

# Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division

## Fisheries Division Mission

To protect and enhance Michigan's aquatic life and habitats for the benefit of current and future generations.



## Family Friendly Fishing Waters

Are you looking for a great place to go fishing that is easy to access, has a high likelihood of catching fish, has various amenities, and is all around family-friendly? Then the Family Friendly Fishing Waters project can help! Visit us online and click on the red and white bobber to get started! Once there you'll see map of Michigan. Click on any county to find family-friendly fishing locations in that area.



## Free Fishing Weekends

Two days twice a year, families and friends can enjoy one of Michigan's premier outdoor activities - fishing - for FREE! All fishing licenses are waived for two days. Residents and out-of-state visitors may enjoy fishing on both inland and Great Lakes' waters for all species of fish. All fishing regulations still apply.

The Winter Free Fishing Weekend always falls the Saturday and Sunday of President's Day weekend. The Summer Free Fishing Weekend always falls the Saturday and Sunday following the first full week of June.



## Aquatic Invasive Species

Michigan's waters are threatened by many non-native aquatic invasive plants and animals. Some can already be found here while others are knocking on our door. Aquatic invasive species are harmful to recreational fishing and do great economic and natural resource damage.

To help reduce the spread of aquatic invasive species, anglers are reminded to properly dispose of all bait - including worms and soil, crayfish and minnows - in a trash receptacle.



## Michigan Fishing Guide - Rules & Regulations

This publication features all rules and regulations anglers must abide by. Copies can be obtained at any license retailer or an electronic version is available online.

# Fisheries Division Management Units

Contact these locations for area-specific information.

**Western Lake Superior  
Management Unit**  
906-353-6651

**Eastern Lake Superior  
Management Unit**  
906-293-5131

**Northern Lake Michigan  
Management Unit**  
906-3786-2351

**Northern Lake Huron  
Management Unit**  
989-732-3541

**Central Lake Michigan  
Management Unit**  
231-775-9727

**Southern Lake Huron  
Management Unit**  
989-684-9141

**Southern Lake Michigan  
Management Unit**  
269-685-6851

**Lake Erie  
Management Unit**  
517-284-5830



## GovDelivery

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## Fisheries Division Vision:

To provide world-class freshwater fishing opportunities, supported by healthy aquatic environments, which enhance the quality of life in Michigan.



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