

Fish Order 202.19

Special Hook Size Regulations

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 8, 2018, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective April 1, 2019, as follows:

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

County	Stream
Allegan	Swan Creek (from the mouth upstream to the dam at 118th Avenue)
Benzie	Platte River
Berrien	Townsend Creek (T6S, R17W, S19 and the mouth area of Lake Chapin, to a point 100 yards below the Townsend Creek mouth into Lake Chapin)
Charlevoix	Boyne River (from mouth upstream to dam in T32N, R5W, S5)
Emmet	Bear River (from mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam T34N, R5W, S6)
Van Buren	South Branch Black River and all tributaries upstream of Breedsville (Mill Street).

- 2) For the purpose of this section, an artificial lure is defined as a body bait, plug, spinner, or spoon. An artificial lure is not a device primarily constructed of lead. From August 1 through November 15, inclusive, terminal fishing gear is restricted to single-pointed hooks or jigs, measuring ½-inch or less from point to shank or treble hooks measuring ⅜-inch or less from point to shank only when attached to an artificial lure on the following waters:
 - a. Benzie County: all waters of the Betsie River.
 - b. Manistee County: all waters of Bear Creek, all waters of the Betsie River, and the Manistee River from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6).
 - c. Mason County: the Big Sable River (from mouth upstream to Hamlin Lake Dam).
 - d. Mason, Lake, Oceana, Newaygo: all waters of the Pere Marquette River.
 - e. Manistee, Mason, and Lake Counties: all waters of the Little Manistee River.
 - f. Muskegon and Oceana Counties: the White River (from mouth upstream to Hesperia Dam) and all waters of the North Branch White River.
 - g. Muskegon and Newaygo Counties: the Muskegon River upstream to Croton Dam.

- h. Oceana and Mason Counties: all waters of the North Branch Pentwater River, South Branch Pentwater River (upstream to Hart Dam).

This Order shall be assigned number FO-202.19 and is entitled “Special Hook Size Regulations.”

This Order supersedes the Order entitled “Special Hook Size Regulations,” which became effective April 1, 2018, and is assigned number FO-202.18.

This Order shall take effect April 1, 2019 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.