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## DNR Announces Online Newsletter for Southeast Michigan Fisheries Activities

A new online newsletter that details the fisheries activities in Southeast Michigan, specifically in the Lake Erie Management Unit (LEMU) is now available on the Department of Natural Resources Web site. The newsletter can be found at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr), in the Fishing Section.

“This document is intended to inform anglers about fishery management activities and surveys during the 2007 field season,” said LEMU Supervisor Gary Towns. “Lake and stream fish surveys, along with fisheries habitat construction and evaluations, are included. We hope to make this an annual publication which will keep anglers updated on what we have been doing to manage fish populations in this area.”

Largely authored by DNR Fisheries Technician Dennis Tar and Fisheries Biologist Jim Francis, the newsletter is a collection of specific findings from fish surveys on local waters and of fish plantings and other activities conducted in 2007 in all or part of 10 southeastern counties of the state. The LEMU includes all or part of Sanilac, St. Clair, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Wayne, Monroe, Lenawee, Hillsdale or Jackson counties. The LEMU manages lakes and streams within the Black, Clinton, Huron, Rouge, Raisin, Pine and Belle river watersheds.

The newsletter will also contain information on fishery activities on the Great Lakes waters in southeastern Michigan, including the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie.

The newsletter will explain why certain samples are taken in fish surveys and what the resulting information can tell the DNR fisheries managers. The history of fish management on some lakes and streams also is included. This collective information leads to specific actions like fish plantings, special regulations on some waters, and the protection or rehabilitation of certain habitats.

Anglers are also reminded that fish survey reports on most public waters in Southeast Michigan are available from the DNR’s Fisheries staff at the Southfield Operations Service Center upon request by calling 248-359-9040.

Anglers also should note that a map showing the walleye regulations for the 2008 fishing season on the Detroit and St. Clair rivers, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie - for Michigan, Ontario and Ohio - is also posted on the DNR Web site under the Fishing section.

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