

# SENATE BILL No. 1090

September 24, 2014, Introduced by Senator CASPERSON 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 505 (MCL 324.505).

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 505. (1) The department, in pursuing the state's policy  
2 of propagating fish for the purpose of stocking the streams and  
3 lakes of the state, shall accept federal fish stock for such  
4 programs, and shall apply for all federal fish stock programs that  
5 do not commit the state to future expenditures.

6       (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL STOCK SPRING WALLEYE FINGERLINGS  
7 WITHIN FISH STOCKING PRIORITY REGIONS USING THE AVERAGE STOCKING  
8 LEVELS IN THOSE REGIONS FROM 1985-2001 WITH AT LEAST 191,859  
9 FINGERLINGS AND USING THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

10       (A) THE MINIMUM STOCKING RATE SHALL BE 50 SPRING WALLEYE

1 FINGERLINGS PER SURFACE ACRE UNTIL A LEGAL SIZED ADULT WALLEYE  
2 POPULATION IS SUSTAINED FOR 5 STRONG YEAR CLASSES, REPRESENTED BY A  
3 MINIMUM OF 25 INDIVIDUAL WALLEYE OF EACH AGE GROUP IN THE  
4 POPULATION ESTIMATE SAMPLE.

5 (B) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL LAKE IN WHICH THE WALLEYE POPULATION IS  
6 SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE FISH STOCK PRIORITY  
7 REGION, THE STOCKING RATE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 75 SPRING WALLEYE  
8 FINGERLINGS PER ACRE.

9 (C) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL LAKE WITH A HIGHLY COMPROMISED WALLEYE  
10 POPULATION, THE STOCKING RATE SHALL BE A MINIMUM OF 100 SPRING  
11 WALLEYE FINGERLINGS PER ACRE.

12 (3) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

13 (A) "FINGERLING" MEANS A FISH BETWEEN 1.50 AND 2 INCHES IN  
14 LENGTH.

15 (B) "FISH STOCKING PRIORITY REGION" MEANS A REGION THAT MEETS  
16 BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

17 (i) THE REGION CONSISTS OF 2 OR MORE CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES WITH A  
18 COMBINED POPULATION OF NOT LESS THAN 34,000 AND NOT MORE THAN  
19 41,000 RESIDENTS.

20 (ii) THE REGION CONTAINS AT LEAST 130 INLAND LAKES.