**Fish Order 229.18A**

**Netting 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 September 13, 2018, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

The following netting regulations are established statewide.

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<th>SEASON</th>
<th>GEAR</th>
<th>WATERS*</th>
<th>SPECIES**</th>
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<td>March 1 – May 31</td>
<td>Hand Net</td>
<td>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.</td>
<td>Bowfin, Carp, Goldfish, Gizzard Shad, Longnose Gar, Smelt, Suckers</td>
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<td>March 20 – May 31</td>
<td>Dip Net</td>
<td>All Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula streams, except Designated Trout Streams. See List B for additional streams closed to dip netting.</td>
<td>Bowfin, Carp, Goldfish, Gizzard Shad, Longnose Gar, Smelt, Suckers</td>
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<td>December 15 – end of February</td>
<td>Hoop Net</td>
<td>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.).</td>
<td>Burbot</td>
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<td>Open for the entire year</td>
<td>Seine, Hand Net, Dip Net</td>
<td>All waters, except Designated Trout Streams and those waters closed to minnow harvest (FO-203).</td>
<td>Minnows</td>
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<td>Open for the entire year</td>
<td>Cast Net</td>
<td>Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R., and St. Marys R.</td>
<td>Alewife, Minnows, Smelt, Gizzard Shad</td>
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*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 (bighorn, 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) Hand nets not over 8 feet square and without sides or walls may be used to take minnows for personal use.
   c) 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-229.18A and is entitled “Netting Regulations.”

This Order supersedes the Order entitled “Netting Regulations,” which became effective April 1, 2018, and is assigned number FO-229.18.

This Order shall take immediate effect on September 14, 2018 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.