

## **FO-227.12**

### **WATERS OPEN AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE TAKING OF WIGGLERS AND CRAYFISH FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

Under the authority of sections 48730 and 48731 of 1994 PA 451, as amended, being MCL 324.48730 and MCL 324.48731 the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on September 15, 2011, ordered that for a period not to exceed five years, the following waters are open to the taking of wigglers and crayfish for commercial purposes:

That the following waters are open to the taking of wigglers and crayfish for commercial purposes:

1. The Great Lakes and their connecting waters (including Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, Erie, and St. Clair, and the St. Mary's, St. Clair, and Detroit Rivers) except that, the following waters are closed to the taking of wigglers and crayfish for commercial purposes:
  - a. That portion of Tawas Bay of Lake Huron lying between the projections of Wadsworth and Church streets of East Tawas for a distance of 900 feet out from the water's edge.
2. All non-trout streams.
3. All inland lakes
4. The following designated trout streams:

#### **BENZIE COUNTY**

Betsie River from River Road, Sec. 30, T26N, R15W, downstream to M-22

#### **CHARLEVOIX COUNTY**

Boyne River Pond (T32N, R5W, S5)

Boyne River (T33N, R6W, S35)

#### **EMMET COUNTY**

Bear River (T34N, R5W, S21, 28 & 34)

#### **GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY**

Boardman River from Beitner Road down to Boardman Lake

#### **KALKASKA COUNTY**

That part of the Rapid River west of Co. Road 597 (T28N, R8W, S5, 6 & 7) down to Torch River

#### **LEELANAU COUNTY**

Solon Creek from the S. line of (T28N, R12W, S16) down to the entrance into Cedar Creek, (T28N, R12W, S9) Crystal River

**MACKINAC COUNTY**

Millecoquin River from Millecoquin Lake to Lake Michigan

**MANISTEE COUNTY**

Big Bear Creek down from Potters Bridge (T22N, R14W, S18) down to Big Manistee River (T22N, R15W, S22)

**MASON COUNTY**

Sauble River from highway US-31 down to Hamlin Lake

Pere Marquette River down from Walhalla Bridge to Pere Marquette Lake

**MISSAUKEE COUNTY**

Clam River from highway 66 to Falmouth Dam

West Branch of Muskegon River from Co. Road Bridge in the Center of (T23N, R6W, S25) down to the Muskegon River (T22N, R5W, S3)

**MUSKEGON COUNTY**

White River and bayous

Cedar Creek downstream from River Road

**OCEANA COUNTY**

Pentwater River from highway US-31 down to Pentwater Lake

White River down from Taylor Bridge

**WEXFORD COUNTY**

Big Manistee River from US-131 downstream

It shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Commercially harvest wigglers from any state waters from June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Seine wigglers and/or crayfish for commercial purposes from a designated trout stream.
3. Use or make use of a water or sand-sucking pump or a mechanically powered device to take or attempt to take wigglers or crayfish.
4. Take, possess or sell rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) anywhere in the State of Michigan.
5. Take wigglers or crayfish without submitting a monthly catch report as required by FO-231.

Definitions:

"Minnow Seine" or "Seine" means an elongated net, with sinkers or weights on one edge and floats on the opposite edge, that hangs vertically in the water and is used to enclose fish when its ends are closed together or pulled to shore.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-227.12, and is entitled "Waters Open and Regulations Governing the Taking of Wigglers and Crayfish for Commercial Purposes."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Waters Open and Regulations Governing the Taking of Wigglers and Crayfish for Commercial Purposes" effective on April 1, 2010 and is assigned number FO-227.10.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2012. This Order shall remain in effect until March 31, 2017 or until this Order is amended/rescinded, whichever comes first. Although this Order may be reviewed and amended on an annual basis, a review of this Order shall occur no later than August 1, 2016.