

# 2011 Michigan Fishing Guide

Rules apply from April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012



Regulations that apply to fishing for trout and salmon on inland waters are included in this guide.  
**See pages 22-37.**



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## Major Regulation Changes - New regulations appear in red text throughout the guide.

### ● Statewide – All-Species Fishing License Requirement

An all-species license is required to take and possess trout, salmon, lake sturgeon, lake herring, amphibians, reptiles or crustaceans.

### ● Statewide – Possession Limit

A person may possess two (2) additional daily possession limits of fish taken during previous fishing days (see p. 5).

### ● Statewide – Inland Trout and Salmon Regulations

Gear restrictions have been added to an additional 81.5 miles of streams and changes have been made to regulations on some existing gear restricted streams. Minimum size limits for trout have been modified on stream Types 1 – 4 and the lake trout possession limit and season has been changed on Type F lakes (see p. 22 - 37).

### ● Lake Erie – New Walleye Possession Limit Regulations - Toll Free Information Line 888-367-7060

The daily possession limit will remain at five (5) walleye through April 30, 2011. Starting in 2011, the daily possession limit for walleye will be set on May 1 each year. A special publication announcing the new daily possession limit will be available at DNR offices and license vendors starting in April 2011. The new daily possession limit will also be announced in a statewide news release, on the DNR website ([www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing)), and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.

### ● Lake Michigan – Lake Trout Regulations

Lake trout size limits have been modified in MM-1 — MM-5 and the possession seasons have been changed in MM-5 — MM-8 (see p. 10 - 11).

### ● Lake Superior – Lake Trout and Splake Regulations

The daily possession limit has been changed to restrict harvest of large lake trout to one (1) lake trout 34 inches or greater and the splake minimum size limit has been increased to 15 inches (see p. 10 - 11).

### ● Black Lake – Lake Sturgeon Harvest Quota

On or before January 15, 2012, a notice of the harvest quota for Black Lake will be posted on the Department's website ([www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing)), noted in a statewide news release, and noted in printed material that will be made available to the public via various outlets. Anglers should contact the Gaylord Operations Service Center at 989-732-3541 for more information.

## License Information

LICENSE TYPE - Purchase your fishing license (and more) online at <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/dnr">www.michigan.gov/dnr</a>	COST
<b>DNR Sportcard</b>	\$1.00
<b>Resident</b>	
<b>24 hr.</b> (Good for all species for a designated 24-hour period)	\$7.00
<b>Senior</b> (65 or older)	\$3.00
<b>72 hr.</b> (Good for all species for a designated 72-hour period)	\$21.00
<b>Senior</b> (65 or older)	\$9.00
<b>Restricted</b> (Good for all species EXCEPT trout, salmon, lake sturgeon, lake herring, amphibians, reptiles or crustaceans)	\$15.00
Upgrade to All-Species	\$13.00
<b>Senior</b> (65 or older)	\$6.00
Upgrade to All-Species	\$5.20
<b>All-Species</b> (Good for all species. See below)	\$28.00
<b>Senior</b> (65 or older)	\$11.20
<b>Military</b> (Residents serving in the U.S. Military, who are stationed outside of Michigan. See page 4).	\$1.00
<b>Nonresident</b>	
<b>24 hr.</b> (Good for all species for a designated 24-hour period)	\$7.00
<b>72 hr.</b> (Good for all species for a designated 72-hour period)	\$21.00
<b>Restricted</b> (Good for all species EXCEPT trout, salmon, lake sturgeon, lake herring, amphibians, reptiles or crustaceans)	\$34.00
Upgrade to All-Species	\$8.00
<b>All-Species</b> (Good for all species. See below)	\$42.00
<b>Voluntary</b>	
<b>Young Angler All-Species</b> (Good for all species). Residents or nonresidents under the age of 17.	\$2.00
<b>Sportsperson Discount</b>	
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.	
<b>Lost Licenses</b>	
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, salmon, lake sturgeon, lake herring, amphibians, reptiles or crustaceans 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 those Type B\* lakes marked with an asterisk).
- All streams in the Gear Restricted Streams category 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](http://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 either officially stationed in Michigan or maintain residency 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. 40) 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. 40).

## 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 (p. 16-18 and 25-37). Lakes and streams are closed to all fishing during the period listed.

## 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 covered 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 a 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.

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## Common Terms

**Artificial Flies** 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 Possession 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 (all Type A, all Type D and designated Type B\* lakes) by the state in which trout are the predominant game fish (see p. 22 - 37).

**Designated Trout Stream:** any stream so designated by the state that contains a significant population of trout or salmon (see p. 22 - 37 and check FO-210 on the DNR website).

**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. 10.

**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](http://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 6 and pages 14-15.

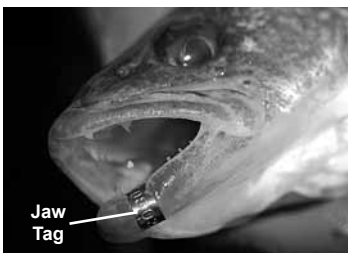
**Possession Limit:** In addition to one (1) day's daily possession limit of fish, a person may possess an additional two (2) daily possession limits of fish taken during previous fishing days provided that the additional limits of fish are processed (canned, cured by smoking or drying, or frozen). This provision does not apply to lake sturgeon, see p. 8 for lake sturgeon harvest restrictions. 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.

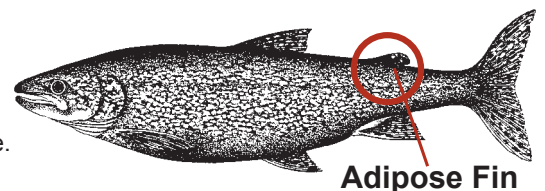
## Marked and Tagged Fish



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](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) on the Marked and Tagged Fish page under Fishing, or notify the nearest DNR Operations Service Center (see p. 40). **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 or by calling 517-373-1280. Thank you for your assistance.



## Lawful Fishing Methods

**Bait:** See 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). *To help reduce the spread of invasive species, anglers are reminded to properly dispose of all bait including worms, crayfish and minnows in a trash receptacle.*

**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 mouth lakes (see Note 3, p. 10 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. A person shall not set or use a tip-up or other similar device unless the name and address of the person owning the tip-up or other similar device is marked in legible English on the tip-up or other similar device or securely fastened to it by a plate or tag. 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 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 Hatlem Cr. (Leelanau Co.). 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 and quagga 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.10) 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. 5 and Note 2 p. 7.

**Table 1 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). See page 5 for Detroit River definition.

Species	Minimum Size (inches)	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)	<b>3rd. Sat. in June - Dec. 31:</b> L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. <b>Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31:</b> All other waters including Great Lakes (except those listed in Note 2)
Walleye (Note 3)	15"		<b>May 15 – March 15:</b> Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R.
Northern pike (Note 7 & 8)	24"		<b>Last Sat. in April – March 15:</b> Lower Peninsula inland waters
Flathead catfish	15"		<b>Open for the entire year:</b> Lower Peninsula Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.
Channel catfish	12"		10
Muskellunge (Note 7 & 8)	42"	1	<b>May 15 – March 15:</b> Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R. <b>Last Sat. in April – March 15:</b> Lower Peninsula inland waters <b>Open for the entire year:</b> Lower Peninsula Great Lakes <b>1st Sat. in June – Dec. 15:</b> L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.
Yellow perch (Note 4)	No size limit	50	<b>Open for the entire year</b>
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 waters	
Lake whitefish Lake herring (cisco)		12 in any combination	
Lake sturgeon		<b>Please see Table 2, p. 8 for Lake Sturgeon Regulations</b>	
Smelt	No size limit	2 gallons	<b>Open for the entire year</b>
All others (Note 6)	No size limit	No possession limit	<b>Open for the entire year</b>

**Notes for Table 1**

**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 22-37.**

**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 during the seasons listed. All bass caught must be immediately (see common terms p. 5) 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**

**Lake Erie:** The daily possession limit will remain at five (5) fish through April 30, 2011. Starting in 2011, the daily possession limit for walleye will be set on May 1 each year. A special publication announcing the new daily possession limit will be available at DNR offices and license vendors starting in April 2011. The new daily possession limit will also be announced on the DNR website ([www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing)) and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.

**L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.:** On these waters the daily possession limit for walleye is 6 and the minimum size limit is 13".

**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.

**Mullett L. proper, Cheboygan R. from Mullett L. downstream to Cheboygan Dam (T38N, R1W, S31), and Black R. from Alverno Dam (T37N, R1W, S35) downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan R. (Cheboygan Co.):** The daily possession limit for walleye is 3 and the season for harvest of walleye is May 15 - Mar. 15, inclusive.

**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, pumpkinseed, redear, rock bass, and warmouth.

**Note 6 - All others**

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

**Table 1 notes continued**

**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 the daily possession limit:**

**ALCONA:** Badger L. **ALGER:** Trout and 16 Mile Lks. **ALLEGAN:** Pine Creek Flooding **BARAGA:** Vermillac (Worm) L. **CHARLEVOIX:** Deer, Fox, Geneserath, 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 **GOGEBIC:** 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. **OGEAW:** 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 limit 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, S13).

**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:** 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:** L. Gratiot **LAPEER:** Nepessing L. **LENAWEE:** L. Hudson **LIVINGSTON:** Whitmore and Woodland Lks. **MACKINAC:** Brevoort L. **MARQUETTE:** Fish L. **MONTMORENCY:** Fletcher Floodwaters. **MUSKEGON:** Mona L. **OAKLAND:** Heron and Tipsico Lks. **OTSEGO:** Big Bear L. **OTTAWA:** L. Macatawa **ST. JOSEPH:** Long L. (Fabius Twp. T6S, R12W, S7) **SCHOOLCRAFT:** Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks. **VAN BUREN:** Bankson, Brownwood, and Round Lks. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, S31) **WASHTENAW:** Whitmore L.

**Table 2 Lake Sturgeon**

**Hook & Line Fishing Only (except as noted below).**

An all-species license is required to take and possess lake sturgeon. All anglers shall obtain a non-transferable Lake Sturgeon Fishing Tag prior to fishing for lake sturgeon (available at license vendors). Upon harvesting a lake sturgeon, anglers must validate their Lake Sturgeon Harvest Tag, attach it to the lake sturgeon, and register their harvest within 24 hours (except as noted below) at a designated registration site. For more information check online at [www.michigan.gov/dnr/fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/fishing). On waters where harvest of lake sturgeon is allowed (as noted below), an angler shall not harvest more than one (1) lake sturgeon per year.

Waters	Seasons	Regulations and Size Restrictions
Great Lakes and Connecting Waters (except L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.; see below), all inland waters (except Otsego Lake, Otsego Co. and Black Lake, Cheboygan Co.; see below)	Fishing Season: July 16 – Nov. 30 Possession Season: None	No Possession. All lake sturgeon must be released immediately.
Lake St. Clair and St. Clair River	Fishing Season: July 16 – Nov. 30 Possession Season: July 16 – Sept. 30	Between 42" - 50", inclusive. Lake sturgeon less than 42" and greater than 50" must be released immediately.
Otsego Lake (Otsego Co.)	Fishing and Possession Season: July 16 – Mar. 15	50" minimum size limit. Lake sturgeon less than 50" must be released immediately.
All MI-WI Boundary Waters (see p. 13 for more details)	Fishing and Possession Season: 1st Sat. in Sept. – Sept. 30	60" minimum size limit. Lake sturgeon less than 60" must be released immediately.
Black Lake (Cheboygan Co.)	Fishing and Possession Season: 1st Sat. in Feb. through the following Wed. or until the quota is reached (whichever comes first)	Limited Quota. Spearing allowed. All harvested lake sturgeon must be reported immediately to DNR on site. <b>Contact DNR Gaylord office (989) 732-3541 for details.</b>

Spearing for lake sturgeon is prohibited, except in Black Lake, (Cheboygan Co.) during special winter season.



## Table 3 Amphibians and Reptiles

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

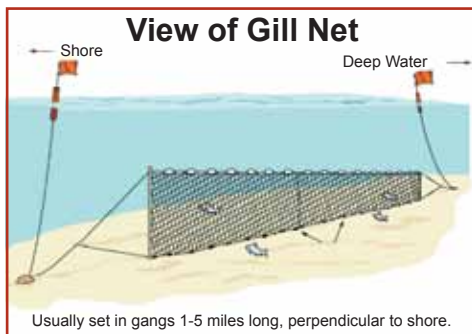
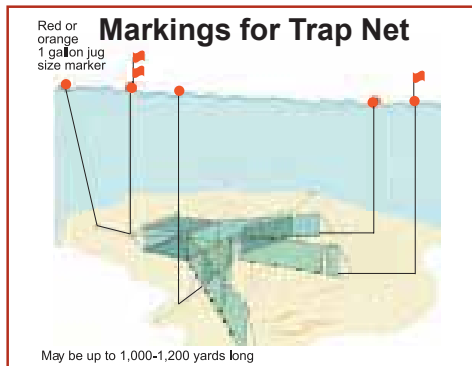
Amphibians and reptiles **MAY NOT** be shot with firearms (including spring, air, or gas propelled) or bow and arrow. The following **shall not be taken or possessed** except as authorized by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources: Blandings, spotted, wood, and eastern box turtle; black 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:** An **all-species fishing license** is required to take amphibians and reptiles for personal use.

Reptiles and amphibians 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. It is illegal to possess or transport in the field, dressed or processed reptiles or amphibians that cannot be measured or identified.

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 for the entire 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)

## 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.



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## 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 22-37.

Seasons by water type	Minimum Size	Daily Possession Limit (Notes 2, 3, 4)
<b>Open for the entire year:</b> (Note 4) L. Superior, L. Michigan, L. Erie, L. Huron, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R. and Detroit R.	10" (Note 2, 4) (also see Table 4)	<b>Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.:</b> 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 <b>St. Marys R.:</b> 5 additional pink salmon allowed from last Sat. in April - Sept. 30.

**Note 1 - All Trout and Salmon:** Refer to **Exceptions to General Regulations by County**, for waters that have regulations that differ from those shown above (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-immediate-release; 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**; minimum size limit is 10"; fishing season is open for the entire year and **the possession season for lake trout is Jan. 1 – Oct 31; except that the possession season for lake trout shall be Jan. 1 – Sept. 30 on Betsie L. For all other species of trout and salmon, the possession season is open for the entire year.** **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 4, p. 11). To help identify Management Unit boundaries, a few major ports are listed for each. The map on p. 11 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. 40) or check online [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

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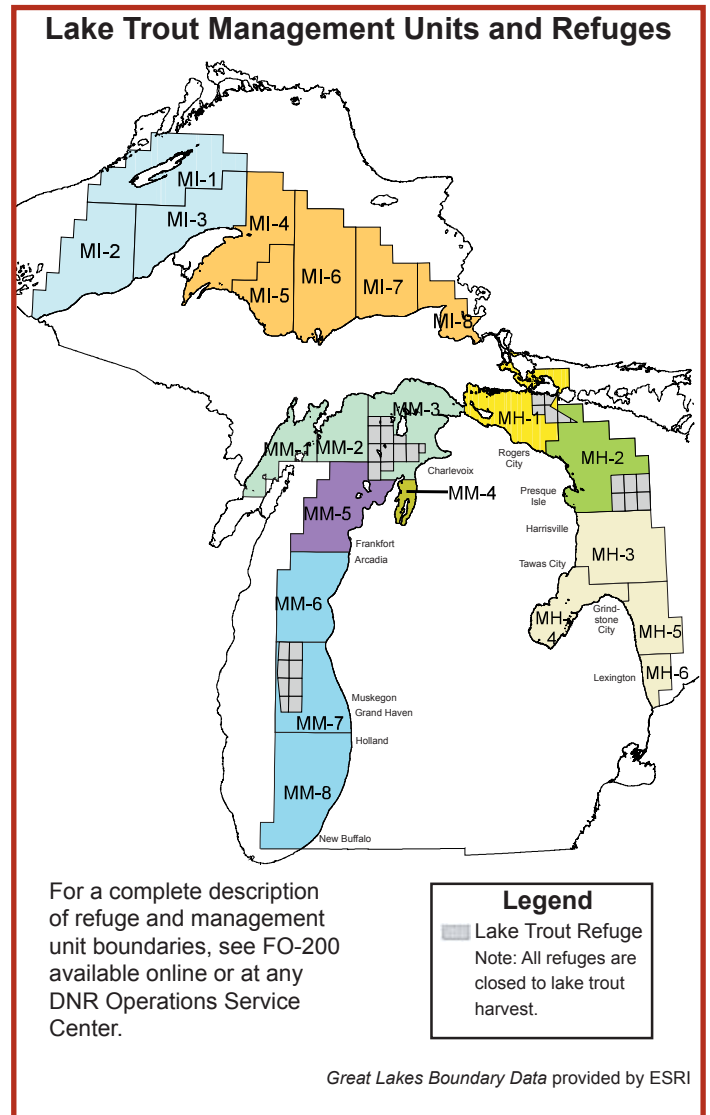
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## Table 4 Great Lakes Lake Trout and Splake Regulations

For lake trout and splake, the minimum size limit is 10" and the season is open for the entire 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, EXCEPT in Lake Superior, as noted below.

Lake Trout Management Unit, Major Ports	Possession Season	Size Restrictions (inches)	Lake Trout Possession Limit
<b>Lake Superior: map color coded by unit regulations</b>			
<b>MI 1-3:</b> Windigo, Ontonagon, Copper Harbor	Open for the entire year	The minimum size limit for lake trout <b>and splake shall be 15"</b> ; the <b>daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) lake trout 34" or greater.</b>	3
<b>MI 4-8:</b> Big Bay, Marquette, Au Train, Munising, Grand Marais, Pendills Bay, Brimley State Park		5	
<b>Lake Huron: map color coded by unit regulations</b>			
<b>MH 1:</b> DeTour, Cedarville, St. Ignace, Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Rogers City.	May 1 - Sept. 30 (lake trout and splake)	The maximum size limit for lake trout shall be 27", except that the daily possession limit may include no more than one (1) lake trout 32" or greater. The minimum size limit for splake shall be 22".	3
<b>MH 2:</b> Presque Isle, Rockport, Alpena, Black R		The minimum size limit for lake trout and splake shall be 22".	
<b>MH 3-6:</b> Harrisville, Tawas, Grindstone, Harbor Beach, Lexington	Jan. 1 - Sept. 30 (lake trout and splake)	The minimum size limit for lake trout and splake shall be 15".	
<b>Lake Michigan: map color coded by unit regulations</b>			
<b>MM 1-3:</b> Menominee, Escanaba, Manistique, Harbor Springs, Charlevoix	Jan. 1 - Sept. 30 (splake open for the entire year)	The minimum size limit for lake trout shall be 20" and the maximum size limit shall be 25", except that the daily possession limit may include no more than one (1) lake trout 34" or greater. NOTE: The minimum size limit for splake shall be 15" in the L. Michigan waters of Delta and Menominee Cos.	3
<b>MM 4:</b> Elk Rapids, Traverse City, Northport		The minimum size limit for lake trout shall be 20" and the maximum size limit shall be 25", except that the daily possession limit may include no more than one (1) lake trout 25" or greater.	
<b>MM 5:</b> Leland, Frankfort, Platte Bay		The minimum size limit for lake trout shall be 20".	
<b>MM 6-8:</b> Arcadia, Manistee, Ludington, Grand Haven, Holland, New Buffalo	Jan. 1 - Oct. 31 (splake open for the entire year)		



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## Table 5 General Netting Regulations

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

- Hand Nets may be of any circumference and handle length (see p. 6).
- Dip Nets may not exceed 9 x 9 feet square nor be erected or fished within 100 feet of any dam.
- There is a two-gallon daily possession limit on smelt.
- 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 (p. 40).
- See Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 16 - 18).

Species	Seasons	Nets and Waters
<b>Bowfin Carp Gar Smelt Suckers</b>	March 1 - May 31	<b>Hand Nets: South of M-72</b> 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	<b>Hand Nets: North of M-72</b> (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	<b>Dip Nets:</b> All Lower Peninsula non-trout streams.
	May 1 - May 31	<b>Dip Nets:</b> All Upper Peninsula non-trout streams
<b>Burbot</b>	Dec. 15 - end of Feb.	<b>Hoop Nets:</b> 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.)

## 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 1 (p. 7); inland non-trout waters are those inland waters except Designated

Trout Lakes and Designated Trout Streams (see FO-200, FO-210, and p. 22 - 37); For exceptions to these regulations, see Note 8 - Restricted Spearing Lakes (p.8), Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Regulations (p.13), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 14), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p.16-18).

Seasons	Waters	Species
Dec. 1 - March 15	<b>All waters</b> (through the ice) except: Designated Trout Lakes and Designated Trout Streams, and <a href="#">Note 8</a> waters (p. 8). No muskellunge spearing on <b>L. St. Clair, L. Erie, Detroit R., and St. Clair R.</b>	Northern Pike Muskellunge
January - February	<b>L. St. Clair</b> (bow may be used)	Yellow perch
January - February	(bow and light may be used) <b>Inland non-trout waters</b> (through the ice): See <a href="#">Note 8</a> (p. 8)	Bowfin Bullheads Carp Catfish Drum Gar
All year ( <a href="#">Note 1</a> )	(bow and light may be used) <b>Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.</b>	Lake herring (cisco) Smelt Suckers Whitefish
All year	<b>Great Lakes</b>	Burbot
April 1 - May 31 South of Hwy. M-46	(bow and light may be used) <b>All non-trout streams or Trout streams listed in FO-219</b>	Bowfin Carp Gar Suckers
April 15 - May 31 Between M-46 and M-72		
May 1 - 31 North of Hwy. M-72		
All Year	<b>Waters listed in FO-219</b> 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) <b>Inland non-trout waters</b>	Bowfin Carp Gar
Oct. 15 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) <b>Hubbard L.</b> (Alcona Co.), <b>Ottawa, Chicagon L.</b> (Iron Co.)	Carp Lake herring (cisco) Suckers Whitefish
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) <b>Elk L., Torch L., Clam R.</b> (Grand Traverse, Antrim, Kalkaska Cos.); <b>Crystal L.</b> (Benzie Co.) <b>All inland non-trout waters in lower peninsula counties wholly south of M-20</b> (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, and persons placing a shanty on these waters shall remove the shanty by midnight of March 15. In Wisconsin boundary waters, fish shanty doors cannot be locked from inside during occupancy.
- You may fish (troll) from a motorboat with the motor running or a sailboat under sail except in Wisconsin boundary waters of Vilas County.
- 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 <sup>Note 1</sup>	Waters	Seasons	Minimum Size (inches)	Daily Possession Limit
Trout, Salmon	Smoky L., Montreal R., and Menominee R. mouths to 1st dam.	Open for the entire 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-Immediate-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 for the entire year	none	25 in combination
Muskellunge <sup>Note2</sup>	All boundary waters	May 15 - Nov. 30	40"	1
Lake Sturgeon <sup>Note2,3</sup>	All boundary waters	1st Sat. in Sept. - Sept. 30	60"	1 per season
Channel catfish	All boundary waters	Open for the entire year	none	10
All others	All boundary waters	Open for the entire 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, S. 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 no possession of lake sturgeon. **Note 3:** An all-species license is required to take and possess lake sturgeon. All anglers shall obtain a non-transferable Lake Sturgeon Fishing Tag prior to fishing for lake sturgeon (available at license vendors). Upon harvesting a lake sturgeon, anglers must validate their Lake Sturgeon Harvest Tag, attach it to the lake sturgeon, and register their harvest (within 24 hours) at a designated registration site. For more information check online at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing). **On waters where harvest of lake sturgeon is allowed (as noted below), an angler shall not harvest more than one (1) lake sturgeon per year.**

## 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](http://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 susceptible.

**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.

**Susceptible Fish Species** – Baitfish and other species of fish identified by the department as susceptible to being infected with VHSv (Formerly known as Prohibited Fish Species.)

**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) and Base Line Lake (Livingston and Washtenaw Counties) resulting in 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 Susceptible Fish Species, or roe taken from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species, or roe taken from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible 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 Susceptible 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 Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species, or roe harvested from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species, and roe taken from fish that are listed as Susceptible Fish Species, that have not been approved as required under the department’s certification process.

- A person who catches baitfish that are listed as Susceptible Fish Species, or harvests roe from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species, or purchases roe from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species, and roe taken from fish that are listed as Susceptible Fish Species, that have not been approved as required under the department’s certification process.

- A person who catches baitfish that are listed as Susceptible Fish Species, or harvests roe from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species, or purchases roe from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species, and roe taken from fish that are listed as Susceptible Fish Species, that have not been approved as required under the department’s certification process.

- A person who catches baitfish that are listed as Susceptible Fish Species, or harvests roe from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species, or purchases roe from fish that are listed as Susceptible 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 Susceptible Fish Species are located online at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing).

**This table lists the Susceptible Fish Species for VHSV.**

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	

## Exceptions to General Regulations by County

Many water bodies have special regulations that differ from the general regulations for Hook and Line Fishing (Table 1, p. 7-8), 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. 8); Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Regulations (p. 13); and Sylvania Wilderness Area Regulations (p. 14).

**ALGER: Towses 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 Feb. **Rock R.** closed to fishing from dam to lower foot bridge downstream from M-28 (T47N, R21W, S15) April 1 - June 30. **Duck and Echo Lks.** (Grand Island), catch and release on smallmouth bass. **Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore** (contact park for regulation specifics 906-387-3700).

**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, S9) 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, S9), 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, S12) closed to all fishing April 1 - June 30; open to burbot netting downstream from the M-38 Bridge Dec. 15 - end of Feb.

**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, S2). **Cold Cr.** closed to dip netting.

**BERRIEN: Townsend Cr.** (T6S, R17W, S19), 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.

**CALHOUN: Harts L.** catch and release only for all species.

**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, S5 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: Mullett L. proper, Cheboygan R. from Mullett L. downstream to Cheboygan Dam (T38N, R1W, S31), and Black R. from Alverno Dam (T37N, R1W, S35) downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan R. (Cheboygan Co.):** The daily possession limit for walleye is 3 and the season for harvest of walleye is May 15 - Mar. 15, inclusive. **Cheboygan R., Indian R., or Black R.** unlawful to fish during Oct. 1 - June 15 with spear, bow and arrow, dip net, or gaff. **Black R.** between Kleber Dam and Red Bridge (T35N, R1E, S5) unlawful to fish in any manner during Oct. 1 - June 15. **Lower Black R.** from Alverno Dam down to Mograin Bridge, no fishing April 1 - May 14. **Black L.** and tributaries no commercial minnow take; sturgeon fishing prohibited except under special season (see p. 8). **Douglas L. Pike Marsh** closed to fishing when marsh is in operation. **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, S15) 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 only. **Jones L.** open season June 1 - Sept. 30, catch and release fishing with artificial lures only.

**DELTA: Dana L.,** carp may be speared May 1 - Aug. 15; and northern pike may be speared Dec. 1 - Mar. 15; 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. **Little Bay de Noc**-north of the Saunders Pt.-Squaw Pt. line and tributaries, spearing is permitted only during Jan. and Feb. **Rapid R. Borrow Pit** (T41N, R21W, S5) closed to fishing all year. **L.**



## Exceptions to General Regulations by County

**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.** no possession of largemouth and smallmouth bass from the last Sat. in May - June 20.

**EMMET:** **Bear R.** from mouth upstream to Lake Street Dam (T34N, R5W, S6) 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. **Unnamed Cr.** closed to dip netting from Green L. upstream to Bridges L. **Arbutus and Spider Lks.** largemouth and smallmouth bass minimum size limit is 10 inches.

**HOUGHTON:** **Portage L. Ship Canal** spearing permitted in Jan., Feb. 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 Feb.

**IONIA:** **Woodard L.** no possession of walleye.

**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 Dec. 1 - Mar. 15; 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.** no possession of walleye. See also Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters Regulations (p.13). **Chicagon and Ottawa Lks.,** daily possession limit of whitefish and lake herring is 5 in any combination. **Ottawa L.** no possession of largemouth and smallmouth bass. **Fire and Indian Lks.** largemouth and smallmouth bass possession limit is one fish and minimum size limit is 18 inches.

**ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK (contact park for regulation specifics 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, no possession of brook trout.

**KALKASKA:** **Cub L.** (T27N, R5W, S19) largemouth and smallmouth bass minimum size limit is 10 inches.

**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.

**LAKE:** **Big Bass L.** (T20N, R14W, S34) largemouth and smallmouth bass minimum size limit is 10 inches.

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

**LEELANAU:** **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. **Hatlem Cr.** closed to minnow harvest.

**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 Jan. and Feb. 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 Feb. **Deer L. Basin, Carp R.** downstream from M-28 (T47N, R27W, S4), and all other tributaries to Deer L. Basin 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.** within 300' upstream and downstream of the lamprey barrier closed all year; from 300' above lamprey barrier (T18N, R16W, S21) upstream to mouth of 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, S11) 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.

## Exceptions to General Regulations by 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 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, S23) closed to dip netting.

**MONTMORENCY: East Fish, West Fish, and Middle Fish Lks., Fuller Cr. Pond, Hunt Cr.** (above Section Z bulkhead T29N, R2E, S25), and **Fuller Cr.** (in the Hunt Cr. Trout Research Station Area), no fishing. **Fletcher Floodwaters**, 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.**, no possession of channel catfish, flathead catfish, or bullheads; **Brush and Sand Lks.** no possession of channel catfish, flathead catfish, or bullheads.

**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. **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 L.**, 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. 8).

**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, S15) closed to fishing April 1 - May 14. **Shuberts Cr. (Monaghan 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.** no possession of flathead catfish.

**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, S4); 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 no open season. 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, S32) downstream to Delhi Rd. Bridge (T2S, R5E, S2) 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.7) possession limit is 10.

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



## 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. 40) 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 40). 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 operation service centers and on our Web site. The deadline for submitting an entry is **Jan. 10, 2012**. 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

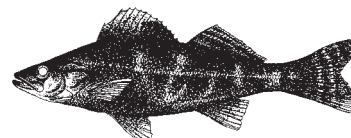
**Catch and Keep Entries** must meet minimum weight

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, 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	50-8
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, Hybrid	10"	0-12	1-7
Sunfish, P.Seed	9"	0-12	2-2.4
Sunfish, Redear	10"	1-0	2-5.8
Sunfish, Warmouth	9"	1-0	1-6
Trout, Brook	17"	2-0	9-8
Trout, Brown	33"	16-0	41-7.2
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

\*State record Carp; \*\*Largest hook and line Carp

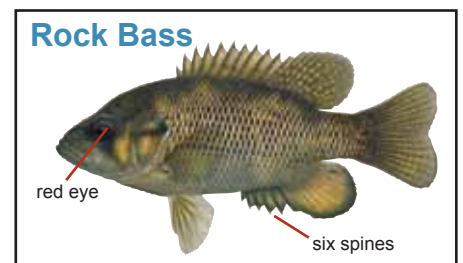
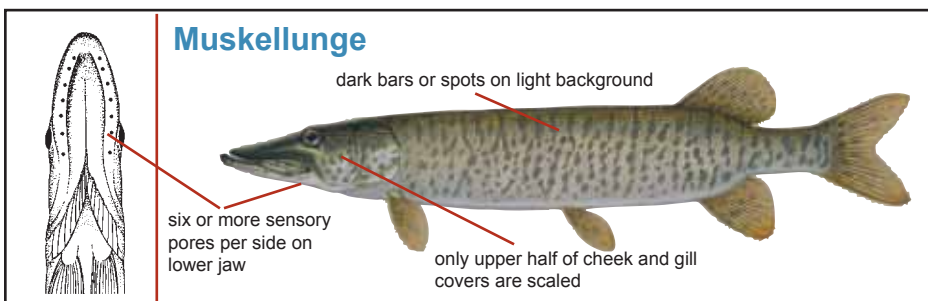
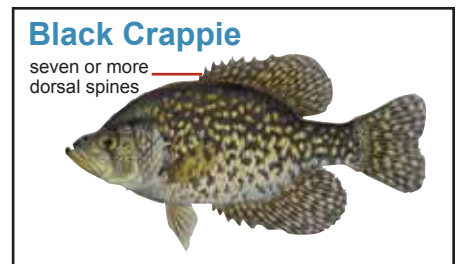
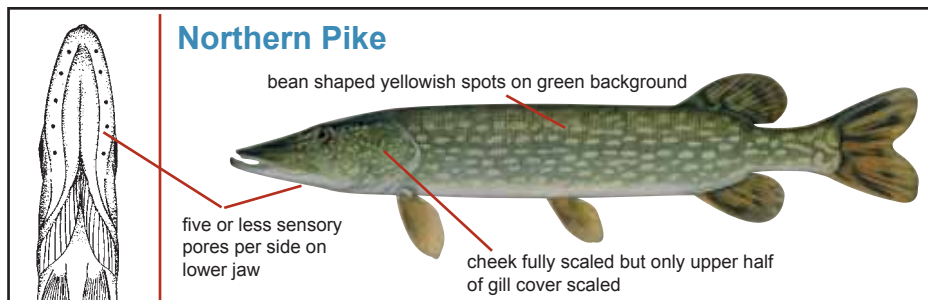
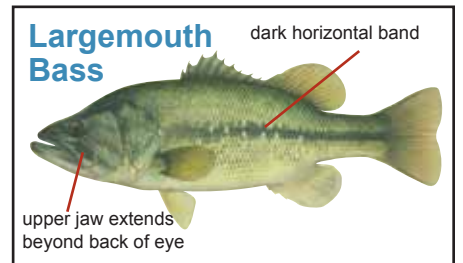
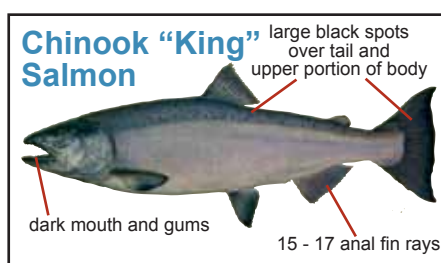
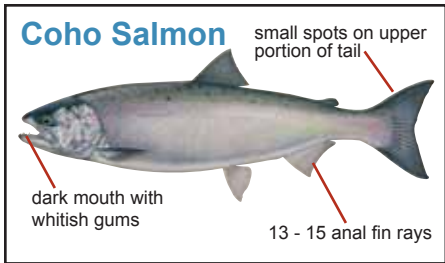
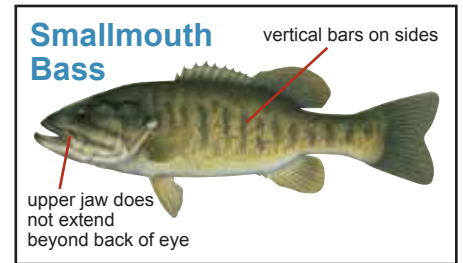
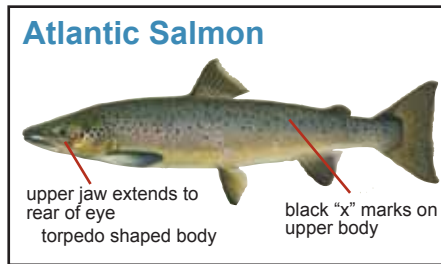
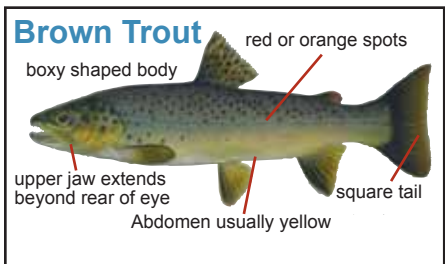
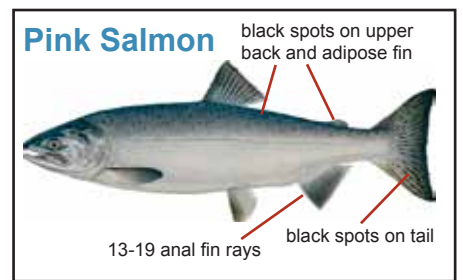
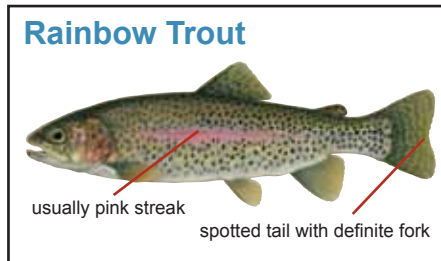
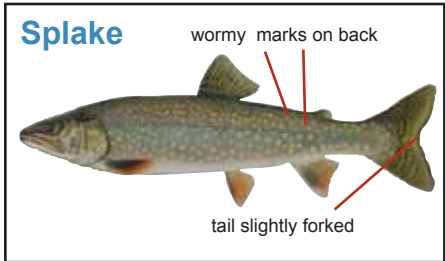
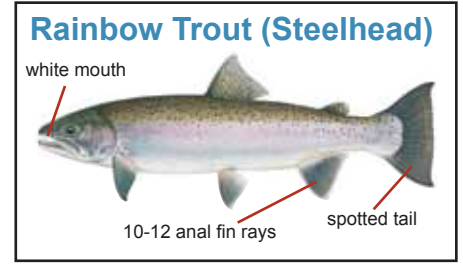
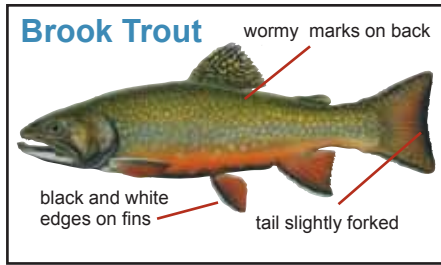
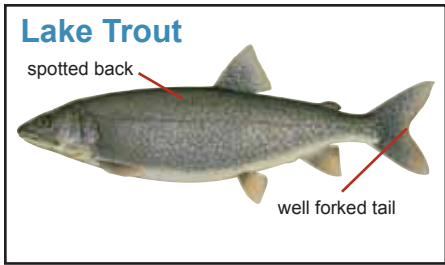
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Pinch mouth closed



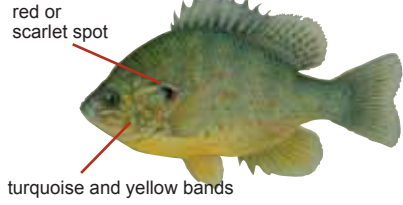
Pinch tail to form a point

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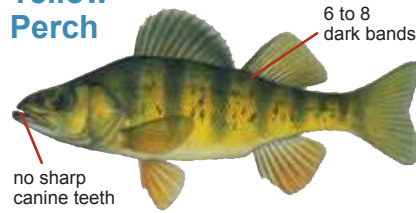


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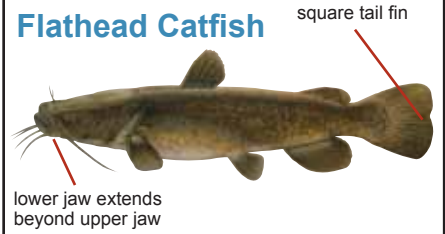
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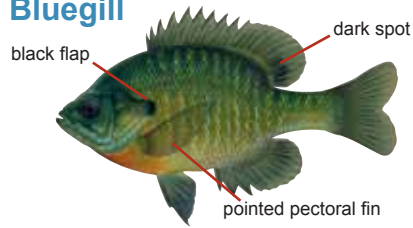
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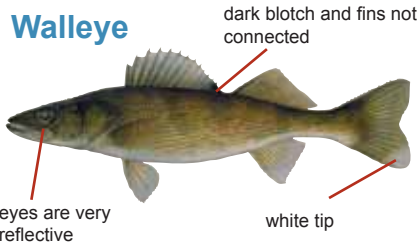
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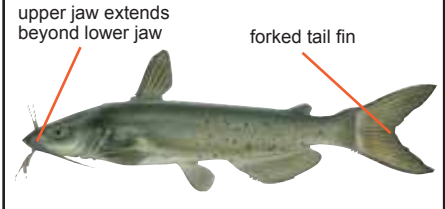
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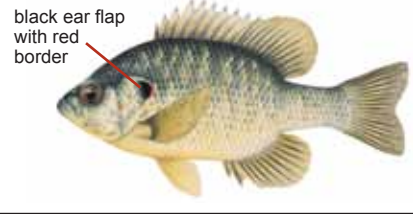
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### Channel Catfish



### Redear Sunfish (female)



### 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, contact the DNR at 517-373-1280 or fill out an Asian carp reporting form online at [www.michigan.gov/asiancarp](http://www.michigan.gov/asiancarp). (see p. 39)

## Visit a State Fish Hatchery!

*State Fish Hatcheries are dedicated to providing visitors with the opportunity to learn about fish, their life cycles and habitats as well as the history of the 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
- Learn about different species through interpretive exhibits and interactive displays
- Take a self-guided hike through the nature trails

Visitors are welcome at all six hatcheries. Wolf Lake and Oden have education staff, and offer guided hatchery tours and summer fishing days. Discover how much fun it is to go fishing!

Visit [www.michigan.gov/dnrvisitorcenters](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrvisitorcenters) for more information.



# INLAND TROUT AND SALMON REGULATIONS

The information in this section (p. 22 - 37) provides fishing regulations that pertain only to the taking of trout and salmon from inland waters. Check the county listings, arranged by county, on pages 26 - 37 for specific waters and the regulations placed on each according to the Type listed for that entry. Regulations for lakes and streams are listed in either the lake regulations table (p. 22), stream regulations table (p. 23), or the gear restricted streams section (p. 24 - 25). Maps have been developed to assist anglers in identifying inland trout waters and the regulations associated with each Type as indicated by color scheme and text. Maps are only available online at [www.michigan.gov/fishingguide](http://www.michigan.gov/fishingguide). 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 p. 3 for more information).

INLAND TROUT & SALMON REGULATIONS

Inland Trout & Salmon Lake Regulations					Minimum Size Limit (inches)				
The following regulations pertain only to inland lake Types A - F as listed on p. 26 - 37.					Brook Trout	Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, & Splake	Lake Trout	Coho, Chinook, & Pink Salmon	Atlantic Salmon
Type	Open Season	Possession Season	Tackle	Daily Possession Limit	Brook Trout	Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, & Splake	Lake Trout	Coho, Chinook, & Pink Salmon	Atlantic Salmon
<b>A</b>	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	All except minnows	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
<b>B</b>	Open for the entire year	Open for the entire year	All	5/3*	10"	12"	15"	10"	15"
<b>C</b>	Open for the entire year	Open for the entire year	All	5/3*	8"	8"	8"	10"	15"
<b>D</b>	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Artificial lures only**	1	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
<b>E</b>	Open for the entire year	Open for the entire year	All	3	15"	15"	15"	10"	15"
<b>F</b>	Open for the entire year	Lake trout+ Jan. 1 - Oct. 31 Other trout & salmon open for the entire year	All	5/3^	10"	10"	10"	10"	10"

\* 5 fish, with no more than 3 trout 15 inches or greater.

\*\* On Type D lakes, it is unlawful to use or possess live bait, dead or preserved bait, organic or processed food, or scented material on any

+ The possession season for lake trout is Jan. 1 - Sept. 30 on Betsie Lake (Benzie County).

^ 5 fish in any combination, but no more than 3 fish of any one species, except up to 5 salmon (Chinook or coho) may be retained.

## Designated trout lakes:

All Type A, all Type D and those Type B\* lakes marked with an asterisk (\*) are designated trout lakes (see p. 26 - 37).

## General regulations for lakes not classified by Type:

Except for lakes in the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters and Sylvania Wilderness Area, any other inland lake not classified by Type is open for the entire 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.

# Inland Trout & Salmon Stream Regulations

The following regulations pertain only to inland stream Types 1 - 4 as listed on p. 26 - 37. Maps are available online at: [www.michigan.gov/fishingguide](http://www.michigan.gov/fishingguide)

All types of natural and artificial baits may be used on stream Types 1-4			Minimum Size Limit (inches)		Daily Possession Limit	
Stream Type (Colors below are indicated accordingly on the maps online.)	Fishing Season	Possession Season	Brook Trout	Brown Trout	Atlantic Salmon, Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Lake Trout, Pink Salmon, Rainbow Trout (Steelhead), Splake	All Trout and Salmon
<b>1</b> (Approx. 1,400 streams)	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	7"	8"	10"	5 fish, but no more than three trout 15" or greater.
<b>2</b> (14 streams)	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30	10"	12"		
<b>3</b> (60 streams)	Open for the entire year	Open for the entire year	15"	15"		
<b>4</b> (130 streams)	Open for the entire year	Last Sat. in April - Sept. 30 for Brook Trout, Brown Trout, and Atlantic Salmon  Open for the entire year for all other Trout and Salmon	8"	10"		

## Designated trout streams:

All Type 1, all Type 2, and all Gear Restricted Streams are designated trout streams. Some Type 3 and some Type 4 streams are designated trout streams as indicated in FO-210. FO-210 is available at any operation service center or online ([www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing)).

## General regulations for streams not classified by Type: 1-4 (listed above) or Gear Restricted Streams (listed on p. 24-25).

Except for streams in the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters, any other inland stream not classified by Type is open for the entire 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, except up to 5 salmon (Chinook or coho) 15 inches or greater may be retained in the daily possession limit on these waters. Artificial lures and all types of natural bait may be used. Please see page 13 for Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters regulations.



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# Gear Restricted Streams

The following streams have regulations that differ from those in Types 1 - 4 as listed on p. 23. Red text indicates either a new addition to this section or a regulation change to an existing gear restricted stream. On any stream reach that is being managed under gear restrictions, it shall be 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.

**Au Sable River, Mainstream (Crawford County) from Burton's Landing (T26N, R3W, S11) to South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge):** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily Possession Limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. Mileage: 9.0 miles.

**Au Sable River, Mainstream (Crawford County) from South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge) to McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge):** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 8.0 miles.

**Au Sable River, Mainstream (Oscoda County) from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7) to Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge):** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily Possession Limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 7 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 15.0 miles.

**Au Sable River, North Branch (Crawford County) from Sheep Ranch (T28N, R2W, S12) to confluence with Mainstream:** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 20.7 miles

**Au Sable River, South Branch (Crawford County) from Chase Bridge Rd. (Chase Bridge) to Lower High Banks (T25N, R2W, S13):** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. Mileage: 4.3 miles.

**Au Sable River, South Branch (Crawford County) from Lower High Banks (T25N, R2W, S13) to confluence with Mainstream:** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle:

artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 11.5 miles.

**Black River (Otsego and Montmorency counties) from Tin Shanty Bridge Rd. to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31 SE/SE):** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout; open for the entire year for brown trout and rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily possession limit: five (5) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than two (2) brook trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 4.4 miles.

**Cooks Run, (Iron County) from US Forest Hwy 16 (T44N, R37W, S36) to confluence with South Branch Paint River (T44N, R36W, S28):** From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: Fishing season: October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; Possession season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; Size limits: not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. Mileage: 4.5 miles.

**Duck Creek (Gogebic County) from Railroad Bridge (T44N, R39W, S16 SE1/4 SE1/4) to confluence with Middle Branch Ontonagon River:** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: all species of trout – 10 inches. Mileage: 6.5 miles.

**Escanaba River (Delta County) from Boney Falls Dam to Mouth of Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, S11):** Fishing season: open for the entire year; Possession season: last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; Tackle: artificial lures only; Daily possession limit: two (2) trout; Size limits: minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 12 inches; rainbow trout – 12 inches. Mileage: 14.2 miles.

**Fox River (Schoolcraft County) from Fox River State Forest Campground (T46N, R14W, S11) to M-28:** From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: Fishing season: October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; Possession season: closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open; Tackle: artificial flies only; Daily possession limit: zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; Size limits: not



applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. **Mileage:** 7.6 miles.

**Huron River (Oakland County) from the Sign below Moss Lake Outlet to the Signs 100 Yards below Wixom Road (T2N, R7E, S13):** From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 1 regulations.

From April 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing season:** April 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; **Possession season:** closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. **Mileage:** 2.0 miles.

**Johnson Creek (Washtenaw and Wayne counties) from Napier Rd. (T1S, R7E, S24) to its confluence with the Middle Branch Rouge River (T1S, R8E, S3):** **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 12 inches; rainbow trout – 12 inches. **Mileage:** 6.0 miles.

**Little Manistee River (Lake County) from North Peacock Trail (Spencer's Bridge T19N, R13W, S5) to Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge T20N, R14W, S24):** **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for all other species of trout and salmon; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) fish, any combination of trout and salmon; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 15 inches; all other species of trout and salmon – 10 inches. **Mileage:** 7.5 miles.

**Manistee River (Crawford County) from CO. Rd. 612 to M-72:** **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. **Mileage:** 9.2 miles.

**Manistee River (Crawford and Kalkaska counties) from M-72 to Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26):** **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) trout 18 inches or greater; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 18 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. **Mileage:** 16.7 miles.

**Paint Creek (Oakland County) from Gunn Rd. to Tienken Rd.:** **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for all species of trout; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for all species of trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: all species of trout – 14 inches. **Mileage:** 5.0 miles.

**Paint River, South Branch (Iron County) from the Mouth of Cooks Run (T44N, R36W, S28) to the Mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8):** From the last Saturday in April through September 30, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 2 regulations.

From October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing season:** October 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; **Possession season:** closed; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout; **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout. Trout less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. **Mileage:** 10.0 miles.

**Pere Marquette River (Lake County) from M-37 to the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, S13):** **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** closed for the entire year; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the possession season is open for the entire year; **Tackle:** artificial flies only; **Daily possession limit:** zero (0) trout and salmon; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the daily possession limit shall be one (1) trout or salmon; **Size limits:** not applicable; except that for children under the age of 12-years old the minimum size limit shall be 8 inches and the maximum size limit shall be 12 inches for all species of trout and salmon. Trout and salmon less than 8 inches or greater than 12 inches must be released. **Mileage:** 8.5 miles.

**Pere Marquette River (Lake County) from the Downstream Edge of the Boat Ramp/Slide at Gleason's Landing (T17N, R13W, S13) to the Upstream Edge of the Boat Ramp at Rainbow Rapids (T18N, R14W, S27):** From September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April, this reach of stream shall be managed under Type 4 regulations, with the following exceptions: **Fishing season:** September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; **Possession season:** September 1 through the Friday before the last Saturday in April; **Daily Possession Limit:** zero (0) brook trout; zero (0) brown trout; one (1) rainbow trout; **Size limits:** not applicable for brook trout and brown trout.

From the last Saturday in April through August 31, this reach of stream shall be managed under gear restricted regulations as follows: **Fishing season:** last Saturday in April through August 31; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through August 31; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout or salmon; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) brown trout 18 inches or greater, and except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) rainbow trout; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: all species of salmon – 10 inches; brook trout – 8 inches; brown trout – 8 inches; rainbow trout – 8 inches; except that the harvest of fish greater than 14 inches and less than 18 inches shall be prohibited for brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout. **Mileage:** 10.5 miles.

**Pigeon River (Cheboygan and Otsego counties) from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail (T32N, R1W, S10) to Pine Grove Campground Stairs (T33N, R1W, S17):** **Fishing season:** open for the entire year; **Possession season:** last Saturday in April through September 30 for brook trout and brown trout; open for the entire year for rainbow trout; **Tackle:** artificial lures only; **Daily possession limit:** two (2) trout; except that the daily possession limit shall not include more than one (1) brown trout; **Size limits:** minimum size limit: brook trout – 10 inches; brown trout – 12 inches; rainbow trout – 10 inches. **Mileage:** 5.3 miles.

## 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 regulation Type. Please see pages 22-25 for detailed regulations for each Type. 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. **There have been changes to the lake trout daily possession limit and possession season in Type F lakes (see p. 22).** For streams, the stream name will be followed by a number (2-4 or the abbreviation GR which stands for Gear Restricted Streams) 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). An SC indicates a fishing closure for the area and time period mentioned. Maps can only be found online at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing).

Alcona			
Lakes	Type		
O'Brien Lake,	A	<b>Miner's River,</b>	<b>4</b>
Reid Lake,	B*	from Miner's Falls downstream to Lake Superior.	
South Hoist Lake,	B	<b>Rock River,</b>	<b>4</b>
		from Railroad Bridge (T47N, R21W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior.	
<b>Streams</b>		<b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - April 1 - June 30 between dam and its downstream-most foot bridge located downstream from M-28 in T47N, R21W, S15.	
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sable Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
from Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge) downstream to 4001 Bridge.		<b>Sucker River,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b>	<b>4</b>	upstream limit is old Grand Marais/Seney Road Bridge.	
from Alcona Dam to South Branch River.			
<b>Black River,</b>	<b>4</b>		
from confluence with North Branch Black River downstream to Lake Huron.			
<b>Pine River,</b>	<b>3</b>		
from F-41 downstream to Lake Huron.			
Alger		Allegan	
Lakes	Type	Lakes	Type
Ackerman Lake,	B	<b>Kalamazoo Lake/Silver Lake,</b>	<b>F</b>
Addis Lakes,	A	from US-31 down to Lake Michigan.	
Bette's Pond,	A	<b>Lake 16,</b>	<b>C</b>
Brian's Pond,	A	<b>Pike Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
Cheryl's Pond, (T44N, R19W, S25)	B		
Cole Creek Pond, (T46N, R20W, S24)	A	<b>Streams</b>	
Cox Pond,	A	<b>Black River Mainstream,</b>	<b>3</b>
Grand Marais Lake,	A	from confluence of North and South branches down to Lake Michigan.	
Grand Sable Lake,	E	<b>Gun River Mainstream,</b>	<b>4</b>
Hike Lake,	A	from 122nd Ave. (T2N, R11W, S12) downstream to US 131 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S18).	
Irwin Lake,	A	<b>Kalamazoo River,</b>	<b>3</b>
Johns Lake, East,	A	from Calkins Dam (T2N, R14W, S15) downstream to US-31.	
Johns Lake, West,	A	<b>Middle Branch Black River,</b>	<b>4</b>
Kay's Pond,	B	from confluence of Spring Branch Creek (T1N, R15W, S22) downstream to confluence of Main Branch Black River.	
Mirror Lake,	B	<b>North Branch Black River,</b>	<b>3</b>
North (Upper) Shoe Lake,	B	from 111th Ave. (T1N, R16W, S3) downstream to confluence with Mainstream.	
Rock River Pond,	A	<b>Pine Creek Tributary,</b>	<b>4</b>
Rock Lake,	A	from 101st Ave. to confluence with Pine Creek.	
Sawaski Pond, (T44N, R19W, S14)	B	<b>Rabbit River Mainstream,</b>	<b>4</b>
Sitka Lake,	A	from US-131 Bridge (T4N, R11W, S31) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River (T3N, R15W, S16).	
Sullivan Lake,	A	<b>Silver Creek,</b>	<b>2</b>
Trueman Lake,	A	from M-89 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S26) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River.	
<b>Streams</b>		<b>Swan Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Anna River,</b>	<b>4</b>	from 109th Ave. (T1N, R14W, S7) downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo River (T2N, R14W, S9).	
from Railroad Bridge (T46N, R19W, S14) downstream to Lake Superior.		<b>Note:</b> 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	
<b>Au Train River,</b>	<b>4</b>		
from Powerhouse below M-94 downstream to Lake Superior.			
<b>Laughing Whitefish River,</b>	<b>4</b>		
from Forks (T47N, R22W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior.			

3/8 inch or less from point to shank. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> -September 1 – November 30 from mouth upstream to Diversion Dam (“The Tubes”), T2N, R14W, S9.	<b>Ravine River,</b> 4 upstream limit is Sicotte Road.
	<b>Silver River,</b> 4 upstream limit is Silver Falls.
	<b>Slate River,</b> 4 upstream limit is Slate Falls.
	<b>Sturgeon River,</b> 2 from US-41 downstream to Prickett Dam.
	<b>Sturgeon River,</b> 3 from Prickett Dam downstream to Lake Superior. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - April 1 - June 30 from the Prickett Dam downstream to mouth of Clear Creek (T50N, R35W, S12).
<b>Alpena</b>	<b>Barry</b>
<b>Streams</b>	<b>Lakes</b>
<b>Devils River,</b> 4 from US-23 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.	<b>Deep Lake,</b> B
<b>Long Lake Creek,</b> 4 downstream limit is Lake Huron.	<b>Gull Lake,</b> E
<b>Thunder Bay River,</b> 3 from Ninth Street Dam downstream to Lake Huron.	<b>Streams</b>
	<b>Bassett Creek,</b> 4 from Baker Lake downstream to confluence with Thornapple River.
	<b>Cedar Creek,</b> 4 from sources downstream to M-37 (T2N, R8W, S9).
	<b>Coldwater River,</b> 2 from M-43 Bridge (T4N, R8W, S16) downstream to Freeport Road Bridge.
	<b>Coldwater River,</b> 4 from Freeport Rd. downstream to confluence with Thornapple River.
	<b>Turner Creek,</b> 4 from confluence with Baker Creek (T3N, R10W, S23) downstream to T3N, R10W, S9.
	<b>Unnamed Tributary on North Bank of Coldwater River,</b> 2 (T4N, R7W, S18).
<b>Antrim</b>	<b>Bay</b>
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Streams</b>
<b>Bellaire Pond,</b> C	<b>Saginaw River,</b> 3
<b>Elk Lake,</b> E	
<b>Green Lake,</b> B	<b>Benzie</b>
<b>Torch Lake,</b> E	<b>Lakes</b>
<b>Streams</b>	<b>Betsie Lake,</b> F from M-22 down to Lake Michigan.
<b>Elk River,</b> 3 from Power Dam below Elk Lake downstream to Lake Michigan.	<b>Crystal Lake,</b> E
<b>Elk River Bypass,</b> 4 from Bypass Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	<b>Streams</b>
<b>Grass River (inc. Clam Lake and Clam River),</b> 4 from Lake Bellaire downstream to Torch Lake.	<b>Betsie River,</b> 4 from Kurick Rd. downstream to M-22. <b>SC-Closed to fishing</b> year-round within 100 feet of the lamprey barrier and fish passage facility at T25N, R15W, S2.
<b>Intermediate River,</b> 4 from Intermediate Dam downstream to Lake Bellaire. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - April 1 - May 14 Bellaire Dam to Highway M-88 Bridge.	<b>Otter Creek,</b> 4 from Otter Lake outlet (T27N, R14W, S13) downstream to Lake Michigan.
<b>Jordan River,</b> 4 from Graves Crossing (T31N, R6W, S32) downstream to Lake Charlevoix.	
<b>Manistee River,</b> 2 from headwaters downstream to <b>CO. Rd. 612.</b>	
<b>Arenac</b>	
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>East Branch Au Gres River (Whitney Drain),</b> 3 from M-55 downstream to Saginaw Bay.	
<b>Rifle River,</b> 3 from Sage Lake Road (T23N, R3E, S22) downstream to Saginaw Bay.	
<b>Baraga</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	
<b>Alberta Pond,</b> B*	
<b>Lake Alice,</b> D	
<b>Roland Lake,</b> B*	
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Falls River,</b> 3 from US-41 to Lake Superior.	
<b>Huron River,</b> 4 from Big Eric's Bridge (T52N, R30W, S35) to Lake Superior.	
<b>Otter River,</b> 3 from confluence of North and West Branch Otter River downstream to Sturgeon River.	

<p><b>Platte River,</b> <b>4</b> from US-31 East of Honor downstream to Lake Michigan. <b>Note:</b> 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. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> -Year-round within 300 feet of the upper (hatchery) and lower weirs. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - Jan., Feb., March from the upper (hatchery) weir downstream to Platte Lake.</p>	
<b>Berrien</b>	
<p><b>Lakes</b> <b>Type</b> <b>Singer Lake,</b> <b>C</b></p>	
<p><b>Streams</b> <b>Blue Creek ,</b> <b>4</b> <b>Dowagiac River,</b> <b>3</b> from Niles Dam at Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13) downstream to confluence with St. Joseph River.</p>	
<p><b>Galien River Mainstream,</b> <b>4</b> downstream limit is Lake Michigan.</p>	
<p><b>South Branch Galien River Mainstream only,</b> <b>4</b> downstream limit is the confluence with Galien River.</p>	
<p><b>St. Joseph River</b> <b>3</b> from Indiana state line downstream to Lake Michigan.</p>	
<b>Branch</b>	
<p><b>Lakes</b> <b>Type</b> <b>Cary Lake,</b> <b>C</b> <b>Gilead Lake,</b> <b>C</b> <b>Lake Lavine,</b> <b>C</b> <b>Rose Lake</b> (Lake of the Woods), <b>C</b></p>	
<p><b>Streams</b> <b>Prairie River Mainstream,</b> <b>4</b> from Bowers Road (T8S, R7W, S4) downstream to MacKale Road (T7S, R9W, S8).</p>	
<b>Calhoun</b>	
<p><b>Streams</b> <b>Type</b> <b>South Branch Rice Creek,</b> <b>4</b> from Concord Rd. downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo R. <b>Nottawa Creek,</b> <b>4</b></p>	
<b>Cass</b>	
<p><b>Lakes</b> <b>Type</b> <b>Birch Lake,</b> <b>B</b> <b>Harwood Lake,</b> <b>C</b> <b>Hemlock Lake,</b> <b>B</b></p>	
<p><b>Streams</b> <b>Dowagiac Creek,</b> <b>2</b> from Mckenzie Road (T5S, R14W, S31) downstream to confluence with Lake Lagrange (T6S, R15W, S11). <b>Dowagiac Drain,</b> <b>4</b> <b>Dowagiac River Mainstream,</b> <b>4</b> from source downstream to Pucker Street (T7S, R17W, S13).</p>	
<b>Charlevoix</b>	
<p><b>Lakes</b> <b>Type</b> <b>Lake Charlevoix,</b> <b>E</b> <b>Thumb (Louise) Lake,</b> <b>B</b> <b>Walloon Lake,</b> <b>B</b></p>	
<p><b>Streams</b> <b>Boyne River,</b> <b>4</b> from P. H. Dam downstream to Lake Charlevoix. <b>Note:</b> On the Boyne River, from the mouth upstream to dam (T32N, R5W, S5) it shall be unlawful to use other than one single-pointed unweighted hook measuring 3/8 inch or less from point to shank.</p>	
<p><b>Jordan River,</b> <b>4</b> from Graves Crossing (T31N, R6W, S32) downstream to Lake Charlevoix.</p>	
<p><b>Medusa Creek</b> <b>1</b> <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - 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.</p>	
<b>Cheboygan</b>	
<p><b>Lakes</b> <b>Type</b> <b>Hemlock Lake,</b> <b>D</b> <b>Silver Lake,</b> <b>B</b> <b>Twin Lake #1,</b> <b>B</b> <b>Weber Lake,</b> <b>B</b></p>	
<p><b>Streams</b> <b>Black River,</b> <b>1</b> <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - April 1 - May 14 from Alverno Dam downstream to Mograin Bridge (T37N, R1W, S26). <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - Oct. 1 - June 15 between Kleber Dam and Red Bridge (T35N, R1E,S5).</p>	
<p><b>Cheboygan River,</b> <b>3</b> from Cheboygan Dam downstream to Lake Huron.</p>	
<p><b>Maple River,</b> <b>4</b> from dam (T36N, R4W, S10) in Emmet County downstream to mouth.</p>	
<p><b>Mill Creek,</b> <b>4</b></p>	
<p><b>Pigeon River,</b> <b>2</b> from Old Vanderbilt Rd. downstream to Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail (T32N, R1W, S10).</p>	
<p><b>Pigeon River,</b> <b>GR</b> from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail to Pine Grove Campground Stairs.</p>	
<p><b>Pigeon River,</b> <b>4</b> from Pine Grove Campground Stairs (T33N, R1W, S17) to mouth at Mullet Lake.</p>	
<p><b>Sturgeon River,</b> <b>4</b> from Afton Rd. (Also called Webb Rd. or Wolverine Rd.) downstream to mouth at Burt Lake.</p>	
<b>Chippewa</b>	
<p><b>Lakes</b> <b>Type</b> <b>Dukes Lake,</b> <b>A</b> <b>Highbanks Lake,</b> <b>A</b> <b>Naomikong Lake,</b> <b>A</b> <b>Naomikong Pond,</b> <b>A</b> <b>Roxbury Pond East,</b> <b>A</b> <b>Roxbury Pond West,</b> <b>A</b> <b>Trout Brook Pond,</b> <b>A</b></p>	

<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Albany Creek,</b> 4 from bridge below lamprey weir to Lake Huron.	
<b>Carp River, Mainstream,</b> 4	
<b>Halfaday Creek,</b> 4 from Lakeshore Drive downstream to Lake Superior.	
<b>Pendill's Creek,</b> 4 from Second Dam (T47N, R4W, S28) downstream to Lake Superior.	
<b>Pine River,</b> 4 from H-40 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.	
<b>Clare</b>	
<b>Lakes</b> Type	
<b>Little Long Lake,</b> B	
<b>Crawford</b>	
<b>Lakes</b> Type	
<b>Bright Lake,</b> A	
<b>Glory Lake,</b> A	
<b>Kneff Lake,</b> A	
<b>Shupac Lake,</b> A	
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b> 2 from <b>Business Loop 75 (James St.)</b> downstream to Burton's Landing (T26N, R3W, S11).	
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b> GR from Burton's Landing downstream to South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge).	
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b> GR from <b>South Wakeley Bridge Rd. (Wakeley Bridge)</b> to <b>McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge)</b> .	
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b> 4 from <b>McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge)</b> downstream to <b>Rainbow Bend power line (T26N, R2E, S4)</b> .	
<b>Manistee River,</b> 2 from headwaters downstream to <b>CO. Rd. 612</b> .	
<b>Manistee River,</b> GR from <b>CO. Rd. 612 to M-72</b>	
<b>Manistee River,</b> GR from <b>M-72</b> downstream to <b>Sunset Trail Rd.</b> (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26).	
<b>North Branch Au Sable River,</b> GR from <b>Sheep Ranch</b> downstream to confluence with <b>Mainstream</b> .	
<b>South Branch Au Sable River,</b> GR from <b>Lower High Banks</b> downstream to confluence with <b>Mainstream</b> .	
<b>South Branch Au Sable River,</b> GR from <b>Chase Bridge Rd. (Chase Bridge)</b> to <b>Lower High Banks</b> .	
<b>Delta</b>	
<b>Lakes</b> Type	
<b>Bear Lake,</b> A	
<b>Carr Lake,</b> A	
<b>Carr Ponds,</b> A	
<b>Kilpecker Pond,</b> A	
<b>Norway Lake,</b> A	
<b>Section 1 Pond,</b> A	
<b>Wintergreen Lake,</b> A	
<b>Zigmaul Pond,</b> A	

<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Bark River,</b> 4 from <b>9 Road (Section Line Between T38N, R24W, S20 &amp; 29)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan.	
<b>Big Fishdam River,</b> 4 from <b>County Road 2222 Bridge (T41N, R18W, S9)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan.	
<b>Days River,</b> 4 from <b>Highway M-35 Bridge</b> downstream to Lake Michigan.	
<b>Escanaba River,</b> GR from <b>Boney Falls Dam</b> downstream to mouth of <b>Silver Creek (T40N, R23W, S11)</b> .	
<b>Ford River,</b> 4 from <b>T43N, R27W, S35 (Dickinson County)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan	
<b>Rapid River,</b> 4 from <b>County Road S-15 (T42N, R21W, S19)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan.	
<b>Sturgeon River,</b> 4 from <b>County Road 442 Bridge (T42N, R20W, S13)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan.	
<b>Tacoosh River,</b> 4 from <b>29th Lane (County Road G-24)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan.	
<b>Whitefish River,</b> 4 from <b>38th Road (U.S.F.S. 2236)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan.	
<b>Dickinson</b>	
<b>Lakes</b> Type	
<b>Bass Lake,</b> B	
<b>Emmet</b>	
<b>Lakes</b> Type	
<b>Walloon Lake,</b> B	
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Bear River,</b> 3 from <b>Lake Street Dam (T34N, R5W, S6)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan. <b>Note:</b> 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.	
<b>Carp Lake River,</b> 3 from <b>Bridge in (T39N, R4W, S32)</b> downstream to Lake Michigan.	
<b>Maple River,</b> 4 from <b>dam (T36N, R4W, S10), Emmet County</b> downstream to mouth.	
<b>Gogebic</b>	
<b>Lakes</b> Type	
<b>Beatons Lake,</b> B	
<b>Black River Lake,</b> B	
<b>Castle Lake,</b> A	
<b>Cornelia Lake,</b> A	
<b>Finger Lake,</b> B	
<b>Imp Lake,</b> B	
<b>Little Duck Lake,</b> B*	
<b>Mishike Lake,</b> A	
<b>Moon Lake,</b> B	
<b>Redboat Lake,</b> D	



<b>Hannah-Webb Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Killdeer Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Long Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Madelyn Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Ottawa Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Skyline Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Spree Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Timber Lake,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Cooks Run,</b>	<b>GR</b>
from US Forest Hwy 16 to confluence with South Branch Paint River (T44N, R36W, S28).	
<b>Paint River, South Branch,</b>	<b>GR</b>
from the Mouth of Cooks Run (T44N, R36W, S28) to the Mouth of the North Branch of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8).	
<b>Isabella</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Blanchard Pond,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Chippewa River,</b>	<b>3</b>
from Outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W, S35) Isabella Co. downstream to confluence with the Tittabawassee River, (T14N, R2E, S21), Midland Co.	
<b>Jackson</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Farwell Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Swains Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Streams</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>South Branch Rice Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
from Concord Rd. downstream to confluence with Kalamazoo R.	
<b>Kalamazoo</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Gull Lake,</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Little Paw Paw Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Ruppert Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Augusta Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
from Little Gilkey Lake and Fair Lakes outlets downstream to Knappen Mills Dam.	
<b>Portage Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
downstream limit is Kilgore Rd. (T3S, R11W, S3).	
<b>Kalkaska</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Bear Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Big Blue Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Big Guernsey Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Big Twin Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>North Blue Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Starvation Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Manistee River,</b>	<b>GR</b>
from M-72 downstream to Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26).	
<b>Manistee River,</b>	<b>4</b>
from Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26) downstream to M-115.	
<b>Rapid River,</b>	<b>4</b>
from Antrim (Rugg) Pond downstream to Torch River.	

<b>Torch River,</b>	from Torch Lake downstream to Lake Skegemog.	<b>4</b>
<b>Kent</b>		
<b>Lakes</b>		<b>Type</b>
<b>Lime Lake,</b>		<b>C</b>
<b>Marjella Lake,</b>		<b>C</b>
<b>Streams</b>		
<b>Ball Creek,</b>	downstream limit is confluence with Rogue River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Buck Creek,</b>	downstream limit is confluence with Grand River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Coldwater River,</b>	from Freeport Rd. downstream to confluence with Thornapple River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Nash Creek,</b>	downstream limit is confluence with Rogue River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Rogue River,</b>	downstream limit is confluence with Grand River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Keweenaw</b>		
<b>Lakes</b>		<b>Type</b>
<b>Lake Fanny Hooe,</b>		<b>B</b>
<b>Lost Lake,</b>		<b>D</b>
<b>No Name Pond (T57N, R31W, S8),</b>		<b>A</b>
<b>Streams</b>		
<b>Eagle River,</b>	upstream limit is dam at Eagle River Village.	<b>4</b>
<b>Fanny Hooe River,</b>	upstream limit is Lake Fanny Hooe.	<b>4</b>
<b>Gratiot River,</b>	from Bridge (T57N, R32W, S19,20) downstream to Lake Superior.	<b>4</b>
<b>Silver River,</b>	upstream limit is Hwy M-26.	<b>4</b>
<b>Silver Creek,</b>	upstream limit is Falls (T58N, R32W, S26).	<b>4</b>
<b>Tobacco River,</b>	upstream limit is mouth of Black Brook Creek.	<b>4</b>
<b>Lake</b>		
<b>Streams</b>		<b>Type</b>
<b>Little Manistee River,</b>	from North Peacock Trail (Spencer's Bridge T19N, R13W, S5) to Johnson's Road (Johnson's Bridge T20N, R14W, S24).	<b>GR</b>
<b>Little Manistee River,</b>	from Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge) downstream to Manistee Lake.	<b>4</b>
<b>SC- Closed to Fishing -</b>	January 1- March 31 - from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge.	
<b>Pere Marquette River,</b>	from M-37 to the downstream edge of the boat ramp/slide at Gleason's Landing.	<b>GR</b>
<b>Pere Marquette River,</b>	from the downstream edge of the boat ramp/slide at Gleason's Landing to the upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids.	<b>GR</b>
<b>Pere Marquette River,</b>	from the upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids (T18N, R14W, S27) downstream to Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge).	<b>4</b>
<b>Pine River,</b>	from Elm Flats Public Access Site to confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.	<b>2</b>

Leelanau		Mackinac	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
Big Glen Lake,	E	Castle Rock Pond,	A
Lime Lake,	C	Millecoquins Pond,	A
North Lake Leelanau,	E		
<b>Streams</b>		<b>Streams</b>	
Crystal River, from Fisher Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	3	Black River, upstream limit is Peters Truck Trail Footbridge.	4
Leland River,	3	Brevoort River, upstream limit is Brevoort Lake.	4
Shalda Creek, from Little Traverse Lake outlet (T29N, R13W, S10) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4	Carp River, Mainstream	4
		Crow River, upstream limit is outfall of Amadon Pond.	4
Lenawee		Milakokia River, Inland-Limestone Co. Railroad Bridge (T41N, R13W, S1) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>	Millecoquins River, from H-40 bridge downstream to Lake Michigan.	4
Allens Lake,	C	Pine River, from H-40 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron.	4
Deep Lake,	C		
Livingston		Macomb	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Streams</b>	<b>Type</b>
Trout Lake,	C	Clinton River, from Yates Dam above Dequindre Rd. downstream to Lake St. Clair.	4
Spring Mill Pond, (Island Lake Recreation 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 limit, no more than 3 fish 15 inches or larger, artificial and natural baits may be used.		North Branch Clinton River, from dam above Romeo-Plank Rd. downstream to confluence with Clinton River.	4
Luce		Manistee	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
Belle Lake 1,	E	Arcadia Lake, from inlet of Bowens Creek to Lake Michigan.	F
Bennett Springs Lake,	A	Manistee Lake, from Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6) to Lake Michigan.	F
Brockies Pond, (T46N, R11W, S1)	A	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.	
Bullhead Lake,	A	Portage Lake,	F
Camp 8 Lake,	B*	<b>Streams</b>	
Dairy Lake,	A	Bear Creek, from County Road 600 (T23N, 14W, S6) downstream to confluence with Manistee River.	3
Deer Lake,	D	Betsie River, from Kurick Rd. downstream to M-22.	4
Dillingham Lake,	A	Little Manistee River, from Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge) downstream to Manistee Lake.	4
Holland Lake,	A	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.	
Jack Lake,	A	SC- Closed to Fishing - Year-round within 300 feet of the DNR weir, T21N, R16W, S25.	
Little Whorl Lake,	A	SC- Closed to Fishing - January 1 - March 31 from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge.	
Moon Lake,	D	Manistee River, from Hodenpyl Res. downstream to Red Bridge.	4
Peanut Lake,	E		
Pratt Lake,	A		
Pretty Lake,	B*		
Round (North 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		
<b>Streams</b>			
Blind Sucker River, upstream limit is Blind Sucker Flooding Dam.	4		
Two-Hearted River, from Co. Rd. 407 (High Bridge) downstream to Lake Superior.	4		



<b>Manistee River,</b> from Tippy Dam downstream to Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6).	<b>3</b>
<b>Pine River,</b> from Elm Flats Public Access Site to confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.	<b>2</b>
<b>Marquette</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Angeline Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Arfelin Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Bass Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Bedspring Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Big Trout Lake,</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Brocky Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Cecilia's Pond,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Cedar Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Clear Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Cranberry Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Crooked Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Forestville Basin,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Island Lake (T45N, R30W, S14),</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Just Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Keyhole Lake, East,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>South Kidney Lake (T45N, R26W, S28),</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Little Brocky Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Little Shag Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Log Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Moccasin Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Pauls Lake, North,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Pauls Lake, South,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Perch Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Rockingchair Lake, North,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Rockingchair Lake, South,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Section 13 Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Silver Lake Basin,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Silver Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Slough Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Sporley Lake,</b>	<b>E</b>
<b>Squaw Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Strawberry Lake,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Swanzy Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Twin Lake (T45N, R30W, S23),</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Wolf Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Big Garlic River,</b> from Forks (T49N, R27W, S12) downstream to Lake Superior.	<b>4</b>
<b>Carp River,</b> from Deer Lake Dam (T48N, R27W, S27) downstream to Morgan Creek	<b>2</b>
<b>Carp River,</b> from Morgan Creek downstream to Lake Superior.	<b>3</b>
<b>Chocolay River,</b> from confluence of Big Creek (T47N, R24W, S9) downstream to Lake Superior.	<b>3</b>
<b>Ford River,</b> from T43N, R27W, S33 (Dickinson County) downstream to Lake Michigan.	<b>4</b>
<b>Harlow Creek,</b> from Railroad Bridge (T49N, R26W, S24) downstream to Lake Superior.	<b>4</b>
<b>Iron River,</b> from Lake Independence Dam to Lake Superior.	<b>4</b>

**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.

<b>Mason</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Pere Marquette Lake,</b> from Old 31 Highway to Lake Michigan.	<b>F</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Big South Branch Pere Marquette River,</b> from confluence of Beaver/Winnepesaug creeks downstream to confluence with Pere Marquette River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Lincoln River,</b> from confluence of North and South Branches of Lincoln River, (T19N, R17W, S32) downstream to Lake Michigan.	<b>3</b>
<b>Little Manistee River,</b> from Johnson Rd. (Johnson's Bridge) downstream to Manistee Lake. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - January 1-March 31 from a point 300 feet upstream of the DNR weir to Spencer's Bridge.	<b>4</b>
<b>Pere Marquette River,</b> from the upstream edge of the boat ramp at Rainbow Rapids (T18N, R14W, S27) downstream to Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge).	<b>4</b>
<b>Pere Marquette River,</b> from Reek Rd. (Indian Bridge) downstream to Old US-31. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - Year-round within 300' upstream and downstream of the lamprey barrier. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - When the lamprey barrier is in operation, from 300' above the lamprey barrier in T18N, R16W, S21 upstream to the mouth of Black Creek.	<b>3</b>
<b>Sable River,</b> from Bridge Crossing (T19N, R15W, S3) downstream to Hamlin Lake.	<b>4</b>
<b>Sable River,</b> from Hamlin Lake Dam downstream to Lake Michigan. <b>Note:</b> 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.	<b>3</b>

<b>Mecosta</b>	
<b>Streams</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Little Muskegon River,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Muskegon River,</b> from US-10 downstream to River Bend Bluffs Public Access Site (T15N, R9W, S31).	<b>4</b>

<b>Menominee</b>	
<b>Streams</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Big Cedar River,</b> from Veterans Memorial Park Dam (T38N, R26W, S9) downstream to Lake Michigan.	<b>4</b>
<b>Ford River,</b> from T43N, R27W, S35 (Dickinson County) downstream to Lake Michigan.	<b>4</b>

<b>Walton Creek (River)</b> from Westmann Dam (T35N, R25W, S18) down to Lake Michigan.	<b>4</b>
<b>Midland</b>	
<b>Streams</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Chippewa River,</b> from outlet of Lake Isabella, (T15N, R6W, S35) Isabella Co. downstream to confluence with the Tittabawassee River, (T14N, R2E, S21), Midland Co.	<b>3</b>
<b>Tittabawassee River,</b> from Sanford Dam downstream to confluence with the Saginaw River. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> -March 16 - Friday before last Saturday in April between Sanford Dam and the mouth of the Salt River (T15N, R1W, S24). <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> -March 16 - Friday before last Saturday in April between the Dow Dam and Gordonville Bridge (T13N, R2E, S1).	<b>3</b>
<b>Montcalm</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Marl Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Nevins Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Dickerson Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Fish Creek,</b> from Sidney Rd. downstream to confluence with Maple River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Little Muskegon River,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Prairie Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Tamarack Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Montmorency</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Avalon Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Clear Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Lake Fifteen,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>McCormick Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Black River,</b> from Tin Shanty Bridge Rd. downstream to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31).	<b>GR</b>
<b>Muskegon</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Duck Lake,</b> from Nestrom Rd. to Lake Michigan.	<b>F</b>
<b>Half Moon Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Mona Lake,</b> from US-31 to Lake Michigan.	<b>F</b>
<b>Muskegon Lake,</b> from M-120 to Lake Michigan.	<b>F</b>
<b>White Lake,</b> from Business Route US-31 to Lake Michigan.	<b>F</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Cedar Creek,</b> from River Rd. (T11N, R15W, S33) downstream to confluence with Muskegon River.	<b>3</b>
<b>Muskegon River,</b> from Bridge Street (new bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp., downstream to M-120.	<b>3</b>

<b>North Branch Crockery Creek,</b> mainstream from Kenowa Ave. (T10N, R13W, S36) downstream to confluence with Crockery Creek mainstream at Ravenna.	<b>4</b>
<b>White River,</b> from Hesperia Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	<b>4</b>
<b>Newaygo</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Condon Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Crystal Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Big South Branch Pere Marquette River,</b> from confluence of Beaver/Winnepeaug creeks downstream to confluence with Pere Marquette River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Little Muskegon River,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Muskegon River,</b> from Croton Dam downstream to Bridge Street (New Bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp.	<b>4</b>
<b>Muskegon River,</b> from Bridge Street (new bridge T12N, R13W, S24) Garfield Twp., downstream to M-120.	<b>3</b>
<b>Tamarack Creek,</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Oakland</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Maceday Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Huron River,</b> from the Sign below Moss Lake Outlet to the Signs 100 yards below Wixom Rd. (T2N, R7E, S13).	<b>GR</b>
<b>Paint Creek,</b> from Gunn Rd. to Tienken Rd.	<b>GR</b>
<b>Oceana</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Pentwater Lake,</b> from confluence of North and South branches of Pentwater River to Lake Michigan.	<b>F</b>
<b>Silver Lake,</b> downstream limit is Lake Michigan.	<b>F</b>
<b>Stony Lake,</b> from inlet of Stony Creek to Lake Michigan.	<b>F</b>

### Natural Shorelines are Good for Fishing

By keeping shorelines natural, you can help protect water quality and improve fish habitat. A shoreline without trees and shrubs can get washed away, making the water muddy and unsuitable for fish. If you live near a lake or a river, plant a buffer strip along the water's edge using trees, shrubs, wildflowers or other native plants. Trees and other vegetation filter pollution and provide shade, shelter, habitat, and food critical for bass, trout, and other fish to thrive and reproduce. Keep your favorite fishing spots well vegetated! For more tips and information, visit [epa.gov/owow/lakes](http://epa.gov/owow/lakes).



<b>Streams</b>	
<b>North Branch Pentwater River,</b> from Oceana Dr. downstream to confluence with mainstream of Pentwater River.	<b>4</b>
<b>North Branch White River,</b> from Arthur Rd. downstream to confluence with White River.	<b>4</b>
<b>Pentwater River,</b> from Hart Dam downstream to confluence with Pentwater Lake.	<b>4</b>
<b>White River,</b> from Hesperia Dam downstream to Lake Michigan.	<b>4</b>

**Ogemaw**

<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Devoe Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Grousehaven Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Lake George,</b>	<b>B</b>

<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Rifle River,</b> from Sage Lake Road (T23N, R3E, S22) downstream to Saginaw Bay.	<b>3</b>

**Ontonagon**

<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Courtney Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Mirror Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Paulding Pond,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Trout Creek Pond,</b>	<b>C</b>

<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Big Iron River,</b> from Koshak Rd. Bridge (T49N, R43W, S2) downstream to Lake Superior.	<b>3</b>
<b>East Branch Ontonagon River,</b> upstream limit is Hwy. M-28.	<b>3</b>
<b>East Sleeping River,</b> from railroad trestle (T53N, R38W, S25) downstream to Lake Superior.	<b>3</b>
<b>Firesteel River</b> (Including East & West Branch), upstream limit is Hwy. M-26.	<b>3</b>
<b>Little Iron River,</b> upstream limit is Nonesuch Falls (T50N, R43N, S1).	<b>3</b>
<b>Middle Branch Ontonagon River,</b> downstream limit is Agate Falls.	<b>2</b>
<b>Middle Branch Ontonagon River,</b> Agate Falls is upstream limit.	<b>3</b>
<b>Misery River,</b> upstream limit is bridge in T53N, R37W, S15.	<b>3</b>
<b>Ontonagon River,</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Union River,</b> from South Boundary Rd (T51N, R42W, S22) downstream to Lake Superior.	<b>4</b>
<b>West Branch Big Iron River,</b> from Burnt Dam Bridge (T50N, R44W, S36) downstream to confluence with Big Iron River.	<b>3</b>
<b>West Branch Ontonagon River,</b> upstream limit is confluence with Victoria Hydro Station tail race (T50N, R39W, S29). <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> - 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.	<b>3</b>

<b>Osceola</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Center Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Wells Lake,</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Muskegon River,</b> from US-10 downstream to River Bend Bluffs Public Access Site (T15N, R9W, S31).	<b>4</b>

**Oscoda**

<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Crater Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Loon Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b> from McMasters Bridge Rd. (McMasters Bridge) downstream to Rainbow Bend power line (T26N, R2E, S4).	<b>4</b>
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b> from Mio Dam down to the Mio power line at (T26N, R3E, S7).	<b>4</b>
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b> from Mio power line (T26N, R3E, S7) downstream to Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge).	<b>GR</b>
<b>Au Sable River Mainstream,</b> from Evans Rd. (McKinley Bridge) downstream to 4001 Bridge.	<b>2</b>

**Otsego**

<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Big Chub Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Bridge Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Ford Lake,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Heart Lake,</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Pickereel Lake,</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Section Four Lake,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>West Lost Lake,</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Black River,</b> from Tin Shanty Bridge Rd. downstream to the Town Corner Lake Stairs (T32N, R1E, S31).	<b>GR</b>
<b>Manistee River,</b> from headwaters downstream to Co. Rd. 612.	<b>2</b>
<b>Pigeon River,</b> from Old Vanderbilt Rd. downstream to Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail.	<b>2</b>
<b>Pigeon River,</b> from Elk Hill Campground Horse Trail to Pine Grove Campground stairs.	<b>GR</b>

**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](http://www.michigan.gov/fishandgameadvisory) or by contacting MDCH at 800-648-6942.

Ottawa		St. Clair	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Streams</b>	<b>Type</b>
Lake Macatawa, from River Ave. to Lake Michigan.	F	Belle River,	4
Pigeon Lake, from Lakeshore Drive to Lake Michigan.	F	Black River, from private dam in Port Huron State Game Area downstream to confluence with St. Clair River.	3
<b>Streams</b>		Mill Creek, downstream limit is confluence with Black River.	4
Crockery Creek Mainstream, from Moore Rd (T10N, R13W, S4) in Muskegon County downstream to confluence with Grand River (Ottawa County).	4	<b>St. Joseph</b>	
North Branch Crockery Creek, mainstream from Kenoa Ave. (T10N, R13W, S36) downstream to confluence with Crockery Creek mainstem at Ravenna.	4	<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
Sand Creek,	4	Corey Lake,	B
<b>Presque Isle</b>		<b>Streams</b>	
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>	Curtis Creek and tributaries,	2
Bear Den Lake (T33N, R2E, S32),	B*	Flowerfield Creek Mainstream, downstream to confluence with Rocky River.	4
Trout Creek Pond (T35N, R5E, S17),	C	Little Swan Creek and tributaries,	4
<b>Streams</b>		Mill Creek and tributaries, from Preston Road (T7S, R12W, S7) downstream to impoundment at T7S, R12W, S32.	4
Ocqueoc River, from Barnhart Lake downstream to Lake Huron.	4	Prairie River Mainstream, from Bowers Road (T8S, R7W, S4) downstream to MacKale Road (T7S, R9W, S8).	4
Swan River, from US-23 Bridge downstream to Lake Huron. <b>SC- Closed to Fishing</b> -Whenever weir is in place - from 300 feet above weir to mouth in T35N, R6E, S20 & 29.	3	Spring Creek Mainstream, from M-66 Bridge (T6S, R9W, S11) downstream to confluence with Prairie River (T6S, R10W, S19).	4
Trout River, from dam (T35N, R5E, S17) downstream to Lake Huron.	3	Unnamed Tributary to Spring Creek (T6S, R10W, S16).	4
<b>Roscommon</b>		Unnamed Tributary (T6S, R10W, S26).	4
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Van Buren</b>	
Higgins Lake,	E	<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
<b>Saginaw</b>		Shafer Lake,	C
<b>Streams</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Streams</b>	
Saginaw River,	3	Black River Mainstream, from confluence of North and South branches down to Lake Michigan.	3
Tittabawassee River, from Sanford Dam downstream to confluence with the Saginaw River.	3	Brush Creek Except Reynolds Lake Drain, from 63rd Ave. downstream to confluence with Paw Paw River.	4
<b>Schoolcraft</b>		Pine Creek, downstream limit is 101st Ave. (T1N, R12W, S32).	4
<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>	South Branch of the Black River, 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.	3
Banana Lake,	B*	South Branch Paw Paw River (aka Gates Drain or West Branch) and tributaries,	4
Bear (Nineteen) Lake,	B*	<b>Washtenaw</b>	
Dutch Fred Lake,	D	<b>Lakes</b>	<b>Type</b>
Kings Pond,	A	Pickerel Lake,	C
Lost Lake,	A		
Ned's Lake,	D		
Spring Pond,	A		
Twilight Lake,	D		
<b>Streams</b>			
Fox River, from Fox River State Forest Campground (T46N, R14W, S11) to M-28.	GR		
Manistique River, upstream limit is Papermill Dam.	4		
Milakokia River, Inland-Limestone Co. Railroad Bridge (T41N, R13W, S1) downstream to Lake Michigan.	4		

## Wayne

### Streams

**Huron River,**  
from Belleville Lake Dam in Wayne Co.  
downstream to Lake Erie.

**Type**  
4

### Johnson Creek,

from Napier Rd. (T1S, R7E, S24) to its confluence with the  
Middle Branch Rouge River (T1S, R8E, S3).

**GR**

## Wexford

### Streams

**Manistee River,**  
from Sunset Trail Rd. (CCC Bridge T26N, R6W, S26)  
downstream to **M-115**.

**Type**  
4

### Pine River,

from Elm Flats Public Access Site to  
confluence with Tippy Dam backwaters.

**2**

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## 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](http://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](http://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 Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters shall remove the shanty by midnight of March 15 (see p.13).**

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.

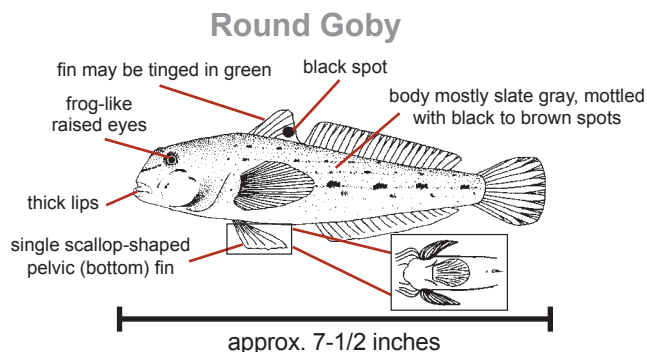
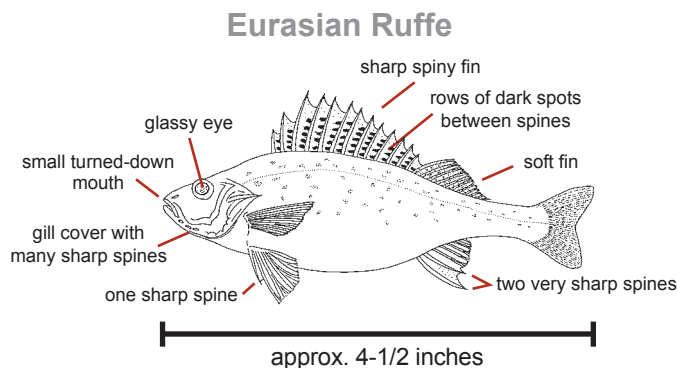
## Seasonal Fish Mortalities

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 40) or Michigan's Pollution Emergency Alert System (800) 292-4706.

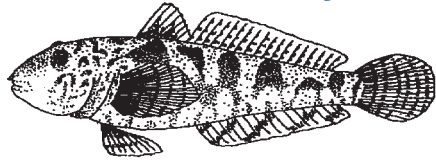
## Aquatic Invasive Plants and Animals

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:



## Tubenose Goby

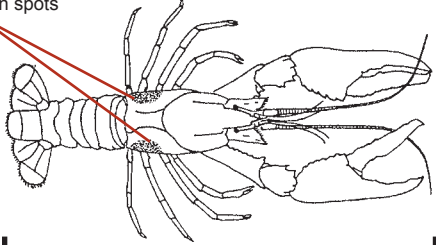


approx. 4-1/2 inches

- Looks similar to various darter species

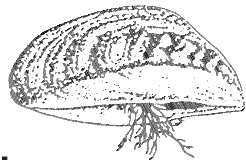
## Rusty Crayfish

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 the local DNR Fisheries Division office (see p. 40).
- 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 40 of this booklet. If you have any questions, contact an Operations Service Center or visit [www.michigan.gov/deq-anglers-monitoring-network](http://www.michigan.gov/deq-anglers-monitoring-network).

## Asian carp Identification

Adult bighead and silver carp are large fish that can be easily identified by the position of their eyes on their heads. Both species have eyes that are below a line from the fork of the tail to the mouth. If you believe you have seen or caught an Asian carp, DO NOT release it. Please visit [www.michigan.gov/asiancarp](http://www.michigan.gov/asiancarp) to fill out an online Asian carp reporting form, or call us at 517-373-1280.

## Adult Bighead Carp



Up to 5 feet

- Eyes sit below the mouth

## Adult Silver Carp



Up to 3 feet

- Eyes sit below the mouth

Juvenile Asian carp can be easily confused with minnows. If you find one in your bait bucket, do NOT release it. Contact the DNR at 517-373-1280 or fill out an Asian Carp reporting form online at [www.michigan.gov/asiancarp](http://www.michigan.gov/asiancarp).

## Juvenile Bighead Carp



- A noticeable keel (ridge on the underbelly) with no scales that extends from the pelvic fin to the anal fin.
- Eyes are positioned below the line extending from the tail to snout

## Juvenile Silver Carp



- A noticeable keel (ridge on the underbelly) with no scales that extends from the gills to the anal fin
- Eyes are positioned below the line extending from tail to snout

Adult Asian Carp illustrations by Joseph R. Tomelleri. Juvenile Asian Carp illustrations by Emily Damstra.

## Other sources of information:

Great Lakes Fishery Commission: [www.glfcc.org/](http://www.glfcc.org/)  
 Great Lakes Fishery Trust: [www.glft.org](http://www.glft.org)  
 Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council:  
[www.great-lakes.org](http://www.great-lakes.org)  
 Great Lakes Council of the Federation  
 of Fly Fishers: [www.fffglc.org/](http://www.fffglc.org/)  
 Michigan Charter Boat Association:  
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 Michigan Sea Grant: [www.miseagrant.org](http://www.miseagrant.org)  
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## Thank you for purchasing a 2011 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 2010-2011 (\$28,952,600)

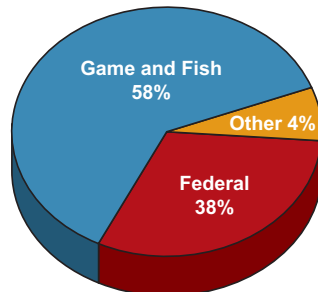
### Funding Sources

**Game and Fish Protection Fund: \$16,742,900 (58%)**

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

**Federal Fund: \$10,067,700 (38%)**

The Sport Fish Restoration funds come from federal excise taxes on fishing and boating equipment and motorboat fuel. Michigan received \$13.0 million in fiscal year 2009 (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.



**Other Funds: \$1,039,800 (4%)**

Litigation settlement and private funds.

### Appropriations by Program (Total: \$28,952,600)

**Fisheries Resources Management Program: \$19,327,200 (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: \$8,701,300 (30%)**

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

**Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program: \$924,100 (3%)**

Expenditures are for the mitigation of damages from development projects in Michigan waters. Funds are used for fish habitat rehabilitation, for the protection of intact habitat as compensation for damages, and to improve fishing access.

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](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

