

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5481

A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled  
"Natural resources and environmental protection act,"  
by amending section 48721 (MCL 324.48721), as added by 1995 PA 57.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 48721. (1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in an order~~  
2 ~~authorized under part 411, a~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE AN ORDER  
3 UNDER PART 411 ESTABLISHING POSSESSION LIMITS OF FISH CONSISTENT  
4 WITH THIS SECTION. A person shall not ~~in a single day catch, kill,~~  
5 ~~or have in possession at any 1 time more than the number of fish~~  
6 ~~indicated as follows:~~  
7 ~~—— (a) Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, steelhead, lake~~  
8 ~~trout, and splake, in any combination of species, 10 when taken~~  
9 ~~from rivers and streams or 5 when taken from inland lakes or Great~~  
10 ~~Lakes, but not more than 10 pounds and 1 fish.~~

~~—— (b) Largemouth and smallmouth black bass, 5.~~

~~—— (c) Bluegills, sunfish, warmouth bass, rock bass, and  
crappies, 25 aggregate of any 1 species or in any combination of  
species.~~

~~—— (d) Pike perch, 5. Any person may take and possess 10 pike  
perch when legally taken in the connecting waters or the waters of  
the Great Lakes.~~

~~—— (e) Saugers, 20, when taken from the waters commonly known as  
the Portage canal and including Portage lake and Torch lake, all in  
Houghton county. Saugers when so taken shall not be bought or sold.~~

~~—— (f) Northern pike, 5.~~

~~—— (g) Landlocked salmon, 5.~~

~~—— (h) White bass, 10; 25 when taken from the Great Lakes or  
connecting waters.~~

~~—— (i) Whitefish, 12.~~

~~—— (j) Sturgeon, 2 per season. A person shall not possess  
sturgeon on or along the shores of an inland water except during  
the months of January and February.~~

~~—— (k) Perch, 50 in the Upper Peninsula and all waters of the  
Great Lakes that are within the jurisdiction of this state and are  
10 or fewer miles from a border of the Upper Peninsula; in all  
other waters of the state, 100. POSSESS MORE THAN THE DAILY  
POSSESSION LIMIT OR AGGREGATE DAILY POSSESSION LIMIT, AS  
APPLICABLE, OF FISH AT THE PLACE WHERE THE FISH WERE TAKEN OR IN  
ROUTE FROM THAT PLACE TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:~~

~~(A) HIS OR HER AUTOMOBILE OR OTHER PRINCIPAL MEANS OF LAND  
TRANSPORTATION.~~

1 (B) HIS OR HER RESIDENCE OR TEMPORARY PLACE OF LODGING.

2 ~~— (2) A person shall not in a single day catch, kill, or possess~~  
3 ~~more than a combined total of 5 largemouth or smallmouth bass,~~  
4 ~~pike perch, and northern pike, except that a person may take and~~  
5 ~~possess a combined total of 10 of those fish when taken in the~~  
6 ~~connecting waters or the waters of the Great Lakes.~~

7 (2) IN ADDITION TO 1 DAY'S POSSESSION LIMIT OF FISH, A PERSON  
8 MAY POSSESS AN ADDITIONAL 2 DAYS' POSSESSION LIMIT OF FISH THAT ARE  
9 PROCESSED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING METHODS:

10 (A) CANNING IN A SEALED CONTAINER.

11 (B) CURING BY SMOKING OR DRYING.

12 (C) FREEZING IN A SOLID STATE.

13 (3) A PERSON'S PROCESSED FISH ABOARD A VESSEL, ON THE WATER OR  
14 AT DOCKSIDE, SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE PERSON'S POSSESSION  
15 FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (2).

16 (4) ~~(3)~~ A person shall not possess a fish illegally taken.

17 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect April 1,  
18 2011.

19 Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect  
20 unless House Bill No. 5662 of the 95th Legislature is enacted into  
21 law.