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FROM: Kelley D. Smith, Chief, Fisheries Division *Kelley D. Smith*

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify Inland Trout Regulations

As a result of concerns raised by some Committee members in a June 12 correspondence to the Department regarding the proposed changes to inland trout regulations, I have removed the review of this proposal from the agenda of the NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries Issues scheduled for July 9 in Lansing. Instead, I am scheduling a second meeting of the Coldwater Regulations Steering Committee for Monday, July 20 at 1:00 pm in Lansing, at the Fisheries Division 8th Floor East Conference Room, Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan Street. I have attached a copy of the correspondence received for those of you who may not have yet seen it, as well as a narrative prepared by staff that addresses many of the concerns raised in the June 12 letter. Please review this information prior to the meeting on July 20.

At the meeting, we will discuss the attached information and any other concerns Committee members may have with changes recommended for waters currently classified under the Type 2 category. I am hopeful we can reach consensus on a final product and agree on a reasonable timeline for implementation of the proposal.

If you are unable to attend, we ask that you send a representative who can speak on your behalf. Please contact Todd Grischke at 517-373-6762 if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Attachments

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