

2009 Michigan Fishing Guide

Rules apply from April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010

Regulations that apply to fishing for trout and salmon on inland waters are included in this guide.
See pages 20-34.



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Regulations that apply to fishing for trout and salmon on inland waters are included in this publication. Maps are available at www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing. A separate Michigan Inland Trout & Salmon Guide is not being published in 2009, and the maps printed in the publication in the past are available only online. See p. 34 for more information.

Major Regulation Changes

● Statewide - Three Rods

Anglers may now use up to three rods or tip-ups while angling regardless of species. This allows use of three separate lines and up to six total hooks. For more information, see p. 7 under hook and line fishing.

● Statewide - Northern Pike and Muskellunge Spearing Season Extended

The northern pike and muskellunge spearing season through the ice has been extended. The season now runs from Dec. 1-March 15. See p. 12.

● Statewide - Smelt Possession Limit

A new two-gallon possession limit has been placed on smelt regardless of method of take.

● Statewide - Chinook and Coho Salmon Possession Limit

A new possession limit now allows anglers to keep up to 5 salmon (coho and chinook) in the daily possession limit. The previous possession limit was 3 for these species. See p. 8.

● Statewide - Lake Sturgeon Tag

A new lake sturgeon tag has been added to the license system so anglers can request one from any license vendor. There is no cost for this tag. Anglers targeting lake sturgeon for catch and keep or catch and release must possess this tag while lake sturgeon angling. See p. 11.

New regulations appear in red throughout the guide.

Purchase your fishing license (and more) online at www.michigan.gov/dnr

LICENSE TYPE	COST
DNR Sportcard	\$1.00
Resident	
24 hr. (Good for all species for a designated 24-hour period)	\$7.00
Senior (65 or older)	\$3.00
Restricted (Good for all species EXCEPT trout and salmon)	\$15.00
Upgrade to All Species	\$13.00
Senior (65 or older)	\$6.00
Upgrade to All Species	\$5.20
All Species (Good for all species. See below)	\$28.00
Senior (65 or older)	\$11.20
Military (residents serving in the U.S. Military, who are stationed outside of Michigan) See page 6.	\$1.00
Nonresident	
24 hr. (Good for all species for a designated 24-hour period)	\$7.00
Restricted (Good for all species EXCEPT trout and salmon)	\$34.00
All Species (Good for all species. See below)	\$42.00
Voluntary	
Young Angler All Species (Good for all species). Residents or nonresidents under the age of 17.	\$2.00
Sportsperson Discount	
A 15 percent discount is provided when four or more licenses are purchased at one time for the same person. The 24-hour fishing license, all-species upgrade, waterfowl hunting license and restricted hunting applications are not eligible for this discount.	
Lost Licenses	
You may purchase a replacement license at any license dealer. You must provide the identification number used to purchase the original license. The cost of the replacement license will be determined at the license terminal.	

All-species fishing licenses are required for all anglers, age 17 or older, to take and possess trout and salmon from any public waters. This license also is required when fishing the following waters:

- All trout lakes designated by the DNR under FO-200 (All Type A, all Type D and designated Type B lakes).
- All Type 5, 6 and 7 streams designated by the DNR under FO-200.
- All waters of the Great Lakes when trout and/or salmon are the target species.
- All designated trout streams (FO-210) when trout and/or salmon are the target species.

NOTICE: This brochure is not a legal notice or a complete collection of fishing regulations and laws. It is a condensed guide issued for anglers' convenience. Copies of fisheries orders can be obtained from our Web site, www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Fishing License Requirements:

- You must purchase a license if you are 17 years of age or older. **If you are under 17, you may fish without a license, but you are required to observe all fishing rules and regulations.**
- When fishing, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license and exhibit both upon demand of a Michigan Conservation Officer, a Tribal Conservation Officer or any law enforcement officer.
- Your fishing license is valid from March 1 of a given year through March 31 of the following year.

To purchase a fishing license, you must have:

- A valid Michigan Driver License.
- A valid Michigan ID Card (issued by the Secretary of State) with additional proof of Michigan residency, such as a Michigan voter registration card.
- A DNR Sportcard (issued by license dealers). If the information on your DNR Sportcard from a previous year is still accurate, you may continue to use it.

To qualify for a resident fishing license, you must:

- Be a person who resides in a settled or permanent home or domicile within the boundaries of this state with the intention of remaining in this state, or
- Be a full-time student at a Michigan college or university, or
- Serve full time in the U.S. Military and be officially stationed in Michigan.

The ownership of land in Michigan by itself is not qualification for a resident license.

The following special provisions exist:

Residents serving in the Armed Forces: Persons serving in the U.S. Military, who, at the time of enlistment, were residents of Michigan and have maintained residence status for the purposes of obtaining a driver license or voting and who are stationed outside the state, may purchase a resident all-species license for \$1. Applicants must present proof of military status and leave papers when applying for the discounted licenses. This license, available at DNR Operations Service Centers (see p. 47) and at license retail outlets statewide, is valid for up to two weeks during an open season. The license buyer can designate the exact fishing period.

Residents who are blind or disabled: A resident who is declared legally blind or a resident who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled and entitled to veteran benefits at the 100% rate (with proof of same) is eligible to purchase ANY of the senior fishing licenses.

Persons with mental retardation and residents of a home for the aged (licensed under the Public Health Code) may fish without a license if they are a member of a group, and accompanied by one or more licensed adults who possess a permit issued by the DNR. Permits are available at DNR Operations Service Centers (see p. 47).

Description of Inland Waters

Inland waters are all waters within the jurisdiction of the state except the Great Lakes, and the bays and connecting waters. The connecting waters between Lake Superior and Lake Huron include that portion of the St. Marys River located within this state. The connecting waters of Lake Huron and Lake Erie include the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River (beginning at the imaginary line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County and ending at the imaginary east-west line drawn through the most southerly point of Celeron Island). Inland waters also include all inland lakes, streams and tributaries to the Great Lakes.

Fishing and Harvest Closures (Spawning Closures)

Michigan, like many states, prohibits fishing for various species at certain times of the year. These seasonal closures generally coincide with spawning periods and are often referred to as spawning closures. Many anglers and managers tend to think of these regulations as providing specific protection to spawning fish, and the timing and length of closed seasons are generally related to the timing and duration of spawning seasons. These closures are indicated by lake or stream in the county listings. Lakes and streams are closed to all fishing during the period listed. Outside of the closure period, the respective Type regulations apply.

Native American Fishing on Inland Waters

In 2007, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan entered a Consent Decree on tribal fishing rights in the 1836 Treaty area of Michigan. The parties to the Consent Decree were the state of Michigan, the United States and the following tribes in the 1836 Treaty area: the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The area affected by the agreement is the portion of Michigan within the 1836 Treaty boundary, which includes roughly the eastern half of the Upper Peninsula and a large area in the northern third of the Lower Peninsula. The Consent Decree recognizes a treaty-reserved right for the tribes' members to engage in hunting, fishing and gathering activities within the treaty area and for the tribes to regulate those activities.

Under an approved and monitored permit system, tribal members may use spears and may place impoundment nets on public waters. If you encounter these activities, do not disrupt the fishers or interfere with their nets. In the 1836 Treaty area, the DNR and the tribes will coordinate their efforts in research and assessment activities and consult and exchange information. Under the decree, the tribes will have seasons and bag limits that differ somewhat from state regulations. However, tribal fishing efforts should have limited effect on the resources, especially in view of the small number of tribal fishers relative to the large number of non-tribal fishers.

For more information or to view a copy of the 2007 Inland Consent Decree, visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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Lawful Fishing Methods

Bait: See updated VHS information on pages 14-15. Any fish (except lampreys, live carp, and goldfish) and frogs may be used as bait when legally taken and possessed. Wigglers (mayfly nymphs) and other aquatic nymphs and larvae also may be used for bait, but may not be taken from any trout stream except for personal use on the same stream. Crayfish may be taken for bait for personal use. See special exceptions on Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (p. 13).

Bow Fishing: Bows may be used on certain waters for certain species. See Table 6 (p. 12).

Dip Nets: Dip nets may be used for bowfin, carp, gar, smelt, and suckers in non-trout streams. A permit is required from a DNR office if equipment is to be left overnight. See Table 5, Netting (p. 12).

Drop-shotting: Having a weight suspended below a hook that is tied directly to the main fishing line. This gear may be used on inland lakes, Great Lakes, and Great Lakes connecting waters only. This gear may not be used on rivers, streams, or drowned river mouths (see Note 3, p. 8 for listing).

Gaffs: Gaffs may be used to help land lawfully hooked fish on all waters **except** on a trout stream.

Gear Restrictions: On all streams (including tributaries to the Great Lakes) from August 1 through May 31, it shall be unlawful to use multi-pointed hooks exceeding 3/8 inch between point and shank and/or single-pointed hooks exceeding 1/2 inch between point and shank. Also on all streams during this period it shall be unlawful to use lures exceeding one ounce. The Detroit R., St. Clair R. and St. Marys R. are exempt from these restrictions.

Hand Nets: Hand nets may be used to help land lawfully hooked fish. During April, May, and June, hand nets larger than 5 1/2 feet in circumference or having a handle exceeding 14 inches in length **may not** be used or possessed on designated trout streams except as provided in Table 5 (p. 12). Hand nets may also be used to take bowfin, carp, gar, smelt, and suckers. See Table 5, General Netting Regulations (p. 12).

Hook and Line Fishing: Fish so taken must be hooked in the mouth. Fish not hooked in the mouth must be returned to the water immediately. No more than **three** lines per person (including tip-ups) nor more than **six** hooks or lures may be used. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or "night crawler harness" are counted as one hook. Hooks must be baited or attached to an artificial bait. You may use any number of hooks on one line for taking smelt in recognized smelt waters. Tip-ups and similar devices used for ice fishing must show the angler's name and address. All lines must be under immediate control. Hook size regulations exist on certain streams (see Exceptions to General Regulations by County, p. 16-18).

Hoop Nets: May be used for burbot only on certain waters Dec. 15 - last day of February. Permit needed from a DNR office (see Table 5, p. 12).

Minnows For Personal Use: See updated VHS information on pages 14-15. Minnows for personal use only may be taken with hook and line, seines, dip nets, and traps with a valid fishing license. In trout streams minnows may only be taken during the open season for trout by hook and line or minnow traps. Minnows may not be taken from Big Glen L., Hatlem Cr. (Leelanau Co.), Portage L., Torch L., the North and South Portage Canal (Houghton Co.), in that portion of L. Superior west of Big Bay Point or any of their tributaries for 1/2 mile above their mouths. Gear restrictions are as follows: Seines must not be over 12 feet by 4 feet; hand nets not over 8 feet square and without sides or walls; and minnow traps not over 24 inches long. Minnow traps must bear user's name and address. Cast nets (not exceeding 8 feet in diameter without walls or sides) may be used to take minnows, alewife, smelt, and shad in the Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, and the Detroit R., St. Clair R., and St. Marys R.

Spearing: Hand, rubber, or spring-propelled spears may be used for certain species. See Table 6 (p. 12).

It Is Unlawful To:

Possess or transport any live transgenic (genetically engineered) organisms or the following nonnative fish: bighead carp, black carp, large scale silver carp, silver carp, grass carp (white amur), members of the snakehead family (Channidae), bitterling, Ide, Japanese weatherfish, rudd, tench, Eurasian ruffe, tubenose goby, or round goby. To do so may result in civil fines up to \$10,000.

Import, plant or transplant live game fish including viable eggs of any game fish without permit.

Buy or sell fish or parts of fish, reptiles, amphibians, or crayfish taken under a sport fishing license.

Take fish for the sole purpose of removing the eggs.

Take or attempt to take freshwater mussels (clams or other bivalves) whether living or dead, including the shell or parts thereof (except zebra mussels) from any waters of the state except under provisions of a cultural or scientific investigation permit from the DNR.

Take, attempt to take, or possess, any threatened or endangered species, except as authorized by the DNR. For more information, see <http://web4.msue.msu.edu/mnfi/data/specialanimals.cfm>.

Possess or sell a multi-pointed hook with a weight permanently attached.

Possess illegally taken fish or mutilated fish that cannot be measured or identified.

Possess more than the Michigan limit when fishing in Michigan waters even if holding licenses from more than one state or province.

Commercially take, possess, or sell rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*) in Michigan.

Commercially take amphibians or reptiles in Michigan.

Disturb or remove reptile eggs from the wild without a permit.

Fish for any species or possess fishing devices along a stream closed to fishing.

Fish with your hands, firearms, explosives, crossbows, setlines, poisons, or methods other than lawful fishing methods.

Fish anywhere in a fish ladder or within 100 feet of a lamprey control weir.

Use a net to take a fish within 100 feet of a dam (you may use a landing net to secure a legally hooked fish).

Use a seine for any species other than minnows.

Use cast nets in any inland water.

Possess a spear, gaff, or bow/arrow along a trout stream at any time.

Shoot reptiles or amphibians with a firearm (including spring, air, or gas propelled).

Have a weight rigidly attached to a multi-pointed hook, or suspended from a multi-point hook.

Fish on a river, stream, or drowned river mouth (see Note 3, p.8) using a weight suspended below any hook **unless** the hook is on a dropper line (a leader) that is at least 3" long.

Deposit litter, fish offal, or any foreign matter, in any waters of the state or on any lands, private or public.

Take or attempt to take fish outside of the open season for that species.

Commercially harvest wigglers from any state waters from June 1 - Sept. 1.

Snag fish or retain a fish not hooked in the mouth.

Possess largemouth or smallmouth bass during the catch and immediate release season, see p. 37.

Great Lakes Trout and Salmon Regulations (Note 1)

The regulations in this table apply to fishing on the **Great Lakes** for the following species: **Atlantic salmon, Brook trout (Note 2), Brown trout, Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, Lake trout (Note**

4), Pink salmon, Rainbow trout (steelhead), and Splake (Note 4). For regulations that pertain to fishing for trout and salmon on inland waters, see pages 20-34.

Seasons by water type	Minimum Size	Daily/Possession Limit (Notes 2, 3)
Open all year: (Note 4) L. Superior, L. Michigan, L. Erie, L. Huron, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R. Detroit R.	10" (Note 2, 4) (also see Table 1)	Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.: 5 total in any combination; no more than 3 of any one species, except up to 5 coho, chinook, or pink salmon allowed. On the St. Marys R.: 5 additional pink salmon allowed from last Sat. in April - Sept. 30.

Note 1 - All Trout and Salmon: For waters that have regulations that differ from those shown above, refer to **Exceptions to General Regulations by County** (p. 16-18).

Note 2 - Brook Trout: For L. Superior, the minimum size limit for brook trout is 20 inches and possession limit is one fish. Within 4.5 miles of Isle Royale (Isle Royale National Park waters), catch and release only; no possession.

Note 3 - Drowned River Mouth Lakes: On the following inland waters trout and

salmon regulations are as follows: 5 total trout and salmon in any combination; no more than 3 of any one species, **except up to 5 coho or chinook salmon**; no more than 2 lake trout or splake; minimum size limit is 10 inches, open all year **except** the lake trout season is open May 1 - Labor Day. **Allegan:** Kalamazoo and Silver Lks. **Benzie:** Betsie L. **Manistee:** Arcadia, Manistee, and Portage Lks. **Mason:** Pere Marquette L. **Muskegon:** Duck, Mona, Muskegon, and White Lks. **Oceana:** Pentwater, Silver, and Stony Lks. **Ottawa:**

Macatawa and Pigeon Lks.

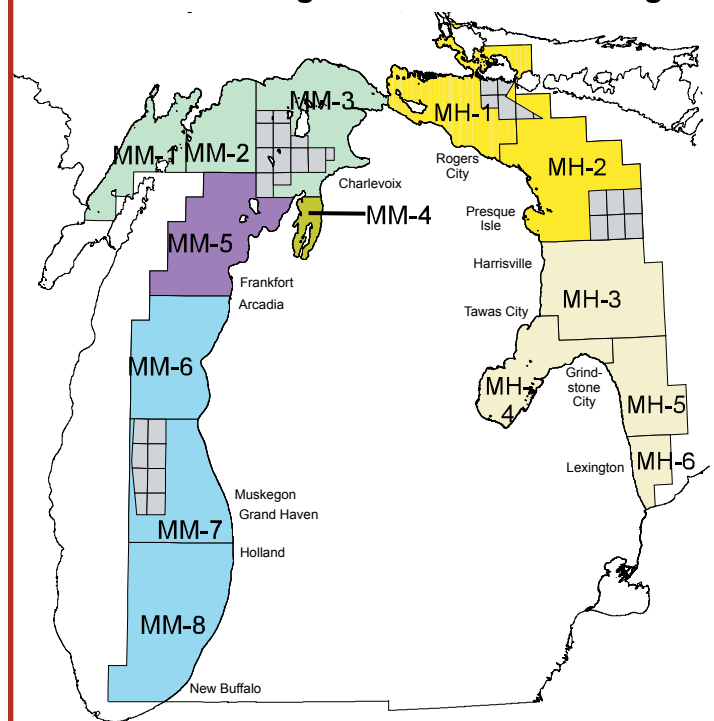
Note 4 - Lake Trout and Splake Regulations: Lake trout and splake regulations for the Great Lakes are listed by Lake Trout Management Unit (see Table 1). To help identify Management Unit boundaries, a few major ports are listed for each. The map below provides a graphic to further define the boundaries. For a complete description of Management Unit boundaries, ask for FO-200 at any DNR Operations Service Center (p. 47) or check online www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Table 1 Great Lakes Lake Trout and Splake Regulations

For splake, the minimum size limit is 10" and the season is open all year **unless otherwise noted** in the table below. The daily possession limit for lake trout and splake is 5 in any combination, but no more than 3 of any one species.

Management Unit, Major Ports	Open Season	Size Restrictions
Lake Superior: (no map provided)		
All Lake Superior Management Units	Open all year	The minimum size limit for lake trout is 15 inches.
Lake Huron: (map color coded by unit regulations)		
MH 1-2: DeTour, Cedarville, St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Rogers City, Presque Isle, Rockport, Alpena, Black R.	May 1- Sept. 30 (lake trout and splake)	The minimum size limit is 22 inches for lake trout and splake.
MH 3-6: Harrisville, Tawas, Grindstone, Harbor Beach, Lexington		The minimum size limit is 15 inches for lake trout and splake.
Lake Michigan: (map color coded by unit regulations)		
MM 1-3: Menominee, Escanaba, Manistique, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix	Jan. 1- Sept. 30 (splake open all year)	The minimum size limit for lake trout is 24 inches. NOTE: The minimum size for splake is 15 inches in the L. Michigan waters of Delta and Menominee Cos.
MM 4: Elk Rapids, Traverse City, Northport		The minimum size limit for lake trout is 20 inches and the maximum size limit is 25 inches, EXCEPT , one fish in the daily possession limit of three may be 34 inches or greater.
MM 5: Leland, Frankfort, Platte Bay	May 1- Sept. 30 (splake open all year)	The maximum size limit for lake trout is 23 inches, EXCEPT , one fish in the daily possession limit of three may be 34 inches or greater.
MM 6-8: Arcadia, Manistee, Ludington, Grand Haven, Holland, New Buffalo		The minimum size limit for lake trout is 20 inches.

Lake Trout Management Units and Refuges



For a complete description of refuge and management unit boundaries, see FO-200 available online or at any DNR Operations Service Center.

Legend
 Lake Trout Refuge
 Note: All refuges are closed to lake trout harvest.

Great Lakes Boundary Data provided by ESRI

Great Lakes Commercial Fishing Nets

Anglers and boaters on the Great Lakes may encounter commercial trap nets, gill nets and hook lines in most Michigan waters. All state-licensed or Native American commercial gear are required to be marked with floats or staff/flag combinations. Anglers and boaters should give wide berth to any markers, since anchor lines may extend several hundred feet in any direction from the floats or flags and along the length of the gear. The diagrams below can assist sport anglers and boaters in avoiding entanglement of fishing gear or boat propellers.

Tampering with commercial fishing gear is illegal. Removal or destruction of marker buoys and flags or other disturbance of gear often results in the waste of a valuable resource, since the nets continue to catch fish. They also can create safety problems for others on the water.

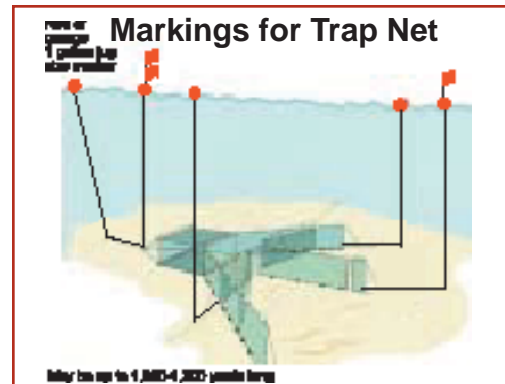
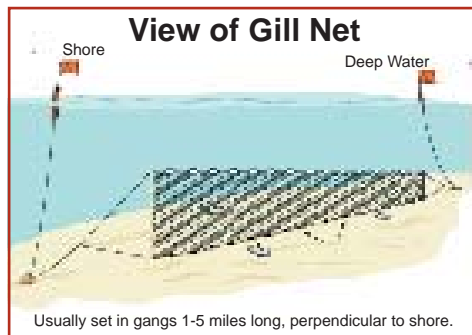


Table 2 Amphibians and Reptiles

Regulations for Frogs, Toads, Salamanders, Turtles, Lizards and Snakes

Amphibians and reptiles **MAY NOT** be shot with firearms (including spring, air, or gas propelled) or bow and arrow. The following **shall not be taken or possessed** except as authorized by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources: Blandings, spotted, wood, and eastern box turtle; black rat snake, eastern fox snake, copperbelly watersnake, kirtlands snake and massasauga rattlesnake; boreal chorus frog, Blanchards cricket frog; smallmouth salamander, marbled salamander; all reptile eggs; and amphibians and reptiles protected under Part 365 (Endangered Species) of 1994 P.A. 451. For further information, ask for list FO-224. **Personal Use:** A fishing license is required to take amphibians and reptiles for personal use

and as such may not be bought, sold, or offered for sale. Hand, trap, nets, seines (up to 12 x 4 feet overall dimensions), and hook and line may be used. Set lines may not be used to take turtles. Frogs may be speared but NOT with the aid of an artificial light. Traps used (or possessed) in areas frequented by reptiles must have a plate or tag attached bearing the name and address of the user in legible English. For taking turtles, no more than three (3) traps may be used, mesh traps must be no less than one (1) inch mesh, and traps must be set to allow turtles to surface and breathe. **The commercial harvest of amphibians and reptiles is prohibited.**

Species	Season	Minimum Size (inches)	Daily Possession Limit	Total Possession Limit
Frogs, toads, salamanders, mudpuppies	Last Sat. in May - Nov. 15	none	10 in any combination	10 in any combination
Snapping turtles	July 15-Sept. 15	13" minimum carapace length	2 in combination (no more than 1 of either species)	4 total in combination (no more than 2 of either species)
Softshell turtles		none		
All other turtles (painted, musk, map, red-eared slider); snakes and lizards	Open all year	none	3 in combination (However, no more than 2 turtles and no more than 1 of any one turtle species)	6 total in combination (However, no more than 4 turtles and no more than 2 of any one turtle species)

Fish Consumption Advisory

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) recommends that you use caution when eating certain kinds and sizes of fish from Michigan's lakes and rivers. Some fish have chemicals in them that can be harmful to human health if they are eaten too often. The Michigan Family Fish Consumption Guide shows you which fish are okay to eat and how often they can be eaten. The guide is available online at www.michigan.gov/fishandgameadvisory or by contacting MDCH at 800-648-6942.

Table 3 General Hook & Line Regulations (Note 1)

This table provides general statewide regulations for the species listed. However, there are many waters in the state that have fishing regulations which differ from those in this table. Please refer to the

Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (p. 13), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 14), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 16-18).

Species	Minimum Size	Daily/Possession Limit	Seasons
Largemouth bass Smallmouth bass (Note 2)	14"	5 total in any combination but no more than 2 northern pike (See Note 7)	3rd. Sat. in June - Dec. 31: L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 37) Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31: All other waters including Great Lakes (except those listed in Note 2)
Walleye (Note 3)	15" except 13" on L. St. Clair St. Clair R.		May 15 - March 15: On Upper Pen. inland waters not otherwise closed to fishing, Gr. Lakes waters and St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April - March 15: On Lower Pen. inland waters not otherwise closed to fishing. Open all year: Lower Pen. Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 37)
Northern pike (Note 7 & 8)	24"		Open all year
Flathead catfish	15"		
Channel catfish	12"		
Muskellunge (Note 7 & 8)	42"	1	May 15 - March 15: Upper Pen. inland and Gr. Lakes waters St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April - March 15: Lower Pen. inland waters Open all year: Lower Pen. waters of L. Michigan, Lower Pen. waters of L. Huron, L. Erie 1st Sat. in June - Dec. 15: L. St. Clair, St.Clair R., Detroit R. (See p. 38)
Yellow perch (Note 4)	No size limit	50	Open all year
Sunfishes (Note 5)		25 in any combination of the listed species	
White bass		25 on Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R. 10 on inland	
Lake whitefish Lake herring (cisco)		12 in any combination	
Lake Sturgeon		Please see Table 4, p. 11 for Lake Sturgeon Regulations	
Smelt	No size limit	2 gallons	Open all year
All others (Note 6)	No size limit	No possession limit	Open all year

Notes for Table 3

Note 1 - All Coolwater fish

Coolwater fish include all species listed in this table. **Regulations for trout and salmon on inland waters are provided on pages 20-34.**

Note 2 - Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

On **L. Michigan**, within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago: Beaver, Garden, High and Hog, (Charlevoix Co.) the open season is July 1 - Dec. 31, (see p. 16).

Catch and immediate release seasons:

On the following waters, bass may be caught and released on the dates listed. All bass caught must be immediately (see common terms p. 37) returned to the water: **L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.**, from the last Sat. in April - Fri. before the 3rd. Sat. in June; **All Lower Pen. waters**

including Great Lakes: Last Sat. in April - Fri. before Memorial Day; **All Upper Pen. waters including Great Lakes:** May 15 - Fri. before Memorial Day.

Note 3 - Walleye

Little Bay de Noc (Delta Co.): No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed north of a line drawn from Peninsula Point lighthouse to the mouth of the Ford R.
St. Joseph R. No more than 1 walleye over 23" may be possessed from the St. Joseph R. below Berrien Springs Dam to the mouth at St. Joseph/Benton Harbor.
L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.: The daily possession limit for walleye is 6 on these waters.
Michigan waters of Green Bay: from the mouth of the Menominee R. northward to the latitudinal line (45 degrees/15 minutes) located approximately 3 miles south of

Rochereau Point: from March 2 - Fri. before 1st Sat. in May the daily possession limit is 1 walleye and from the 1st Sat. in May - March 1 the daily possession limit is 5 walleye.

Note 4 - Yellow perch

L. Huron waters of Mackinac and Chippewa Cos. and the **St. Marys R.**, the minimum size limit is 7".
L. Michigan south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays) the possession limit is 35 perch.

Note 5 - Sunfishes

Includes: black and white crappies, bluegill, green and hybrid sunfish, longear, pumpkin-seed, redear, rock bass, and warmouth.

Note 6 - All others

Those species not listed above and those not considered trout or salmon.

Note 7 - Special Northern Pike & Muskellunge Regulations

Lakes with no size limit on northern pike, and up to 5 northern pike may be included in daily limit:

ALCONA: Badger L. **ALGER:** Nawakwa, Trout, and 16 Mile Lks.
ALLEGAN: Pine Creek Flooding **BARAGA:** Vermillac (Worm) L.
CHARLEVOIX: Deer, Fox, Geneserath, Hoffman and Six Mile Lks.
CHEBOYGAN: Black R. upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only, Silver and Wildwood Lks.
CHIPPEWA: Frenchman L. **CLARE:** L. Thirteen **CRAWFORD:** Big Creek Impoundment, River and Pickerel Lks. **DELTA:** Carr, Chicago, and Hamilton Lks. and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US-2) **DICKINSON:** Sawyer L. **EMMET:** French Farm and O'Neal L. Floodings **GLADWIN:** L. Lancer **GOGEIC:** African (Big and Little), Chaney, Cisco, Clearwater, East Bay, Fishhawk, Indian, Lindsley, Morley, Poor, Record, and Thousand Island Lks. **GRAND TRAVERSE:** Boardman L., Brown Bridge Pond and L. Dubonnet **HOUGHTON:** Rice L. **IRON:** Bone, Buck, Indian, Runkle and Winslow Lks., Hemlock Falls and Michigamme Reservoirs, Michigamme Falls and Peavy Reservoirs, Lake St. Kathryn, Deer R., Net R., and Net R. Wide Waters. **KENT:** Bass L. **LEELANAU:** Florence L. (S. Manitou Is.), artificial lures only **LUCE:** East and Muskallonge Lks. **MACKINAC:** East L. **MANISTEE:** Bar L. **MARQUETTE:** Cedar L., Engman L., Dead R. Storage Basin, Witch L., Middle Br. Escanaba R., Big West Br. Escanaba R., and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US-2) **MASON:** Hackert L. (Crystal L.) **MECOSTA:** Haymarsh L. **MENOMINEE:** Westman Impoundment **MISSAUKEE:** Missaukee L. **MONTMORENCY:** East and West Town Corner Lks., Black River and tributary streams only **MUSKEGON:** Big Blue L. **OCEANA:** Round (Wykoff) L. and Silver L. **OGEMAW:** L. Ogemaw **OSCEOLA:** L. Miramichi, Rose L. and Wells L. **OSCODA:** Pickerel L. **OTSEGO:** Black R. and tributaries **PRESQUE ISLE:** Francis L., Ocqueoc R. and tributary streams upstream of, but not including Ocqueoc Lk., Ocqueoc Watershed Lakes (Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud and Nettie), Black R. and tributary streams only (not including Tomahawk Flooding) **ROSCOMMON:** L. St. Helen, Backus Cr., Mud L., and Little Mud L. Waterfowl Flooding **SCHOOLCRAFT:** Boot, Crooked, Kennedy, Stanley and Thunder Lks.; **Seney National Wildlife Refuge Pools** - contact Refuge office (906-586-9851).

Lakes with 30" minimum size on Northern Pike:

BARRY: Fish L. **IRON:** Cable and Porter Lks. **KEWEENAW:** Gratiot L. **MARQUETTE:** Fish L. **SCHOOLCRAFT:** Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.

Lakes with Northern Pike and Muskellunge possession seasons the last Sat. in April - Nov. 30:

BARRY: Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.) minimum size on muskellunge is 50".
LENAWEE: L. Hudson **VAN BUREN:** Bankson L., Brownwood L., and Round L. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, Sec. 13).

Note 8 - Restricted Spearing Lakes

The following lakes are closed to spearing, except that carp may be taken with a spear or bow from May 1 – Aug. 15 and northern pike may be speared on waters as marked(†) from **Dec. 1 - March 15**. Be sure to check the Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 16-18).

Lakes closed to spearing (except carp may be speared May 1 – Aug. 15):

ALLEGAN: Osterhout L.
ALPENA: Fletcher Floodwaters
BARRY: Fish L. and Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.)
CHEBOYGAN: Cornwall Impoundment and Tower Pond (no carp spearing allowed).
CHIPPEWA: Caribou L.
CLARE: Budd L.
CLINTON: Ovid L.
DELTA: †Dana L.
IRON: Cable, Emily, Porter, Stanley, †Brule, †Chicagon, †Chief Edwards, †Paint, †Paint Pond, and †Violet Lks.
KENT: Campau and Murray Lks.
KEWEENAW: Gratiot L.
LAPEER: Nepessing L.
LENAWEE: L. Hudson
LIVINGSTON: Whitmore and Woodland Lks.
MACKINAC: Brevoort L.
MARQUETTE: Fish L.
MONTMORENCY: Fletcher Floodwaters and West Twin Lks.
MUSKEGON: Mona L.
OAKLAND: Heron and Tipsico Lks.
OTSEGO: Big Bear and Otsego Lks.
OTTAWA: L. Macatawa
ST. JOSEPH: Long L. (Fabius Twp. T6S, R12W, Sec 7)
SCHOOLCRAFT: Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.
VAN BUREN: Bankson, Brownwood, and Round Lks. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, Sec. 13)
WASHTENAW: Whitmore L.

Table 4 Lake Sturgeon
Hook & Line only (*Except Black L. Cheboygan Co., special spearing season)

Open Season (Note 1)	Gear, Harvest, and Size Restrictions	
July 16 - Nov. 30 Great Lakes and connecting waters (except L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.), all inland waters except Otsego L. & Black L. (Cheboygan Co.)	Catch and release only. No possession	
July 16 - Sept. 30 L. St. Clair and St. Clair R. (Harvest Season) Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 (Catch and release only).	Between 42" - 50". All fish less than 42" and greater than 50" must be released immediately.	1 per season
July 16 - March 15 Otsego L. (Otsego Co.)	50" minimum	
1st. Sat. in Sept. - Sept. 30 All MI-WI boundary waters (see Note 2, p. 13)	60" minimum (See Table 7, p. 13)	
1st Sat. in February - Sun. following the 2nd Sat. in February Black L. (Cheboygan Co.)	Lottery Draw Only - 5 fish quota for the season Tags will be issued by random drawing. Contact DNR Gaylord office 989-732-3541 for details	

*Spearing for lake sturgeon is prohibited, except in Black L. (Cheboygan Co.) under special lottery permit.

Note1: A non-transferable sturgeon tag must be obtained at a license vendor prior to all sturgeon fishing, including catch and release.

Successful anglers must tag the fish and register it immediately (within 24 hrs.) at a designated registration station, contact DNR for locations. Fish being released should not be tagged. Information is available online: www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing.

Table 5 General Netting Regulations

The following gear restrictions apply for the species, seasons and water listed below:

- Hand Nets may be of any circumference and handle length.
- Dip Nets may not exceed 9 x 9 feet square nor be erected or fished within 100 feet of any dam.
- Seines may only be used for minnows except under a scientific collector's permit issued by the DNR. FO-229 is available from DNR Operations Service Centers (page 47).

Species	Seasons	Nets and Waters
Bowfin Carp Gar Smelt * Suckers	March 1 - May 31	Hand Nets: South of M-72 Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., and Detroit R., and all tributaries from the mouth to 1/2 mile upstream. Selected inland streams (list FO-229)
	April 1 - May 31	Hand Nets: North of M-72 (including Upper Peninsula) Great Lakes, St. Marys R. and all tributaries from the mouth to 1/2 mile upstream. Selected inland streams (list FO-229)
	April 1 - May 31	Dip Nets: All Lower Peninsula non-trout streams. There is a 2-gallon possession limit on smelt.
	May 1 - May 31	Dip Nets: All Upper Peninsula non-trout streams
Burbot	Dec. 15 - end of February	Hoop Nets: Permit required from DNR office. Peshekee R. (Marquette Co.); AuTrain R. (Alger Co.) from AuTrain L. to mouth; Sturgeon R. (Baraga Co.) from M-38 bridge to mouth; Sturgeon R. (Houghton Co.)

*There is a 2-gallon possession limit on smelt.

Table 6 Bow and Spear Fishing

A hand-propelled spear may be used on the following waters. In addition, a bow, light, spring-propelled or rubber-propelled spear may be used as indicated. Size and possession limits are the same as for General Hook and Line Regulations – Table 3 (p. 10); inland non-trout waters are those inland waters except Designated Trout

Lakes (*see FO-200) and Designated Trout Streams (see FO-210); For exceptions to these regulations, see Note 8 - Restricted Spearing Lakes (p.11), Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Regulations (p.13), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 14), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p.16-18).

Season	Waters	Species
Dec. 1 - March 15	All waters (through the ice) except: Designated Trout Lakes (*see above), and Streams (FO-200), and Note 8 waters (p.11). No muskellunge spearing on L. St. Clair, L. Erie, Detroit R., and St. Clair R.	Northern Pike Muskellunge
January - February	L. St. Clair (bow may be used)	Yellow perch
January - February	(bow and light may be used) Inland non-trout waters (through the ice): See Note 8 (p. 11)	Bowfin Bullheads Carp Catfish Drum Gar
All year (Note 1)	(bow and light may be used) Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.	Lake herring (cisco) Smelt Suckers Whitefish
All year	Great Lakes	Burbot
April 1 - May 31 South of Hwy. M-46	(bow and light may be used) All non-trout streams or Trout streams listed in FO-219	Bowfin Carp Gar Suckers
April 15 - May 31 Between M-46 and M-72		
May 1 - 31 North of Hwy. M-72		
All Year	Waters listed in FO-219 as open to the use of rubber-propelled or spring-propelled spears when used as noted in FO-219 list.	
May 1 - Aug. 15	(bow and light may be used) Inland non-trout waters	Bowfin Carp Gar
Oct. 15 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) Hubbard L. (Alcona Co.), Ottawa, Chicagoan L. (Iron Co.)	Carp Lake herring (cisco) Suckers Whitefish
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) Elk L., Torch L., Clam R. (Grand Traverse, Antrim, Kalkaska Cos.); Crystal L. (Benzie Co.) All inland non-trout waters in lower peninsula counties wholly south of M-20 (including all of Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Cos.)	

Note 1: In Little Bay de Noc, bowfin, carp, and gar may be speared only in January and February.

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Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Water Regulations

These rules and regulations supersede all others governing fishing on Michigan/Wisconsin boundary waters that in any way conflict. Where regulations of Michigan and Wisconsin differ, persons shall comply with the regulations of the state in whose territorial waters they are fishing.

The interstate boundary waters in which fishing is to be governed by the special regulations are: **The L. Michigan waters between the breakwalls at the mouth of the Menominee R. beginning at an imaginary line drawn between the most lakeward point of each breakwall. Menominee R., its sloughs and impoundments** (Menominee, Dickinson, Iron Counties, Michigan; Florence, Marinette Counties, Wisconsin); **Brule R.** (Iron County, Michigan; Florence and

Forest Counties, Wisconsin); **Brule Island Impoundment**, upstream to a line running east-west through the first island upstream from the junction of the **Brule and Paint Rivers** (Iron County, Michigan; Florence County, Wisconsin); **Smoky L.** (Iron County, Michigan; Vilas County, Wisconsin); **Norwood L., Lac Vieux Desert, Crystal L., Mill L., Big Bateau L., Mamie L., West Bay L., Big L., Crampton L., Plum L., Tenderfoot L., Roach L., Little Presque Isle L., Cyrus L., Basin L., Stateline L.** (Gogebic County, Michigan; Vilas County, Wisconsin); **East Fork Montreal R. up to the mouth of Layman Cr.** (Gogebic County, Michigan; Iron County, Wisconsin); **Montreal R.**, (Gogebic County, Michigan; Iron County, Wisconsin).

Legal fishing methods

- Up to three lines per person with a total of three (3) hooks or baits may be used.
- Lines must be attended at all times.
- Dip nets not exceeding nine (9) feet square or in diameter, without walls may be used in the Menominee R. from April 1- May 14 for taking of suckers, redhorse, carp, smelt, and burbot (**except** from Hattie Street Bridge in Marinette-Menominee to the first dam upstream and within 200 feet of all other dams).
- Fish shanties used in ice fishing must be legibly marked with the name and address of owner. In Wisconsin boundary waters, fish shanty doors cannot be locked from inside during occupancy.
- You may fish from a motorboat with the motor running or a sailboat under sail only on the Michigan portions of the waters of Lac Vieux Desert in Gogebic Co.
- All persons holding a valid resident or nonresident sport fishing license issued by Michigan or Wisconsin may fish the entire area of a border water regardless of the state-line boundary.
- Crayfish may not be possessed or used for bait on Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters.

Table 7 Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (Hook & Line)

Species ^{Note 1}	Water	Season	Minimum Size (inches)	Possession Limit
Trout, Salmon	Smoky L., Montreal R., and Menominee R. mouths to 1st dam.	Open all year	10"	5
	Menominee R. and Montreal R. above 1st dam. Brule R. mouth to US-2	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	7"	
	Brule R. above US-2 bridge		Brook Trout 8" Brown Trout 12"	
Smallmouth bass Largemouth bass	All boundary waters	1st Sat. in May - Fri. before 3rd Sat. in June	catch and release	
		3rd Sat. in June - Nov. 30	14"	5 in combination
Walleye, Sauger	All boundary waters except rivers and impoundments	1st Sat. in May - March 1	15"	5 in combination
	All rivers and impoundments	March 2 - Fri. before 1st Sat. in May		1
		1st Sat. in May - March 1		5 in combination
Northern pike	All boundary waters	1st Sat. in May - March 1	none	5
Bluegills, Crappies, Sunfish, Yellow perch	All boundary waters	Open all year	none	25 in combination
Muskellunge ^{Note2}	All boundary waters	May 15 - Nov. 30	40"	1
Lake Sturgeon ^{Note2,3}	All boundary waters	1st Sat. in Sept. - Sept. 30	60"	1 per season
Channel catfish	All boundary waters	Open all year	none	10
All others	All boundary waters	Open all year	none	none

Note 1: No fishing during the closed season on trout in the **Brule R.** upstream from U.S. Hwy 2 bridge (T41N, R32W, Sec. 9) Iron Co., MI and the **Montreal R.** above Superior Falls flowage. **Note 2:** For the Menominee R. (from Hattie St. Dam to the end of the breakwalls in Green Bay) the minimum size limit for Muskellunge is 50" and daily possession limit of lake sturgeon is 0. **Note 3: A non-transferable sturgeon tag must be obtained at a license vendor prior to all sturgeon fishing, including catch and release.** Successful anglers must tag the fish and register it immediately (within 24 hrs.) at a designated registration station, contact DNR or check online for locations. Fish being released should not be tagged.

Michigan-Indiana Bordering Lakes

Residents of either the state of Indiana or the state of Michigan, fishing in any of the waters listed below and who possess a valid fishing license for either state, shall be permitted to fish therein only in accordance with the laws and regulations of the state having jurisdiction over that portion of the waters in which fishing is done.

Clear Lake - Indiana, St. Joseph Co./**South Clear Lake** - Michigan, Berrien Co.

Indiana Lake - Indiana, Elkhart Co./Michigan, Cass Co.

Fish Lake - Indiana, La Grange Co./Michigan, St. Joseph Co.

Lake George - Indiana, Steuben Co./Michigan, Branch Co.

Long Lake - Indiana, Steuben Co./Michigan, Hillsdale Co.

Sylvania Wilderness Area Regulations

The following special provision lakes in Gogebic County are subject to the regulations that follow: Banks, East Bear, West Bear, Clark, Corey, Cub, Deer Island, Dorothy, Elsie, Fisher, Florence, Germain, Glimmerglass, Golden Silence, Hay, Helen, High, Honey, Jay, Johnston Springs, Katherine, Kerr, Liluis, Lois, Loon, Louise, Marsh, Moss, Mountain, Snap Jack, Trapper, and Whitefish Lakes.

Seasons

Statewide seasons apply on all fish species **except that no fishing shall be allowed before the last Sat. in April or after Oct. 31 of each year.**

Size Limits

- Lake trout: not less than 30 inches.
- Walleye: not less than 20 inches.
- Northern pike: not less than 30 inches.
- All other species: no size limit.

Possession Limits

- Largemouth or smallmouth bass must be returned immediately to the water without injury, and may not be possessed on the special provision lakes of the Sylvania Wilderness Area.
- Northern pike, walleye, lake trout: not more than 1 fish of any of these species.
- All other species: 10 singly or in any combination of species.

Method of Take

- Hook and line fishing only, **not to exceed 3 lines to which may be attached a total of 6 hooks on all lines.** All hooks attached to a manufactured artificial lure shall be counted as 1 hook.
- Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. "Artificial lure" means any lure that is man-made, in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait, used to attract fish for the purpose of taking them, and shall include artificial flies.
- Live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material **may not be used or possessed** at any time on special provision Sylvania Wilderness Area lakes.

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus Statewide Regulations Anglers We Need Your Help in Slowing the Spread of Fish Diseases!

A fish disease known as Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus was discovered in Michigan waters. The following regulations have been put in place to slow the spread of the disease. Check www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing for the official lists and changes.

DEFINITIONS

As used in these regulations, specific terms are defined as follows:

Baitfish – live or dead species of fish, or parts of fish excluding roe, that are used by anglers to catch fish.

Baitfish and Roe Exclusion Zone - waters designated as critical to hatchery operations where possession and use of baitfish and roe as defined is prohibited.

Certification Process – a process used by the DNR to grant or deny applications from individuals who want to conduct certain activities that are regulated by the department.

Inland Waters – all public waters of the state except for the Great Lakes and their connecting waters.

Pathogen – viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites that cause disease in living organisms.

Prohibited Fish Species – Baitfish and other species of fish identified by the department as infected with VHSv.

Roe – eggs of fish.

VHSv Free Management Area - Lake Superior and all Inland waters in the watersheds of Lake Superior are classified as a VHSv Free Management Area (VHSv has not been found in these waters). All Inland waters in the watersheds of Lake Michigan including Grand Traverse bays and bays de Noc, and of the St. Marys River are classified as a VHSv Free Management Area, except for those tributaries to Lake Michigan including Grand Traverse bays and

bays de Noc, and to the St. Marys River that are classified as a VHSv Surveillance Area.

VHSv Positive Management Area - Lake Huron including Saginaw Bay, the St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River, and Lake Erie are classified as a VHSv Positive Management Area (VHSv has been confirmed in these waters). All tributaries to Lake Huron including Saginaw Bay, to the St. Clair River, to Lake St. Clair, to the Detroit River, and to Lake Erie are classified as a VHSv Positive Management Area in their entirety or from their confluence upstream to the first barrier that prevents the upstream passage of fish if such a barrier exists. **VHSv has been documented in Budd Lake (Clare County) resulting in its addition to the VHSv Positive Management Area.**

VHSv Surveillance Management Area - Lake Michigan including Grand Traverse bays and bays de Noc, and the St. Marys River are classified as a VHSv Surveillance Management Area. All tributaries to Lake Michigan including Grand Traverse bays and bays de Noc, and to the St. Marys River are classified as a VHSv Surveillance Management Area in their entirety or from their confluence upstream to the first barrier that prevents the upstream passage of fish if such a barrier exists. All Inland Waters in the watersheds of Lake Huron including Saginaw Bay, of the St. Clair River, of Lake St. Clair, of the Detroit River, and of Lake Erie are classified as a VHSv Surveillance Management Area, except for those tributaries to Lake Huron including Saginaw Bay, to the St. Clair River, to Lake St. Clair, to the Detroit River, and to Lake Erie that are classified as a VHSv Positive Management Area.

BAITFISH AND ROE EXCLUSION ZONES

The DNR has identified locations vital to the protection of hatchery operations in an effort to control or contain pathogen movement and reduce disease risks to these facilities. In these critical areas restrictions on the possession and subsequent use of baitfish and roe must be

implemented. **Therefore, baitfish and roe shall not be possessed on the following waters in Benzie, Chippewa and Marquette counties:**

Benzie County: Brundage Creek and tributaries Kinney Creek and Stanley Creek, from its confluence with the Platte River (T26N, R13W, S7), to their headwaters, including Brundage Spring Pond.

Chippewa County: Pendills Lake (T47N, R4W, S25, 26) including tributary Pendills Creek downstream to its confluence with Lake Superior (T47N, R4W, S28). Sullivan Creek from its headwaters (T46N, R4W, S32) downstream to its confluence with the North Branch of the Pine River (T45N, R4W, S23). Viddian Creek from its headwaters (T47N, R4W, S32) downstream to its confluence with Pendills Creek (T47N, R4W, S28).

Marquette County: Cherry Creek from the location of the Cherry Creek Road (T47N, R24W, S18) to the headwaters at County Road 480 (T47N, R25W, S22).

GENERAL STATEWIDE PROVISIONS

1. A person shall not stock baitfish or live fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or roe taken from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, in public waters of the state prior to receiving a Fish Stocking Permit from the department permitting such activity. **It shall be unlawful to import into this state any uncertified baitfish species found on the list of Prohibited Fish Species.** This also is a violation of the federal order.
2. If an approved Fish Stocking Permit is issued by the department, the permittee shall carry that Fish Stocking Permit with them when transporting and stocking baitfish or live fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or roe taken from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, in public waters of the state.
3. A retail customer shall retain and show upon request the receipt for purchases of baitfish or roe from a state-licensed baitfish retail operation. **A receipt shall be valid for 14 days for all certified baitfish (except frozen certified baitfish which will be good for 6 months). The receipt for all uncertified baitfish will be good for three days.** Required only when prohibited fish species are involved.
4. A person who catches fish in a lake or a Great Lake shall not release those fish alive in any public waters of the state if those fish are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, except that those fish may be released alive in that lake, or that Great Lake, or in a connecting body of water to that lake, or that Great Lake, so long as those fish can freely move between the original location of capture and the location of release. This provision does not apply to baitfish.
5. A person who catches fish in a stream shall not release those fish alive in any public waters of the state if those fish are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, except that those fish may be released alive in any part of that stream, or in a connecting body of water to that stream, so long as those fish can freely move between the original location of capture and the location of release. This provision does not apply to baitfish.
6. A person shall not use or otherwise release baitfish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or roe harvested from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, in any public waters of the state, unless that person is fishing and those baitfish or that roe are attached to a hook.
7. A person who **trailers** a boat over land shall drain all water from the live well(s) and the bilge of their boat upon leaving any body of water.

MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS FOR VIRAL HEMORRHAGIC SEPTICEMIA VIRUS (VHSV)

VHSV Positive Management Area: On all waters designated within the VHSV Positive Management Area, the following regulations further

restrict the transportation, sale, use, and release of baitfish and fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, and roe taken from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, that have not been approved as required under the department's certification process.

- A person who catches baitfish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or harvests roe from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, in a body of water that is included in the VHSV Positive Management Area shall not use or otherwise release those baitfish or that roe in any public waters of the state, except that those baitfish or that roe may be used in any waters included in the VHSV Positive Management Area subject to Provision 6 above.
- A person who purchases baitfish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or purchases roe from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, shall not use or otherwise release those baitfish or that roe in any public waters of the state, except that those baitfish or that roe may be used in any waters included in the VHSV Positive Management Area subject to Provision 6 above.

VHSV Surveillance Management Area: On all waters designated within the VHSV Surveillance Management Area, the following regulations further restrict the transportation, sale, use, and release of baitfish and fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, and roe taken from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, that have not been approved as required under the department's certification process.

- A person who catches baitfish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or harvests roe from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species in a body of water that is included in the VHSV Surveillance Management Area shall not use or otherwise release those baitfish or that roe in any public waters of the state, except that those baitfish or that roe may be used in any waters included in either the VHSV Positive Management Area or the VHSV Surveillance Management Area subject to Provision 6 above.
- A person who purchases baitfish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or purchases roe from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, shall not use or otherwise release those baitfish or that roe in any public waters of the state, except that those baitfish or that roe may be used in any waters included in either the VHSV Positive Management Area or the VHSV Surveillance Management Area subject to Provision 6 above.

VHSV Free Management Area: On all waters designated within the VHSV Free Management Area, the following regulations apply to the transportation, sale, use, and release of baitfish and fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, and roe taken from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, that have not been approved as required under the department's certification process.

- A person who catches baitfish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or harvests roe from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species in a body of water that is included in the VHSV Free Management Area may use those baitfish or that roe in any public waters of the state, subject to Provision 6 above.
- A person who purchases baitfish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, or purchases roe from fish that are listed as Prohibited Fish Species, that has been harvested from a body of water included in the VHSV Free Management Area may use those baitfish or that roe in any public waters of the state, subject to Provision 6 above.

The official lists indicating Management Area designations and Prohibited Fish Species are located online at www.michigan.gov/dnr/fishing.

This table lists the Prohibited Fish Species for VHSV as identified by the department as of **Dec. 4, 2008**.

Black crappie	Chinook salmon	Muskellunge	Round goby	White bass
Bluegill	Coho salmon	Northern pike	Shorthead redhorse	White perch
Bluntnose minnow	Emerald shiner	Pacific herring	Silver redhorse	Yellow perch
Brown bullhead	Freshwater drum	Pink salmon	Smallmouth bass	White sucker
Brown trout	Gizzard shad	Pumpkinseed	Spottail shiner	
Burbot	Lake whitefish	Rainbow trout	Trout perch	
Channel catfish	Largemouth bass	Rock bass	Walleye	

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Many water bodies have special regulations that differ from the general regulations for Hook and Line Fishing (Table 3, p. 10), General Netting Regulations (Table 5, p. 12), and Bow and Spear Fishing (Table 6 p. 12). The following is a list of waters, organized by county, with special regulations **that are NOT included in the following sections of the Fishing Guide:** General Regulations tables cited above; Special Northern Pike and Muskellunge Regulations (p. 11); Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Regulations (p. 13); and Sylvania Wilderness Area Regulations (p. 14).

ALGER: **Towes Cr. and W. Br. Whitefish R.** from lamprey barrier to signs 500 ft. downstream open to dipping April 1 - May 31. **Au Train R. to Au Train L.** open to burbot netting Dec. 15 - end of February **Rock R.** closed to fishing from dam to lower foot bridge downstream from M-28 (T47N, R21W, Sec. 15) April 1 - June 30. **Duck and Echo Lks.** (Grand Island), catch and release on smallmouth bass.

ALLEGAN: **Swan Cr.** from mouth to dam at 118th Ave. fishing restricted to one single-pointed unweighted hook not more than 3/8" from point to shank; from mouth upstream to diversion dam ("The Tubes," T2N, R14W, Sec. 9) closed to fishing Sept. 1 - Nov. 30. **Osterhout L.** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

ALPENA: **Beaver L. Pike Marsh** closed to fishing whenever marsh is in operation. **Fletcher Floodwaters** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to spearing all other species.

ANTRIM: **Intermediate R.** closed to fishing from Bellaire Dam to M-88 Bridge April 1 - May 14.

ARENAC: **Saganing Cr.** (upstream from State Rd.) and **Pine R.** (upstream from State Rd.) closed to fishing March 16 - Fri. before last Sat. in April. **Au Gres R. and Rifle R.** from end of Steve's Rd., (T19N, R5E, Sec. 9), upstream are closed to dip netting.

BARAGA: **CRAIG LAKE STATE PARK** waters (**Clair, Craig, Crooked, Keewayden, Nelligan, Teddy, and Thomas Lks.**) artificial lures only; northern pike, muskellunge, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass must be released, minimum size on walleye is 13", no size limit on other species; possession limit on walleye is 2; otherwise, all general rules apply. Motorboats of all types prohibited on all except Thomas and Keewayden Lks.; **Sturgeon R.** from Prickett Dam downstream to mouth of Clear Cr. (T50N, R35W, Sec. 12) closed to all fishing April 1 - June 30; open to burbot netting downstream from the M-38 Bridge Dec. 15 - end of February.

BARRY: **Williams L.** open season is last Sat. in April - Dec. 15, catch and release only. **Thornapple L.** (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.) and **Fish L.** closed to all spearing except carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15.

BAY: **Kawkawlin R.** and all tributaries upstream of Euclid Ave., and **Saganing Cr.** (upstream from State Rd.) and **Pine R.** (upstream from State Rd.) closed to fishing March 16 through the Fri. before the last Sat. in April. On the **Kawkawlin R.** downstream from Euclid Ave. and the **Saginaw R.** and all tributaries, the following regulations apply from March 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in April: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows (except that minnows may be used on both the **Saginaw R.** main stem and **Kawkawlin R. main stem**); natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2" between point and shank; weights may not be attached rigidly to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3" long; no beads, spinners, or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6" of any hook.

BENZIE: **Platte R.** restricted to only one single-pointed, unweighted hook no larger than 3/8" from point to shank; closed to fishing within 300 ft. of upper (hatchery) and lower weir all year; closed to fishing from upper weir downstream to Platte L. Jan. 1 - March 31. **Betsie R.** closed to fishing all year within 100 feet of lamprey barrier and fish passage facility (T25N, R15W, Sec. 2). **Cold Cr.** closed to dip netting.

BERRIEN: No more than 1 walleye 23" or larger may be possessed from the **St. Joseph R.** below Berrien Springs Dam to the mouth at St. Joseph/Benton Harbor. **Townsend Cr. (T6S, R17W, Sec. 19,** and the mouth area of Lake Chapin, to a point 100 yards below the Townsend Cr. mouth into Lake Chapin), it is unlawful to use other than one single-pointed, unweighted hook measuring 3/8" or less from point to shank.

CASS: **Corey and Stone Lks.,** minimum size limit on largemouth bass is 10".

CHARLEVOIX: **L. Charlevoix** and tributaries to 1/2 mile above their mouth open to hand nets for bowfin, carp, gar, smelt, and suckers, April 1 - May 31. **Medusa Cr.** and area of L. Michigan for a radius of 100' of mouth closed to fishing when weir is in place. **Boyne R.** from mouth upstream to dam in T32N, R5W, Sec. 5 restricted to one single-pointed, unweighted hook no larger than 3/8" from point to shank. On L. Michigan, within one-half mile of the following islands of the **Beaver Island Archipelago:** **Beaver, Garden, High and Hog** the open season for largemouth and smallmouth bass is July 1 - Dec. 31 (no catch and release season prior to July 1).

CHEBOYGAN: **Cheboygan R., Indian R., or Black R.** unlawful to fish during April 1 - June 15 with spear, bow and arrow, dip net, or gaff. **Black R.** between Kleber Dam and Red Bridge (T35N, R1E, Sec. 5) unlawful to fish in any manner during April 1 - June 15. **Lower Black R.** from Alverno Dam down to Mognrain Bridge, no fishing April 1 - **May 14.** **Black L.** and tributaries no commercial minnow take; sturgeon fishing prohibited except under special lottery permit (see p. 11). **Douglas L. Pike Marsh** closed to fishing when marsh is in operation. **Cornwall Impoundment** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing. **Tower Pond** northern pike spearing **Dec. 1 - March 15 through the ice; closed to all other spearing.**

CHIPPEWA: **Potagannissing R.** from Potagannissing Dam downstream to Maxton Rd. (T42N, R6E, Sec. 15) closed to fishing March 16 - May 14. **L. Huron and St. Marys R.,** yellow perch minimum size is 7". **Caribou L.,** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

CLARE: **Budd L.,** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

CLINTON: **L. Ovid,** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

CRAWFORD: **Wakeley L.** open season June 15 - Aug. 31, catch and release fishing with artificial lures; live bait in possession is unlawful. **Jones L.** open season June 1 - Sept. 30, catch and release fishing with artificial lures; live bait in possession is unlawful.

DELTA: **Dana L.,** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; and northern pike may be speared Jan. 1 - end of February; closed to all other spearing. **Days R.** from lamprey barrier downstream 500', **Escanaba R.** from mouth upstream to 1st dam, **Ford R.** downstream from Jaeger Rd., **Rapid R.** from Rapid R. falls down to County Rd. S. 15, open to hand nets for smelt and suckers April 1 - May 31. **Whitefish R.** down-stream from US-2 walleye season May 15 - March 15; possession limit 5, but no more than 1 over 23". **Little Bay de Noc**-north of the Saunders Pt.-Squaw Pt. line and

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tributaries, spearing is permitted only during January and February.

Little Bay de Noc north of a line from Peninsula Point lighthouse to the mouth of the Ford R.; walleye possession limit 5, but no more than 1 over 23". **Rapid R. Borrow Pit** (T41N, R21W, Sec. 5) closed to fishing all year. **L. Michigan** the minimum size limit on splake is 15" on the L. Michigan waters of Delta County.

DICKINSON: See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (p.13). **Fumee L.** county ordinance currently prohibits access for the purpose of fishing. However, the following regulations remain in effect: open season July 1 - Sept. 30; catch and release only; artificial lures with barbless hooks only; live bait, dead or prepared bait, organic or processed food, or scented material may not be used or possessed on the waters or shore. **Hamilton, Louise, and Mary Lks.**, possession limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass from the last Sat. in May - June 20 is 0.

EMMET: **Bear R.** from mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam (T34N, R5W, Sec. 6) restricted to one single-pointed, unweighted hook no larger than 3/8" from point to shank.

GENESEE: **Flint R.** downstream from the Holloway Dam and all tributaries, the following regulations apply from March 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in April: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows (except that minnows may be used upstream of Hamilton St. Dam and all respective tributaries T7N, R7E, S7); natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2" between point and shank; weights may not be rigidly attached to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3" long; no beads, spinners, or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6" of any hook.

GOGEBIC: See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (p.13). **Sylvania Wilderness Area** regulations (see p. 14).

GRAND TRAVERSE: **Boardman R.** closed to fishing whenever weir is in place from 300' above to 300' below; closed to fishing Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 from north Union Street Bridge in Traverse City downstream to US-31 Bridge. **Unnamed Cr.** closed to dip netting from Green L. upstream to Bridges L.

HOUGHTON: **Portage L. Ship Canal** spearing permitted in January, February only. **Portage L.** and canal, **Torch L.** for 1/2-mile above mouth open to dip netting Apr. 1 - May 31. **Sturgeon R.** open to burbot netting Dec. 15 - end of February.

IONIA: **Woodard L.** possession limit for walleye is 0.

IOSCO: **Au Gres R.** from M-65 to mouth dip netting prohibited. **Au Gres R.** from 50' upstream of Allen Rd. bridge to 500' downstream closed to all fishing March 16 - Fri. before last Sat. in April. **E. Br. Au Gres R.** between DNR lamprey barrier and Legget Rd. closed to fishing Dec. 1 - Fri. before last Sat. in April. **Au Sable R.** from Foote Dam (including the apron) to 175' downstream from the dam closed to fishing all year. **Van Etten Cr.** from dam at Van Etten L. to mouth at Au Sable R. closed to fishing Aug. 15 - Nov. 30.

IRON: **Brule, Chicagon, Chief Edwards, Paint, and Violet Lks., and Paint Pond,** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; and northern pike may be speared Jan. 1 - end of February; closed to all other spearing. **Cable, Emily, Porter, Stanley Lks.** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing. **Winslow L.** walleye possession limit is 0. See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (p.13). **Chicagon and Ottawa Lks.,** daily limit of 5 whitefish. **Ottawa L.** possession of largemouth and smallmouth bass is 0.

ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK (phone 906-482-0984): Michigan fishing laws apply and state license required on L. Superior waters of park. Artificial baits only on inland waters. On L. Superior, within

4.5 miles of Isle Royale, the possession of brook trout is 0.

KENT: Campau and Murray Lks., carp may be speared May 1 - Aug 15; closed to all other spearing.

KEWEENAW: Gratiot L., carp may be speared May 1 - Aug 15; closed to all other spearing.

LAPEER: Nepessing L. carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

LEELANAU: Leeland R. closed to fishing Oct. 1 - Nov. 30. **North Manitou L.** bass minimum size length is 18", the possession limit is 1; artificial lures only. **Florence L.** (S. Manitou Is.) artificial lures only. **Houdek Cr.** closed to dip netting.

LENAWEE: L. Hudson, carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

LIVINGSTON: Spring Mill Pond (Island Lake Recreation Area) March 15 - March 31 no fishing; April 1 - Fri. before the last Sat. in April, catch and release of trout with artificial lures only; last Sat. in April - March 14 statewide regulations apply. **Whitmore and Woodland Lks.,** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

LUCE: Twin Lks. minimum size limit on largemouth and smallmouth bass is 18", possession limit is 1. Unlawful to launch or retrieve motorized vessel (greater than 5 horsepower) from state land on the **E. Branch Fox R.** from M-28 to the mouth of **Cold Cr.**

MACKINAC: Brevoort L. carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing. **Les Cheneaux Channels** spearing permitted January and February only. **Mackinac, Shephard, and Flower Bays** closed to fishing March 15 - May 14. **L. Huron** yellow perch minimum size is 7".

MANISTEE: Little Manistee R. 300' either side of weir closed to fishing all year; from 300' above weir to Spencers Bridge closed to fishing Jan. 1 - March 31; also from 300' below DNR weir to mouth closed to fishing Sept. 1-Nov. 14 and Jan. 1 - March 31. **South end of Manistee L.** (south of a line from red post 110 ft. south of boat launch on east side of lake to a red post near south end of Packaging Corp. on west side of lake), closed to fishing Sept. 6 - Oct. 15 or to when the quota of chinook eggs has been taken.

MARQUETTE: Peshekee R. open to burbot netting Dec. 15 - end of February. **Deer L. Basin, Carp R.** downstream from M-28 (T47N, R27W, Sec. 4), and all other tributaries to Deer L. Basin, possession limit is 0. Fishing restricted to artificial lures, catch and release only; live bait, dead or prepared bait, organic or processed food, or scented materials may not be possessed on the water or the shore. **Fish L.** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing; largemouth and smallmouth bass minimum size 18" and possession limit is 1 bass only. **Salmon-Trout R.,** from Lower Falls to mouth closed to fishing Aug. 15 - Fri. before last Sat. in April.

MASON: Pere Marquette R. from 300 feet below lamprey barrier (T18N, R16W, Sec. 21) upstream to Black Cr. closed to fishing when lamprey barrier is in operation. **Sable R.** (from mouth upstream to Hamlin L. Dam) restricted to 1 single - pointed, unweighted hook no larger than 3/8" from point to shank.

MENOMINEE: Big Cedar R. down from mouth of Elwood Cr. (T35N, R25W, Sec. 11) open to dipping, April 1 - May 31. See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (p.13). **L. Michigan** the minimum size limit on splake is 15" on the L. Michigan waters of Menominee County.

MIDLAND: Tittabawassee R. between Sanford Dam and mouth of the **Salt R.** and between Dow Dam and Gordonville Bridge, closed to fishing from March 16 - Fri. before last Sat. in April. **On the Chippewa, Pine, Salt, and Tittabawassee R. and all their**

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tributaries the following regulations apply from March 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in April: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows; natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2" between point and shank; weights may not be rigidly attached to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3" long; no beads, spinners, or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6" of any hook.

MONROE: Huron R. and Stony Cr. (downstream from Finzel Rd., T5S, R8E, Sec. 23) closed to dip netting.

MONTMORENCY: East Fish, West Fish, and Middle Fish Lks., Fuller Cr. Pond, Hunt Cr. (above Section Z bulkhead T29N, R2E, Sec. 25), and **Fuller Cr.** (in the Hunt Cr. Trout Research Station Area), no fishing. **Fletcher Floodwaters and West Twin L.**, carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing. **North and South Blue Lks. and Robarge L.**, open season is the last Sat. in April - Sept. 30, catch and release only, artificial lures only.

MUSKEGON: Mona L. carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

NEWAYGO: Baptist L., possession limit for walleye, channel catfish, flathead catfish, and all bullheads is 0; **Brush and Sand Lks.**, possession limit for channel catfish, flathead catfish, and all bullheads is 0.

OAKLAND: Heron and Tipsico Lks. carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

OGEMAW: Jewett L. open season is May 15 - Sept. 30, and fishing is restricted to artificial lures only and catch and release; permit needed in addition to license.

ONTONAGON: W. Br. Ontonagon R. from confluence with Victoria Hydro tailrace upstream to Victoria Dam is closed to fishing April 1 - June 10. **Union Springs** closed to all fishing. **Lake of the Clouds** fishing restricted to artificial lures only, no bait of any type may be used or possessed, no spearing, catch and release on smallmouth bass (possession of smallmouth prohibited regardless of where taken).

OTSEGO: Big Bear and Otsego Lks., carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing. **Otsego L. Pike Marsh** closed to fishing whenever marsh is in operation. **Otsego L.** see sturgeon regulations (p. 11).

OTTAWA: L. Macatawa, carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

PRESQUE ISLE: Black L. and tributaries no commercial minnow take. **Clinton Cr.** closed to fishing April - May. **Grand L. Pike Marsh** unlawful for any person other than state employee to use or operate a motorized vehicle on the access road leading from US-23 to the Grand L. Pike Marsh during March, April, and May. **Grand L. Pike Marsh** closed to fishing whenever marsh is in operation. **Rainy R.** from confluence with Black L. upstream to N. Allis Rd. Bridge (T35N, R2E, Sec. 15) closed to fishing April 1 - May 14. **Shuberts Cr.** from Long L. upstream to Clinton Cr. Rd. (T33N, R7E, Sec. 14), closed to fishing April 1 - **May 14**. **Swan R.** from 300' above weir to mouth closed to fishing whenever weir is in place.

ROSCOMMON: Backus Cr. from confluence with Cut R. upstream to Little Mud L. Dam closed to fishing March 23 - April 23. **Cut R.** from confluence with Backus Cr. upstream to outlet at Marl L. closed to fishing March 23 - April 23. **Houghton L.** no spearing.

ST. JOSEPH: Big Pleasant and Corey Lks., minimum size limit for largemouth bass is 10". **Long L.** (Fabius Twp.) carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing. **Sand L.**, flathead catfish possession limit is 0.

SAGINAW: On the Bad, Cass, Flint, Saginaw, Shiawassee and Tittabawassee Rivers and all their tributaries the following regulations apply from March 16 - Fri. before the last Sat. in April: unlawful to fish with artificial baits or minnows (except that minnows may be used on the Saginaw R., Swan Cr. and tributaries, and the Bad R. and tributaries upstream from confluence with Pickerel Cr. T10N, R3E, Sec. 4); natural baits may be fished only on a single-pointed hook with not more than 1/2" between point and shank; weights may not be attached rigidly to hooks; no hook may be attached to the line between any weight and the rod except on an unweighted dropper line at least 3" long; no beads, spinners, or reflectors may be attached to the line within 6" of any hook.

SCHOOLCRAFT: Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks. carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing. **Thompson Cr.** closed to use of handnets. **Seney National Wildlife Refuge** waters have limited fishing, contact Refuge office (906-586-9851). On the **BIG ISLAND COMPLEX LAKES (Big Island, Bluegill, Blush, Byers, Coattail, Klondyke, McInnes, Mid, Townline, and Vance)** no wheeled or motorized vehicles (including electric or outboard motors); artificial lures only; spearing, netting, and use of live bait prohibited; muskellunge or northern pike open season May 15 - Nov. 30, minimum size limit 42", and possession limit is 1; bass open season Sat. before Memorial Day - Nov. 30, minimum size limit 18", and possession limit is 1; perch, bluegill, and pumpkinseed sunfish open season last Sat. in April - Nov. 30, possession limit is 5 fish in combination; all other fish open season last Sat. in April - Nov. 30. Unlawful to launch or retrieve motorized vessel (greater than 5 horsepower) from state land on the **E. Branch Fox R.** from M-28 to the mouth of **Cold Cr.**

VAN BUREN: Dowagiac R. and tributaries above 50th St. and Lake of Woods outlet to confluence of Dowagiac R. open to spears, bow and arrow, and hand net. **Bankson, Brownwood, and Round Lks.**, carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing.

WASHTENAW: Whitmore L. carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; closed to all other spearing. **Huron R.** from Mast Rd. Bridge in Dexter (T1S, R5E, Sec. 32) downstream to Delhi Rd. Bridge (T2S, R5E, Sec. 2) catch and release only on largemouth and smallmouth bass. **Horseshoe L.** largemouth bass possession limit is 1, minimum size is 14"; northern pike possession limit is 1, sunfish (Note 5 p.10) possession limit is 10.

WAYNE: Huron R. from Belleville Dam downstream to mouth, closed to dip netting.

ATTENTION ANGLERS:

Pages 20 to 34 contain regulations for the taking of trout and salmon from inland waters. This information formerly was printed in a separate Michigan Inland Trout & Salmon Guide. Maps are not available in print this year, but are available online at: www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing

INLAND TROUT AND SALMON REGULATIONS

An All-Species fishing license is required for all anglers, age 17 or older, to take and possess trout and salmon from any public waters. See page 4 for more information.

County listing of lakes and streams

Below is a listing of the inland lakes and streams that are managed for trout and salmon, along with their respective type of regulation. For inland lakes, the lake name will appear under the appropriate county and will be followed by a letter (A-F). The letter designates the Type of regulations that apply to that lake. For streams, the stream name will be followed by a number (2-7) and any upstream/downstream boundaries that apply to that section of stream. Type 1 streams are not listed in the text. For a complete listing of all trout streams, refer to FO-210 (available online or at all DNR Fisheries Offices). Please see pages 32-33 for a description of each Type of regulation. An SC indicates a fishing closure for the area and period mentioned. Maps can be found online at www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing.

Alcona		Indian River,	2
Lakes	Type	from "Wide Waters" (T44N, R19W, S13) downstream to Indian Lake.	
	O'Brien Lake,	Laughing Whitefish River,	4
	Reid Lake, (Designated Trout Lake)	from Forks (T47N, R22W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior.	
	S. Hoist Lake,	Miner's River,	4
Streams		from Miner's Falls downstream to Lake Superior.	
	AuSable River Mainstream,	Mosquito River, Research Area: from the last Saturday in April-July 31, Type 1 stream regulations apply EXCEPT brook trout regulations are as follows: 18" minimum size limit, daily harvest/possession is (1) fish. From August 1-Friday before the last Saturday in April, Type 1 regulations apply EXCEPT no harvest of brook trout is allowed during this period. These regulations apply to that portion of the Mosquito River from The Falls (T48N, R17W, S31) down to Lake Superior.	
	from McKinley Bridge downstream to 4001 Bridge.		
	AuSable River Mainstream,		
	from Alcona Dam to S. Branch River.		
	Black River,		
	from confluence with North Branch Black River downstream to Lake Huron.		
	Pine River,		3
	from F-41 downstream to Lake Huron.		
Alger		Rock River,	4
Lakes	Type	from Railroad Bridge (T47N, R21W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior.	
	Ackerman Lake,	SC- Closed to Fishing - April 1 - June 30 between dam and its downstream-most foot bridge located downstream from M-28 in T47N, R21W, S15.	
	Addis Lakes,	Sable Creek,	4
	Bette's Pond	Seven Mile Creek, Research Area: from the last Saturday in April-July 31, Type 1 stream regulations apply EXCEPT brook trout regulations are as follows: 18" minimum size limit, daily harvest/possession is (1) fish. From August 1-Friday before the last Saturday in April, Type 1 regulations apply EXCEPT no harvest of brook trout is allowed during this period. These regulations apply to that portion of Seven Mile Creek from the outflow of Seven Mile Lake (T48N, R16W, S11) down to Lake Superior.	
	Brian's Pond		
	Cheryl's Pond, (T44N, R19W, S25)		
	Cole Creek Pond, (T46N, R20W, S24)		
	Cox Pond,	Sucker River,	4
	Grand Marais Lake,	upstream limit is old Grand Marais/Seney Road Bridge.	
	Grand Sable Lake,		
	Hike Lake,		
	Irwin Lake,		
	Johns Lake, East,		
	Johns Lake, West,		
	Kay's Pond,		
	Mirror Lake,		
	N. (Upper) Shoe Lake,		
	Rock River Pond,		
	Rock Lake,		
	Sawaski Pond, (T44N, R19W, S14)		
	Sitka Lake,		
	Sullivan Lake,		
	Trueman Lake,		
Streams			
	Anna River,		4
	from Railroad Bridge (T46N, R19W, S14) downstream to Lake Superior.		
	Au Train River,		4
	from Powerhouse below M-94 downstream to Lake Superior.		
Allegan		Lakes	Type
		Kalamazoo Lake/Silver Lake,	F
		from US-31 down to Lake Michigan.	
		Lake 16,	C
		Pike Lake,	C
		Streams	
		Black River Mainstream,	3
		from confluence of North and South branches down to Lake Michigan.	
		Gun River Mainstream,	4
		from 122nd Ave. (T2N, R11W, S12) downstream to US 131 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S18).	

Kalamazoo River, from Calkins Dam (T2N, R14W, S15) downstream to US-31.	3	Manistee River, from headwaters downstream to M-72.	2
Middle Branch Black River, from confluence of Spring Br. Creek (T1N, R15W, S22) downstream to confluence of Main Branch Black River.	4	Arenac	
N. Br. Black River, from 111th Ave. (T1N, R16W, S3) downstream to confluence with Mainstream.	3	Streams	Type
Pine Creek Tributary, from 101st Ave. to confluence with Pine Creek.	4	East Branch AuGres River (Whitney Drain), from M-55 downstream to Saginaw Bay.	3
Rabbit River Mainstream, from US-131 Bridge (T4N, R11W, S31) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River (T3N, R15W, S16).	4	Rifle River, from Sage Lake Road (T23N, R3E, S22) downstream to Saginaw Bay.	3
Silver Creek, from M-89 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S26) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River.	2	Baraga	
Swan Creek, from 109th Ave. (T1N, R14W, S7) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River (T2N, R14W, S9). Note: On the Swan River from mouth upstream to the dam at 118th Ave. it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8 inch or less from point to shank. SC- Closed to Fishing -September 1 – November 30 from mouth upstream to Diversion Dam ("The Tubes"), T2N, R14W, S9.	4	Lakes	Type
Alpena		Alberta Pond, (Designated Trout Lake)	B
Streams		Lake Alice,	D
Devils River, from US-23 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.		Roland Lake, (Designated Trout Lake)	B
Long Lake Creek, downstream limit is Lake Huron.		Streams	
Thunder Bay River, from Ninth Street Dam downstream to Lake Huron.		Falls River, from US-41 to Lake Superior.	3
Antrim		Huron River, from Big Eric's Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35) to Lake Superior.	4
Lakes	Type	Otter River, from confluence of North and West Branch Otter River downstream to Sturgeon River.	3
Bellaire Pond,	C	Ravine River, upstream limit is Sicotte Road.	4
Elk Lake,	E	Silver River, upstream limit is Silver Falls.	4
Green Lake,	B	Slate River, upstream limit is Slate Falls.	4
Torch Lake,	E	Sturgeon River, from US-41 downstream to Prickett Dam.	2
Streams		Sturgeon River, from Prickett Dam downstream to Lake Superior. SC- Closed to Fishing -April 1 - June 30 from the Prickett Dam downstream to mouth of Clear Creek (T50N, R35W, S12).	3
Elk River, from Power Dam below Elk Lake downstream to Lake Michigan.	3	Barry	
Elk River Bypass, from Bypass Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	4	Lakes	Type
Grass River (inc. Clam Lake and Clam River), from Lake Bellaire downstream to Torch Lake.	4	Deep Lake,	B
Intermediate River, from Intermediate Dam downstream to Lake Bellaire. SC- Closed to Fishing - April 1 - May 14 Bellaire Dam to Highway M-88 Bridge.	4	Gull Lake,	E
Jordan River, from Graves Crossing (T31N, R6W, S32) downstream to Lake Charlevoix.	4	Streams	
		Bassett Creek, from Baker Lake downstream to confluence with Thornapple River.	4
		Cedar Creek, upstream limit is M-37 (T2N, R8W, S9).	2
		Cedar Creek, from sources downstream to M-37 (T2N, R8W, S9).	4
		Coldwater River, from M-43 Bridge (T4N, R8W, S16) downstream to Freeport Road Bridge.	2
		Coldwater River, from Freeport Rd. downstream to confluence with Thornapple River.	4
		Turner Creek, from confluence with Baker Creek (T3N, R10W, S23) downstream to T3N, R10W, S9.	4

Unnamed Tributary on North Bank of Coldwater River, (T4N, R7W, S18). 2	Streams Prairie River, 4 from Bowers Road (T8S, R7W, S4) downstream to MacKale Road (T7S, R9W, S8).
Bay	Calhoun
Streams Type Saginaw River, 3	Streams Type South Branch Rice Creek, 4 Nottawa Creek, 4
Benzie	Cass
Lakes Type Betsie Lake, F from M-22 down to Lake Michigan. Crystal Lake, E	Lakes Type Birch Lake, B Harwood Lake, C Hemlock Lake, B Shavehead Lake, B
Streams Betsie River, 4 from Kurick Rd. downstream to M-22. SC-Closed to fishing year-round within 100 feet of the lamprey barrier and fish passage facility at T25N, R15W, S2). Otter Creek, 4 from Otter Lake outlet (T27N, R14W, S13) downstream to Lake Michigan. Platte River, 4 from US-31 East of Honor downstream to Lake Michigan. Note: On the Platte River, Benzie County, it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8 inch or less from point to shank. SC- Closed to Fishing -Year-round within 300 feet of the upper (hatchery) and lower weirs. SC- Closed to Fishing - Jan., Feb., March from the upper (hatchery) weir downstream to Platte Lake.	Streams Dowagiac Creek, 2 from Mckenzie Road (T5S, R14W, S31) downstream to confluence with Lake Lagrange (T6S, R15W, S11). Dowagiac Drain, 4 Dowagiac River Mainstream, 4 from source downstream to Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13). Peavine Creek, 2 from M-51 (T6S, R16W, S22) downstream to Dowagiac River. Pokagon Creek, 2 from Anderson Road (T7S, R16W, S2) downstream to Dowagiac River.
Berrien	Charlevoix
Lakes Type Singer Lake, C	Lakes Type Lake Charlevoix, E Thumb (Louise) Lake, B Walloon Lake, B
Streams Blue Creek , 4 Brandywine Creek, 2 from US-12 (T8S, R16W, S7) downstream to St. Joseph River. Dowagiac River, 3 from Niles Dam at Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13) downstream to confluence with St. Joseph River. Galien River Mainstream, 4 downstream limit is Lake Michigan. South Branch Galien River Mainstream only, 4 downstream limit is the confluence with Galien R. St. Joseph River 3 from Indiana state line downstream to Lake Michigan.	Streams Boyne River, 4 from P. H. Dam downstream to Lake Charlevoix. Note: On the Boyne River, from the mouth upstream to dam (T32N, R3W, S5) it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8 inch or less from point to shank. Jordan River, 4 from Graves Crossing (T31N, R6W, S32) downstream to Lake Charlevoix. Medusa Creek SC- Closed to Fishing - whenever weir is in place. Tributary to Lake Michigan (T34N, R8W, S28) and including an area of Lake Michigan in a radius of 100 feet from the mouth of Medusa Creek.
Branch	Cheboygan
Lakes Type Cary Lake, C Gilead Lake, C Lake Lavine, C Rose Lake (Lake of the Woods), C	Lakes Type Hemlock Lake, D Silver Lake, B Twin Lake #1, B Weber Lake, B
	Streams Black River, 2 from Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31) downstream to Tower Dam. (continued on page 23)

Black River , <i>continued</i> 2 SC- Closed to Fishing - April 1 - May 14 from Alverno Dam downstream to Mograin Bridge (T37N, R1W, S26). SC- Closed to Fishing - April 1 - June 15 between Kleber Dam and Red Bridge (T35N, R1E, S5).		Manistee River , 2 from headwaters downstream to M-72.	
Cheboygan River , 3 from Cheboygan Dam downstream to Lake Huron.		Manistee River , 5 from M-72 downstream to CCC Bridge.	
Maple River , 2 from dam (T36N, R4W, S10) in Emmet County downstream to mouth.		North Branch AuSable River , 5 from Sheep Ranch downstream to confluence with Mainstream.	
Mill Creek , 4		South Branch AuSable River , 5 from Lower High Banks downstream to confluence with Mainstream.	
Pigeon River , 2 from dam (T32N, R1W, S19) downstream to M-68 Bridge.		South Branch AuSable River , 7 from Chase Bridge downstream to Lower High Banks.	
Pigeon River , 4 from M-68 Bridge downstream to mouth.		Delta	
Sturgeon River , 4 from Afton Rd. (Also called Webb Rd. or Wolverine Rd.) downstream to mouth.		Lakes	Type
Chippewa		Bear Lake , A	
Lakes	Type	Carr Lake , A	
Dukes Lake , A		Carr Ponds , A	
Highbanks Lake , A		Kilpecker Pond , A	
Naomikong Lake , A		Norway Lake , A	
Naomikong Pond , A		Section 1 Pond , A	
Roxbury Pond East , A		Wintergreen Lake , A	
Roxbury Pond West , A		Zigmaul Pond , A	
Trout Brook Pond , A		Streams	
Streams		Bark River , 4 from 9 Road (Section Line Between T38N, R24W, S20 & 29) downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Albany Creek , 4 from bridge below lamprey weir to Lake Huron.		Big Fishdam River , 4 from County Road 2222 Bridge (T41N, R18W, S9) downstream to Lake Michigan.	
E. Br. Tahquamenon River , 2 downstream limit is North Hulbert Road (T46N, R07W, S9) Bridge.		Days River , 4 from Highway M-35 Bridge downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Halfaday Creek , 4 from Lakeshore Drive downstream to Lake Superior.		Escanaba River , 2 from mouth of the W. Br. Escanaba R. (T43N, R25W, S3) downstream to Boney Falls Dam (T41N, R24W, S2).	
Pendill's Creek , 4 from Second Dam (T47N, R4W, S28) downstream to Lake Superior.		Escanaba River , 6 from Boney Falls Dam downstream to mouth of Silver Cr. (T40N, R23W, S11).	
Pine River , 4 from H-40 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.		Ford River , 4 from T43N, R27W, S35 (Dickinson County) downstream to Lake Michigan	
Clare		Rapid River , 4 from County Road S-15 (T42N, R21W, S19) downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Lakes	Type	Sturgeon River , 4 from County Road 442 Bridge (T42N, R20W, S13) downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Little Long Lake , B		Tacoosh River , 4 from 29th Lane (County Road G-24) downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Crawford		Whitefish River , 4 from 38th Road (U.S.F.S. 2236) downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Lakes	Type	Dickinson	
Bright Lake , A		Lakes	Type
Glory Lake , A		Bass Lake , B	
Kneff Lake , A			
Shupac Lake , A			
Streams			
AuSable River Mainstream , 2 from Grayling city dam downstream to Burton's Landing.			
AuSable Mainstream , 7 from Burton's Landing downstream to Wakeley Bridge.			
AuSable River Mainstream , 2 from Wakeley Bridge downstream to Rainbow Bend powerline (T26N, R2E, S4)			

Emmet	
Lakes	Type
Walloon Lake,	B
Streams	
Bear River,	3
from Lake Street Dam (T34N, R5W, S6) downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Note: On the Bear River, from the mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam (T34N, R5W, S6) it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8 inch or less from point to shank.	
Carp Lake River,	3
from Bridge in T39N, R4W, S32 downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Maple River,	2
from dam T36N, R4W, S10, Emmet County downstream to mouth.	
Gogebic	
Lakes	Type
Beatons Lake,	B
Black River Lake,	B
Castle Lake,	A
Cornelia Lake,	A
Finger Lake,	B
Imp Lake,	B
Little Duck Lake, (Designated Trout Lake)	B
Mishike Lake,	A
Moon Lake,	B
Redboat Lake,	D
Streams	
Big Carp River,	3
from a point 100 yards downstream of Bathtub Falls (T50N, R45W, S1) to Lake Superior.	
Black River,	3
from Rainbow Falls (T49N, R46W, S10) downstream to Lake Superior.	
Black River,	2
from US-2 downstream to Rainbow Falls.	
Duck Creek,	6
upstream limit is railroad bridge in T44N, R39W, S16 SE1/4 SE1/4.	
Little Carp River,	3
from Traders Fall (T50N, R45W, S2) downstream to Lake Superior.	
Maple Creek,	3
from Bridge in (T49N, R46W, S18) downstream to Lake Superior.	
Middle Branch Ontonagon River,	2
downstream limit is Agate Falls.	
Ohman Creek,	3
from County Road 505 downstream to Lake Superior.	
Presque Isle River,	2
from confluence of East & West Br. Presque Isle River, downstream to Manabezho Falls.	
Presque Isle River,	3
from Manabezho Falls to Lake Superior.	
Grand Traverse	
Lakes	Type
Duck Lake,	B
Elk Lake,	E
Green Lake,	B
Sand Lake #1,	C
Sand Lake #2,	D

Streams	
Boardman River,	3
from Sabin Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	
SC- Closed to Fishing - September 1-October 31 from North Union Street Bridge in Traverse City downstream to US-31 highway bridge.	
SC- Closed to Fishing - Whenever weir is in place within 300 feet upstream or downstream of weir in Traverse City.	
Hillsdale	
Lakes	Type
Bear Lake,	C
Bird Lake,	C
Hemlock Lake,	C
Houghton	
Lakes	Type
Clear Lake,	D
Emily Lake,	B
Lake Gerald,	B
Lake On Three,	B
Penegor Lake,	A
Perrault Lake,	D
Roland Lake,	B
Streams	
Big Traverse River,	3
upstream limit is Gay-Lake Linden Road.	
Elm River,	4
from Road Bridge between (T53N, R36W, S3 & 10) downstream to Lake Superior.	
Graveraet River,	4
from mouth of Deer Cr. (T45N, R36W, S2) downstream to Lake Superior.	
Little Elm River,	4
from Agate Beach Road (T53N, R36W, S6) downstream to Lake Superior.	
Otter River,	3
from confluence of North and West Branch Otter River downstream to Sturgeon River.	
Pilgrim River,	3
upstream limit is Hwy US-41.	
Salmon Trout River,	3
from Redridge Dam downstream to Lake Superior.	
South Branch Elm River,	4
from bridge T54N, R36W, S29 & 32 downstream to Lake Superior.	
Trap Rock River,	4
upstream limit is Cemetery Road (T56N, R32W, S29).	
Huron	
Streams	Type
Bird Creek,	3
Pigeon River,	3
Pinnebog River,	3
Ionia	
Streams	Type
Dickerson Creek,	4
Fish Creek,	4
from Sidney Rd. downstream to confluence with Maple River.	
Prairie Creek,	4
Sebewa Creek and Tributaries,	4

Iosco		Jackson	
Lakes	Type	Lakes	Type
Buck Creek Pond,	D	Farwell Lake,	C
Streams		Swains Lake,	C
AuSable River Mainstream,	3	Kalamazoo	
from Foote Dam downstream to Lake Huron.		Lakes	Type
SC- Closed to Fishing - Year-round, the		Gull Lake,	E
portion below the Foote Dam including the		Little Paw Paw Lake,	B
apron to 175 feet downstream from the dam.		Ruppert Lake,	C
AuSable River Mainstream,	4	Streams	
Alcona Dam to S. Branch River		Augusta Creek,	4
East Branch AuGres River (Whitney Drain),	3	from Little Gilkey Lake and Fair Lakes outlets	
from M-55 downstream to Saginaw Bay		downstream to Knappen Mills Dam.	
SC- Closed to Fishing - December 1 - Friday		Portage Creek,	4
before last Saturday in April between DNR		downstream limit is Kilgore Rd. (T3S, R11W, S3).	
lamprey weir and Legget Road (T21N, R6E, S10).		Spring Brook,	2
Tawas River,	3	from DE Ave. (T1S, R10W, S19)	
Van Etten Creek,	3	downstream to mouth (T1S, R11W, S27).	
from Van Etten Lake downstream to mouth.		Kalkaska	
SC- Closed to Fishing - August 15 - Nov. 30		Lakes	Type
from dam at Van Etten Lake to mouth at		Bear Lake,	B
AuSable River in, T24N, R9E, S27 & 34.		Big Blue Lake,	B
Iron		Big Guernsey Lake,	C
Lakes	Type	Big Twin Lake,	C
Camp Lake,	B	N. Blue Lake,	B
Caspian Pond,	B	Starvation Lake,	C
Chicagon Lake,	B	Streams	
Deadman's Lake,	A	Manistee River,	5
Ellen Lake,	B	from M-72 downstream to CCC Bridge.	
Forest Lake,	D	Manistee River,	2
Caspian Pond,	B	from CCC Bridge (T26N, R6W, S26)	
Fortune Lake,	B	downstream to US-131.	
Fortune Pond,	A	Rapid River,	4
Golden Lake,	B	from Antrim (Rugg) Pond downstream to Torch River.	
Hannah-Webb Lake,	A	Torch River, from Torch Lake downstream	4
Killdeer Lake,	A	to Lake Skegemog.	
Long Lake,	B	Kent	
Madelyn Lake,	A	Lakes	Type
Ottawa Lake,	B	Lime Lake,	C
Skyline Lake,	A	Marjella Lake,	C
Spree Lake,	A	Streams	
Timber Lake,	D	Ball Creek,	4
Streams		downstream limit is confluence with Rogue River.	
Cooks Run River,	2	Buck Creek,	4
from U.S. Forest Hwy. 16 downstream to		downstream limit is confluence with Grand River.	
mouth at South Br. of the Paint River.		Coldwater River,	4
Paint River, South Branch,	2	from Freeport Rd. downstream to confluence	
from mouth of Cooks Run (T44N, R36W,		with Thornapple River.	
S28) downstream to mouth of North Branch		Nash Creek,	4
of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8).		downstream limit is confluence with Rogue River.	
Isabella		Rogue River,	4
Lakes	Type	downstream limit is confluence with Grand River.	
Blanchard Pond,	A	Keweenaw	
Streams		Lakes	Type
Chippewa River,	3	Lake Fanny Hooe,	B
from Outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W,		Lost Lake,	D
S35) Isabella Co. downstream to confluence		No Name Pond,	A
with the Tittabawassee River, (T14N, R2E, S21), Midland Co.			

Streams Eagle River, 4 upstream limit is dam at Eagle River Village. Fanny Hooe River, 4 upstream limit is Lake Fanny Hooe. Gratiot River, 4 from Bridge (T57N, R32W, S19,20) downstream to Lake Superior. Silver River, 4 upstream limit is Hwy M-26. Silver Creek, 4 upstream limit is Falls (T58N, R32W, S26). Tobacco River, 4 upstream limit is mouth of Black Brook Creek.		Livingston Lakes Type Trout Lake, C Spring Mill Pond, (Island Lake Recreation Area) Research Area: No fishing March 15 - March 31. Catch and release fishing for trout - artificial lures only - April 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; from the last Saturday in April through March 14, 5 fish limit, 8 inch minimum size, no more than 3 fish 15 inches or larger, artificial and natural baits may be used.	
Lake		Luce Lakes Type Belle Lake 1, E Bennett Springs Lake, A Brockies Pond, (T46N, R11W, S1) A Bullhead Lake, A Camp 8 Lake, (Designated Trout Lake) B Dairy Lake, A Deer Lake, D Dillingham Lake, A Holland Lake, A Jack Lake, A Little Whorl Lake, A Moon Lake, D Peanut Lake, E Pratt Lake, A Pretty Lake (Designated Trout Lake), B Round (N. Manistique) Lake, E Sid Lake, D Silver Creek Pond, A Spring Creek Pond, A Syphon Lake, A Tank Lake, B Trout Lake, A Ward Lake, A Wolverine Lake, A Youngs Lake, A	
Streams Type Little Manistee River, 5 from Spencer's Bridge (T19N, R13W, S5) downstream to Johnson's Bridge (T20N, R14W, S24). Little Manistee River, 4 from Johnson's Bridge downstream to Manistee Lake. SC- Closed to Fishing - January 1- March 31 - from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge. Pere Marquette River, 7 from M-37 downstream to Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, S18). Pere Marquette River, 4 from Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, S18) downstream to Indian Bridge (Reek Rd.). Pine River, 2 from Elm Flats Public Access Site to confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.		Streams Blind Sucker River, 4 upstream limit is Blind Sucker Flooding Dam. Two-Hearted River, 4 upstream limit is Reed and Green Bridge.	
Lapeer		Mackinac Lakes Type Castle Rock Pond, A Millecoquins Pond, A Streams Black River, 4 upstream limit is Peters Truck Trail Footbridge. Brevoort River, 4 upstream limit is Brevoort Lake. Carp River, 4 mainstream only. Crow River, 4 upstream limit is outfall of Amadon Pond. Milakokia River, 4 upstream limit is Inland-Limestone Co. Railroad Bridge (T41N, R13W, S1). Millecoquins River, 4 upstream limit is H-40 Bridge.	
Leelanau			
Lakes Type Big Glen Lake, E Lime Lake, C North Lake Leelanau, E Streams Crystal River, 3 from Fisher Dam downstream to Lake Michigan. Leland River, 3 SC- Closed to fishing during October and November. Shalda Creek, 4 from Little Traverse Lake outlet (T29N, R13W, S10) downstream to Lake Michigan.			
Lenawee			
Lakes Type Allens Lake, C Deep Lake, C			


Pine River, from H-40 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.	4	Cranberry Lake,	A
		Crooked Lake,	B
		Forestville Basin,	B
		Island Lake (T45N, R30W, S14),	A
		Just Lake,	A
		Keyhole Lake, East,	D
		S. Kidney Lake (T45N, R26W, S28),	D
		Little Brocky Lake,	B
		Little Shag Lake,	B
		Log Lake,	A
		Moccasin Lake,	A
		Pauls Lake, North,	D
		Pauls Lake, South,	D
		Perch Lake,	B
		Rockingchair Lake, North,	D
		Rockingchair Lake, South,	D
		Section 13 Lake,	A
		Silver Lake Basin,	B
		Silver Lake,	A
		Slough Lake,	A
		Sporley Lake,	E
		Squaw Lake,	B
		Strawberry Lake,	D
		Swanzy Lake,	A
		Twin Lake (T45N, R30W, S23),	B
		Wolf Lake,	B
		Streams	
		Big Garlic River, from Forks (T49N, R27W, S12) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
		Carp River, from Deer Lake Dam (T48N, R27W, S27) downstream to Morgan Creek	2
		Carp River, from Morgan Creek downstream to Lake Superior.	3
		Chocoley River, from confluence of Big Creek (T47N, R24W, S9) downstream to Lake Superior.	3
		Ford River, from T43N, R27W, S33 (Dickinson County) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
		Harlow Creek, from Railroad Bridge (T49N, R26W, S24) downstream to Lake Superior.	4
		Iron River, from Lake Independence Dam to Lake Superior.	4
		Salmon-Trout River, Research Area: from the last Saturday in April-August 14, Type 2 stream regulations apply EXCEPT brook trout regulations are as follows: 18" minimum size limit, daily harvest/possession is (1) fish. From August 15-Friday before the last Saturday in April, the river is closed to fishing. These regulations apply to that portion of the Salmon- Trout River from Lower Falls (T51N, R28W, S13) down to Lake Superior.	
Macomb		Mason	
Streams	Type	Lakes	Type
Clinton River, from Yates Dam above Dequindre Rd. downstream to Lake St. Clair.	4	Pere Marquette Lake, from Old 31 Highway to Lake Michigan.	F
N. Branch Clinton River, from dam above Romeo-Plank Rd. downstream to confluence with Clinton River.	4	Streams	
		Big S. Branch Pere Marquette River, from confluence of Beaver/Winnepesaug Creeks downstream to confluence with Pere Marquette River.	4
Manistee			
Lakes	Type		
Arcadia Lake, from inlet of Bowens Creek to Lake Michigan.	F		
Manistee Lake, from Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6) to Lake Michigan. SC- Closed to Fishing - September 6 - October 15 or whenever the established quota of chinook eggs are taken - The southern end of Manistee Lake in the vicinity of the mouth of the Little Manistee River, being that area of Manistee Lake south of a line drawn from a squared red post, located 100 feet southeast of the launch ramp at the DNR Public Access Site on the east shore, extending southwesterly to a squared red post on the west shore located near the southern end of the Packaging Corporation of America plant.	F		
Portage Lake,	F		
Streams			
Bear Creek, from County Road 600 (T23N, 14W, S6) downstream to confluence with Manistee R.	3		
Betsie River, from Kurick Rd. downstream to M-22.	4		
Little Manistee River, from Johnson's Bridge downstream to Manistee Lake. SC- Closed to Fishing - September 1 - November 14 and January 1 - March 31 from a point 300 feet downstream from the DNR weir in T21N, R16W, S25 to Manistee Lake. SC- Closed to Fishing - Year-round within 300 feet of the DNR weir, T21N, R16W, S25. SC- Closed to Fishing - January 1 - March 31 from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge.	4		
Manistee River, from Hodenpyl Res. downstream to Red Bridge.	4		
Manistee River, from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6).	3		
Pine River, from Elm Flats Public Access Site to confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.	2		
Marquette			
Lakes	Type		
Angeline Lake,	B		
Arfelin Lake,	B		
Bass Lake,	B		
Bedspring Lake,	A		
Big Trout Lake,	E		
Brocky Lake,	B		
Cecilia's Pond,	A		
Cedar Lake,	B		
Clear Lake,	A		

Lincoln River, 3 from confluence of N. & S. Branches of Lincoln River, (T19N, R17W, S32) downstream to Lake Michigan.		Missaukee	
Little Manistee River, 4 from Johnson's Bridge downstream to Manistee Lake. SC- Closed to Fishing - January 1-March 31 from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge.		Streams Type Clam River, 2 from Lachance Rd. (T22N, R8W, S21) downstream to Blue Rd. (T22N, R8W, S27).	
Pere Marquette River, 4 from Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, S18) downstream to Indian Bridge (Reek Rd.).		Montcalm	
Pere Marquette River, 3 from Indian Bridge (Reek Rd.) downstream to Old US-31. SC- Closed to Fishing - When the lamprey barrier is in operation, from 300 feet of the downstream side of the lamprey barrier in T18N, R16W, S21 up to the mouth of Black Creek.		Lakes Type Marl Lake, C Nevins Lake, C	
Sable River, 4 from Freesoil Rd. (T20N, R15W, S21) downstream to Hamlin Lake.		Streams Dickerson Creek, 4 Fish Creek, 4 from Sidney Rd. downstream to confluence with Maple River. Little Muskegon River, 4 Prairie Creek, 4 Tamarack Creek, 4	
Sable River, 3 from Hamlin Lake Dam downstream to Lake Michigan. Note: On the Sable River, from the mouth upstream to Hamlin Lake Dam it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8 inch or less from point to shank.		Montmorency	
Mecosta		Lakes Type Avalon Lake, B Clear Lake, B Lake Fifteen, B McCormick Lake, B	
Streams Type Little Muskegon River, 4 Muskegon River, 4 from US-10 downstream to River Bend Bluffs Public Access Site (T15N, R9W, S31).		Streams Black River, Research Area: from Tin Shanty Bridge Road downstream to the Town Corner Lake stairs (T32N, R1E, S31 SE/ SE); open season is all year; possession season is the last Sat. in April - Sept. 30; only artificial lures may be used; it is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented food on any of the waters or on shore; minimum size limit 10 inches for brook trout; 12 inches for brown trout; possession limit (2) trout.	
Menominee		Muskegon	
Streams Type Big Cedar River, 4 from Veterans Memorial Park Dam (T38N, R26W, S9) downstream to Lake Michigan. Ford River, 4 from T43N, R27W, S35 (Dickinson County) downstream to Lake Michigan. Walton Creek (River) 4 from Westmann Dam (T35N, R25W, S18) down to Lake Michigan.		Lakes Type Duck Lake, F from Nestrom Rd. to Lake Michigan. Half Moon Lake, C Mona Lake, F from US-31 to Lake Michigan. Muskegon Lake, F from M-120 to Lake Michigan. White Lake, F from Business Route US-31 to Lake Michigan.	
Midland		Streams Cedar Creek, 3 from River Rd. (T11N, R15W, S33) downstream to confluence with Muskegon R. Muskegon River, 3 from Bridge Street (new bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp., downstream to M-120. North Branch Crockery Creek, 4 mainstream from Kenowa Ave. (T10N, R13W, S36) downstream to confluence with Crockery Cr. mainstream at Ravenna. White River, 4 from Hesperia Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	
Streams Type Chippewa River, 3 from outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W, S35) Isabella Co. downstream to confluence with the Tittabawassee River, (T14N, R2E, S21), Midland Co. Tittabawassee River, 3 from Sanford Dam downstream to confluence with the Saginaw River. SC- Closed to Fishing -March 16 - Friday before last Saturday in April between Sanford Dam and the mouth of the Salt River (T15N, R1W, S24). SC- Closed to Fishing -March 16 - Friday before last Saturday in April between the Dow Dam and Gordonville Bridge (T13N, R2E, S1).			

Newaygo		Streams	
Lakes	Type	Rifle River,	3
Condon Lake,	C	from Sage Lake Road (T23N, R3E, S22)	
Crystal Lake,	C	downstream to Saginaw Bay.	
Streams		Ontonagon	
Big S. Branch Pere Marquette River,	4	Lakes	Type
from confluence of Beaver/Winnepesaug Creeks downstream to confluence with Pere Marquette River.		Courtney Lake,	A
Little S. Br. Pere Marquette River,	2	Mirror Lake,	B
from Carlson Bridge (16 Mile Rd.) downstream to Oxbow Bridge (Forman Rd.).		Paulding Pond,	B
Muskegon River,	4	Trout Creek Pond,	C
from Croton Dam downstream to Bridge Street (New Bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp.		Streams	
Muskegon River,	3	Big Iron River,	3
from Bridge Street (new bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp., downstream to M-120.		from Koshak Rd. Bridge (T49N, R43W, S2) downstream to Lake Superior.	
Tamarack Creek,	4	East Branch Ontonagon River,	3
White River,	2	upstream limit is Hwy. M-28.	
from Six Mile Rd. downstream to Baseline Rd.		East Sleeping River,	3
Oakland		from railroad trestle (T53N, R38W, S25) downstream to Lake Superior.	
Lakes	Type	Firesteel River (Including East & West Branch),	3
Maceday Lake,	C	upstream limit is Hwy. M-26.	
Streams		Little Iron River,	3
Huron River, Research Area: from sign below Moss Lake outlet to signs 100 yds. below Wixom Rd. (T2N, R7E, S13) (2 mi.): April 1-Friday before last Sat. in April artificial flies only, possession limit 0 trout (catch and release). Last Sat. in April-Sept. 30, possession limit 3 trout; bait, lures and flies may be used; 8 inch minimum size limit.		upstream limit is Nonesuch Falls (T50N, R43N, S1).	
Oceana		Middle Branch Ontonagon River,	2
Lakes	Type	downstream limit is Agate Falls.	
Pentwater Lake,	F	Middle Branch Ontonagon River,	3
from confluence of N. and S. branches of Pentwater River to Lake Michigan.		Agate Falls is upstream limit.	
Silver Lake,	F	Misery River,	3
downstream limit is Lake Michigan.		upstream limit is bridge in T53N, R37W, S15.	
Stony Lake,	F	Ontonagon River,	3
from inlet of Stony Creek to Lake Michigan.		Union River,	4
Streams		from South Boundary Rd (T51N, R42W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior.	
North Branch Pentwater River,	4	West Branch Big Iron River,	3
from Oceana Dr. downstream to confluence with mainstream of Pentwater River.		from Burnt Dam Bridge (T50N, R44W, S36) downstream to confluence with Big Iron River.	
North Branch White River,	4	West Branch Ontonagon River,	3
from Arthur Rd. downstream to confluence with White River.		upstream limit is confluence with Victoria Hydro Station tail race (T50N, R39W, S29).	
Pentwater River,	4	SC- Closed to Fishing - April 1 - June 10 from its confluence with the Victoria Hydro Station tail race in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of T50N, R39W, S29 upstream to Victoria Dam.	
from Hart Dam downstream to confluence with Pentwater Lake.		Osceola	
Ogemaw		Lakes	Type
Lakes	Type	Center Lake,	C
Devoe Lake,	B	Wells Lake,	C
Grousehaven Lake,	B	Streams	
Lake George,	B	Muskegon River,	4
		from US-10 downstream to River Bend Bluffs Public Access Site (T15N, R9W, S31).	

Oscoda		Presque Isle	
Lakes	Type	Lakes	Type
Crater Lake,	A	Trout Creek Pond (T35N, R5E, S17),	C
Loon Lake,	B	Streams	
Streams		Ocqueoc River,	4
AuSable River Mainstream,	2	from Barnhart Lake downstream to Lake Huron.	
from Wakeley Bridge downstream to Rainbow Bend powerline (T26N, R2E, S4).		Swan River,	3
AuSable River Mainstream,	2	from US-23 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.	
from Mio Dam down to the Mio powerline at (T26N, R3E, S7).		SC- Closed to Fishing -Whenever weir is in place - from 300 feet above weir to mouth in T35N, R6E, S20 & 29.	
AuSable River Mainstream, Research Area:		Trout River,	3
from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7) down to McKinley Bridge: Open season is last Saturday in April-Sept. 30; artificial lures only; minimum size limit 15 inches for brown trout, 12 inches for other trout; possession limit is 2 trout.		from dam (T35N, R5E, S17) downstream to Lake Huron.	
AuSable River Mainstream,	2		
from McKinley Bridge downstream to 4001 Bridge.			
Otsego		Roscommon	
Lakes	Type	Lakes	Type
Big Chub Lake,	B	Higgins Lake,	E
Bridge Lake,	B		
Ford Lake,	D	Streams	Type
Heart Lake,	B	Saginaw River,	3
Pickerel Lake,	A	Tittabawassee River,	3
Section Four Lake,	D	from Sanford Dam downstream to confluence with the Saginaw River.	
West Lost Lake,	D		
Streams		Saginaw	
Black River,	2		
from Town Corner Lake stairs (T32N, R1E, S31 SE/SE) downstream to Tower Dam.			
Black River, Research Area: from Tin Shanty Bridge Road downstream to the Town Corner Lake stairs (T32N, R1E, S31 SE/ SE): open season is all year; possession season is the last Sat. in April - Sept. 30; only artificial lures may be used; it is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented food on any of the waters or on shore; minimum size limit 10 inches for brook trout; 12 inches for brown trout; possession limit (2) trout.			
Manistee River,	2		
from Headwaters downstream to M-72.			
Pigeon River,	2		
from Dam (T32N, R1W, S19) downstream to M-68 Bridge.			
Ottawa		Schoolcraft	
Lakes	Type	Lakes	Type
Lake Macatawa,	F	Banana Lake, (Designated Trout Lake)	B
Pigeon Lake,	F	Bear (Nineteen) Lake, (Designated Trout Lake)	B
Streams		Dutch Fred Lake,	D
Crockery Creek Mainstream Only,	4	Kings Pond,	A
from Moore Rd (T10N, R13W, S4) in Muskegon County downstream to confluence with Grand River (Ottawa County).		Lost Lake,	A
North Branch Crockery Creek,	4	Ned's Lake,	D
mainstream from Kenoa Ave. (T10N, R13W, S36) downstream to confluence with Crockery Cr. mainstem at Ravenna.		Spring Pond,	A
Sand Creek,	4	Twilight Lake,	D
		Streams	
		Indian River,	2
		from "Wide Waters" (T44N, R19W, S13) downstream to Indian Lake.	
		Manistique River,	4
		upstream limit is Papermill Dam.	
		St. Clair	
		Streams	Type
		Belle River,	4
		Black River,	3
		from private dam in Port Huron State Game Area downstream to confluence with St. Clair River.	
		Mill Creek,	4
		downstream limit is confluence with Black River.	
		St. Joseph	
		Lakes	Type
		Corey Lake,	B
		Streams	
		Curtis Creek and tributaries,	2
		Flowerfield Creek Mainstream,	4
		downstream to confluence with Rocky River.	
		Little Swan Creek and tributaries,	4

Mill Creek and tributaries, 4 from Preston Road (T7S, R12W, S7) downstream to impoundment at T7S, R12W, S32.	Washtenaw
Prairie River Mainstream Only, 4 from Bowers Road (T8S, R7W, S4) downstream to MacKale Road (T7S, R9W, S8).	Lakes Type Pickereel Lake, C
Spring Creek Mainstream Only, 4 from M-66 Bridge (T6S, R9W, S11) downstream to confluence with Prairie River (T6S, R10W, S19).	Wayne
Unnamed Tributary to Spring Creek 4 (T6S, R10W, S16).	Streams Type Huron River, 4 from Belleville Lake Dam in Wayne Co. downstream to Lake Erie.
Unnamed Tributary 4 (T6S, R10W, S26).	Johnson Creek, 6 from confluence with Rouge River to Napier Rd.
Van Buren	Wexford
Lakes Type Shafer Lake, C	Streams Type Manistee River, 2 from CCC Bridge downstream to US-131.
Streams Black River Mainstream, 3 from confluence of North and South branches down to Lake Michigan.	Manistee River, 4 from US-131 downstream to M-115.
Brush Creek Except Reynolds Lake Drain, 4 from 63rd Ave. downstream to confluence with Paw Paw River.	Pine River, 2 from Elm Flats Public Access Site to confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.
Campbell Creek, 2	
East Branch Paw Paw River and tributaries, 2 downstream limit is M-40 Bridge (T3S, R14W, S13).	
Pine Creek, 4 downstream limit is 101st Ave. (T1N, R12W, S32).	
South Branch of the Black River, 3 from Hamilton Street Bridge (T2S, R16W, S1) downstream to confluence with mainstream (T1S, R17W, S2). Type 1 from Hamilton St. Bridge up to Bangor City Dam.	
South Br. Paw Paw River (aka Gates Drain or West Branch) and tributaries, 4	




Outdoors-Woman

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) offers outdoor skills workshops to women throughout Michigan. At a BOW workshop you will have the opportunity to learn about hunting, shooting sports, fishing, camping, canoeing, fly-tying and much more.

For more information:
www.michigan.gov/dnr



Stream Regulations

Type	Open Season	Possession Season	Tackle	Daily Possession Limit	Minimum Size Limit						
					Brook Trout	Brown Trout	Rainbow Trout (Steelhead)	Splake	Lake Trout	Coho, Chinook, & Pink Salmon	Atlantic Salmon
1	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	All	5/3*	8" Lower Peninsula 7" Upper Peninsula	8" Lower Peninsula 7" Upper Peninsula	10"	8"	24"	10"	15"
2	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	All	5/3*	10"	12"	12"	10"	24"	10"	15"
3	All Year	All Year	All	5/3*	15"	15"	15"	15"	24"	10"	15"
4	All Year	Brown trout, Brook trout, Atlantic salmon Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30 Other trout species all year	All	5/3*	8"	10"	10"	10"	24"	10"	15"
5	All Year	Brown trout, Brook trout, Atlantic salmon Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30 Other trout species all year	Artificial flies only+	2	10"	15"	15"	15"	24"	10"	15"
6	All Year	Brown trout, Brook trout, Atlantic salmon Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30 Other trout species all year	Artificial lures only+	2	10"	12"	12"	10"	24"	10"	15"
7	All Year	No-Kill, catch and release only**	Artificial flies only+	0							

* 5 fish, with no more than 3 fish 15 inches or larger, and no more than 1 Atlantic salmon, EXCEPT: **up to 5 salmon (chinook and coho) 15 inches or larger may be retained in the daily harvest limit on these waters.**

** Trout/salmon may not be possessed on Type 7 streams regardless of where caught, EXCEPT: for children under the age of 12, the daily possession limit is one fish, the minimum size limit is 8 inches and the maximum size limit is 12 inches. Fish less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released.

+ It is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any of the waters or on shore.

Note: It is unlawful to fish for any species or possess fishing devices along a stream closed to fishing.

Research Areas: Portions of the Au Sable River Mainstream (Oscoda County), Black River (Montmorency and Otsego counties), Huron River (Oakland County), Mosquito River (Alger County), Salmon-Trout River (Marquette County) and Seven Mile Creek (Alger County) are under special regulations. Similarly, Spring Mill Pond (Livingston County), is under special regulations. Please see the county listings for specific regulations on these waters.

Except for streams in the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters, **any other inland stream not classified by Type is open all year with an 8-inch minimum size limit and a 5 fish daily possession limit, no more than 3 of which may be 15 inches or greater.** Artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used. Please see page 13 for Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters regulations.

New Statewide Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) Regulations

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia is a virus that affects fish and has been found in several Michigan water bodies. New regulations are in effect to reduce the spread of this pathogen. For more information regarding VHS and the new regulations, visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing.

Lake Regulations

Type	Open Season	Possession Season	Tackle	Daily Possession Limit	Minimum Size Limit				
					Brook Trout	Brown trout Rainbow trout Splake	Lake Trout	Coho, Chinook, & Pink salmon	Atlantic salmon
A	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	All except minnows	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
B	All Year	All Year	All	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
C	All Year	All Year	All	5/3*	8"	8"	8"	10"	15"
D	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Artificial lures only**	1	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
E	All Year	All Year	All	3^	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
F	All Year	Lake trout May 1- Labor Day Other trout species all year	All	5/3/2+	10"	10"	10"	10"	10"

* 5 fish, with no more than 3 fish 15 inches or larger, and no more than 1 Atlantic salmon.

** On Type D lakes only artificial lures may be used. It is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any of the waters or on shore.

^ No more than 1 Atlantic salmon.

+ Daily harvest limits: 5 in any combination, but no more than 3 fish of any one species, except:

a) up to 5 chinook or coho salmon (15 inches or larger), in any combination, may be retained.

b) no more than 2 lake trout or splake, in any combination, may be retained.

Except for lakes in the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters and Sylvania Wilderness Area, **any other inland lake not classified by Type is open all year to the taking of trout with an 8-inch minimum size limit and 5 fish daily possession limit, no more than 3 of which may be 15 inches or greater.** Artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used. See pages 13 and 14 for Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters and Sylvania Wilderness Area regulations.

Note: It is unlawful to fish for any species or possess fishing devices along a lake closed to fishing.

All Grayling must be released immediately

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DISCOVER THE OUTDOORS

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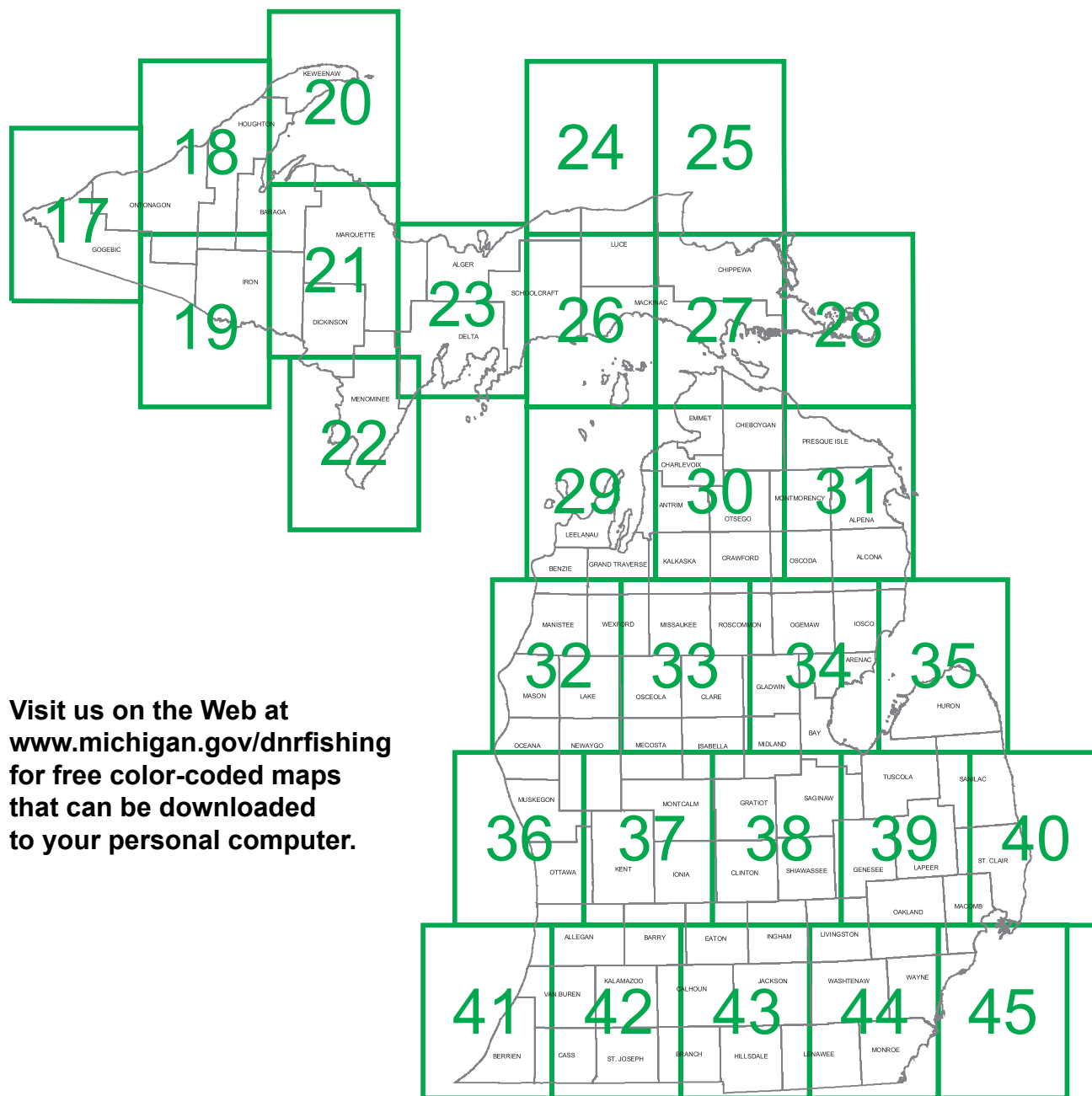
Don't dump your bait!!



Maps for Inland Trout and Salmon Fishing

The color-coded maps developed to assist anglers in locating waters that contain trout/salmon and the regulations that pertain to those lakes/streams can be found online at www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing.

These maps are to be used as a general reference only. For exact boundaries of regulations on stream types 2-7, refer to the county listing of lakes and streams on pages 20-31 of this guide. Type 1 streams are not listed in the text, but they do appear in green on the maps. For a complete listing of all trout streams, refer to FO-210 (available online or at all DNR Fisheries Offices). See pages 32-33 for a description of each Type of regulation.



Visit us on the Web at www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing for free color-coded maps that can be downloaded to your personal computer.

Notes about the maps, which are available only online. Any lake regulated by Type (A-F) will be shaded in dark blue or will appear as a blue dot on map. The lake name and type (A-F) will appear in red text. Research Areas under special regulations are indicated on the maps with gray shading.

Common Terms

Artificial Fly means any commonly accepted single hook wet and dry flies, streamers, and nymphs without spinner, spoon, scoop, lip or any other fishing lure or bait attached. The fly or leader may be weighted but no weight shall be attached to the fly or to the terminal tackle in a manner that allows the weight to be suspended from or below the hook.

Artificial Lure means a manmade lure manufactured to imitate natural bait. Artificial lures include spoons, spinners, flies and plugs made of metal, plastic, wood and other non-edible materials. They also include plastic products made to resemble worms, eggs, fish and other aquatic organisms.

Cast Net means a net not exceeding eight feet in diameter without walls or sides that is thrown to take minnows, alewives, smelt and shad in the Great Lakes and connecting waters.

Catch and Immediate Release means each fish must be returned immediately to the water without injury, and may not be possessed. When practicing catch and release, please follow these suggestions to reduce the risk of injury to the fish:

- Land your catch carefully and quickly. Avoid handling the fish at all and remove the hook with pliers.
- Use a landing net made of soft or knotless mesh and always try to net your fish head first.
- Try to keep the fish in the water and gently cradle it while carefully removing the hook.
- Leave your fish in the water until you are ready to take a photo.
- Keep your fingers out of the fish's gills since a torn gill could cause the fish to bleed to death.
- Touch your fish as little as possible. Always wet your hands when touching your fish.
- Cut the line near the hook if a fish is deeply hooked. A steel hook will rust away leaving the fish unharmed.
- Release your fish, pointing it into a slow current or gently moving it back and forth until its gills are working properly and the fish regains its balance. Once fully recovered, allow the fish to swim from your hands (big fish may take longer to recover).

Daily Limit means the total number of fish, amphibians or reptiles that you are permitted to catch and keep in one day. Also see Possession Limit.

Designated Trout Lake means any lake so designated by the state in which trout are the predominant game fish (ask for FO-200) and **Designated Trout Stream:** any stream so designated by the state that contains a significant population of trout or salmon (ask for FO-210). You must have an all-species license to fish these waters.

Detroit R. begins at the imaginary line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County and ends at the imaginary east-

west line drawn through the most southerly point of Celeron Island.

Dropper Line is a line in addition to the main fishing line, that contains a hook. Dropper lines usually are attached to the main line.

Drop-shotting involves using a weight suspended below a hook that is tied directly to the main fishing line.

Drowned River Mouth Lakes are considered inland waters and all are listed in Note 3 on p. 8.

FO is a Fisheries Order issued by the DNR Director that implements fishing regulations. FO's can be found online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Great Lakes Connecting Waters means specific bodies of water in Michigan that connect the Great Lakes. Designated connecting waters are L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R. (St. Clair R. begins at the Ft. Gratiot Light) and the Detroit R.

Hand and Landing Net means a mesh bag of webbing or wire, suspended from a circular, oval or rectangular frame attached to a handle. These are the most common fishing nets used in Michigan.

Hook means a single, double or treble pointed hook. A hook, single, double or treble pointed and attached to a manufactured artificial lure shall be counted as 1 hook.

Inland Waters means all waters in Michigan except the Great Lakes and the Great Lakes connecting waters.

Minnows are chubs, shiners, dace, stonerollers, sculpins (muddlers), mudminnows and suckers of a size used for bait in "hook and line" fishing. See page 7 and pages 14-15.

Possession Limit is equal to the Daily Limit. Except a person may possess up to two (2) additional limits of coho, chinook, or pink salmon taken during previous fishing days provided that the additional limits are processed fish (canned, cured by smoking or drying, or frozen). Anglers who have not attained the age of 17 are entitled to the possession limit even though they do not have a fishing license. A person fishing waters bordered by other states or provinces AND possessing multiple fishing licenses may possess the limit allowed for ONLY ONE license while in transit, but while fishing in Michigan waters, must comply with Michigan possession and size limits.

Snagging means attempting to take fish in a manner that the fish does not take the hook voluntarily in its mouth. It is unlawful to snag fish.

Trapping means to catch or take by use of a device, such as a cage or net, designed to capture a fish or animal.

Weir means a fence or enclosure set in water to block or retain fish.

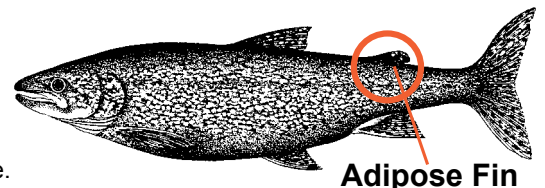
Marked and Tagged Fish



In evaluating fish stocks, the DNR often marks fish with a visible tag, an internal tag or fin clips. **If you catch a tagged fish, please record the tag number and as much of the following information as possible: species, length, weight, sex, and date and location caught.** Enter

the data online at www.michigan.gov/dnr on the Marked and Tagged Fish page under Fishing, or notify the nearest DNR Operations Service Center (see p. 47). **If releasing the fish, carefully remove and retain the tag from all species except lake sturgeon.** This will allow for more accurate recording of the tag number.

Many Great Lakes trout/salmon have been marked with a microscopic coded-wire tag implanted in the head of the fish. Fish with these tags can be identified by the absence of the adipose fin (see diagram). If you catch a trout or salmon with ONLY its adipose fin missing, that fish could have such a tag. Please record the information listed above, freeze only the head and take it to your nearest drop site location. A list of drop sites can be found online (see above) or by calling 517-373-1280. Thank you for your assistance.



Lead Alternatives

The DNR would like to remind anglers that lead can cause mortality when ingested by mammals and birds. There are nontoxic alternatives to lead such as tin, bismuth, steel, and tungsten-nickel alloy for use in jigs, sinkers and other gear. These materials can be found at established sporting goods retailers and on the Internet.

Fishing Tournament Information

Fishing tournament permits can be obtained by visiting www.mcgi.state.mi.us/mrbis. Click on the water body search link then enter a water body name and click on the access site name for information.

Boat Registration

For information about boat registration, please see "The Handbook of Michigan Boating Laws & Responsibilities" available online www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Ice Shanties

A person placing a shanty on the ice for fishing shall permanently affix their name and address on ALL SIDES of the shanty in legible letters at least 2 inches in height. The letters shall be readily visible and consist of material not soluble in water. The name and address must be on the shanty and may not be placed on a board or other material that is then attached to the shanty. Tents or other temporary shelters that are removed from the ice each day do not require identification.

Persons placing a shanty on the waters of the **Upper Peninsula** shall remove the shanty by midnight of March 31 of any year.

Persons placing a shanty on waters in the counties of **Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon, or Wexford** shall remove the shanty by midnight of March 15 of any year. Persons placing a shanty upon the waters of the remaining portion of the Lower Peninsula shall remove the shanty by midnight on March 1 of any year. Shanties placed on L. St. Clair shall be removed before sunset on the first Sunday after February 20 of any year. **In all areas, a shanty must be removed if ice conditions become unsafe, regardless of the date. After the above dates, a shanty must be removed at the end of each day's fishing activity.**

Parasites and Diseases of Fish

Occasionally anglers catch fish with black, pinhead-size spots which cause the fish to have a peppered appearance, or a fish may be caught which has white-to-yellow-colored grubs under the skin or in the flesh. Yellow perch taken from the shallower waters of the Great Lakes often contain red worms coiled within the body cavity. All these conditions are caused by common fish parasites. Fish with these parasites are safe to eat, as all these (and any other parasites) are killed by cooking. Black spot and yellow grub parasites are most common in bass, sunfish (all species) and northern pike, and red worm is specific to yellow perch. These and related parasites may be found in other species of fish as well.

It is not unusual for anglers to catch walleye with pink, whitish or yellowish wart-like growths on their bodies and fins. These are caused by fish viruses, the most common of which is called lymphocystis. This is primarily a skin disease, and the flesh is usually not affected. Lymphocystis is harmless to humans and affected fish are safe to eat. Skinning the fish usually removes all diseased tissue. If a legal-size fish is heavily affected and appears aesthetically unpleasing, it should be kept for disposal because a fish that is released will only spread more virus.

Northern pike from some waters occasionally are caught with various size and colors of external tumors which may be whitish, creamy, pink or red. In advanced stages, the tumors are ugly open sores tinged with red and often are referred to as red sore. These tumors are caused by a naturally occurring virus which is specific to northern pike and muskellunge. The disease is not known to be infectious to other animals or man; however, affected fish are not aesthetically pleasing and should not be eaten. Affected fish (of legal size) should be kept for disposal because a fish that is released will only serve to spread the infection to other fish.

Seasonal Fish Mortalities

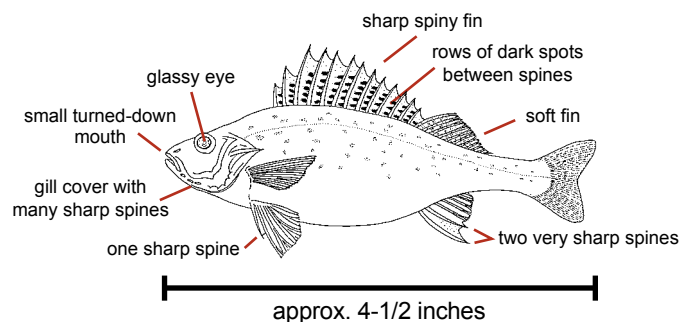
During the late spring and early summer months, it is not uncommon to witness dead or dying fish in ponds and lakes across the state. Many incidents stem from natural causes such as winter kill, brought about by a depletion of oxygen supplies coincident with heavy snow and ice cover; stress (brought about by low oxygen levels); periods of unusually rapid temperature increase and natural stresses associated with spawning. The deaths may be viewed as nature's way of reducing the fish population and selecting those fish which are most fit for survival. If you suspect a fish kill is caused by non-natural causes, please call your nearest DNR location (see page 47) or Michigan's Pollution Emergency Alert System (800) 292-4706.

Aquatic Invasive Plants and Animals

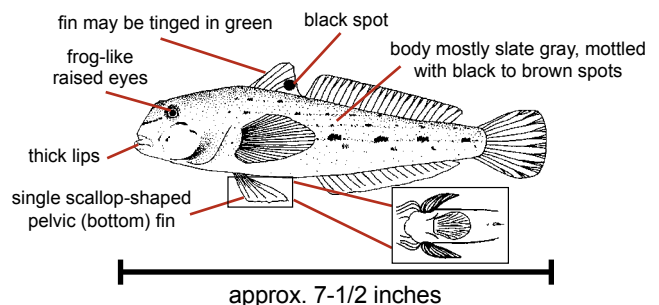
Michigan's waters are threatened by numerous nonnative aquatic invasive plants and animals already here, such as the zebra mussel, round goby, sea lamprey, Eurasian ruffe, Eurasian watermilfoil, rusty crayfish, and spiny water flea. A number of species also are knocking at the door, including several species of Asian carp coming up the Chicago diversion that could potentially enter Lake Michigan and snakehead fish that already are found in other Midwest states. These species and others are harmful to recreational fishing and do extensive economic and natural resource damage.

The following illustrations show a few of the most serious aquatic nuisance species in Michigan:

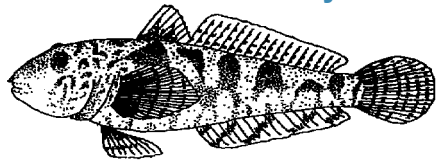
Eurasian Ruffe



Round Goby



Tubenose Goby

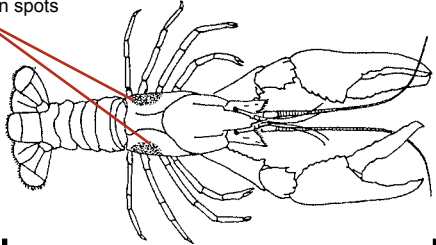


approx. 4-1/2 inches

- Looks similar to various darter species

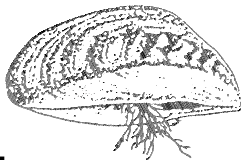
Rusty Crayfish

reddish-brown spots



approx. 3-1/2 inches

Zebra Mussel



approx. 1/4 - 1 inch

Anglers and boaters can help prevent the spread of fish diseases and other aquatic nuisance species by taking the following steps:

- Clean boats, trailers, and other equipment thoroughly between fishing trips to keep from transporting undesirable fish pathogens and organisms, from one water body to another with special care to clean fishing equipment when you are done fishing known locations of the fish diseases. A light bleach solution is an excellent disinfectant for cleaning your equipment.
- After cleaning allow boats, trailers, and other equipment to fully dry for 4 to 6 hours in the sun.
- Do not move fish or fish parts from one body of water to another.
- Do not release live bait into any water body.
- Handle fish as gently as possible if you intend to release them and release them as quickly as possible.
- Refrain from hauling the fish for long periods in live wells if you intend to release them.
- Report unusual numbers of dead or dying fish to Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division offices.
- Educate other anglers about the measure they can take to prevent the spread of fish diseases and other aquatic nuisance species.

Natural resource managers are concerned about introduction of new species and have set up an Angler's Monitoring Network to report any discoveries. Anglers should save and report unidentified fish to the nearest DNR Operations Service Center listed on page 47 of this booklet. If you have any questions, contact an Operations Service Center or visit www.michigan.gov/deq-anglers-monitoring-network.

Visit a State Fish Hatchery!

State Fish Hatchery Visitor Centers are dedicated to providing visitors with the opportunity to learn about fish, their life cycles and habitats; and the history of Great Lakes fish hatcheries and the vital role they play in helping to protect and restore our aquatic ecosystems.



- See and feed chinook salmon, steelhead trout, walleye and many more species from viewing piers at the hatchery "show ponds."
- Interpretive exhibits and interactive displays
- Self-guided hiking and nature trails



With full-time interpreters at Wolf Lake and Oden, visitors can take a guided hatchery tour, enjoy summer fishing days, attend year-round programs and special events, and have a great time discovering that fishing is fun!

Go to www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on **Education and Outreach**

Angler Rights On Public Streams

On fenced or posted property or farm property, a fisherman wading or floating a navigable public stream may, without written or oral consent, enter upon property within the clearly defined banks of the stream or, without damaging farm products, walk a route as closely proximate to the clearly defined bank as possible when necessary to avoid a natural or artificial hazard or obstruction, including, but not limited to, a dam, deep hole, or a fence or other exercise of ownership by the riparian owner.

Railroad Rights-Of-Way

Railroad rights-of-way are private property. Trespassing on railroad property, including trestles and bridges, is a misdemeanor. You must have written permission of the railroad company to be exempt from railway trespass.

Angler Harassment Information

Anglers in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from unreasonable and deliberate interference. Michigan law prohibits individuals from obstructing or interfering with the lawful taking of aquatic species. The DNR supports fishing as a legitimate form of recreation and as a useful tool in the management of aquatic resources. Michigan Conservation Officers are committed to protecting anglers from the intentional disruption of the fishing experience. Individuals whose fishing is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to the DNR by calling a local conservation officer, the nearest DNR office (see p. 47) or toll free 800-292-7800 (RAP hotline).

Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)

When selecting a PFD, read the label to make sure it is for a person of your size and weight. Try your PFD on to make sure it fits properly and check to make sure it is U.S. Coast Guard approved.

Craft under 16 feet long:

If your boat is less than 16 feet long or it is a canoe or kayak, you must choose either wearable or throwable PFDs. You must still have one PFD for each person on board. The U.S. Coast Guard requires all vessels less than 16 feet, used on the Great Lakes or connecting waterways, to carry one wearable approved Type I, II, or III device for each person on board.

Craft 16 feet or longer:

If your boat is 16 feet or longer, you must have on board at least one Throwable Device (Type IV PFD), **PLUS** one of any of these wearable PFDs for each person on board:

- Offshore Life Jacket (Type I PFD)
- Near-shore Buoyant Vest (Type II PFD)
- Flotation Aid (Type III PFD)

Michigan law requires:

- Everyone operating, riding on, or being towed by a personal watercraft must wear Type I, II, or III PFD.
- Persons less than six years old must wear a Type I or Type II PFD when riding on the open deck area of a boat underway.

Master Angler Awards

Patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum weights, or, in the case of Catch and Release, minimum lengths. However, no more than one patch per species will be awarded to each angler per year. Master Angler Certificates are awarded to anglers who catch State Record fish or one of the top 5 fish of each species in both the Catch and Keep and Catch and Release category.

State records are recognized by weight only. To qualify for a state record, your fish must exceed the current listed state record weight and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist (see office locations page 47). All fish, whether state record or qualifying catch and keep entry, must be weighed on a commercial scale

(grocery store, meat market, etc) and record the business name where scale is located. If possible, attach weight slip.

To enter the Master Angler Program, complete an application form and send it to: Fisheries Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Box 30446, Lansing MI 48909. This information is required under the Authority of Part 487 of 1994 P.A. 451, as amended.

Applications are available at all locations and on our Web site. The deadline for submitting an entry is **Jan. 9, 2010**. Be sure to include a photo of your fish if it has not already been identified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

Minimum Entry Lengths/Weights and Current State Records

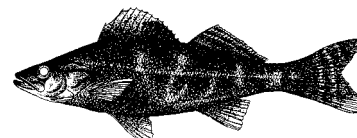
Catch and Release Entries must meet minimum length

Catch and Keep Entries must meet minimum weight

Species	Minimum Entry Length (inches)	Minimum Entry Weight (lbs. -oz.)	Current State Record (lbs.-oz.)
American Eel	32"	3-0	7-7
Bass, Largemouth	22"	6-0	11-15
Bass, Rock	11"	1-0	3-10
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	5-0	9-4
Bass, Warmouth	9"	1-0	1-6
Bass, White	16"	2-0	6-7
Bluegill	10"	1-0	2-12
Buffalo, Bigmouth	32"	20-0	24-12
Buffalo, Black	26"	10-0	33-4
Bullhead, Black	14"	1-4	3-7
Bullhead, Brown	14"	1-8	3-10
Bullhead, Yellow	14"	1-8	3-9.6
Bowfin	27"	7-0	14-0
Burbot	26"	5-0	18-4
Carp	30"	20-0	61-8
			45-0
Carp sucker, Quillback	19"	3-0	8-0
Catfish, Channel	27"	8-0	40-0
Catfish, Flathead	29"	10-0	47-8
Crappie, Black	14"	1-12	4-2
Crappie, White	14"	1-12	3-6
Freshwater Drum	21"	7-0	26-0
Gizzard Shad	16"	1-8	4-2
Lake Herring	16"	2-8	5-6
Lake Sturgeon	50"	70-0	193-0
Longnose Gar	32"	5-0	18-0
Musky, Great Lks.	42"	20-0	48-0
Musky, Northern	42"	20-0	49-12
Musky, Tiger	42"	20-0	51-3
Northern Pike	40"	18-0	39-0
Perch, White	10"	0-8	1-14
Perch, Yellow	14"	1-13	3-12
Salmon, Atlantic	33"	12-0	32-10
Salmon, Chinook	41"	27-0	46-1
Salmon, Coho	32"	12-0	30-9
Salmon, Pink	21"	3-0	8-9
Smelt	10"	None	12"
Splake	25"	6-0	17-8
Sucker, Longnose	17"	2-0	6-14
Sucker, N. Hog	13"	1-8	2-8
Sucker, Redhorse	22"	4-0	12-14.2
Sucker, White	20"	3-0	7-3
Sunfish, Green	9"	0-12	1-8
Sunfish, P.Seed	9"	0-12	1-5.6
Sunfish, Redear	10"	1-0	1-15.5
Trout, Brook	17"	2-0	9-8
Trout, Brown	33"	16-0	36-13
Trout, Lake	34"	18-0	61-8
Trout, Rainbow (Steelhead)	34"	17-0	26-8
Walleye	29"	11-0	17-3
Whitefish, Lake	23"	6-0	14-4.5
Menominee	15"	1-0	4-0

Length Measurement Directions: Measure fish from tip of nose (or lower jaw) to tip of tail in a straight line (DO NOT measure in a curve around the body from nose to tail). Measure to the closest 1/8th inch. Tail and jaw should be pinched together.

Pinch mouth closed

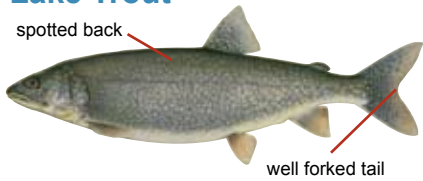


Pinch tail to form a point

Know Your Fish — Common Fish Species

Lake Trout

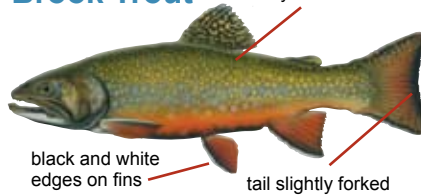
spotted back



well forked tail

Brook Trout

wormy marks on back

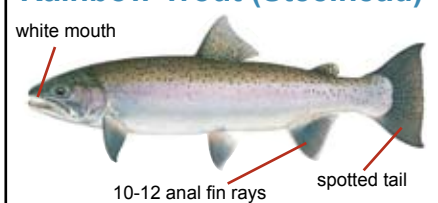


black and white edges on fins

tail slightly forked

Rainbow Trout (Steelhead)

white mouth

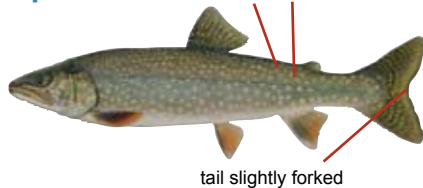


10-12 anal fin rays

spotted tail

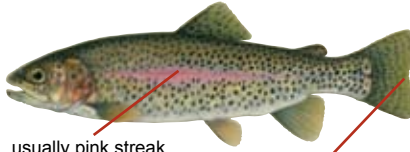
Splake

wormy marks on back



tail slightly forked

Rainbow Trout

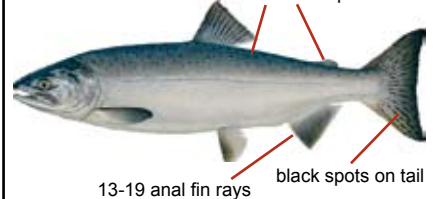


usually pink streak

spotted tail with definite fork

Pink Salmon

black spots on upper back and adipose fin



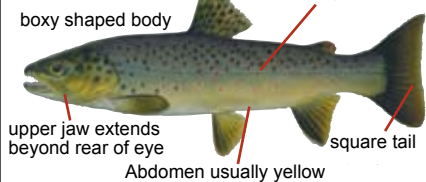
13-19 anal fin rays

black spots on tail

Brown Trout

boxy shaped body

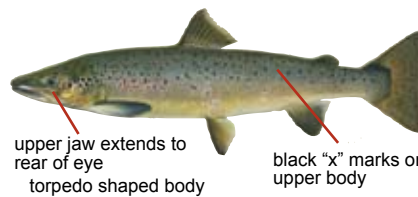
red or orange spots



Abdomen usually yellow

square tail

Atlantic Salmon

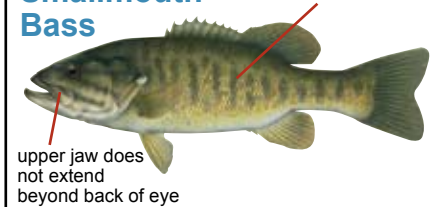


upper jaw extends to rear of eye
torpedo shaped body

black "x" marks on upper body

Smallmouth Bass

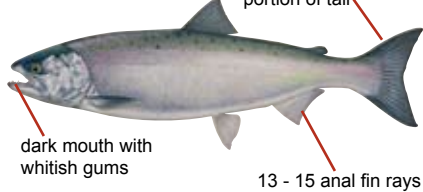
vertical bars on sides



upper jaw does not extend beyond back of eye

Coho Salmon

small spots on upper portion of tail

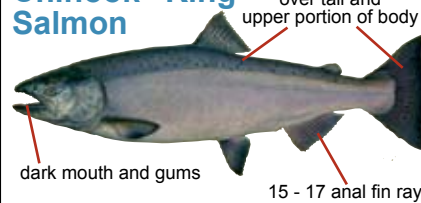


dark mouth with whitish gums

13 - 15 anal fin rays

Chinook "King" Salmon

large black spots over tail and upper portion of body

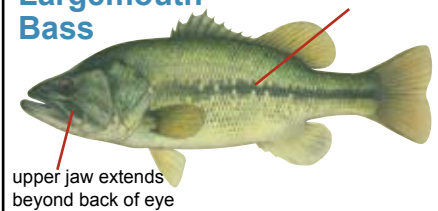


dark mouth and gums

15 - 17 anal fin rays

Largemouth Bass

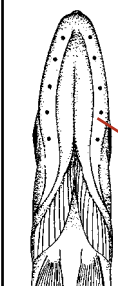
dark horizontal band



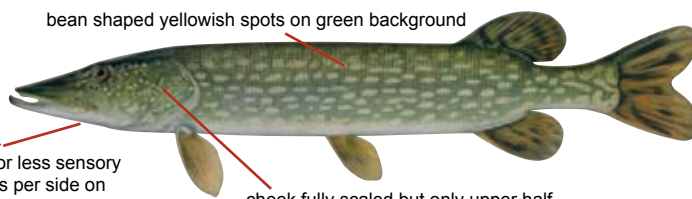
upper jaw extends beyond back of eye

Northern Pike

bean shaped yellowish spots on green background



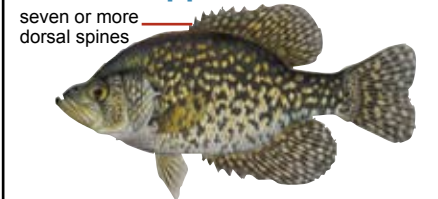
five or less sensory pores per side on lower jaw



cheek fully scaled but only upper half of gill cover scaled

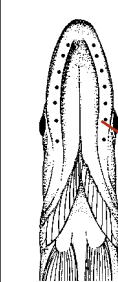
Black Crappie

seven or more dorsal spines

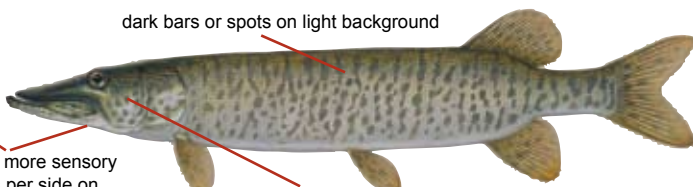


Muskellunge

dark bars or spots on light background



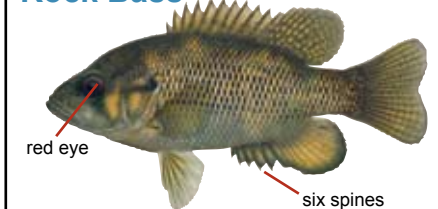
six or more sensory pores per side on lower jaw



only upper half of cheek and gill covers are scaled

Rock Bass

red eye



six spines

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Pumpkinseed (Sunfish)

red or scarlet spot
turquoise and yellow bands

Bluegill

black flap
dark spot
pointed pectoral fin

Redear Sunfish (female)

black ear flap with red border

Asian Carp Pose Threat to Great Lakes

Bighead Carp



Photos courtesy U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Silver Carp



Four species of Asian carp, including the bighead carp and silver carp shown above, are threatening to arrive in Michigan. Bighead carp are so voracious they leave nothing for native species. The silver carp is a safety hazard because it can jump high enough to hit people in boats. Anglers should be alert for any carp that appears to have its eyes looking down. If you find an unidentified carp in any inland or Great Lakes waters, freeze it and take it to a DNR Operations Service Center.

Yellow Perch

no sharp canine teeth

6 to 8 dark bands

Walleye

eyes are very reflective

dark blotch and fins not connected

white tip

Flathead Catfish

square tail fin

lower jaw extends beyond upper jaw

Channel Catfish

upper jaw extends beyond lower jaw

forked tail fin

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Angler Access Guide to Lake Michigan

Even if you don't own a boat to go fishing on the big lake, many sites along the Michigan public shoreline provide exciting angling options. These public access sites, many of which provide opportunities for persons with disabilities, include breakwaters, fishing piers and platforms along harbors, river mouths and stretches of beach. The Angler Access Guide to Lake Michigan, published by the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, is a web-based guide designed to help anglers fish the Lake Michigan shoreline, from New Buffalo to Mackinaw City.

Shore fishing is a basic, inexpensive sport that is fun and produces food for the table. You do not need costly electronics. Requirements include standard rods and reels, a handful of spoons or jigs, a good net, a comfortable chair, and the essentials for catching fish: hooks, sinkers, line and bait. To the shore-bound angler, however, pastures often seem greener in the trolling lanes far out into Lake Michigan. But sometimes the fishing is better close to shore, occasionally in water so shallow boat anglers can't reach it. This phenomenon is especially true in early spring and again in fall when trout, salmon and other game fish cruise shoreward to feed or to spawn.



During summer, steelhead begin to enter many southern Lake Michigan rivers, such as the Galien and St. Joseph. A combination of water temperature and flow volume attracts these exciting fish from early July through September. In addition, chinook salmon make commando-like raids on river mouths, where they seek minnows, insects and other food sluicing along with the current. Breakwater anglers catch them in the inky darkness before dawn.

The Angler Access Guide to Lake Michigan, which can be accessed at www.glft.org, includes detailed information about access and locations complete with maps; how to shore fish, including tips; and relevant links.

Other sources of information:

Great Lakes Fishery Commission: www.glfc.org/
 Great Lakes Fishery Trust: www.glft.org
 Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council:
www.great-lakes.org
 Great Lakes Council of the Federation
 of Fly Fishers: www.fffglc.org/
 Michigan Charter Boat Association:
www.micharterboats.com
 Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited:
www.mctu.org/
 Michigan Fishweb: www.fishweb.com
 Michigan Steelhead and Salmon
 Fishermen's Association: www.mssfa.com
 Michigan Sea Grant: www.miseagrant.org
 Michigan United Conservation Clubs:
www.mucc.org
 Recreational Boat and Fishing
 Foundation: www.rbff.org

Thank you for purchasing a 2009 Michigan Fishing License

Each year an estimated two million Michigan residents and nonresident tourists fish Michigan waters. Recreational fishing is the largest and highest-valued use of the state's fishery resources. The economic impact of sport fishing is in excess of \$2 billion annually and provides more than 15,000 jobs.

The mission of the DNR Fisheries Division is to protect and enhance fish environments, habitat, populations, and other forms of aquatic life and promote optimum use of these resources for the benefit of the people of Michigan.

Your purchase of a fishing license supports the work of department employees who manage and protect Michigan's abundant aquatic resources. We encourage you to keep fishing and to share your experiences with others. In doing so, you can do your part to keep our state's fishing heritage alive for future generations.

Fisheries Division Appropriation Budget

Fiscal Year 2008-2009 (\$30,029,900)

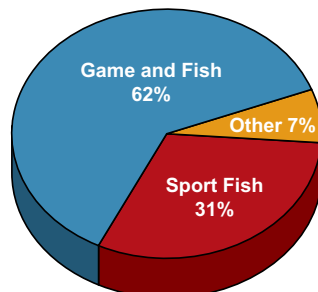
Funding Sources

Game and Fish Protection Fund: \$18,665,900 (62%)

The funds are mainly derived from fishing and hunting license revenues and all monies are earmarked for fishing- and hunting-related operations.

Sport Fish Restoration Fund: \$9,188,300 (31%)

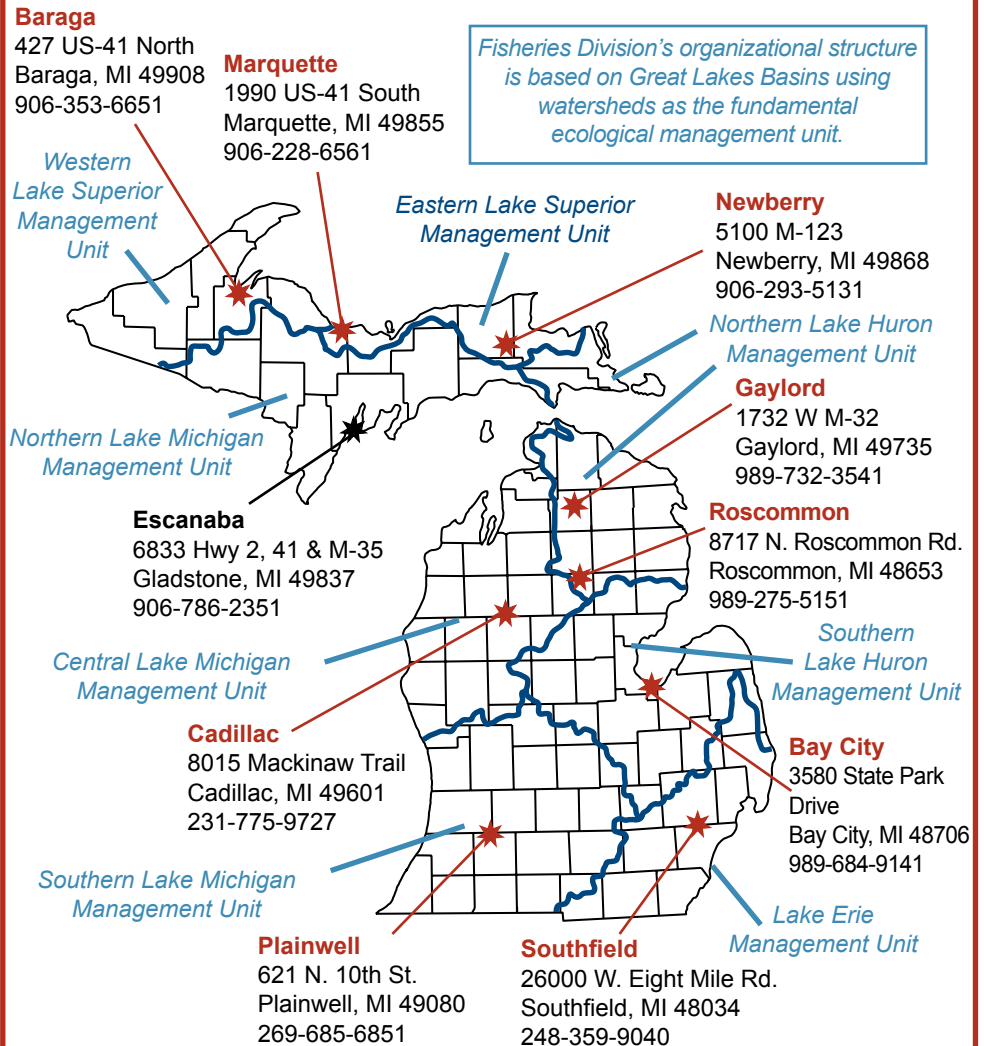
These funds come from federal excise taxes on fishing and boating equipment and motorboat fuel. Michigan received \$13.0 million in fiscal year 2008 (seventh in the nation) of which \$11.0 million was used for Fisheries operating programs. Additional funds were used for administrative and Parks and Recreation Division capital outlay projects in support of fisheries and boating programs.



The **Operations Service Centers** shown below are open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RAP (Report All Poaching) 800-292-7800

Weekly Fishing Report...517-373-0908 On the Web at www.michigan.gov/dnr.



Other Funds: \$2,175,700 (7%)

Litigation settlement, private and other federal funds amounted to \$2,100,700 of Fisheries operating programs. General funds, which are derived from general taxes, amounted to \$75,000, which is less than one percent of Fisheries operating programs.

Appropriations by Program (Total: \$30,029,900)

Fisheries Resources Management Program: \$20,169,700 (67%)

Expenditures are for the protection and maintenance of healthy Great Lakes and inland waters and fish communities and for the rehabilitation of those species and habitats that have been degraded.

Fish Production Program: \$8,877,900 (30%)

Expenditures are for the hatchings, rearing and transportation of fish required for management of both the Great Lakes and inland fisheries.

Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program: \$907,300 (3%)

Water Withdrawal Assessment Program: \$75,000 (less than 1%)