

MICHIGAN SAYS NO TO COMMERCIAL FISH FARMS IN THE GREAT LAKES

January 2016 Epic MRA Poll: 68% Oppose Great Lakes Net Pens

JANUARY 2016 EPIC-MRA POLL RESULTS

In the January 2016 Epic-MRA Poll, Michigan voters were asked whether they support commercial net-pen fish farms in the Great Lakes. Opposition to allowing commercial net-pen fish farms in the Great Lakes was overwhelming across all party, regional and demographic lines.

Demographic	Oppose	Support	Undecided
Statewide	68%	20%	12%
Wayne/Oakland/Macomb	65%	21%	14%
Outer Metro	72%	21%	7%
Central MI	61%	25%	15%
West MI	74%	18%	8%
Saginaw Bay Area	72%	14%	14%
Northern MI	77%	13%	10%
Conservative	66%	24%	10%
Moderate	69%	17%	14%
Liberal	75%	17%	7%
Republican	67%	21%	11%
Independent	58%	25%	15%
Democrat	73%	17%	10%
Tea Party	60%	29%	10%
Union	64%	27%	8%
Male	62%	26%	12%
Female	74%	15%	11%

In every demographic, opposition to commercial net-pen fish farms outweighed both support and undecided combined.

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The Legislative Sportsman's Caucus Advisory Council adopted a formal resolution opposing commercial net-pen fish farms in the Great Lakes. Voting members include:

Michigan United Conservation Clubs; Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fisherman's Association; Safari Club International; Zero-Day; Ducks Unlimited; Michigan B.A.S.S.; Michigan Bear Hunters Association; Michigan Hunting Dog Federation; Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association; National Rifle Association; National Wild Turkey Federation; Pheasants Forever; Trout Unlimited; U.P. Bear Houndsmen Association; Upper Peninsula Sportsmen's Alliance

Additional opponents of Great Lakes fish farms include: Michigan Environmental Council, National Wildlife Federation, the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Anglers of the AuSable and more.

