October 30, 2009

TO:       Dave Borgeson Sr., Resource Stewards       
          Jim Bos, Pere Marquette Watershed Council 
          Bryan Burroughs, Trout Unlimited 
          Rusty Gates, Anglers of the Au Sable 
          Terry Lyons, Anglers of the Au Sable 
          Andy Pelt, Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fisherman’s Association 
          Ray Schmidt, Michigan River Guides Association 
          Jim Schramm, Federation of Fly Fishers 
          Thomas Buhr, AuSable Big Water Preservation Association 
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          Christian LeSage, Fisheries Division, Lansing 
          Todd Grischke, Fisheries Division, Lansing 

FROM:    Kelley D. Smith, Chief, Fisheries Division 

SUBJECT: Meeting announcement, Inland Trout Regulations 

The next meeting of the Coldwater Regulations Steering Committee is Thursday, November 5 at 9:00 am in the Fisheries Division 8th Floor East Conference Room, Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan Street, Lansing. 

Topics of discussion at this meeting include:
   • New Type 2 category proposal (Dave Borgeson Sr.)
   • Process/timeline review for Gear Restricted streams (Fisheries)
   • Slot limit discussion (Bryan Burroughs)

We have attached for your use information requested by Committee members at the September 9 meeting. Included is a table showing the number of river miles in each of our current stream Types and a listing of current Type 2 streams and their recommended placement under the original proposal. Also included are Dave Borgeson’s proposals for a new Type 2 category (current Type 3 streams). A draft process/timeline for reviewing streams that may be candidates for the Gear Restricted Streams category is currently being reviewed internally and will be provided to you at the meeting.

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meets later that same day. If you would like to offer comments to the NRC on trout stream regulations, I encourage you to do so. The link to the NRC agenda is: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/agnNOV09-G_297999_7.pdf
If you are unable to attend the Steering Committee meeting, 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.

Attachments
cc: James Dexter, DNR
    Steve Hewett, DNR
    Steve Scott, DNR
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