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VIA E-MAIL

Jay Wesley
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621 North 10th Street
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Dear Jay Wesley:

SUBJECT: Stream Temperature Reclassification for the Prairie River
Water Management Area (WMA) 20781, Branch County

Following the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Fisheries Division's Policy and Procedure 02.02.024, staff in the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Water Resources Division (WRD), Surface Water Assessment Section (SWAS), conducted an independent review of the stream fish community data and water temperature data using DNR's StreamCheck tool. SWAS staff did not have any additional fisheries or water temperature data to supplement the information provided by DNR, Fisheries Division.

WRD concurs with DNR Fisheries Division's recommendation that the portion of the Prairie River located in WMA 20781 should be reclassified from a warm stream to a cold-transitional stream. Any questions regarding how this proposed stream temperature classification change will affect large quantity water withdrawals in WMA 20781 should be directed to James Milne, Supervisor, Water Use Assessment Unit, Permits Section, WRD at 517-285-3253 or MilneJ@Michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Teresa Seidel, Director
Water Resources Division

cc: Mike Alexander, EGLE
James Milne, EGLE