

Annual Regulatory Plan 2024-2025

Department of Natural Resources  
Executive Division

1. Rule(s) to be **processed** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. [Give a brief description.]

R 299.3001 – R 299.3099 Department Organization and General Functions - The rules provide the organizational structure, methods of operation, and declaratory ruling process for the Department. Website links need to be updated.

2. Rules that are obsolete or superseded and can be **rescinded** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Also, please identify the rules or rule sets that are least important to the mission and function of the agency or are otherwise strong candidates for rescission.

None.

3. Has the agency failed to promulgate any statutorily required rules **or** failed to utilize any statutorily required rules? Please explain.

No.

4. Please indicate the rules that are most problematic to industry and could be reviewed to determine the most business-friendly method of regulation.

None.

- A. Describe whether there is a continued need for the rules.

The retained rules remain necessary.

- B. Provide a summary of any complaints or comments received from the public concerning the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the rules for the Executive Division.

- C. Describe the complexity of complying with the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the complexity of complying with the rules for the Executive Division.

- D. Describe whether the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules or regulations adopted by the federal government or local units of government.

There is no known conflict with any similar rules or regulations.

- E. Provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

The rules were evaluated as part of EO 2011-5 and yearly thereafter for ARPs.

5. Please provide the URL link the department or bureau is currently using to display their administrative rules.

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6. Please provide a list of the items identified for action in the 2024 ARP that have been completed and those that remain outstanding.

Completed – None.

Outstanding – R 299.3001 – R 299.3099 Department Organization and General Functions.

**Department of Natural Resources  
Fisheries Division**

1. Rule(s) to be **processed** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. [Give a brief description.]

**R 299.721 – R 299.846 Commercial Fishing**  
**R 299.1061 Marketing of Imported Commercial and Game Fish**  
**R 299.1071 – R 299.1079 Commercial Fishing**  
The above rule sets describe commercial fishing areas, gear, licenses, and other specifics related to the industry.

2. Rules that are obsolete or superseded and can be **rescinded** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Also, please identify the rules or rule sets that are least important to the mission and function of the agency or are otherwise strong candidates for rescission.

**R 299.721 – R 299.846 Commercial Fishing**  
**R 299.1061 Marketing of Imported Commercial and Game Fish**  
**R 299.1071 – R 299.1079 Commercial Fishing**  
The above rulesets would need to be rescinded if statutory amendments to Parts 467 or 473 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, PA 451 of 1994, are ever adopted. House Bills 5108 and 5553 were introduced during the 2023-2024 legislative session that would have amended Part 473, but at this time have not been signed into law. If these bills or similar bills are introduced to modify commercial fishing laws and adopted by the legislature during this legislative session, it would likely allow for the rescission/amendment of the listed rulesets as appropriate.

3. Has the agency failed to promulgate any statutorily required rules **or** failed to utilize any statutorily required rules? Please explain.

No.

4. Please indicate the rules that are most problematic to industry and could be reviewed to determine the most business-friendly method of regulation.

Some sections within the listed rules are problematic to industry but cannot be rescinded until Parts 467 and 473 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act are amended.

- A. Describe whether there is a continued need for the rules.

Currently, a continued need for the rules exists to properly regulate state-licensed commercial fishing.

- B. Provide a summary of any complaints or comments received from the public concerning the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the rules for the Fisheries Division.

- C. Describe the complexity of complying with the rules.

The Department has not received any comments regarding the complexity of complying with the rules for the Fisheries Division.

- D. Describe whether the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules or regulations adopted by the federal government or local units of government.

There is no known conflict with any other similar rules or regulations.

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E. Provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

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6. Please provide a list of the items identified for action in the 2024 ARP that have been completed and those that remain outstanding.

Completed – None.

Outstanding and dependent on future legislative action:

R 299.721 – R 299.846 Commercial Fishing

R 299.1061 Marketing of Imported Commercial and Game Fish

R 299.1071 – R 299.1079 Commercial Fishing

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**Department of Natural Resources  
Forest Resources Division**

1. Rule(s) to be **processed** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. [Give a brief description.]

None.

2. Rules that are obsolete or superseded and can be **rescinded** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Also, please identify the rules or rule sets that are least important to the mission and function of the agency or are otherwise strong candidates for rescission.

None.

3. Has the agency failed to promulgate any statutorily required rules **or** failed to utilize any statutorily required rules? Please explain.

No.

4. Please indicate the rules that are most problematic to industry and could be reviewed to determine the most business-friendly method of regulation.

None.

- A. Describe whether there is a continued need for the rules.

The retained rules remain necessary.

- B. Provide a summary of any complaints or comments received from the public concerning the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the rules for the Forest Resources Division.

- C. Describe the complexity of complying with the rules.

The Department has not received any comments regarding the complexity of complying with the rules for the Forest Resources Division.

- D. Describe whether the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules or regulations adopted by the federal government or local units of government.

There are no known conflicts with any other similar rules of regulations.

- E. Provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

The rules were evaluated as part of EO 2011-5 and yearly thereafter for ARPs.

5. Please provide the URL link the department or bureau is currently using to display their administrative rules.

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6. Please provide a list of the items identified for action in the 2024 ARP that have been completed and those that remain outstanding.

Completed - R 299.2601 - R 299.2612 Commercial Forests

Outstanding - None

**Department of Natural Resources  
Law Enforcement Division**

1. Rule(s) to be **processed** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. [Give a brief description.]

R 281.700.1 – R 281.783.1 Special Local Watercraft Controls: watercraft controls related to safety and navigation enacted by local units of government that have been rescinded, amended, or superseded by more recent ordinances/controls.  
R 281.1101 – R 281.1114 State Uniform Waterway Marking System: outlines requirements for regulatory markers or other aids to navigation on any waters within the territorial limits of this state; requirements need to be updated to comply with recent federal changes.  
R 281.1221 – R 281.1226 Marine Collisions, Accidents, or Other Casualties: establish reporting requirements in the event of a collision on waters in Michigan’s jurisdiction.  
R 281.1231 – R 281.1252 Associated Equipment on Vessels: amend definitions and descriptions of required equipment to align with updates to federal law.  
R 299.921 – R 299.933 – State Land Use Rule for unlawful acts on State-managed lands; update and clarify definitions and rules related to uses of lands managed by the state.

2. Rules that are obsolete or superseded and can be **rescinded** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Also, please identify the rules or rule sets that are least important to the mission and function of the agency or are otherwise strong candidates for rescission.

None.

3. Has the agency failed to promulgate any statutorily required rules **or** failed to utilize any statutorily required rules? Please explain.

No.

4. Please indicate the rules that are most problematic to industry and could be reviewed to determine the most business-friendly method of regulation.

All rules are required and/or necessary to meet statutory requirements and/or address public safety concerns.

A. Describe whether there is a continued need for the rules.

The retained rules remain necessary.

B. Provide a summary of any complaints or comments received from the public concerning the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the rules.

C. Describe the complexity of complying with the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the complexity of complying with the rules.

D. Describe whether the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules or regulations adopted by the federal government or local units of government.

The marine-related rules will be updated to align with and provide consistency with federal standards.

E. Provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

The rules were evaluated as part of EO 2011-5 and yearly thereafter for ARPs.

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5. Please provide the URL link the department or bureau is currently using to display their administrative rules.

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6. Please provide a list of the items identified for action in the 2024 ARP that have been completed and those that remain outstanding.

Completed –

R 257.1691- Placement of ORV Decal.

R 299.922 -- State Land Use Rule for unlawful acts State-managed land other than parks, recreation areas, game and wildlife areas, designated campgrounds and access sites; now allows for certain dogs to be off leash when participating in certain activities.

Outstanding –

R 281.1221 – R 281.1226 Marine Collisions, Accidents, or Other Casualties.

R 281.1231 – R 281.1252 Associated Equipment on Vessels.

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**Department of Natural Resources  
Michigan History Center**

1. Rule(s) to be **processed** between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. [Give brief description.]

**R 399.101-399.102 Site Protection**

The Department will consider amendments to make technical updates to the rule to address inaccurate statutory citations and departmental organizational changes.

2. Rules that are obsolete or superseded and can be **rescinded** between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024. Also, please identify the rules or rule sets that are least important to the mission and function of the agency, or are otherwise strong candidates for rescission.

None.

3. Has the agency failed to promulgate any statutorily required rules **or** failed to utilize any statutorily required rules? Please explain.

No.

4. Please indicate the rules that are most problematic to industry and could be reviewed to determine the most business-friendly method of regulation.

None.

- A. Describe whether there is a continued need for the rules.

The rule is necessary to provide basic protection of state lands not covered by other rules but requires technical changes as described.

- B. Provide a summary of any complaints or comments received from the public concerning the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the rule for the Michigan History Center.

- C. Describe the complexity of complying with the rules.

The rule is currently confusing due to changes in state statute and government organization but does not present significant complexity related to compliance.

- D. Describe whether the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules or regulations adopted by the federal government or local units of government.

There is no known conflict with any similar rules or regulations.

- E. Provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

The rule was promulgated in 1983. The History Center is now under a new authorizing law and is in a different department.

5. Please provide the URL link the department or bureau is currently using to display their administrative rules.

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6. Please provide a list of the items identified for action in the 2023 ARP that have been completed and those that remain outstanding.

Completed – None.

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Outstanding -- R 399.101-R 399.102 Site Protection

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**Department of Natural Resources  
Minerals Management Section**

1. Rule(s) to be **processed** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. [Give a brief description.]

None.

2. Rules that are obsolete or superseded and can be **rescinded** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Also, please identify the rules or rule sets that are least important to the mission and function of the agency or are otherwise strong candidates for rescission.

None.

3. Has the agency failed to promulgate any statutorily required rules **or** failed to utilize any statutorily required rules? Please explain.

No.

4. Please indicate the rules that are most problematic to industry and could be reviewed to determine the most business-friendly method of regulation.

All rules within the Minerals Management Section have been reviewed and updated within the last five years with the opportunity for industry input and comment. The Minerals Management Section will continue to review rules and communicate with industry to determine reasonable future revisions to the rules, but at this point, all rules are functioning efficiently.

- A. Describe whether there is a continued need for the rules.

The retained rules remain necessary.

- B. Provide a summary of any complaints or comments received from the public concerning the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the rules for the Minerals Management Section.

- C. Describe the complexity of complying with the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the complexity of complying with the rules for the Minerals Management Section. Additionally, the 2020 amendments to the rules eliminated some complexity resulting from outdated information in the rules.

- D. Describe whether the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules or regulations adopted by the federal government or local units of government.

There is no known conflict with any similar rules or regulations.

- E. Provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

The rules were evaluated as part of EO 2011-5 and yearly thereafter for ARPs. The 2020 amendments to the Oil and Gas Leasing Rules updated the rules to acknowledge technological advances by allowing for online auctions rather than requiring in person auctions.

5. Please provide the URL link the department or bureau is currently using to display their administrative rules.

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6. Please provide a list of the items identified for action in the 2024 ARP that have been completed and those that remain outstanding.

Completed – None. (No action identified in 2023-2024 ARP.)  
Outstanding – None.

**Department of Natural Resources  
Parks and Recreation Division**

1. Rule(s) to be **processed** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. [Give a brief description.]

**R 257.1501-257.1511 State Aid for Snowmobile Safety Programs**

The Advisory Rules Committee made a recommendation to generally update the rules to conform to statute. The DNR will continue to consider possible updates over the next year.

**R 299.671(f) Definition**

The definition of “Director” needs to be updated to remove “department of natural resources and environment” and replace it with “department of natural resources.”

2. Rules that are obsolete or superseded and can be **rescinded** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Also, please identify the rules or rule sets that are least important to the mission and function of the agency or are otherwise strong candidates for rescission.

None.

3. Has the agency failed to promulgate any statutorily required rules **or** failed to utilize any statutorily required rules? Please explain.

No.

4. Please indicate the rules that are most problematic to industry and could be reviewed to determine the most business-friendly method of regulation.

None.

- A. Describe whether there is a continued need for the rules.

The retained rules are necessary.

- B. Provide a summary of any complaints or comments received from the public concerning the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the rules for the Parks and Recreation Division.

- C. Describe the complexity of complying with the rules.

The Department has not received any comments regarding the complexity of complying with the rules for the Parks and Recreation Division.

- D. Describe whether the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules or regulations adopted by the federal government or local units of government.

There is no known conflict with any similar rules or regulations.

- E. Provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

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Completed—none.

Outstanding:

R 257.1501-257.1511 State Aid for Snowmobile Safety Programs

R 299.671(f) Definition of “Director”

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**Department of Natural Resources  
Wildlife Division**

1. Rule(s) to be **processed** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. [Give a brief description.]

None.

2. Rules that are obsolete or superseded and can be **rescinded** between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Also, please identify the rules or rule sets that are least important to the mission and function of the agency or are otherwise strong candidates for rescission.

None.

3. Has the agency failed to promulgate any statutorily required rules **or** failed to utilize any statutorily required rules? Please explain.

No.

4. Please indicate the rules that are most problematic to industry and could be reviewed to determine the most business-friendly method of regulation.

None.

- A. Describe whether there is a continued need for the rules.

The retained rules remain necessary.

- B. Provide a summary of any complaints or comments received from the public concerning the rules.

The Department has not received any complaints or comments regarding the rules for the Wildlife Division.

- C. Describe the complexity of complying with the rules.

The Department has not received any comments regarding the complexity of complying with the rules for the Wildlife Division.

- D. Describe whether the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules or regulations adopted by the federal government or local units of government.

There is no known conflict with any similar rules or regulations.

- E. Provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed regulatory activity covered by the rules.

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6. Please provide a list of the items identified for action in the 2024 ARP that have been completed and those that remain outstanding.

Complete – None (no action identified in the 2024 ARP)  
Outstanding – None