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MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

**Subject:** Fisheries Order 206.21  
Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

Discussion and Background:

Fisheries Order 206 covers fishing regulations for warmwater species on select waters. The Department is recommending several changes for the order for immediate effect and those include adding restrictive harvest regulations on waters within the Crystal Waters State Game Area (recently purchased by the Department) to protect the vulnerable fish communities from overharvest and amending northern pike regulations on several waters. The Department recommends immediate effect for all recommendations in this order and to increase awareness of these new changes the updated regulations will be posted in a press release as well as updated in the online version of the Fishing Guide.

An upcoming Departmental land transaction involving the newly acquired Crystal Waters State Game Area requires immediate action to add protection to vulnerable fish populations. Located in Monroe County, the new game area offers several waters with the two largest being the Sand Pit (35 acres) and the Gravel Pit (85 acres). The Sand Pit and Gravel Pit, both man-made lakes were surveyed by Fisheries Division in May 2016 and the survey documented poor fish communities with very little diversity. The species composition of the fish communities included bluegill, hybrid sunfish, green sunfish and largemouth bass in low abundance. There were no small forage fish populations observed and the survey documented a paucity of aquatic vegetation and other fish habitat available. Without significant management efforts to limit angler harvest, enhance habitat, and increase productivity, there is little chance of improving or sustaining the existing fisheries once they are open to the public. The creation of the new Crystal Waters State Game Area will open these lakes and other waters to high angler effort, especially given there are no public inland lake fishing opportunities currently in Monroe County. Given these circumstances, the Department recommends allowing only catch-and-immediate-release fishing in these waters.

The Department will be taking possession of the property in the near-term; therefore, the Department recommends this order take immediate effect on September 17, 2021. As such, if adopted the restrictive regulations for the Crystal Waters State Game Area would not be documented in the printed version of the 2021 Fishing Guide. It is important to note, however, that the Department plans to address this communication gap by having Waterford fisheries staff work with other Departmental staff to post signage. The online Fishing Guide will also be

modified, and a press release will be distributed if the recommended fishing regulations are approved.

Additionally, the Department proposes that 21 waters be added to the list of waters where up to five northern pike, with no more than one 24 inches or greater, may be retained in the daily possession limit. The goal of these recommendations is to address abundant and slow growing northern pike populations by increasing harvest opportunities in attempts to reduce competition and increase growth rates. Michigan has many relatively small waterbodies that are shallow and contain suitable northern pike spawning areas, and these waters typically produce an abundance of smaller northern pike that must compete for limited forage. In these waters the northern pike growth rates are significantly lower than the state or regional average and many do not reach the statewide minimum size limit of 24 inches. As a result, anglers fishing in these waters are not able to catch northern pike large enough to harvest. Adding the recommended waters onto the list of waters where up to five northern pike, with no more than one 24 inches or greater, will allow anglers to harvest more smaller northern pike which can benefit the fishery.

#### *Issue Pros and Cons*

The recommendations would add greater protection from overharvest for the limited fish populations in the Crystal Waters State Game Area. Waters would be added to the more liberalized northern pike size limit and possession limit regulation, so anglers can harvest the smaller and slow-growing northern pike in those waters where populations are abundant.

#### *Biological*

Fish communities in private waters typically do not see the same level of fishing pressure that many public waters experience. Waters that lack forage fish populations, lack species diversity and have very poor habitat can easily be overharvested making the future sustainability of the fish community in doubt. Therefore, it is prudent for managers to restrict harvest to protect the spawning stock from being removed and provide time for other management strategies to be implemented to increase the population. Shallow lakes can be overrun by stunted northern pike and allowing more angler harvest by liberalizing the regulations will result in increased angling opportunities and pose no threat to the resource.

#### *Social*

Anglers are supportive of special fishing regulations enacted to protect unique and high-quality fishing populations which provide diverse public fishing opportunities.

#### *Economic*

The Department does not expect the proposed changes to have any significant budgetary or personnel implications.

Recommendation:

Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order was submitted for information on August 12, 2021, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's August 3, 2021, calendar and may be eligible for approval on September 16, 2021.



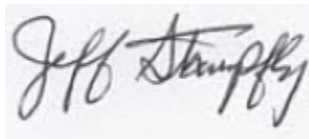
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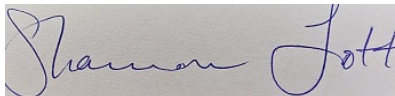
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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

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Daniel Eichinger, Director

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Date

# FISHERIES ORDER

## Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters Order 206.21

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 and Part 491 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on September 16, 2021, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read effective September 17, 2021, as follows:

The following special regulations are in effect for warmwater species on the selected waters and supersede those regulations that in any way conflict with those listed below:

### Alcona County

Badger Lake (T28N, R3E, S35): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24.

### Alger County

Echo and Duck Lakes on Grand Island: the possession limit for Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Au Train basin, 16 Mile Lake, Echo Lake, Nawakwa Lake, and Trout Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24.

### Allegan County

Pine Creek Flooding: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

### Antrim County

Clam Lake including all tributaries, Elk Lake (above Elk Rapids Dam) including all tributaries, Lake Bellaire including all tributaries upstream to Bellaire Dam, Lake Skegemog including all tributaries, and Torch Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Beals Lake including all tributaries, Benway Lake including all tributaries, Elsworth Lake including all tributaries, Hanley Lake including all tributaries, Intermediate Lake from Bellaire Dam upstream including all tributaries, Saint Clair Lake including all tributaries, Scotts Lake including all tributaries, Six Mile Lake including all tributaries, and Wilson Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Beals Lake, Benway Lake, Elsworth Lake, Hanley Lake, Scotts Lake, Six Mile Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), St. Clair Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), and Wilson Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24.

### Baraga County

Vermillac (Worm) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

### Barry County

Gun Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Thornapple Lake (from McKeown road to Barger road): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches. The possession season for Muskellunge and Northern Pike shall be the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in June through November 30, inclusive.

Williams Lake: the fishing season shall be the last Saturday in April through December 15, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0).

Benzie County

Long Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Branch County

Lake Lavine (expiring on April 1, 2020): no size limit on Northern Pike and no limit on possession of Northern Pike.

Calhoun County

Harts Lake (T2S, R8W, S7, 18): the daily possession limit is zero (0).

Cass County

Corey Lake (T6S, R13W, S24) Little Crooked Lake, and Stone Lake (T6S, R15W, S35): the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10 inches.

Magician Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Charlevoix County

Saint Clair Lake including all tributaries and Six Mile Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Deer Lake, Fox Lake, Geneserath Lake, Six Mile Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), St. Clair Lake (Antrim and Charlevoix Counties), and Susan Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Cheboygan County

Black Lake including all tributaries and Black River including all tributaries (upstream to Kleber Dam), Burt Lake, Cheboygan River, Crooked River (downstream from Crooked Lake confluence), Indian River, Mullet Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Black River upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only, Silver Lake (T33N, R3W, S11, 12), Wildwood Lake (T33N, R2W, S21), and Paradise (Carp) Lake (Cheboygan and Emmet Counties): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Cheboygan River from the south end of the outermost breakwall on Mullett Lake downstream to Cheboygan Dam, and Black River from Alverno Dam downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan River: the possession season for walleye shall be May 15 – March 15, inclusive.

Chippewa County

St. Marys River (from compensating gates downstream to DeTour/Drummond Island Ferry docks): the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Frenchman Lake (T44N, R6W, S23, 25, 26) and Trout (Carp) Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Clare County

Eight Point Lake and Lake Thirteen: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Crawford County

Jones Lake (T28N, R2W, S30, 31): the fishing season shall be June 1 through September 30, inclusive. Tackle: artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water. Daily possession limit is zero (0).

Wakeley Lake (T26N, R2W, S23): the fishing season shall be June 15 through August 31, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Big Creek Impoundment (T28N, R1W, S24, 25), River Lake (T28N, R2W, S30), and Pickerel Lake (Crawford and Oscoda Counties, T24N, R1W, S24 and T28N, R1E, S19): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Delta County

Chicago Lake, Carr Lake, Hamilton (McDonald) Lake, Lyman Lake, Escanaba River upstream from first dam at US-2, Round Lake (T40N, R20W, S1): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Dickinson County

Hamilton Lake, Lake Louise, Lake Mary and Sawyer Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Emmet County

Crooked River (downstream from Crooked Lake confluence): the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Crooked Lake, French Farm Lake Flooding, O'Neal Lake Flooding, and Paradise (Carp) Lake (Cheboygan and Emmet Counties): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Gladwin County

Lake Lancelot, Lake Lancer and Wiggins Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Gogebic County

Lake Gogebic: the minimum size limit for Walleye is 15 inches; however, anglers may possess two (2) Walleye from 13 - 15 inches as part of the daily possession limit of five (5) Walleye.

Chaney Lake, Cisco Lake, Thousand Island Lake, Lindsley Lake, Poor Lake, Big African Lake, Little African Lake, Clearwater Lake, East Bay Lake, Fishhawk Lake, Indian Lake, Morley Lake, Record Lake and Sunday Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Grand Traverse County

Elk Lake (above Elk Rapids Dam) including all tributaries and Lake Skegemog including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Arbutus Lake and Spider Lake (T26N, R10W, S9, 10): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10 inches.

Boardman Lake, and Lake Dubonnet: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Hillsdale County

Lake Diane: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 38 inches.

#### Houghton County

Portage and Torch Lake systems: no more than one (1) Walleye over 23 inches may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Prickett Impoundment and Rice Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Ionia County

Woodard Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10 inches.

Iron County

Chicagon Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Lake Ottawa the daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is zero (0).

Fire Lake and Indian Lake: the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18 inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Bass Lake, Bone Lake, Brule Lake, Buck Lake, Deer River, Hemlock Falls Reservoir, Indian Lake, Iron Lake, Lake Mary, Lake St. Kathryn, Michigamme Falls Reservoir, Michigamme Reservoir, Net River, Net River Wide Waters, Paint Lake, Paint River Pond (downstream of Horseshoe Rapids and upstream of Frog Island), Peavy Pond, Perch Lake, Railroad Lake, Runkle Lake, Shank Lake, Sunset Lake, and Winslow Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Kalamazoo County

Long Lake (T3S, R10W, S17, 18, 19, 30): protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Kalkaska County

Lake Skegemog including all tributaries: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50 inches.

Cub Lake (T27N, R5W, S19): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10 inches.

Kent County

Murray Lake: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Bass Lake (T10N, R9W, S12, 13, 14): protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Scram Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Keweenaw County

Schlatter Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Lake County

Big Bass Lake (T20N, R14W, S34): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 10 inches.

Leelanau County

North Manitou Lake (T32N, R14W, S29, 32): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18 inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Florence Lake (T31N, R15W, S9): Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water. No size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Lenawee County

Lake Hudson: the possession season for Northern Pike and Muskellunge shall be the first Saturday in June through November 30, inclusive.

Luce County

Blind Sucker Flooding and Bodi Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

East Lake and Muskallonge Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Tahquamenon River and Tributaries upstream from Upper Falls: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 38 inches.

#### Mackinac County

East Lake, Millecoquins Lake, and South Manistique Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Manistee County

Bar Lake and Chief Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Marquette County

Deer Lake Basin (T48N, R27W, S27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34), Carp River downstream from M-28 (T47N, R27W, S4) and all other tributaries to Deer Lake Basin: the daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

Fish Lake (T47N, R29W, S5, 6, 8): the minimum size limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is 18 inches. The daily possession limit for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is one (1).

Bass (East) Lake, Cedar Lake (T47N, R27W, S11), Dead River Storage Basin, Engman Lake, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Big West Branch Escanaba River, Escanaba River Mainstream downstream to Boney Falls Basin (except Greenwood, Schweitzer and Cataract Reservoirs), Shag (Big) Lake, and Witch Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Mason County

Hackert (Crystal) Lake (T18N, R17W, S2, 3): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Mecosta County

Canadian Lakes (in T14N, R8W, S20, 29, 30 north of Pierce Rd and south of Buchanan Rd in S19), Haymarsh Lake and Horsehead Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Menominee County

Shakey Lakes Chain including: Bass Lake, Beecher Lake, Long Lake, East Lake, Resort Lake, Baker Lake, and Spring Lake and Westman Impoundment (including North and Hayward Lakes): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Missaukee County

Missaukee Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Montcalm County

Indian Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Sand Lake and Townline Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

#### Monroe County

Crystal Waters State Game Area: the fishing season shall be open all year. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: all types of natural and artificial baits may be used.

#### Montmorency County

North and South Blue Lakes and Walled Lake: the fishing season shall be the last Saturday in April through September 30, inclusive. The daily possession limit is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only.



Black River and tributary streams only, East Town Corner Lake, North Tomahawk Lake (effective April 1, 2020), Pug Lakes (T31N, R2E, S4, 5), Robarge (Pike) Lake, South Tomahawk Lake (effective April 1, 2020), and West Town Corner Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Muskegon County

Mona Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Big Blue Lake (T12N, R16W, S2, 3, 4): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches

#### Newaygo County

Sand Lake (T11N, R13W, S19) and Brush Lake (T14N, R12W, S1): the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Bullhead.

Baptist Lake (T11N, R11W, S23, 24): the daily possession limit is zero (0) for Walleye, Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, and Bullhead.

Crystal Lake: the daily possession limit is zero (0) for walleye.

Diamond Lake, Nichols Lake, Ryerson (Long) Lake, Pickerel Lake, Kimball Lake, Emerald Lake, and Sylvan Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Oakland County

Upper Bushman Lake (T4N, R9E, S3): the daily possession limit is zero (0).

#### Oceana County

Round (Wykoff) Lake and Silver Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Ogemaw County

East Twin Lake, Lake Ogemaw and Sage Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Ontonagon County

Ontonagon River (Ontonagon County): no more than one (1) Walleye over 23 inches may be possessed in the daily possession limit.

Lake Gogebic: the minimum size limit for Walleye is 15 inches; however, anglers may possess two (2) Walleye from 13 - 15 inches as part of the daily possession limit of five (5) Walleye.

Lake of the Clouds (T15N, R43W, S21, 22): the daily possession limit for Smallmouth Bass is zero (0). Tackle: Artificial lures only. It shall be unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead bait, organic or processed food at any time on the shore or water.

#### Osceola County

Diamond Lake, Lake Miramichi, Rose Lake, and Wells Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Oscoda County

Pickerel Lake (Crawford and Oscoda Counties T24N, R1W, S24 and T28N, R1E, S19): no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

#### Ottawa County

Grand River (downstream from Sixth Street Dam) and Lake Macatawa: the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Presque Isle County

Black Lake including all tributaries: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 46 inches.

Ocqueoc River and tributary streams, all lakes of the Ocqueoc River watershed including Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud, Nettie, Ocqueoc, and Orchard, the Black River and tributary streams, and the following lakes of the Black River watershed: Francis Lake, Tomahawk Flooding, East Town Corner Lake, and West Town Corner Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Roscommon County

Backus Creek from the stream mouth upstream, including all tributaries, Little Mud Lake Flooding, Backus Creek Flooding, and Backus Lake Flooding, Cut River from the river mouth at Houghton Lake upstream to CO 100 just downstream of Higgins Lake, Houghton Lake, Lake James and Lake St. Helen: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

Schoolcraft County

Boot Lake, Colwell Lake, Crooked Lake, Kennedy Lake, MacDonald Lake, Seney Wildlife Refuge Ponds, Stanley Lake, and Thunder Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

St. Joseph County

Corey Lake (T6S, R12W, S17, 18, 19, 20, 29) and Big Pleasant Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10 inches.

Magician Lake (effective April 1, 2020): protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Van Buren County

Crooked Lake and Little Crooked Lake: the minimum size limit on Largemouth Bass is 10 inches.

Round Lake: the minimum size limit on Muskellunge is 38 inches.

Magician Lake: protected slot limit on Northern Pike from 24 – 34 inches.

Washtenaw County

Horseshoe Lake: the daily possession limit for Largemouth Bass and Northern Pike is one (1). The daily possession limit for Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Redear, Green Sunfish, Black Crappie and White Crappie, Warmouth, and Rock Bass in combination is ten (10).

Huron River, from the Mast Road Bridge in the Village of Dexter (T1S, R5E, S32) downstream to the Delhi Road Bridge (T2S, R5E, S2): the daily possession limit of Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass is zero (0)

Wexford County

Pleasant Lake and Stone Ledge Lake: no size limit on Northern Pike and up to five (5) Northern Pike may be retained in the daily possession limit with only one (1) greater than 24 inches.

This order shall be assigned number FO-206.21, and is titled "Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters."

This order supersedes the order titled "Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters," effective February 14, 2020, and is assigned number FO-206.20A.

This order shall take immediate effect September 17, 2021 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.

Issued on this 16th day of September 2021.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

Carol Moncrieff Rose, Chair  
Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Daniel Eichinger  
Director