

HOUSE BILL No. 4020

January 11, 1989, Introduced by Reps. Van Singel and Knight and referred to the Committee on Tourism, Fisheries and Wildlife.

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter III of Act No. 165 of the Public Acts of 1929, entitled as amended "Michigan sportsmen fishing law," as added by Act No. 317 of the Public Acts of 1984, being section 303.11 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 11 of chapter III of Act No. 165 of the
2 Public Acts of 1929, as added by Act No. 317 of the Public Acts
3 of 1984, being section 303.11 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 CHAPTER III

6 Sec. 11. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
7 act, coho (silver) salmon and chinook salmon may be taken from
8 September 10 to October 25 by means of catching or snagging in
9 the mouth of or on the body of the fish with unweighted double-

1 or treble-pointed hooks not exceeding 3/8-inch from point to
2 shank, unweighted single-pointed hooks not exceeding 1/2-inch
3 from point to shank, or by artificial baits, in the following
4 locations:

5 (a) The Sable river between Hamlin dam and the mouth of the
6 Sable river in Mason county.

7 (b) The Pere Marquette river between signs located 1/4 mile
8 upstream and 3/4 mile downstream from Scottville bridge in Mason
9 county.

10 (c) The big Manistee river between the Tippy dam and signs
11 posted approximately 1 mile downstream from the Tippy dam in
12 Manistee county.

13 ~~(d) The Muskegon river between the Croton dam and the~~
14 ~~access site located at Pine avenue in Newaygo county.~~

15 (2) Following the 1985 and 1986 snagging season, the depart-
16 ment of natural resources shall conduct a study examining the
17 economic impact caused by the elimination of snagging on the Au
18 Sable river. A copy of the study shall be submitted to the leg-
19 islature not later than January 25 of 1986 and 1987.

20 (3) Requirements for permits, licensing, and fees, and
21 limits on the number of coho (silver) salmon and chinook salmon
22 which may be caught, killed, or in possession pursuant to this
23 section shall be the same as requirements provided for the taking
24 of those fish in this act and rules adopted by the commission of
25 natural resources pursuant to section 10 of this chapter and in
26 the hunting and fishing license act, Act No. 86 of the Public
27 Acts of 1980, being sections 316.101 to 316.902 of the Michigan

1 Compiled Laws. In addition, commencing with the 1985 salmon
2 snagging season, a person taking any salmon pursuant to this sec-
3 tion shall obtain an annual salmon snagging stamp. The fee for
4 the stamp shall be \$7.25. The proceeds of the sale of the salmon
5 snagging stamp shall be credited to the game and fish protection
6 fund.

7 (4) The department of natural resources shall manage fish-
8 eries on the Pere Marquette river at or above the site of the
9 lamprey blocking weir.

10 (5) The department of natural resources shall establish coho
11 (silver) salmon and chinook salmon stocking programs in salmon
12 snagging locations to maintain the salmon population and insure
13 the availability of spawning salmon in the salmon snagging loca-
14 tions prescribed in this section.

15 (6) As used in this section:

16 (a) "Artificial bait" means a fish lure or fly that is manu-
17 factured in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait, and
18 used to attract and to catch fish.

19 (b) "Unweighted hook" means a hook to which no weight is
20 attached. Unweighted hook does not include a hook fastened rig-
21 idly to an artificial bait by soldering, gluing, wrapping, or
22 similar means.

23 (7) This section shall not apply beginning 3 years after the
24 effective date of this section.