State Fish

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BROOK TROUT

Michigan lawmakers chose the trout as the official State Fish in 1965. Since four trout species are found in Michigan—brook, brown, rainbow, and lake—many felt that clarification was needed. Legislation enacted in 1988 designated the Brook Trout as Michigan's official State Fish. The trout lives in many of Michigan's lakes, rivers, and streams. Sportspersons love it for its gameness, good flavor, rich flesh, and pretty colors. Most trout live year-round in fresh water.

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