Proposed Orders

• For Information – NRC
  – Spring Turkey Regulations (Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 9 of 2019)
  – Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Cisco, Grayling, and Smelt Regulations (FO-200)
Proposed Orders

• For Action – NRC
  – Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (Fishers Order 205)
  – Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters (Fisheries Order 206)
  – Statewide Coolwater Regulations for Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger, Muskellunge, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Yellow Perch, Sunfishes, and White Bass (Fisheries Order 215)

• For Action – Director
  – State-Licensed Commercial Fishing (Fisheries Order-243)
NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

- Fisheries Division Chief Update
  - Review of Fisheries Regulations
- Wildlife Division Chief Update
  - Spring Turkey Regulations
  - Preliminary Elk Season Results
Department of Natural Resources

Fisheries Division

Chief’s Update
Jim Dexter, Chief
October 10, 2019
Weir Updates

• Platte River
  – Passed 17,000+ adult coho and nearly 900 jacks upstream
  – Egg collection to tentatively begin Oct. 17

• Little Manistee River Weir
  – Egg collections on Oct. 1 and 8
  – Weir renovations are working well

• Boardman Weir
  – Three harvests have occurred
  – More than 2,500 coho harvested
Lake Trout Catch-and-Release

- Lake Michigan and Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee review
- Discussed April and June (Michigan) and August (Huron)
- No Support (22:4)
- Enforcement issues
- Enhance education and outreach
Thank you!
2019
Fisheries Orders

Natural Resources Commission
Meeting
Oct. 10, 2019
Fisheries Orders
For Information Only

• 200: Statewide Trout, Salmon, Whitefish, Cisco, Grayling, and Smelt Regulations
Fisheries Order 200
For Information Only

Coregonid regulations
- Identification issues
- Need for simplicity
- Protection of populations

Great Lakes and Type F waters
- Reduce daily possession limit to 10 fish
- Add Round (Menominee) whitefish

Inland waters
- Reduce daily possession limit to 5 fish
- Add Round (Menominee) whitefish
Fisheries Order 200
For Information Only

• Extend season on Type A & D waters
  – Increased angling opportunities for stocked trout
  – Season extended to Oct. 31st
Fisheries Order 200
For Information Only

• Coaster Brook Trout Restoration Area Modification in Pilgrim River
  – Extend coverage area by adding tributaries and the headwater areas
  – MTU study indicated broader habitat use and movements

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- **Removal of waters of various Types**
  - Private purchase of commercial forest land
    - Bedspring Lake, Clear Lake, Log Lake (Marquette Co.)
    - Dillingham Lake (Luce Co.)

- **Poor trout survival**
  - Spring Creek Pond (Luce and Schoolcraft Co.)
  - Crooked Lake (Marquette Co.)
  - Long Lake (Iron Co.)
  - Lake Lavine (Branch Co.)
  - Trout Creek Pond (Presque Isle Co.)
Thank you!

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Wildlife Chief Update

Shannon Hanna
Wildlife Chief Update

- Deer Season Forecast
- EEE Update
- Rex Ainslie is the Acting Wildlife Division Chief
Thank You!
Proposed
2020-2022 Spring Turkey Regulations

Al Stewart, Upland Game Bird Program Leader
Wildlife Division
October 10, 2019
Our Management Goals Incorporate

- Sound Science
- Ecosystem-Based Concepts
- Adaptive Management
- Public and Resource Manager Inputs
Spring Turkey Season

Goal:
Maximize hunter opportunity
while maintaining a quality hunting experience
Turkeys in Michigan

Where do turkey license buyers come from?

In the last 5 years, we’ve had buyers from all 50 states!

International Turkey License Buyers

Canada  Finland  Germany  Italy
Mexico  Puerto Rico  United Kingdom  Portugal

2018 SPRING TURKEY HARVEST - TOP 10 STATES

#1 Pennsylvania, 40,303
#2 Wisconsin, 38,885
#3 Missouri, 34,071
#4 Michigan Spring: 29,563
#5 Tennessee, 28,286
#6 Indiana, 26,865
#7 Kentucky, 27,255
#8 Oklahoma, 26,865
#9 Mississippi, 24,763
#10 Texas, 22,662
Assessment Methods

- Hunter surveys
  - Hunter satisfaction >60% (73%)
  - Hunter success >20% (43%)
  - Hunter interference <30% (<7%)

- Hunter contacts

- Input from biologists

- Structured decision making process
Structure Decision Making Workshops

Objectives

Options

Population Models
Wild Turkey Regulation Setting Cycles

2017-2019 Regulation Cycle

2020-2022 Regulation Cycle

2023-2025 Regulation Cycle

Timeline for SDM Implementation

2017-2019 Regulation Cycle
- Stakeholder Group
  - Input to inform WD recommendations for 2019
- Develop population assessment models
- Evaluate results for future regional application

2020-2022 Regulation Cycle
- Maintain stakeholder group
- Outreach about SDM beyond stakeholder group
  - WD, NRC
- Implementation of SDM
- Analysis informs 2023 WD recommendations

2023-2025 Regulation Cycle
- Maintain stakeholder group
- Full implementation of SDM process for statewide and regional application?
Proposed Spring Turkey Regulations
Licenses & Quotas

• Total of 99,140 licenses available

• 49,140 general licenses available for TMU’s A, B, E, F, J, K, M, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, and ZF

• Increase quota for TMU ZZ (Hunt 301) in the S. Lower Peninsula from 35,000 to 50,000

58,114 sq. miles open
Proposed Spring Turkey Regulations
Season Structures

• Limited-Quota Hunts
  • Hunt 1: April 20 through April 26 plus June 1 through June 7 for 2020 (14 days)
  • Hunt 2: April 27 through May 10 for 2020 (14 days)
  • Hunt 3: May 11 through May 31 for 2020 (21 days)
Proposed Spring Turkey Regulations

Season Structure

- Limited-Quota Hunts
  - Align season dates in TMUs A, B, J, and F
  - Hunt 1: April 20 through May 3 for 2020 (14 days)
Proposed Spring Turkey Regulations Season Structures

- Private-land Hunt Unit
  - TMU ZZ (Hunt 301) good for the entire season
    - April 20 through May 31 for 2020
Proposed Spring Turkey Regulations

• Allow hunting of turkey with a firearm from a scaffold, raised platform, or tree
2019 Fall Elk Season Results

Chad Stewart
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Michigan Department of Natural Resources
2019 Preliminary Elk Season Summary

• Hunt Period 1:

• Overall favorable weather

• License Quota: 100
  – 30 any elk
  – 70 antlerless only elk
Elk Harvest – Early Season

- Hunt Period 1 Harvest
  (96 hunters)
  - State hunter harvest: 71 legally harvested elk
    - 29 antlered elk (bulls)
    - 42 antlerless elk (40 cows)
    - 74% success
  - 3 bulls by Pure Michigan Hunters
  - Tribal harvest: 6 elk
    - 3 antlered elk, 3 antlerless elk
Elk Harvest – Hunt Period 2

- Hunt Period 2
  - Includes F, G, and X
  - December 14-22
  - Quota is 100 elk
    - 30 any elk
    - 70 antlerless only
Questions?

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