked Lake (Barry County) is being proposed for addition to the list of waters closed to northern pike and muskellunge spearing. Second, Lake St. Clair (Macomb, St. Clair, and Wayne Counties) is recommended for a modification to extend the yellow perch spearing season to match the northern pike spearing season from December 1 through March 15.

Lower Crooked Lake was stocked with muskellunge in 2000 and 2002, but stocking was discontinued due to issues with drought and water withdrawal resulting in low water levels. Reports from anglers indicated that stocking efforts provided a muskellunge fishery that declined a few years after stocking was abandoned. Earlier this spring 66 northern strain muskellunge ranging from 35.8 – 50.3 inches were captured and transferred from Thornapple Lake into Lower Crooked Lake in Barry County. Thornapple Lake for many years had been managed as a broodstock lake for northern strain muskellunge until 2011, when the great lake strain replaced the northern strain program. Thornapple Lake has received great lake strain muskellunge fall fingerlings since 2011 and managers have documented very few captures of great lake strain muskellunge during annual surveys. Managers believe that the high abundance of muskellunge brood has contributed to the low number of great lake strain being collected. Therefore, Fisheries Division decided to relocate adult northern strain muskellunge as a way to decrease predation rates on fall fingerling great lake strain muskellunge. This effort has resulted in developing a new muskellunge angling opportunity at Lower Crooked Lake.

Given that the fishery will not be supplemented with stocking in the future, managers recommend protecting the transferred fish from spearing harvest to reduce angler mortality. Closing the lake to muskellunge spearing will prolong the limited muskellunge population developed by this unique opportunity. Northern pike have not been a part of the fishery in Lower Crooked Lake so this action will not result in removing a spearing opportunity for northern pike.

Lake St. Clair is the only place in Michigan and in the entire Great Lakes region, where anglers can use spearing gear to harvest yellow perch. The season currently runs from January 1 through the end of February. This is a historic regulation, dating from the early mid-1900s, when harvest was maximized and the Great Lakes and their Connecting Waters were liberally regulated. A spearing season for yellow

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perch (and walleye) in Great Lakes Connecting Waters was in place as far back as the 1940s until 1972. In 1973, regulations became more restrictive and yellow perch and walleye were no longer allowed to be speared. However, in 1974, a spearing season for yellow perch was put into effect on Lake St. Clair during January and February, which has been in place since that time.

Anglers have expressed an interest in expanding the yellow perch spearing season in Lake St. Clair to align it with the statewide northern pike spearing season (December 1 through March 15). Extending the season may not result in much additional harvest as ice conditions and weather patterns have proven to be highly variable from year to year in Lake St. Clair. Therefore, the change is estimated to result in only an additional week or two with little effect on harvest numbers. During the ice and open water creel surveys on Lake St. Clair during 2002 – 2004, only 21 of 10,300 anglers targeting yellow perch were spearing (0.2%). In the years when ice is good, anglers will have an increased spearing opportunity to harvest yellow perch. This change will expand spearing opportunities in Lake St. Clair plus align the spearing regulations there.

Issue Pros and Cons
The trap and transfer of 66 large muskellunge has developed a respectable muskellunge fishery in a relatively short amount of time in Lower Crooked Lake. This was a unique opportunity and given that future muskellunge stocking is not planned, managers recommend protecting these fish from spearing. Generally, muskellunge anglers practice catch-and-release which will result in low mortality on this population and provide new muskellunge angling opportunities for years. Expanding the yellow perch spearing season to match the northern pike spearing season will simplify regulations there. Given the variability of ice conditions from year to year, a season extension should have no negative effect on the perch population.

Conversely, some anglers who spear may be disappointed with the lack of spearing opportunities in Lower Crooked Lake. However, spearing opportunities for muskellunge and northern pike have been lacking in that location. Extending the spearing season on Lake St. Clair for yellow perch does not have any cons associated with it.

Biological
Closing Lower Crooked Lake to muskellunge spearing is based upon biology as a speared fish cannot be released to be caught again. Therefore, the closure will result in reducing angler mortality associated with spearing. Most muskellunge caught are released as many people consider this species to be a trophy species where anglers let their catch go let it grow to larger sizes to be caught again. The expansion of the yellow perch spearing season in Lake St. Clair is expected to result in little additional harvest and should not have a negative effect on the yellow perch population.

Social
Fishing with spearing gear is a unique opportunity that has been a tradition in Michigan for many years. Michigan is one of the few states which allows this type of activity and opportunities here are plentiful compared to other states. Managers are supportive of providing a wide variety of opportunities for anglers, including spearing activities and must always balance opportunities with protection of the resource.

Economic
There are no anticipated significant economic gains or losses expected from the passage of this proposal.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this Order. This Order was submitted for information on October 12, 2017, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's October 2017 calendar and may be eligible for approval on November 9, 2017.

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh, Director

11/9/17
Date

FISHERIES ORDER

Bow, Spear, and Crossbow Fishing Regulations
Order 219.18

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on November 9, 2017, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

The seasons, gear, waters, and species where a spear, bow and arrow, or crossbow may be used are as 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, and 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 20 feet in length. It is unlawful to spear any fish in a waterbody closed to fishing, except as noted in the spearing exceptions list.

SEASON	GEAR	WATERS (see Note 1)	SPECIES
Open all year	spear, bow and arrow, or crossbow	ALL WATERS *except:* Designated Trout Lakes and Designated Trout Streams	bowfin, bullheads, burbot, carp, catfish, drum, gizzard shad, goldfish, grass carp, cisco (lake herring), longnose gar, smelt, suckers (see Note 2), and whitefish
December 1 through March 15 (through the ice)	hand-propelled spear	ALL WATERS *except:* Designated Trout Lakes and Designated Trout Streams	northern pike and muskellunge

Note 1 - Check the spearing exceptions lists (below) for regulations that differ from those listed in the table above. Designated Trout Lakes are those lakes classified under Type A and Type D trout regulations (see FO-200). Designated Trout Streams are those listed in the following classifications: Type 1, 2, Gear Restricted Streams, Research Areas, and Brook Trout Research Areas. Most of the Type 3 and Type 4 streams are Designated Trout Streams (see FO-200 and FO-210).

Note 2 - 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.

SPEARING EXCEPTIONS

LIST A – INLAND WATERS

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 County	Kingston Lake
Alpena and Montmorency Counties	Fletcher Floodwaters
Barry County	Lower Crooked Lake and Thornapple Lake (from McKeown Rd T3N, R8W, S27 to Barger Rd T3N, R7W, S20)
Clare County	Budd Lake
Clinton County	Lake Ovid
Delta County	Dana Lake
Dickinson County	East Lake, Island Lake, South Lake, and West Lake (all within Groveland Mines)
Iron County	Brule Lake, Chicagon Lake, Lake Emily, Paint Lake, Paint Pond (Brule Isle Imp.), Stanley Lake, and Swan Lake
Kent County	Campau Lake and Murray Lake
Keweenaw County	Lake Gratiot
Lenawee County	Lake Hudson
Luce County	Round Lake (North Manistique Lake)
Schoolcraft County	Grassy Lake and McKeever Lake
St. Joseph County	Long Lake (T6S, R12W, S7)
Van Buren County	Bankson Lake and Round Lake (T4S, R16W, S31)

WATERS WITH SPEARING AND GAFF HOOK RESTRICTIONS

Cheboygan County

April 1 through June 15, inclusive, it shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take any species of fish with spearing gear or gaff hook from the following waters:

Black River
Cheboygan River
Indian River

DESIGNATED TROUT STREAMS OPEN TO SPRING SPEARING

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

Alcona County

Bryant Creek from Vaughn Lake downstream to Little Lake
Buff Creek
Sucker Creek from confluence of Vincent Creek (T27N, R8E, S9) downstream to Hubbard Lake (T28N, R8E, S36)

Calhoun County

Nottawa Creek: from Calhoun County line (T4S, R8W, S31) upstream to T3S, R5W, S35
Rice Creek: South Branch Rice Creek from confluence of Rice Creek and Kalamazoo River (T2S, R6W, S25) upstream to Concord Road (Jackson County)

Chippewa County

Trout Creek downstream of Big Trout Lake (T42N, R3E, S31)
Prentiss Creek (T42N, R2E,)

Delta County

Squaw Creek downstream of County Road 513

Mackinac County

Doe Creek (T43N, R10W)
Foley Creek downstream of I-75
Hoban Creek downstream of US-2
Hudson Creek (T41N, R11W, S8)
Martineau Creek downstream of I-75
McClouds Creek
Milakokia River, from Milakokia Lake downstream to Heinz Lake
Norton Creek from M-135 downstream to South Manistique Lake
Nunn's Creek downstream of Highway M -134
Pearson's Creek, T42N, R1W and R1E
Rabbits Back Creek downstreamof Mackinac Trail
Scrams Creek (T42N, R11W, S11)
Taylor Creek (T43N, R12W, S2, 11, 12 and 13)

Mason County

Sable River from Freesoil Road downstream to Custer Road (T20N, R16W, S22)

Van Buren County

Dowagiac River and tributaries upstream of 50th Street (T45N, R15W, S35)
Lake of the Wood Outlet to confluence with Dowagiac River (T45N, R15W, S34)

LIST B – GREAT LAKES AND CONNECTING WATERS

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:

Lake Erie
Lake St. Clair
Detroit River
St. Clair River

WATERS OPEN TO YELLOW PERCH SPEARING
December 1 through March 15, inclusive.

Lake St. Clair: a hand-propelled spear, bow and arrow, or crossbow may be used to harvest yellow perch.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-219.18, and is entitled "Bow, Spear, and Crossbow Fishing Regulations."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Spearing Regulations - Statewide," which became effective October 14, 2016, and is assigned number FO-219.16.

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

Issued on this 9th day of November, 2017.

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

John Matonich, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 228.18
Regulations on Freshwater Mollusks

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue Orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

This Order regulates freshwater Mollusks. Native freshwater mussels are protected from harvest (including the shell or parts) as they are considered one of the most imperiled groups of animals in America. Their decline has been attributed to several factors including: overharvest, habitat destruction, water pollution, invasive species introductions, and changes to climate. Three changes are recommended to the Order: inserting clarifying text that the Order does not pertain to prohibited species listed in Part 413 of Act 451 or the Michigan Invasive Species Order, removing the provision concerning zebra and quagga mussel possession and changing the name of the Order to "Regulations on Freshwater Mollusks."

The first change recommended for the Order calls for inserting a reference to Part 413 of Act 451 and a reference to the Michigan Invasive Species Order, which regulate the possession of invasive mussel species. The second change involves removing the reference concerning possession of zebra and quagga mussels already covered in Part 413 of Act 451, which makes it unlawful to possess both species alive. The text in this Order states that take of zebra or quagga mussels is allowed; however, the provision does not clarify that possession would only be allowed if the zebra or quagga mussels were dead. Removing this provision will help reduce confusion. The name of the Order is being modified to better describe the regulations covered by this Order.

Issue Pros and Cons
Changes to the Order will clarify the Order does not pertain to invasive mussels listed in Part 413 of Act 451 or listed in the Michigan Invasive Species Order, will remove a confusing provision and modify the title of the Order. There are no cons identified.

Biological
The changes do not represent a biological aspect and are only administrative edits.

Social
The changes proposed will benefit anglers by removing a potentially confusing provision and improve the title of the Order.

Economic
The Department does not expect the proposed changes to the Order to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this Order. This Order was submitted for information on October 12, 2017, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's October 2017 calendar and may be eligible for approval on November 9, 2017.

James Dexter, Chief
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William O'Neill
Natural Resources Deputy

I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh, Director

11/9/17
Date

FISHERIES ORDER

Regulations on Freshwater Mollusks
Order 228.18

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on November 9, 2017, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

This Order does not apply to those species listed in MCL 324.41301(1)(o)(iii) or the Michigan Invasive Species Order.

It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take freshwater mussels or parts of any freshwater mussels, whether living or dead, including the shell or parts thereof, from any waters of this state, except under the provisions of a cultural or scientific investigation permit issued by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-228.18, and is entitled "Regulations on Freshwater Mollusks."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Regulations on the Take of Freshwater Mollusks," which became effective October 8, 2015, and is assigned number FO-228.15.

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

Issued on this 9th day of November.

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

John Matonich, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh
Director

STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

APPROVED
November 9, 2017
MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Cheryl Fetson
(ASSISTANT TO THE COMMISSION)

SUBMITTED: September 18, 2017
RESUBMITTED: October 16, 2017

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Fisheries Order 229.18
Netting Regulations

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue Orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

This Order regulates the use of nets for catching fish. Two changes are proposed for this Order. First, the cast net diameter size limit restriction is recommended for removal. The second recommendation is to enact limitations on the size of hoop netting gear allowed for burbot netting.

Currently, cast nets not exceeding eight feet in diameter (without walls or sides) may be used to take minnows, alewife, smelt, and shad in the Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, Detroit River, and St. Marys River. Cast nets are circular nets with weights on the perimeter of the net that are attached to a rope an angler throws (casts) into the water. Cast nets can be highly effective to catch fish in shallow areas or places where fish congregate; however, in larger waterbodies cast nets can be used effectively to catch baitfish that usually travel in schools. After anglers contacted division personnel about reviewing the eight-foot size limit restriction for possible changes, staff recommend removing the size limit provision. Cast net use is not widespread; however, cast nets are self-limiting as the difficulty increases with the diameter size of the net. Law enforcement staff are supportive of the proposed change.

The second change recommended for the Order involves placing size restrictions on hoop netting gear allowed for burbot. Burbot netting season is open from December 15 through the end of February on the Peshekee River (Marquette County), Au Train River (Alger County), and Sturgeon River (Baraga and Houghton Counties). Anglers are required to obtain a free permit from the Baraga Operation Service Center to aid the Department with monitoring this activity. There are no size limits or possession limits on burbot; however, a catch report summary must be submitted to the Department by March 1 as indicated on the permit. Staff distributes between 10 – 20 permits each year and has worked with anglers on developing the net size provisions. Therefore, the Department recommends adding the following provisions to the Order: limiting the hoop net diameter to no more than 36 inches and no longer than seven feet in length. The change will have the effect of standardizing the gear allowed for this opportunity.

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Issue Pros and Cons
Removal of the provision limiting cast net size will enable anglers to use larger sized nets for the collection of baitfish in Great Lakes and Connecting Waters. The change will remove an unnecessary regulation as the use of this gear is self-limiting. In contrast, adding hoop size and length restrictions for hoop netting gear will inform anglers about the size of gear allowed for this opportunity. There are no cons identified.

Biological
Changing the regulation to allow larger sized cast nets for baitfish collection will have little if any biological impact on aquatic resources. Adding restrictions to limit the size of burbot hoop netting gear will standardize the sizes of nets allowed for this activity.

Social
Many of these regulations have been in effect for decades and are socially acceptable. These minor changes are seen as positive changes for anglers who partake in these activities.

Economic
There are no anticipated significant economic gains or losses expected from the passage of this proposal.

Recommendation:

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh, Director

11/9/17
Date

FISHERIES ORDER

Netting Regulations
Order 229.18

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on November 9, 2017, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

The following netting regulations are established statewide.

SEASON	GEAR	WATERS*	SPECIES**
March 1 – May 31	Hand Net	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.	Bowfin, Carp, Goldfish, Gizzard Shad, Longnose Gar, Smelt, Suckers
March 20 – May 31	Dip Net	All Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula streams, except Designated Trout Streams. See List B for additional streams **closed** to dip netting.	Bowfin, Carp, Goldfish, Gizzard Shad, Longnose Gar, Smelt, Suckers
December 15 – end of February	Hoop Net	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.).	Burbot
Open for the entire year	Seine, Hand Net, Dip Net	All waters, except Designated Trout Streams and those waters closed to minnow harvest (FO-203).	Minnows
Open for the entire year	Cast Net	Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R., and St. Marys R.	Alewife, Minnows, Smelt, Gizzard Shad

*Review the netting exceptions list below 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.

Special Provisions:

1) Hand Net
   a) For the purposes of this Order, "hand net" means a mesh bag of webbing or wire suspended from a circular, oval, or rectangular frame of any size attached to a handle of any length.
   b) A person shall not use or possess a landing net more than 20 inches in diameter (greater than 5 ½ feet in circumference) or with a handle exceeding 14 inches in length on a Designated Trout Stream during the months of April, May, and June.
   c) Hand nets not over 8 feet square and without sides or walls may be used to take minnows for personal use.
   d) Hand nets may not be fished within 100 feet of a dam.
2) Dip Net
   a) For the purpose of this Order, "dip net" means 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.
   b) A free permit is required from a DNR office.
   c) Dip nets may not exceed 9 x 9 square feet and may not have sides or walls.
   d) Dip nets may not be erected or fished within 100 feet of a dam.
   e) The name and address of the person setting, using, or having control over the dip net equipment, including frame, boom, supporting members, and temporary buildings, shall be plainly marked in legible English on the dip net equipment or securely fastened to it by a plate or tag. Dip net equipment and a temporary building erected and used that are located on public land or the land of another person shall be removed prior to June 10 of each year unless maintained with proper permission of the landowner. This subsection does not authorize the erection or fishing of a dip net on the land or premises of another person without proper permission from the landowner.
3) Hoop Net
   a) A free permit is required from a DNR office.
   b) Hoop nets may not be fished within 100 feet of a dam.
   c) Hoop net size shall not exceed 36 inches in diameter and no longer than seven feet in length.
4) Seine

   Minnow seines may not exceed 12 feet in length and 4 feet in width.

   Seines may not be fished within 100 feet of a dam.
5) Cast Net
   a) Cast nets may not be fished within 100 feet of a dam.

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 COUNTY

Towes Creek
West Branch Whitefish River from Sea Lamprey Barrier (T44N, R21W, S29) downstream 500 feet to posted signs.

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY

Lake Charlevoix and tributaries to one-half mile upstream.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Trout Creek down from Big Trout Lake (T42N, R3E, S31)
Prentiss Creek (T42N, R2E)

DELTA COUNTY

Days River from sea lamprey barrier downstream for 500 feet.
Rapid River from Rapid River Falls (T24N, R21W, S19) down to County Road (in S15).
Escanaba River from mouth to 1st dam upstream of US-2.
Ford River down from Jaeger Road.

HOUGHTON COUNTY

Portage Lake and all tributaries thereto for one-half mile above mouth.
North and South Portage Canal and all tributaries thereto for one-half mile above mouth.
Torch Lake and all tributaries thereto for one-half mile above mouth.

LUCE COUNTY

Little Two Hearted River from mouth upstream to bridge on County Road 412 (T50N, R9W, S25)

MACKINAC COUNTY

Doe Creek (T43N, R10W)
Foley Creek down from I-75
Hoban Creek down from US-2
Hudson Creek (T41N, R11W, S8)
Martineau Creek down from I-75
McClouds Creek
Milakokia River, Milakokia Lake down to Heinz Lake
Norton Creek from M-135 down to South Manistique Lake
Nunn's Creek from Highway M -134 to mouth
Pearson's Creek, (T42N, R1W and R1E)
Rabbits Back Creek down from Mackinac Trail
Scrams Creek (T42N, R11W, S11)
Taylor Creek (T43N, R12W, S2, 11, 12 and 13)

MANISTEE COUNTY

Little Bear Creek down from Bear Lake to trunkline Highway US-31

MENOMINEE COUNTY

Big Cedar River down from mouth of Elwood Creek (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 COUNTY
Au Gres River – From mouth at Saginaw Bay upstream to M-65 (T22N, R5E, S26)
Rifle River – From Steve's Road (T19N, R5E, S9) upstream

BENZIE COUNTY
Cold Creek – From mouth at Crystal Lake (T26N, R15W, S26) to source

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
Unnamed Creek – From source at Green Lake (T26N, R12W, S20) upstream to Bridges Lake

IOSCO COUNTY
Au Gres River – From mouth at Saginaw Bay upstream to M-65 (T22N, R5E, S26)

LEELANAU COUNTY
Houdek Creek – From mouth at North Lake Leelanau (T31N, R12W, S35) to source

MONROE COUNTY
Huron River - From mouth at Lake Erie upstream to Belleville Dam
Stony Creek - From mouth at Lake Erie upstream to Finzel Road (T5S, R8E, S23)

WAYNE COUNTY
Huron River - From mouth at Lake Erie upstream to Belleville Dam

This Order shall be assigned number FO-229.18, and is entitled "Netting Regulations."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Netting Regulations," which became effective February 7, 2013, and is assigned number FO-229.13.

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

Issued on this 9th day of November, 2017.

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

John Matonich, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Keith Creagh
Director

RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 16, 2017

TO:	Keith Creagh, Director
INFORMATION:	Natural Resources Commission
Transaction:	Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land Roscommon Management Unit – Roscommon County Land Transaction Case #20050488
Sale:	20 acres
Sale Price:	Minimum price to be determined by the Department.
Description:	Roscommon County, Gerrish Township, T24N, R03W, Section 19: The E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4.
PA 240 of 2012:	This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a decrease of 20 acres to the total of DNR-managed lands.
Authority:	Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.
Notice:	This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 31, 2017, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 7, 2017. The transaction is also posted in a local newspaper as required by statute.
Acquired:	By tax reversion in 1932.
Minerals:	To be retained.
Comments:	The recommended surplus parcel was reviewed in Phase II, recommended for disposal, then retained due to high mineral values. The parcel adjoins 30 additional acres that were identified for disposal in Phase II. The proposed land disposal was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 20, 2016. It is recommended that a direct sale be offered for all 50 acres to the Michigan Nature Association (MNA), who is interested in the property. If MNA does not purchase the property then it will be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

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Proceeds will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

Engagement: Roscommon County and Gerrish Township support this transaction.

Recommendation: (1) That the land first be offered via direct sale to the Michigan Nature Association (MNA) and if not purchased, be sold at auction to the highest bidder.

(2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.

(3) That the state retain mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
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James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division

William O'Neill
Natural Resources Deputy

Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

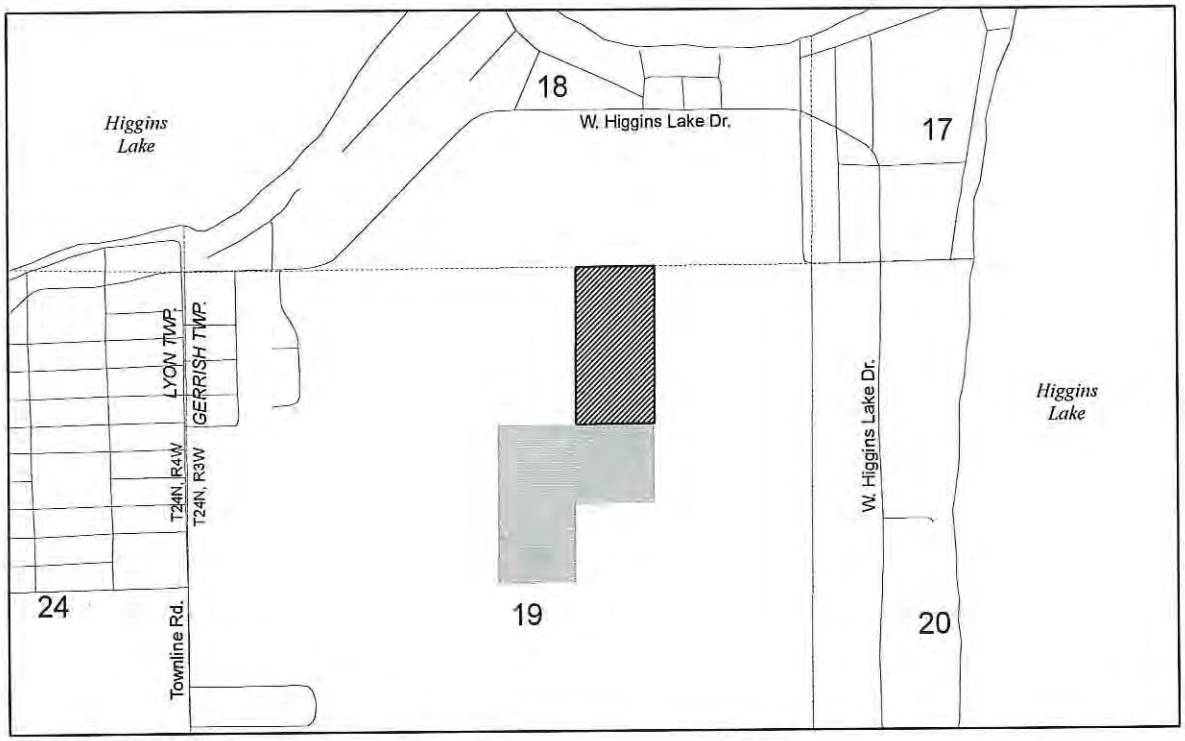
Keith Creagh
Director

11/9/17
Date Approved

SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND

Roscommon Management Unit – Roscommon County

Land Transaction Case #20050488



Section 19, T24N, R03W, Gerrish Township

Surplus DNR land to be sold (20 acres)

State land

Private land

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DNR Project Boundaries

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RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 16, 2017

TO:	Keith Creagh, Director
INFORMATION:	Natural Resources Commission
Transaction:	Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land Grayling Management Unit – Crawford County Land Transaction Case #20170174
Sale:	1.58 acres
Sale Price:	$2,500.00
PA 240 of 2012:	This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a decrease of 1.58 acres to the total of DNR-Managed lands.
Description:	Crawford County, Grayling Township, T26N, R03W, Section 32: Part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4.
Applicant(s):	Lake State Railway Company, Saginaw, Michigan.
Authority:	Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.
Notice:	This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 31, 2017 calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 7, 2017.
Acquired:	By tax reversion.
Minerals:	To be retained.
Comments:	This land is located within an area identified under the 2012 Growth Management Proposal memorandum of understanding (MOU). Partners in the MOU are the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership, Grayling Township and the Department. This MOU was first signed in 2000, and was reauthorized in 2012 and 2017. The MOU identified public lands that could be used for commercial and industrial development in an effort to focus growth and create regional prosperity where existing infrastructure could support development. Lake State Railway Company has worked with the Growth Management Proposal partners and intends to use the site to develop a railway, which will service the Arauco particleboard plant. The Department of Natural Resources Managed Public Land Strategy (Strategy) provides goals and objectives regarding local engagement,

integrated local and regional planning and prioritization, and criteria to accomplish land acquisition and disposal. Conveyance of the desired property will help achieve the Strategy goals and objectives by fostering and supporting local and regional economic prosperity in the area.

Proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

Engagement: Promotion of the Grayling Industrial Park partnership was discussed with the Department during local engagement meetings between the Director and the ten counties with the most public ownership within their jurisdictions, and was identified as a priority for Crawford County and Grayling Township.

Recommendation:

(1) That the land be sold to the applicant for $2,500.00.

(2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the LEFF.

(3) That the state retain mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.

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Parks and Recreation Division

William O'Neill
Natural Resources Deputy

Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

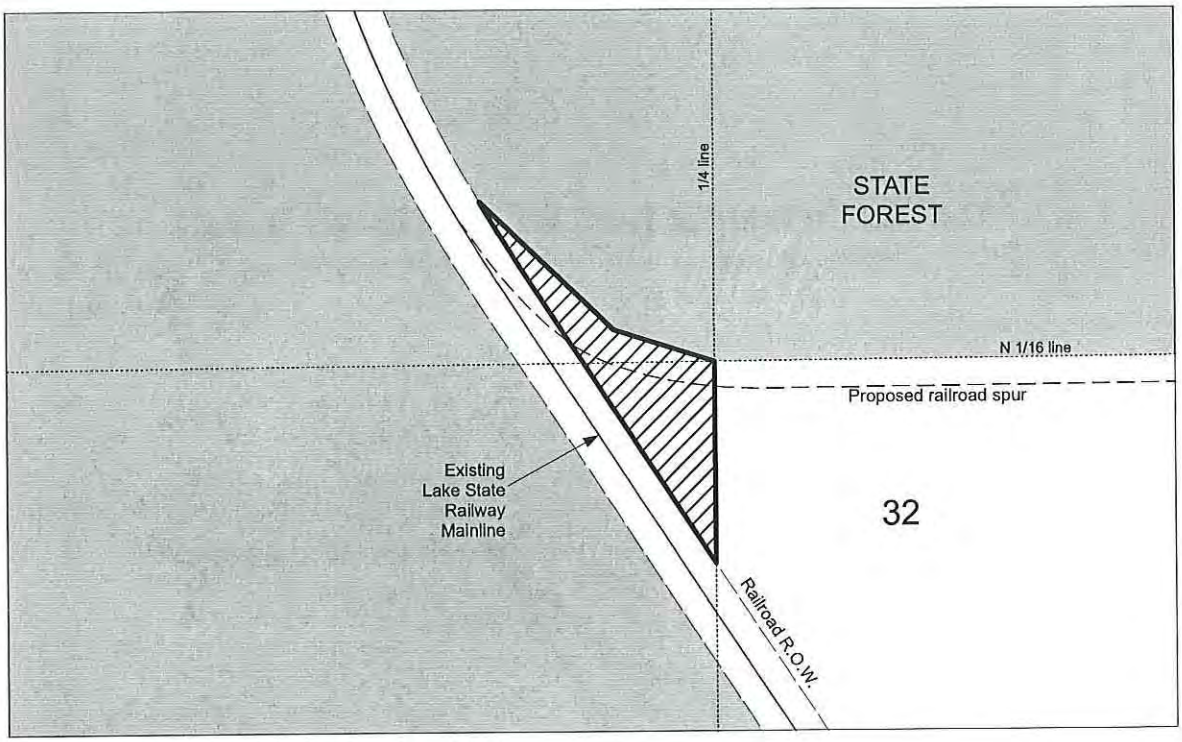
I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

11/9/17
Date Approved

SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND

Grayling Management Unit – Crawford County
Land Transaction Case #20170174



Section 32, T26N, R03W, Grayling Township

Surplus DNR land to be sold (1.58 acres)
State land
Private land

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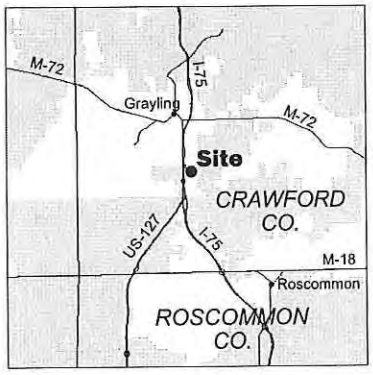

DNR Project Boundaries

STATE OF MICHIGAN

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GOVERNOR

KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 16, 2017

TO:	Keith Creagh, Director
INFORMATION:	Natural Resources Commission
Transaction:	Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition Steckert Bridge Boating Access Site 20-16 – Crawford County The Curry Tract Land Transaction Case #20170105
Purchase:	0.19 acre - $10,000.00
Funding Source:	Waterways Fund, Fiscal Year 2017
PA 240 of 2012:	PILT Estimate: $453.54 This parcel is located north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in 0.19 counted acres.
Description:	Crawford County, South Branch Township, T25N, R02W, Section 29: Part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4.
Seller(s):	Theodore and Paula Curry, Roscommon, Michigan.
Authority:	Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.
Notice:	This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 31, 2017, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 7, 2017.
Management Purpose:	The property will be managed by Parks and Recreation Division, Boating and Waterways program as an addition to the Steckert Bridge Boating Access Site (BAS) 20-16 on the Au Sable River. This acquisition will contribute to achieving quality recreation opportunities, protecting and managing natural resources and help meet the Department's measurable objective to manage existing lands by providing appropriate amenities on 30 percent of Michigan's navigable waters.
Comments:	The property is a rectangular 0.19-acre parcel immediately adjacent to the Department's BAS parking and maneuvering area. Currently the property supports a condemned cabin structure that is to be completely removed by the current owners prior to conveyance of the property to the Department. The property is accessible via Steckert Bridge Road along the north boundary. The property is bordered by Department-owned property to the north, Au Sable River Trail to the south and residential property to the east. Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goal of increasing public recreation opportunities.

The seller will convey mineral rights relative to this tract.

Engagement: Letters of support were received from South Branch Township and the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

Recommendation:

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Waterways Fund Fiscal Year 2017 monies.
2. This land is to be dedicated as part of the Steckert Bridge Boating Access Site.

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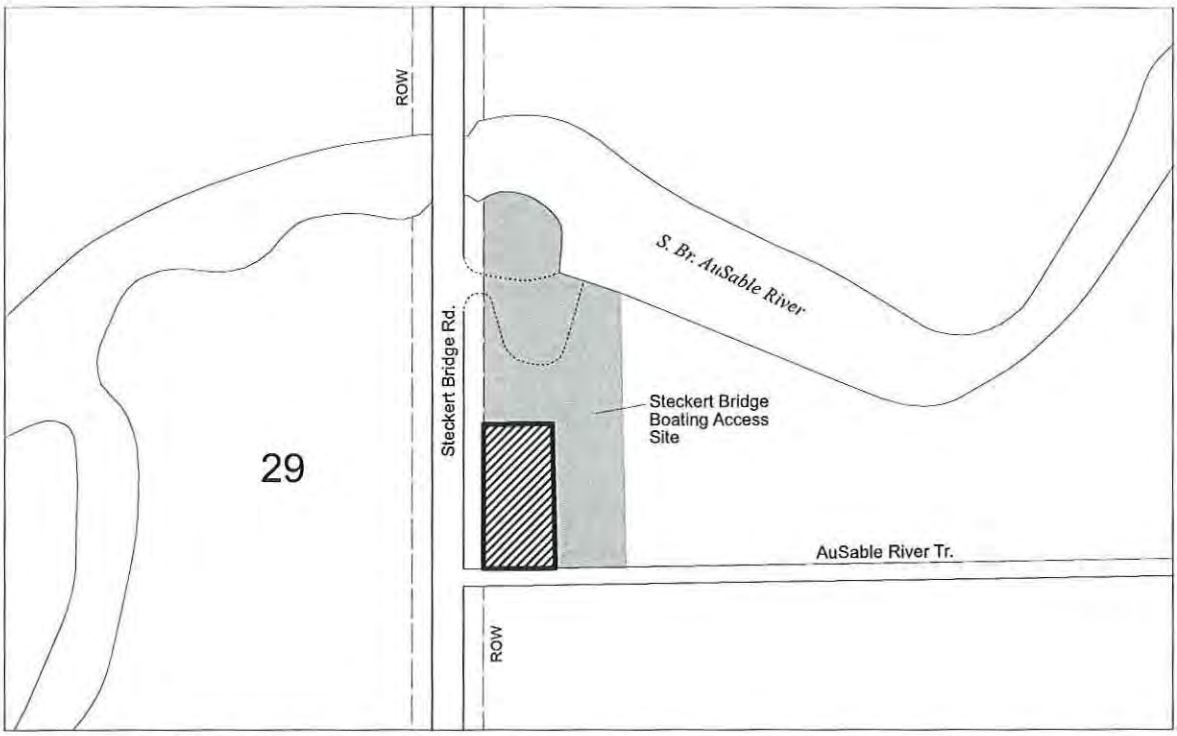
I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

11/9/17
Date Approved

PARKS AND RECREATION LAND ACQUISITION

Steckert Bridge Boating Access Site (20-16) - Crawford County
The Curry Tract
Land Transaction Case #20170105



Section 29, T25N, R02W, South Branch Township

Land to be acquired by DNR (0.19 acre)
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Private land

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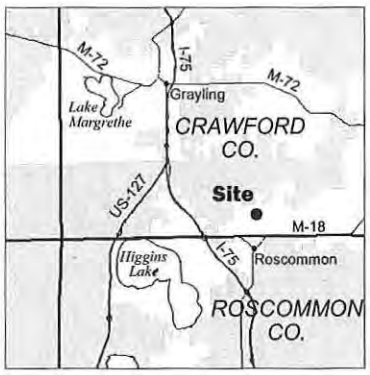

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