

The Natural Resources Commission

Michigan's Outdoors Heritage



- Hunting & fishing:
 - Generates \$11.2 billion/annually for Michigan's economy
 - Supports 171,000 jobs



Hunting in Michigan

- 700,000 hunters
- Ranks 3rd in nation
- Hunters have access to 4.5 million acres of public state-managed land
 - 87 state game areas
 - 7 managed waterfowl areas





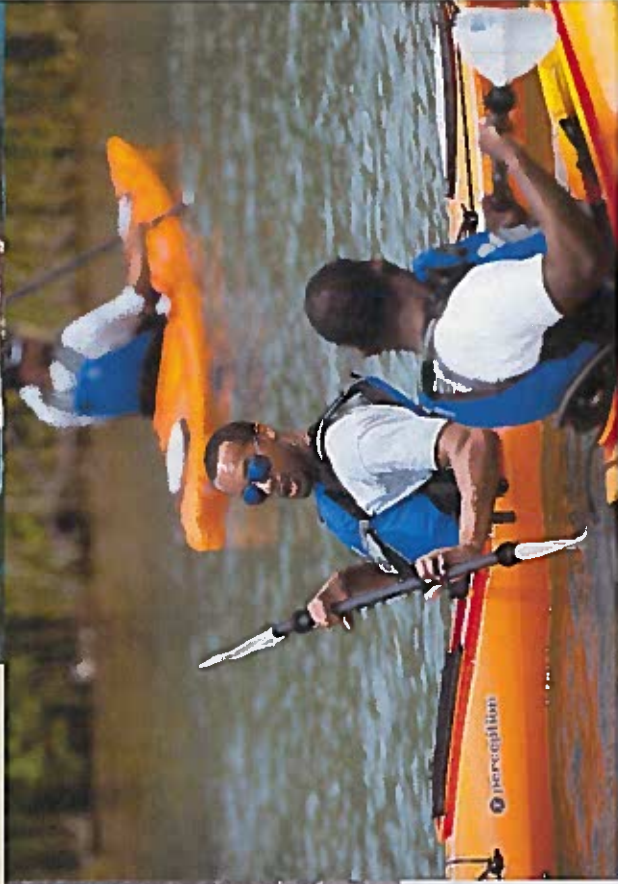
Fishing in Michigan

- 1.1 million anglers
- Ranks 7th in nation
- Fishing opportunities:
 - 11,000 lakes
 - tens of thousands of miles of rivers and streams



There's So Much More

Outdoor recreation bolsters Michigan's \$22.8 million tourism economy.



Celebrate!

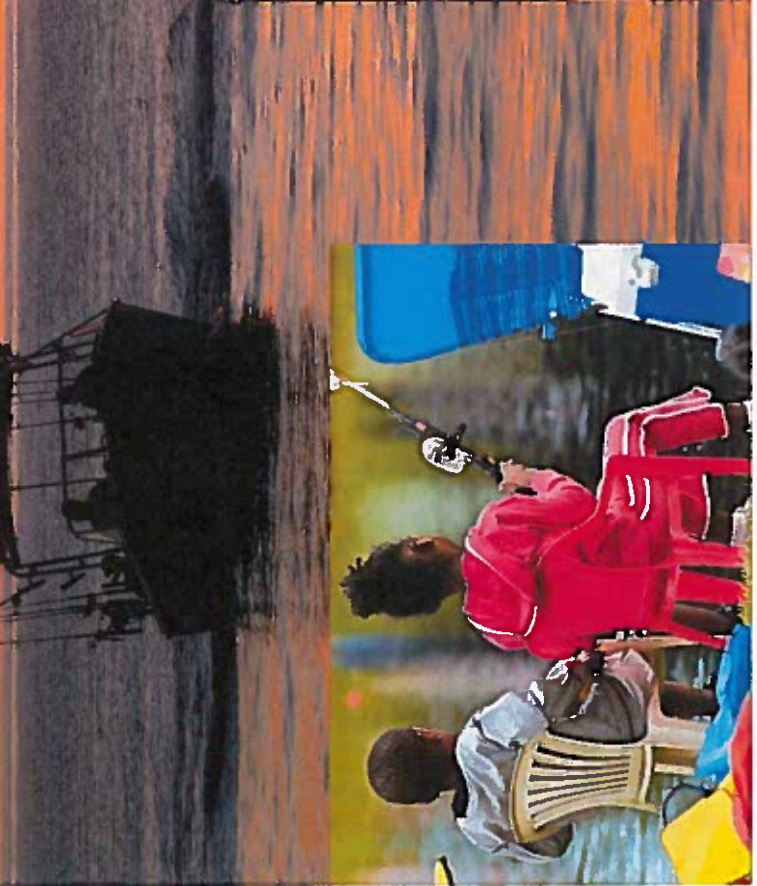
LOOK BACK, GIVE FORWARD.

Celebrate 100 years of freshwater fun, starry nights and memories made in Michigan state parks by sharing your stories and supporting the places we all love.



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Continuing to Grow



The Natural Resources Commission (NRC)

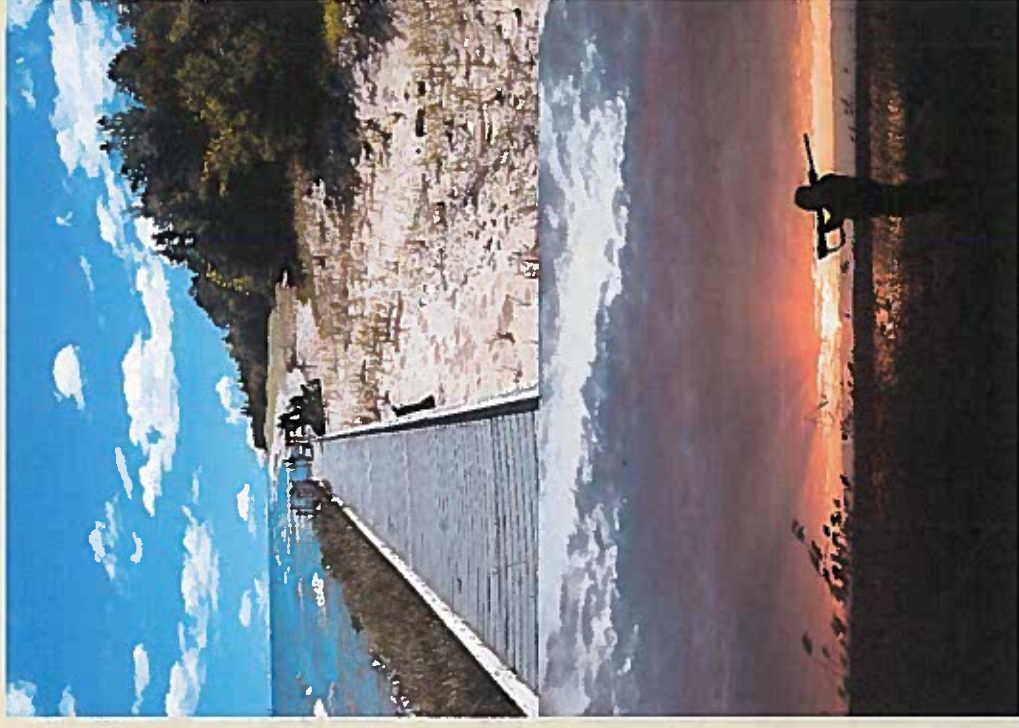


The NRC is a 7-member public body whose members are appointed by the Governor and subject to the advice and consent of the Senate



2019 NRC Members

- Vicki Pontz, Chair
- Keith Creagh
- Louise Klarr
- David NyBerg
- Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr.
- Chris Tracy
- John Walters



The NRC

- Regulates taking of game and sport fish
- Monthly meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act
- Provides forum for public input and feedback
- Advises DNR on natural resources-related issues



Role of the NRC

- Proposals to change regulations
- Wildlife Conservation Order Amendments
 - Fisheries Orders
 - Multi-year cycles for different species
 - Recommendations developed by DNR Wildlife and Fisheries Biologists



Fish & Wildlife Orders

Fishing & hunting regulation changes:

- Require at least 30-day public notice
- Compliance with the Open Meetings Act
- Principles of sound scientific management
the greatest extent possible



Balancing Impacts

Impact of changes to regulations

- Biological
- Economic
- Social



Thank you! Questions?

