



## MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: All Fishing Partners and Interested Parties

FROM: Michigan Department of Natural Resources – Parks and Recreation Division

On behalf of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Parks and Recreation Division (PRD), we would like to extend our appreciation to you and your organization for continuing to support sport fishing in Michigan. You are an important partner in fulfilling the DNR mission to protect and preserve Michigan's natural resources for current and future generations.

In response to the many suggestions received over the past two years, the PRD has made some changes for the 2010 fishing tournament season, as follows:

1. Use permits for fishing tournaments at PRD-administered boating access sites (BAS) will no longer be required for tournaments involving 49 or fewer boats.
2. Fishing tournaments involving 50 boats or more **must** have a representative submit an "Event Application/Permit to Use State Land," Form PR-1183, which can be downloaded from the DNR web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnrlanduse](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrlanduse), or by contacting the local DNR office where you plan to hold your event/tournament. The application should be submitted **at least sixty (60) days in advance** of your proposed event/tournament. This will help identify adequate staffing needs for safety and security, as well as the necessity for a user fee.
3. The fees will be under the same guidelines used for the previous three seasons. Events involving 50 or more boats are \$50 on weekdays, \$100 on weekends. Information about the fee schedule can also be obtained on the above-mentioned web site.

The long-range goal is to create an on-line system for reserving and posting BAS activities, such as fishing tournaments, to assist all parties in easily viewing BAS events and BAS availability statewide. However, this process is neither simple nor short, and may not be available until the 2011 season or beyond. Therefore, we ask that you work cooperatively and respectfully with other clubs and tournaments being held in your area to prevent scheduling conflicts and overuse of a site. We also ask that you work cooperatively with, and respect the rights of, the lake associations or land owners where you intend to hold your event/tournament. This will help tremendously in making future events/activities a success.

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Your organization is an integral partner in fulfilling the mission of the DNR, and that includes sharing the value of fishing with current and future generations. Many of you host charitable tournaments or youth clinics, and the PRD wants to assist you in sharing this opportunity with others and spread the word. If your planned fishing event is a “charitable” event, or has a “youth outreach” component, we encourage you to share the details of your planned fishing event with Maia Stephens, PRD Recreational Programmer, by sending her an e-mail at [stephensm3@michigan.gov](mailto:stephensm3@michigan.gov). Maia will do her best to include your event on the DNR’s on-line statewide calendar of events, as well as other PRD-related promotional materials.

The PRD appreciates your assistance and cooperation in making 2010 a successful fishing season. We welcome your feedback as the season progresses on how we can improve this process. Any questions or comments regarding this new process, or the need to obtain a use permit, contact Jason Fleming, PRD Department Analyst, at [flemingj@michigan.gov](mailto:flemingj@michigan.gov).

Thank you again for partnering with the DNR to support Michigan sport fishing and provide competitive angling opportunities to the citizens and visitors of this state. We look forward to seeing you on the water next year.

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