

# Michigan Department of Natural Resources

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Fisheries Division

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# Fisheries Orders - 200.20A

- ▶ Michigan has abundant coldwater fisheries resources and several regulations to protect those valued resources
- ▶ Coldwater fish species regulations are described in FO-200.20A
  - ▶ Lengthy and complex (30 pages)
  - ▶ Burdensome to review and amend
- ▶ To simplify, reorganized FO-200 into four separate FOs
  - ▶ FO-200 - Inland Rivers and Streams - Trout and Salmon Regulations
  - ▶ FO-252 - Statewide - Lake and Round Whitefish, Cisco, Rainbow Smelt, and Artic Grayling Regulations
  - ▶ FO-253 - Great Lakes and Connecting Waters - Trout and Salmon Regulations
  - ▶ FO-254 - Inland Lakes - Trout and Salmon Regulations



# Spring 2021 Fish Stocking

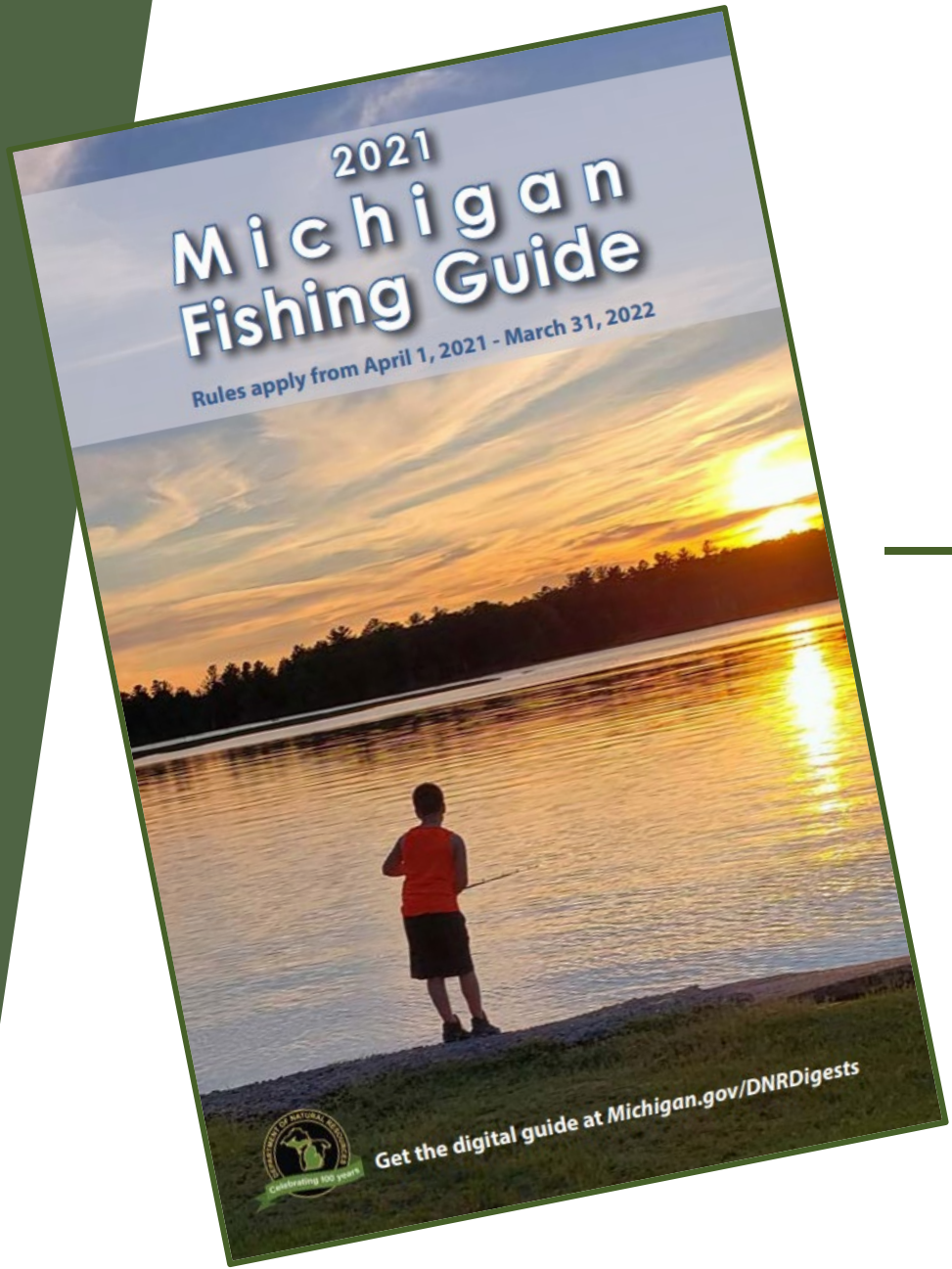
- ▶ 258 Stocking trips from six hatcheries
- ▶ Stocked at 573 sites
- ▶ 62,252 Miles driven
- ▶ Over 1,500 staff hours on stocking trips
- ▶ No steelhead yearlings due to COVID
- ▶ Most rearing assignments met or exceeded
  - ▶ Short on lake trout (otter predation)
  - ▶ Short on Atlantic salmon (mechanical issue early in cycle)
- ▶ Within 0.5% of overall (all species) rearing assignments



# 2021 Spring Walleye Production

- ▶ Directly stocked almost 9.5 million walleye fry
- ▶ 3.2 million spring fingerlings harvested from ponds
- ▶ Pond production was variable, but spring fingerling production was average
  - ▶ Good production in west UP ponds
  - ▶ Lower production than normal in southern LP
- ▶ Rapid warmup followed by very cold temps limited plankton availability
- ▶ Thompson facility had “experimental” walleye production year





# Thank You!

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## Questions?