

# Fisheries Order Recommendations

#### FISHERIES DIVISION

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For Information

FO-202: Special hook size fishing regulations

FO-204: Spawning closures

FO-210: Designated trout streams

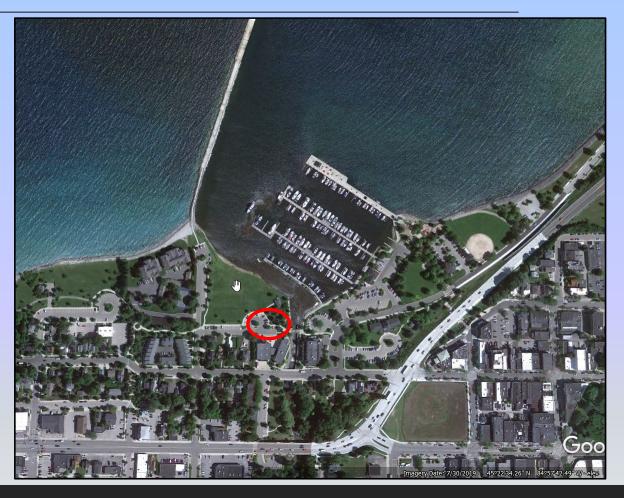
FO-219: Waters open to use of spears and bows

FO-243: State-licensed commercial fishing (Director's Authority)



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- Bear River (Emmet Co.)
  - Confusion on current boundary
  - Recommendation: Add specific landmark to the downstream boundary description for added clarity of regulation



For Information – \*Recommended for Immediate Effect (Sept. 11, 2020)

- Betsie River near Homestead Dam (Benzie Co.)
  - Concerns of snagging in area where salmon congregate during spawning migration
  - Recommendation: Add spawning closure from Aug. 1 Nov. 15 in section of river covering 300' downstream of the existing lamprey barrier and fish passage facility



For Information – Recommended for Immediate Effect (Sept. 11, 2020)

- Torch River (Antrim and Kalkaska Co.)
  - Goal: Protect Muskellunge in known spawning area
  - Recommendation: Close fishing from May 1 June 15 in Torch River starting at the Crystal Beach Road Bridge downstream to Lake Skegemog including Rapid River up to Aarwood Road Bridge
- Douglas Lake pike marsh (Cheboygan Co.)
  - Remove marsh no longer in operation



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## Carter Creek (Roscommon Co.)

- Recent survey indicated robust brook trout population
- Recommendation: Add Type 1 trout stream regulations
  - Possession season from the last Saturday in April through September 30
- Modification would protect brook trout during their spawning season in the fall

# Wright Creek (Oscoda Co.)

- Habitat is no longer suitable for trout.
- Several fisheries surveys failed to document trout
- *Recommendation*: Remove special designation and adopt general statewide fishing regulations (open all year)



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## North Manistique (Round) Lake (Luce Co.)

- Goal: Align regulations with adjusted management goals
- Several years of stocking was unsuccessful at creating a Muskellunge fishery
- Recommendation: Remove lake from waters where spearing is prohibited
- Would allow spearing opportunity for Northern Pike and Muskellunge through the ice (Dec. 1 - March 15)



Director's Authority - For Information

- State-licensed commercial fishing regulations within FO-243 requires annual renewal by the Director
- Recommendation: Renew without modification



# THANK YOU!

# QUESTIONS?

