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Senate Bill 251 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Ed McBroom  
Committee: Natural Resources

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend Part 467 (Modification of Commercial Fishing Laws) and Part 473 (Commercial Fishing) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to do the following:

- Allow certain trap nets to be set at depth of no more than 150, instead of 80, feet.
- Allow a designee of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) acting in compliance with a permit issued by the DNR to take fish for the purpose of fish culture and scientific investigation, to hold fish in order to take spawn from the fish, and to sell ripe or unripe fish to defray expenses incurred in taking, fertilizing, and planting spawn from the fish.

The bill also would prohibit a person from taking whitefish from Lake Huron or Lake Michigan from November 1 to November 30, instead of from October 1 to December 10, and from Lake Superior from November 1 to November 30, instead of from November 1 to November 26.

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Legislative Analyst: Dana Adams

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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