

FO - 201.05

**SPECIAL FISHING REGULATIONS,
BIG ISLAND LAKES COMPLEX, SCHOOLCRAFT COUNTY**

Under the authority of sections 41101 through 41105 of Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being sections 324.41101 through 324.41105 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on October 7, 2004, ordered that for a period of five years no person shall possess, take or attempt to take any species of fish from the waters known as the Big Island Lake Complex, Schoolcraft County, except during the open seasons prescribed, within the minimum size limits and maximum possession limits indicated below, and methods as provided.

1. Fish may only be taken on artificial lures. The use of spears, nets, bow and arrow, or live bait to take fish is prohibited.
2. Size, possession limits, and open seasons:

Species	Open Seasons	Min. Size Limit	Daily/Possession Limit
Muskellunge or Northern Pike	May 15 – November 30	42"	1 fish per day
Bass	Sat. before Memorial Day – November 30	18"	1 fish per day
Yellow Perch, Bluegill & Pumpkinseed Sunfish	Last Sat. in April - November 30	5 fish per day	No size limit in combination
All other fish (not including trout)	Last Sat. in April - November 30	None	None

The Big Island Lake Complex is described as all lands and waters bounded by County Road 445 on the west, County Road 437 on the south, U. S. Forest Service Haywire Grade Snowmobile Trail on the east and Townline Lake Road on the north. The area includes all connecting waterways and 12 major lakes: Big Island, Townline, Mid, Coattail, McInnes, Klondyke, Ned's*, Vance, Twilight*, Blush, Byers and Bluegill, all in Schoolcraft County.

*Regulations pertaining to the taking of trout in these lakes are covered under FO-200.05

This order is assigned number FO-201.05 and is titled "Special Fishing Regulations, Big Island Lakes Complex, Schoolcraft County".

This order rescinds the order entitled "Special Fishing Regulations, Big Island lakes Complex, Schoolcraft County," effective September, 29, 2002 and assigned number FO-201.02.

This order shall take effect on April 1, 2005, and shall remain effective through March 31, 2010.