

SENATE BILL No. 869

March 12, 2014, Introduced by Senators HANSEN, JONES, CASPERSON, BOOHER, MARLEAU, JANSEN and EMMONS and referred to the Committee on Outdoor Recreation and Tourism.

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," by amending section 48716 (MCL 324.48716), as added by 1995 PA 57.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 48716. A person shall not take, catch, or kill or attempt
2 to take, catch, or kill any fish of the species named in this
3 section in any of the waters over which this state has jurisdiction
4 except during the following open seasons:

5 ~~—— (a) Largemouth and smallmouth black bass from the Saturday~~
6 ~~immediately preceding Memorial Day to December 31, except in Lake~~
7 ~~St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers, in which waters the~~
8 ~~open season is from the third Saturday in June to December 31.~~

9 (A) ~~(b)~~ Bluegills and sunfish, no closed season.

10 (B) ~~(c)~~ Northern pike, pike-perch, and muskellunge from the
11 last Saturday in April to March 15 in the inland waters. These fish

1 may be taken at any time from lake Macatawa, Ottawa county;
2 Muskegon lake and White lake, Muskegon county; Spring lake,
3 Muskegon and Ottawa counties; Pentwater lake, Oceana county; Pere
4 Marquette lake, Mason county; Manistee lake, Bar lake at Arcadia,
5 and Portage lake, Manistee county; Betsie lake, Benzie county; lake
6 Charlevoix and Round lake, Charlevoix county; the Muskegon river
7 downstream from Rogers dam, Mecosta county; and Lake Erie and the
8 connecting waters of the Great Lakes. In Lakes Superior, Michigan,
9 and Huron, except Saginaw bay, these fish may be taken from May 21
10 to March 31. In Saginaw bay, these fish may be taken from April 11
11 to March 4. In that part of upper Lake Huron known as Whitney bay,
12 Pike bay, Island harbor, Les Cheneaux channels, Potagannissing bay,
13 and certain waters on the south side of Drummond island, all as
14 described in sections 47345, 47346, 47348, and 47349, these fish
15 may be taken from May 1 to March 31.

16 (C) ~~(d)~~—Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout,
17 splake, and landlocked salmon from the last Saturday in April
18 through the second Sunday in September in the inland waters. The
19 department shall designate the waters in which, in addition to the
20 season provided for in this subdivision, any species of trout and
21 in addition other fish for which the season is open may be taken
22 with hook and line only during additional open seasons that the
23 department prescribes.

24 (D) ~~(e)~~—All species of trout except lake trout from the first
25 Saturday in April to November 30 in the Great Lakes and connecting
26 waters not otherwise closed to their taking. There is no closed
27 season on lake trout in these waters.

1 **(E)** ~~(f)~~—Perch, saugers, white bass, rock bass, warmouth bass,
2 crappies, catfish, bullheads, ciscoes, herring, whitefish, pilot
3 fish or menominee whitefish, smelt, suckers, mullet, redhorse carp,
4 buffalo, shad, garfish, dogfish, lawyers, and sheepshead may be
5 taken at all seasons of the year in waters that are open to
6 fishing.

7 **(F)** ~~(g)~~—Sturgeon during January and February from inland
8 waters; at any time from waters of the Great Lakes and connecting
9 waters not otherwise closed to their taking.