

## Fish Order 240.19

### Sturgeon Regulations – Statewide

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 September 12, 2019, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective September 13, 2019, as follows:

1) Fishing for Lake Sturgeon

- A) Except on waters where specific regulations are in place, as identified in paragraph 4) Special Provisions, fishing for lake sturgeon on all waters of the State shall be prohibited.

2) Mandatory Registration of Harvested Lake Sturgeon

- A) On waters where harvest of lake sturgeon is allowed as specifically identified in paragraph 4) Special Provisions:
- i) Except as otherwise specifically provided in paragraph 4) Special Provisions, anglers are required to register lake sturgeon harvest within 24 hours. Anglers must report their harvest online ([www.michigan.gov/registerfish](http://www.michigan.gov/registerfish)), toll-free by calling 844-345-FISH(3474), or in person at any DNR Customer Service Center during normal state business hours with advanced notice of arrival.

3) Harvest Limit

- A) On waters where harvest of lake sturgeon is allowed as specifically identified in paragraph 4) Special Provisions, an angler shall not harvest more than one (1) lake sturgeon per year.

4) Special Provisions:

- A) Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River (St. Clair, Macomb, and Wayne Counties)

i) Fishing seasons

- a) The hook-and-line harvest season for lake sturgeon shall be July 16 - September 30, inclusive.
- b) The hook-and-line, catch-and-immediate-release season for lake sturgeon shall be July 16 - March 15, inclusive.

ii) Size Limit

- a) Between 42 and 50 inches, inclusive.

- B) Detroit River (Wayne County)

i) Fishing season

- a) The hook-and-line, catch-and-immediate-release season for lake sturgeon shall be July 16 - March 15, inclusive.

- C) St. Marys River from Soo Locks/Compensating Works downstream to the De Tour Village and Drummond Island ferry terminals to the south, and from Hay Point to Cherry Island then north to the International boundary for the northeast (Chippewa County)

i) Fishing season

- a) The hook-and-line, catch-and-immediate-release season for lake sturgeon shall be July 16 - March 15, inclusive.

- D) Portage and Torch Lakes, all waters including Portage River, Portage Canal, and north and south entry (Houghton County)
  - i) Fishing season
    - a) The hook-and-line, catch-and-immediate-release season for lake sturgeon shall be July 16 - March 15, inclusive.
- E) Otsego Lake (Otsego County)
  - i) Fishing seasons
    - a) The hook-and-line harvest season for lake sturgeon shall be July 16 - March 15, inclusive.
    - b) Fishing for lake sturgeon shall be prohibited from March 16 - July 15, inclusive.
  - ii) Size Limit
    - a) 50 inches minimum.
- F) Black Lake (Cheboygan/Presque Isle County) – the Director and the Commission will set conditions for the fishing season no later than January 15 each year and will be posted on the DNR website.
- G) Menominee River
  - i) All regulations governing fishing for lake sturgeon and the take of lake sturgeon in the Menominee River system are established in Fisheries Order 205: Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Water Regulations.
- H) All Other Waters of the State not specifically identified in this Paragraph 4) Special Provisions
  - i) Fishing season
    - a) No fishing season for lake sturgeon.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-240.19 and is titled “Sturgeon Regulations - Statewide.”

This Order supersedes the Order titled “Sturgeon Regulations - Statewide,” which became effective April 1, 2018, and is assigned number FO-240.18.

This Order shall take immediate effect September 13, 2019 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.