

Recommendations for Fisheries Orders

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Fisheries Orders

For Information

- FO-202: Special hook size regulations
- FO-204: Spawning closures
- FO-206: Special fishing regulations for warmwater species on select waters



Fisheries Order 202.22

For Information

- Torch River (Antrim and Kalkaska Counties)
 - Currently spawning Muskellunge are protected via a spawning closure in FO-204.21
 - Interested in allowing angling opportunities for other species while also maintaining protection for spawning Muskellunge
 - Recommend seasonal gear restriction
 - Single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 1/2" or less from point to shank
 - Effective May 1 – July 1



Fisheries Order 204.22

For Information

- Torch River (Antrim and Kalkaska Counties)
 - Protection for spawning Muskellunge via FO-202.22
 - Recommend removing spawning closure
- Little Manistee River (Manistee Co.)
 - Need for clearly defined downstream boundary
 - Enforcement and public safety concerns
 - Recommend defining downstream boundary as the powerline crossing downstream of Stronach Road Bridge (also referred to as Water Street on some maps)
 - Also relevant to FO-200.22



Fisheries Order 206.22

For Information

- Silver Lake (Oceana Co.) – Northern Pike Regulations
 - Low abundance in recent survey
 - Recommend 2 fish daily poss. limit, all \geq 24 inches
- Increase angling opportunities and unify the fishing season across special regulation lakes
 - Jones Lake and Wakeley Lake (Crawford Co.)
 - Recommend extending the fishing season; new season would be the last Saturday in April – September 30

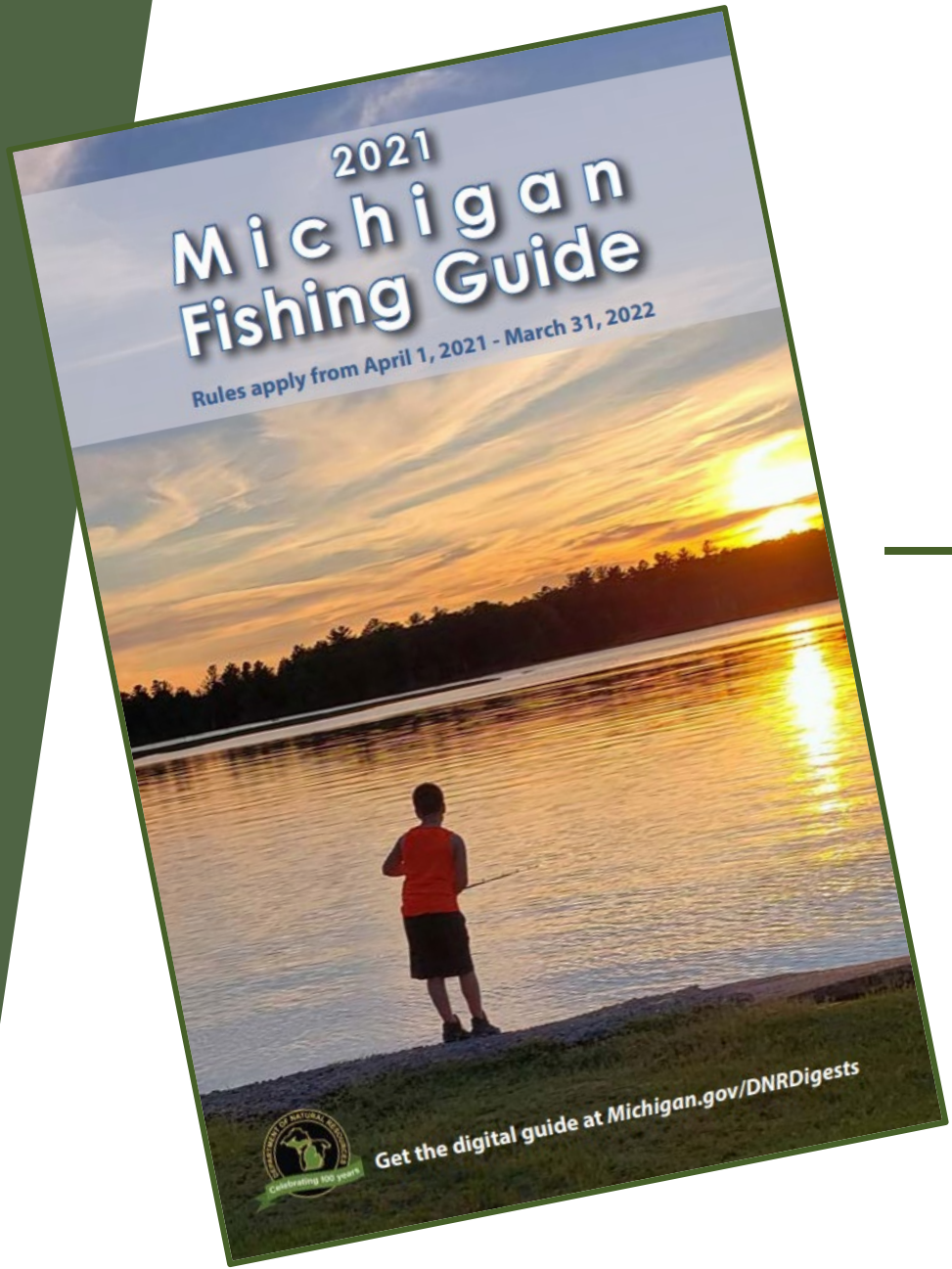


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Reminders:

- FO-200.22 – *For action* this month
 - Need for clearly defined downstream boundary for Type 4 regulation on Little Manistee River
 - Same boundary as recommended for FO-204.22
- FO-206.21 – *For action* this month
 - Includes recommendations discussed at August NRC meeting
 - Recommendations from public meeting regarding Walleye and Northern Pike regulations for Lake Gogebic





Thank You!

Questions?

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