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FROM: Kelley D. Smith, Chief, Fisheries Division

SUBJECT: Proposal to Modify Inland Trout Regulations

As you know, the proposal to modify inland trout regulations includes a recommendation to eliminate the existing Type 2 category. Consequently, the 33 streams or segments thereof that are currently included in this category will need to be reclassified into one of the categories identified in the proposal. At the April 22 meeting, several committee members expressed an interest in reviewing the changes to Type 2 streams as proposed by the Division's field staff, and I committed to providing you that information. Staff has completed a review of the waters currently classified as Type 2 and has recommended new categories for these waters should the changes in the Inland Trout Regulations Proposal be implemented beginning April 1, 2010 (attached). Some of these reclassifications may change based on feedback from the public.

Four streams are footnoted as possible additions to the new Gear Restricted Waters category. It is our intent to undertake a review of all streams currently classified, and those proposed for classification, under the newly proposed Gear Restricted Waters category starting this winter. The review will be followed by public review and comment.

If you have comments on the Inland Trout Regulations proposal, please submit those via the website/email box [DNR-InlandTrout@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-InlandTrout@michigan.gov). If you have comments specific to the proposed changes for streams currently classified under the Type 2 category, please direct those comments to Todd Grischke (517-373-6762 or [grisckket@michigan.gov](mailto:grisckket@michigan.gov)) by June 19, 2009.

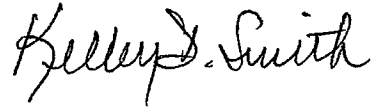
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For your information, the Inland Trout Regulations proposal will be presented at the July 9, 2009 Natural Resources Commission meeting held at the Lansing Center located at 333 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan. You or representatives from your group are invited to attend the meeting and provide additional comments on the Inland Trout Regulations proposal.

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Attachment

## Proposed new "Type" designation of trout streams currently categorized as Type II.

County	Stream Name	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit	Proposed Type
Alcona	AuSable River Mainstream	McKinley Bridge	4001 Bridge	3
Allegan	Silver Creek	M-89 Bridge (T1N, R11W, S26)	Confl. with Kalamazoo R.	1
Antrim, Crawford	Manistee River		M-72	3 <sup>A-1</sup>
Baraga	Sturgeon	US-41	Prickett Dam	3
Barry	Cedar Creek	M-37 (T2N, R8W, S9)		1
Barry	Coldwater River	M-43 Bridge (T4N, R8W, S16)	Freeport Rd. Bridge (T5N, R9W, S36)	3
Barry	Unnamed tributary on N. Bank Coldwater River (T4N, R7W, S18)			3
Berrien	Brandywine Cr.	US-12 (T8S, R16W, S7)	St. Joseph R.	1
Cass	Dowagiac Creek	Mckenzie Rd. (T5S, R14W, S31)	Confl. with Lake Lagrange (T6S, R15W, S11)	3
Cass	Peavine Cr.	M-51 (T6S, R16W, S22)	Dowagiac River	1
Cass	Pokagon Creek	Anderson Rd. (T7S, R16W, S2)	Dowagiac River	1
Cheboygan, Otsego	Black River	Town Corner Lake stairs (T32N, R1E, S31)	Tower Dam	1

County	Stream Name	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit	Proposed Type
Cheboygan, Emmet	Maple River	Dam (T36N, R4W, S10) Emmet County	Mouth	3
Cheboygan, Otsego	Pigeon River	To Dam (T32N, R1W, S19), Otsego County	M-68 Bridge	3 <sup>B</sup>
Chippewa	E. Br. Tahquamenon		North Hulbert Rd.	1
Crawford	AuSable River Mainstream	Grayling City Dam	Burton's Landing	3
Crawford, Oscoda	AuSable River Mainstream	Wakeley Bridge	Rainbow Bend Powerline, Oscoda Co. (T26N, R2E, S4)	3
Gogebic	Presque Isle River	Confl. of E. and W. Br. of Presque Isle R.	Manabezho Falls	3
Gogebic	Black River	U.S. 2	Rainbow Falls	3
Iron	Cooks Run	U.S. Forest Hwy. 16	Mouth at South Br. of the Paint River	3 <sup>A-2</sup>
Iron	Paint River, S. Br.	Mouth of Cooks Run, (T44N, R36W, S28)	Mouth of N. Br. of the Paint River (T44N, R35W, S8)	3 <sup>A-3</sup>
Kalamazoo	Spring Brook	DE Avenue (T1S, R10W, S19)	Mouth (T1S, R11W, S27)	1
Lake	Pine River	Elm Flats P.A. S. (T20N, R12W, S2)	Confl. with Tippy Dam Backwaters	1
Marquette	Carp River	Deer Lake Dam (T48N, R27W, S27)	Morgan Creek	3

County	Stream Name	Upstream Limit	Downstream Limit	Proposed Type
Missaukee	Clam River	LaChance Rd.	Blue Rd.	1
Newaygo	Little S. Br. Pere Marquette River	Carlson Bridge (16 Mile Road)	Oxbow Bridge (Forman Road)	1
Newaygo	White River	Six Mile Rd.	Baseline Rd.	1
Ontonagon	Middle Br. Ontonagon R.		Agate Falls	3
Oscoda	AuSable River Mainstream	Mio Dam	Mio Powerline (T26N, R3E, S7)	3
Schoolcraft	Indian River	"Wide Waters" (T44N, R19W, S13)	Indian Lake	3 <sup>A-4; C</sup>
St. Joseph	Curtis Creek and all Tributaries			3
Van Buren	Campbell Creek			1
Van Buren	E. Br. Paw Paw River and all tributaries		M-40 Bridge (T3S, R14W, S13)	1
Wexford, Kalkaska	Manistee River	CCC Bridge (T26N, R6W, S26)	U.S. 131	1

<sup>A</sup> Streams that will be considered next year for possible Gear Restricted classification.

<sup>1</sup> 24.0 miles.

<sup>2</sup> 4.2 miles.

<sup>3</sup> 9.8 miles.

<sup>4</sup> 23.4 miles.

<sup>B</sup> Proposal would extend Type III to Mullett Lake.

<sup>C</sup> Proposal would start the new classification at Steuben (T44N, R17W, Sec 20) and not Wide Waters.