

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

Policy Committee on
Wildlife and Fisheries

March 14, 2019



Proposed Orders

- For Information – NRC
 - Statewide Trout, Salmon, Lake Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations (Fisheries Order 200.19)
- For Action – NRC
 - Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons (Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 3 of 2019)
 - Bear Regulations (Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 4 of 2019)



NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

- Fisheries Chief Update
 - Statewide Trout, Salmon, Lake Whitefish, Lake Herring, and Smelt Regulations
- Wildlife Chief Update





Department of Natural Resources

Fisheries Division

Chief's Update

Jim Dexter, Chief

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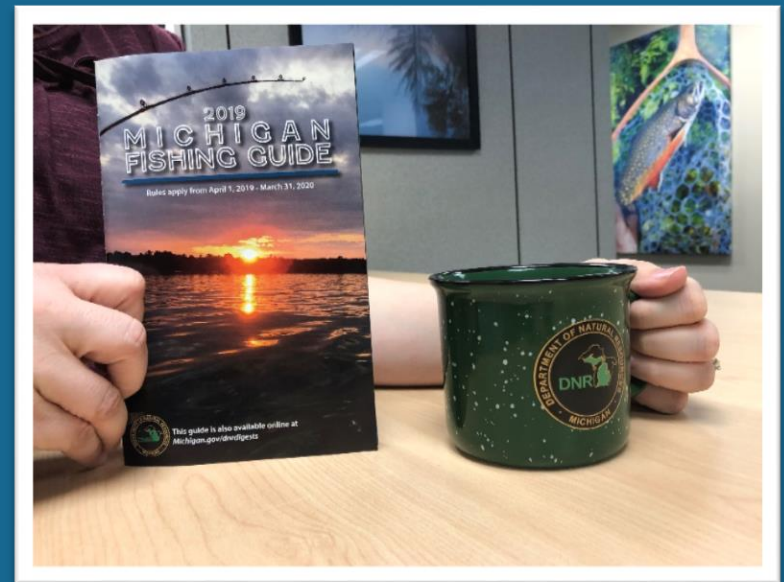
Fisheries Construction Projects

- Oden U.V. facility – Arctic Grayling
 - Construction kick-off: March 15
- Little Manistee River Weir
 - Bids due: March 13
- Thompson Coolwater Facility
 - Timbering in progress
 - Bids due: March 20



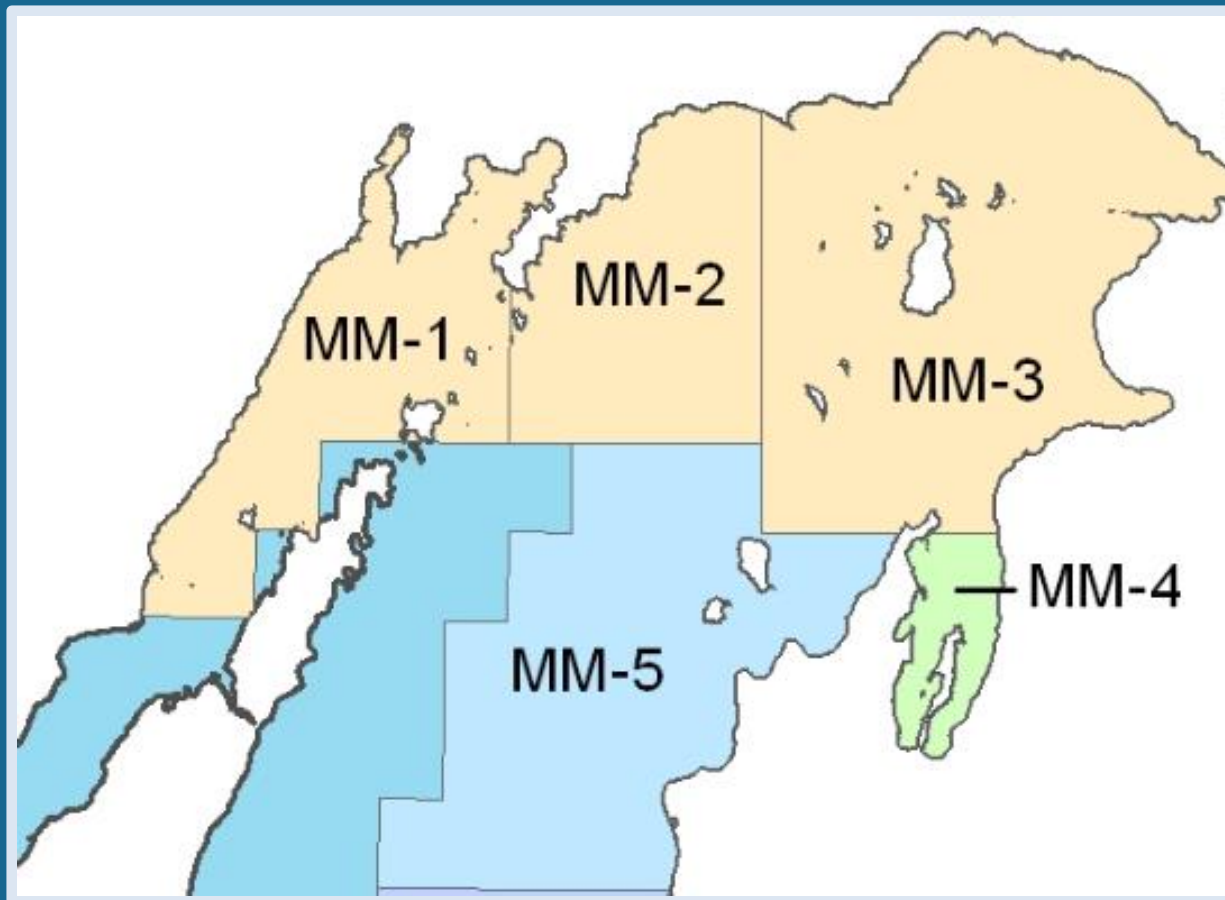
Conversations & Coffee

- 11 meetings scheduled to date
 - March 12, Cadillac
 - March 25, Escanaba
 - March 26, Iron Mountain
 - April 2, Newberry
 - April 4, Munising
 - April 8, Mattawan
 - April 10, Waterford
 - April 16, Sault Ste. Marie
 - April 23, Ironwood
 - April 24, Ishpeming
 - April 25, Houghton
- Go to ***Michigan.gov/Fishing*** for specific locations & times



Grand Traverse Bay – Lake Trout Regulations

- Lake Trout Management Unit MM-4



Present Issue in MM-4

- 2018 Harvest Limit = **77,200** pounds
(stipulated by Consent Decree parties)
- 2018 Harvest = **93,056** pounds (+20.5%)
- Penalty = **15,856** pounds
- 2019 Harvest Limit = **61,344** pounds
(stipulated limit minus penalty)
 - Requires 31,712 pounds reduction from 2018 harvest
 - Account for 2019 ice fishery



Regulation Options

1. Fishery open Jan. 1 – Sept. 30
15" minimum size
1-fish bag limit
2. Fishery open May 25 – Sept. 2
15" minimum size
2-fish bag limit from May 25 – July 31
1-fish bag limit from Aug. 1 – Sept. 2





Thank you!





Wildlife Chief Update

Russ Mason

Wildlife Chief Update

- North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference
- Kelly Siciliano Carter has accepted a new position at the MI Department of Education
- Tom Cooley earns MSU Outstanding Alumni Award
- Moose Survey Results
- Supplemental Feeding in UP



Thank You

