

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

NRC Policy Committee on
Wildlife & Fisheries

September 11, 2014



Proposed Orders

- NRC – For Information
 - Rehabilitator Regulations and Veterinarians (WCO Amendment No. 14 of 2014)
 - Trapping on Commercial Forest Lands Technical Change (WCO Amendment No. 15 of 2014)
- NRC – For Action
 - Deer Management Assistance Permit Regulations (WCO Amendment No. 10 of 2014)
 - Deer Management Assistance Permit Discount Technical Change (WCO Amendment No. 13 of 2014)



NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

- Fisheries Chief Update
- Fishing Regulations
- Wildlife Division Update
- Rehabilitators and Veterinarians
- Trapping on Commercial Forest Lands
- Deer Management Assistance Permits



Fisheries Division Update



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Jim Dexter, Chief



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Asian Carp Work

- Table top exercise with Ohio
 - Test a hypothetical situation
- Lake Erie field exercise: MI/OH
 - Multi-agency effort
- eDNA sampling
 - 700 negative results
 - West Michigan

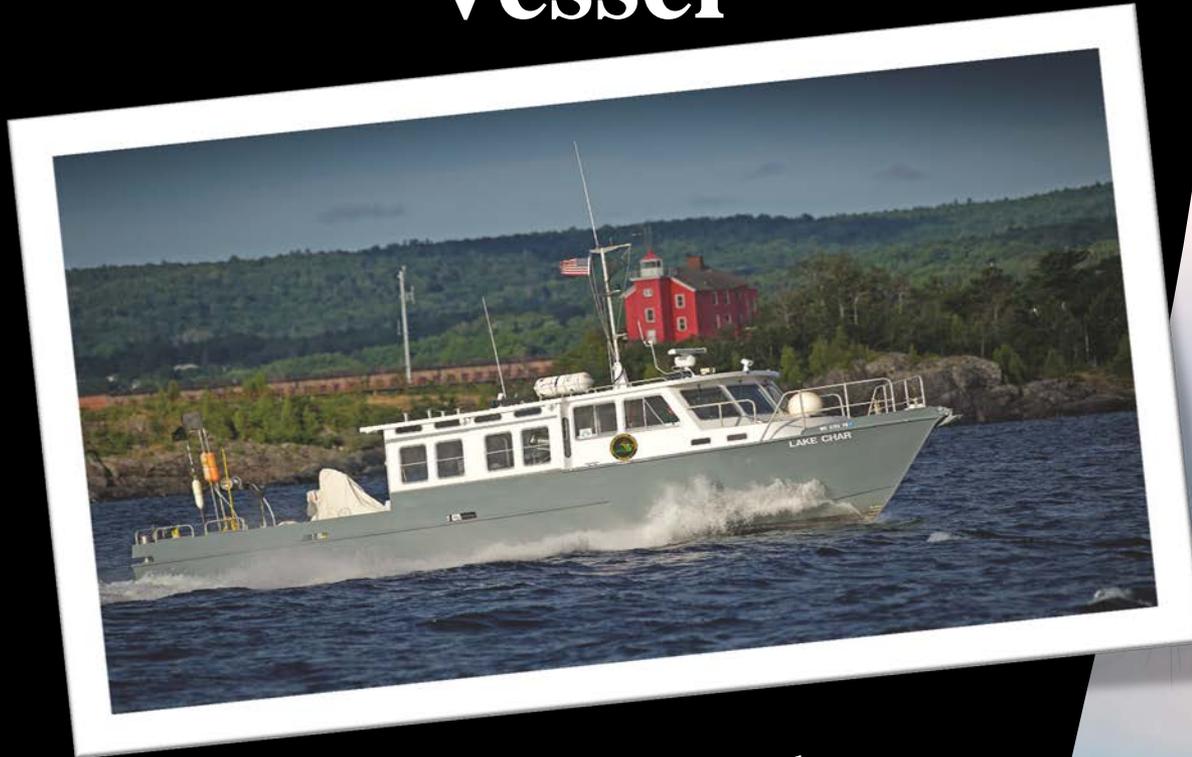


Consumers Energy Big River Grants (HIA)

- \$290,000 awarded for FY15
- Au Sable Pollock Bridge down
- Au Sable North Branch
- Au Sable Mio to Alcona LWD
- Au Sable structure rehab
- Bear Creek (Manistee) salmonids
- Muskegon River barrier inventory



Lake Huron Research Vessel



- Design plans due the 15th
- Procured construction oversight
- Construction bid next!



Thank you!

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**Proposed 2015
Fisheries Regulation
Changes**
For Information

Nick Popoff
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September 11, 2014

Fisheries Regulations For Information

Fisheries Conservation Order

- Hook Regulations (*FO – 202*)
- Boundary Waters (*FO – 205*)
- Special Regulations for Warmwater Species (*FO-206*)
- Spawning Closures (*FO-204*)

- Fisheries Order 240 -Sturgeon Regulations



Fisheries Conservation Order Changes

Hook Regulations (*FO – 202*)

- Snagging still a problem –
Manistee, Betsie R., Bear Ck.
- Law enforcement driven
- Propose lure definition
- Propose new rule to eliminate the use of treble hooks not attached to lures in some rivers during salmon runs



Fisheries Conservation Order Changes

Boundary Waters (*FO – 205*)

- MI/WI agreement to align regulations
- Lac Vieux Desert Flowage
 - Walleye population decline
 - Stocking program implemented
 - Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Propose bag limit reduction to 3 walleye per day – local support



Fisheries Conservation Order Changes

Special Regulations for Warmwater Species (*FO-206*)

- Lake Removals
 - Bankson, Brownwood, and Round Lakes (Van Buren) – muskellunge/pike seasons
 - Sand Lake (St. Joe) – catfish restriction
 - Twin Lake (Luce) – bass MSL and bag limit
 - Robarge Lake (Montmorency) – artificial lures only



Fisheries Conservation Order Changes

Special Regulations for Warmwater Species (*FO-206*)

- Lake Additions to No MSL
 - East Twin Lake (Ogemaw), Long Lake (Benzie), and Robarge Lake (Montmorency) – 5 pike where only one > 24”



Fisheries Conservation Order Changes

Spawning Closures (*FO-204*)

- Removal
 - Beaver Lake Pike Marsh (Alpena) – no longer used to enhance Beaver Lake – last operated in 2003



Fisheries Order 240 – Sturgeon Regulations

- Black Lake harvest shared with Tribes via 2007 Consent Decree
 - Season and quotas can vary annually
- Propose to remove administrative and regulatory conditions
- Annual regulations will be set by January 15th
- Effective immediately for 2015 season



Thank you!

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Wildlife Chief Update

**Russ Mason, Chief
Wildlife Division
September 11, 2014**



Wildlife Division Update

- Early Teal Season
- Elk Hunt Period 1
- Wildlife Division In-Service Awards
- Youth Waterfowl Hunting Weekend



Wildlife Rehabilitators and Veterinarians

- Proposed veterinarian exemption under the following conditions:
 - Wild animal is not kept for more than 48 hours before being released back into the wild or transferred to a permitted rehabilitator's facility;
or
 - Wild animal is humanely euthanized within 48 hours after arriving at the veterinary facility.



Trapping on Commercial Forest Lands

- The AG's office recently advised the Department that the public is not required to obtain landowner approval for normal trapping practices, such as leaving traps unattended overnight, on CF lands
- The Department recommends applying public land trapping regulations to CF land



Trapping Regulations Proposed for CF Lands

- Public land regulations are recommended for body gripping or conibear type traps in order to reduce take of non-target species
- Currently, snares are prohibited on public and CF lands for the taking of fox or coyote



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Deer Management Assistance Permits



Doug Reeves, Assistant Chief, Wildlife Division
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Current Regulations

- DMAPs can be used:
 - During an open season for deer;
 - By a hunter with a valid base license and deer license;
 - With the method of take allowed during the open season for deer, except on a case-by-case basis during the first two weeks of archery season; and
 - To harvest antlerless deer.



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- For information at the June NRC meeting
 - Held over for broader discussion
 - Met with representatives from the agricultural and hunting communities
 - Compared regulations for other Midwest states



Decision Tree

- For local staff use
 - Evaluate landowner needs on a case-by-case basis
 - Consistent approval or denial of DMAPs
 - Consistent approval for firearm use during archery season



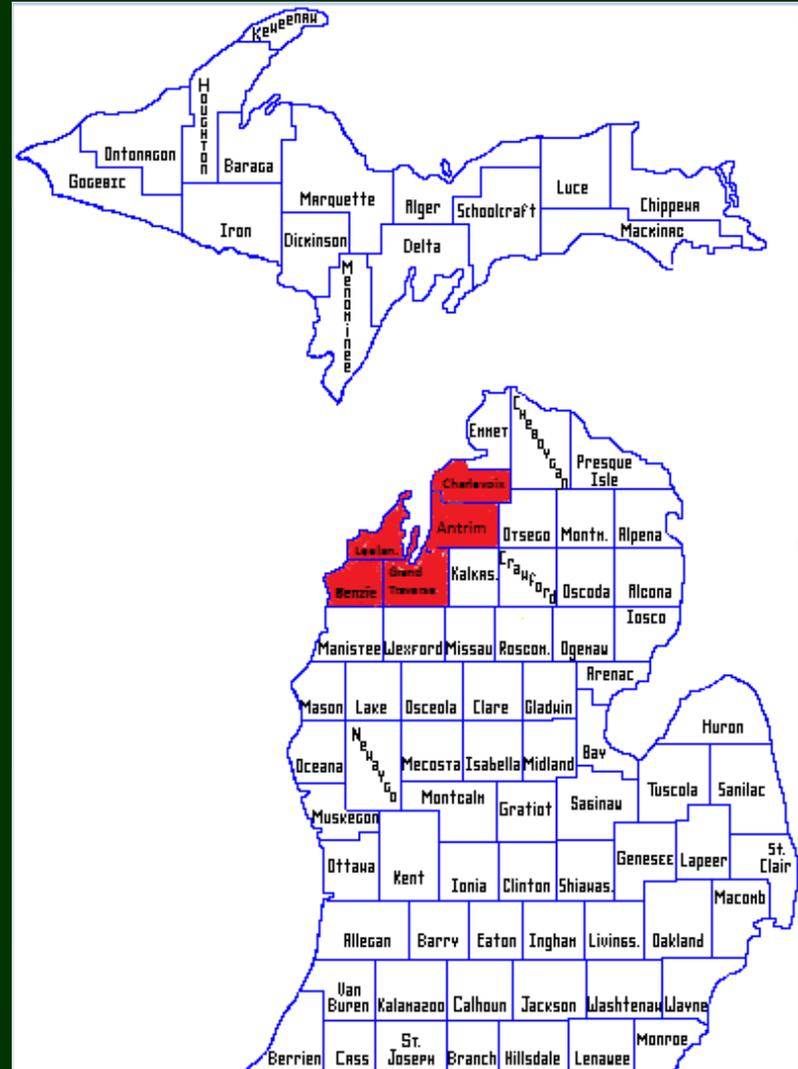
Reporting

- Landowner, annually report:
 - Method of take used
 - Date of harvest
- Department, annually report:
 - Number of DMAPs issued
 - Deer taken with DMAPs
 - Method of take used



Proposed Regulations

- Create a 3- year pilot area consisting of five counties: Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse and Leelanau



Proposed Regulations cont.

- Department may authorize the use of firearms during most of the archery season for addressing agricultural concerns over the next three years
- Quiet periods: October 1-4 and November 10-14
- Reports to include method of take and date of harvest for deer taken through use of DMAPS
- Provide for the taking of one antlered deer with a DMAP kill tag when extraordinary circumstances require it. Carcass, including antlers must be submitted to Department



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- Makes the technical adjustment to the price consistent with 2013 PA 108



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