### 2017 Hunting Seasons

It is highly recommended that the Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest, or other species-specific hunting digests be consulted for a more complete list of dates and regulations regarding each hunt period ([www.mi.gov/hunting](http://www.mi.gov/hunting)).

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<td>Middle Zone: Oct. 1 – Nov. 27 and Dec. 17 – 18&lt;br&gt;South Zone: Oct. 8 – Dec. 4 &amp;&lt;br&gt;Dec. 31, 2017 – Jan. 1, 2018</td>
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<td><strong>Opossum, porcupine, weasel, red squirrel, skunk, ground squirrel, woodchuck, feral swine, feral pigeons, starlings and house sparrows</strong></td>
<td>May be taken year-round with a valid Michigan hunting license.</td>
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#### Reserved Waterfowl

- **Application Period**: Aug. 1 – Aug. 28
- **Drawing Results Posted Online**: September 18

#### 2018 Pure Michigan Hunt

- **Application Period**: March 1 – Dec. 31
- **Drawing Results Posted Online**: Jan. 22, 2018

### Limited-License Hunt Calendar

Drawing results are posted online only ([www.mi.gov/hunting](http://www.mi.gov/hunting)). Applicants will not be notified by mail.

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Dear Neighbors,

Warm and sunny summer days are here in the U.P., and with them the endless recreation options for some fantastic Pure Michigan experiences for you and your family.

Michigan has 154 species of fish and more than 11,000 inland lakes, along with 1,220 public beaches and more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. It’s no wonder Michigan is the place to be for everyone looking to enjoy the great outdoors, especially in the summer.

As you plan your adventures throughout the Upper Peninsula, keep in mind the information in this newsletter. Our great state truly has something for everyone!

Sincerely,

Beau LaFave
Your State Representative

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Michigan offers a free boating handbook with valuable information on being safe and responsible when on the water. Download the handbook at: boat-ed.com/michigan/handbook/book.htm

**1.4 MILLION**
Michigan residents & 347,000 non-residents fished state waters in the last reported year.

It is estimated that these anglers contributed an overall annual value of $4.4 billion to Michigan’s economy.

**REMEMBER TO BE SAFE WHEN ON THE WATER!**

**INVASIVE SPECIES: YOU CAN HELP**

Boaters and anglers, you can help keep our waters clean and free of invasive species by following some basic guidelines:

- **CLEAN** boats, trailers and equipment
- **DRAIN** live wells, bilges and all water
- **DRY** boats and equipment
- **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait in the trash

For more information on how you can help keep our waters clean and free of invasive species visit www.michigan.gov/invasives

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Michigan fishing licenses are available at your local license retailer or online at www.mdnr-elicense.com.

**LEARNING TO FISH WITH THE DNR**

The Hook, Line and Sinker Program offers people the option to learn how to fish. This is a weekly fishing program conducted by the DNR at more than 30 state parks and fish hatcheries in Michigan. Visit michigan.gov/hooklineandsinker for more information.

**LIFEJACKET SAFETY**

Whether you are enjoying Michigan’s waterways for the first time or you’ve been doing it for years, it is always important to remember to stay safe by staying afloat.

Michigan law requires all watercraft to have appropriately sized personal flotation devices (PFD), also known as lifejackets, for each person on board. Sizes are designed to accommodate individuals based on body weight and chest size.

**ADDITIONAL LIFEJACKET REQUIREMENTS:**

- Children less than 6 years of age must wear a Type I or Type II PFD when riding in the open deck area of a boat.
- Each person less than 12 years of age riding or being towed behind a personal watercraft (jet ski) must wear a Type I or Type II PFD.
- Each person 12 years of age or older operating, riding on or being towed behind a personal watercraft (jet ski) must wear a Type I or Type II PFD that is not an inflatable device.

**2017 GENERAL HOOK-AND-LINE FISHING SEASON**

**Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass** (Pages 12-13, 25*)
- Catch-and-immediate-release on all waters
  - Open All Year
- Catch-and-keep on all waters, including Great Lakes
  - May 27 – December 31, 2017

**Muskellunge** (Pages 12, 14, 25*)
- Upper Peninsula Great Lakes, inland waters & St. Marys River
  - May 15, 2017 – March 15, 2018

**Northern Pike & Walleye** (Pages 12, 14, 25*)
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  - May 15, 2017 – March 15, 2018

**Salmon & Trout**
- Great Lakes, Lake St. Clair, St. Marys River, St. Clair & Detroit rivers
  - Open All Year (Pages 18, 20-21, 25*)
- (Inland) Type 3 & 4 streams and Type B, C, E & F lakes
  - Open All Year (Pages 38-58*)
- (Inland) Type 1 & 2 streams and Type A & D lakes
  - April 29 – September 30, 2017 (Pages 38-58*)

**Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Cisco (Lake Herring), Lake Whitefish, Smelt, Sunfishes, White Bass, Yellow Perch & Other Species** (Pages 12, 14, 25*)
- All waters open for fishing
  - Open All Year

**Lake Sturgeon** (See Table 2 on page 15*)

*For Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters, please reference page 25 for seasons and regulations.

**Michigan DNR Fishing Information**
www.michigan.gov/fishing
Michigan Recreational Boating Information System (MRBIS) www.mcgi.state.mi.us/MRBIS
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