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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Fisheries Division

Department of Natural Resources

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The Fisheries Division, Department of Natural Resources, is responsible for fisheries management in the State. The mission of the Division is to protect and enhance the public trust in populations and habitats of fish and other forms of aquatic life and aquatic habitat and to promote optimum use of these resources for the benefit of the people of Michigan.

Audit Objective:
To assess the effectiveness of the Fisheries Division's efforts to ensure that fish released into Michigan water bodies are disease free.

Audit Conclusion:
We concluded that the Fisheries Division was effective in its efforts to ensure that fish released into Michigan water bodies are disease free. However, we noted a reportable condition related to disease testing of non-salmonid fish species (Finding 1).

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Audit Objective:
To assess the effectiveness of the Fisheries Division's efforts to evaluate its success in meeting its mission, goals, and objectives.

Audit Conclusion:
We concluded that the Fisheries Division was moderately effective in its efforts to evaluate its success in meeting its mission, goals, and objectives. We noted reportable conditions related to implementing continuous quality improvement processes and identifying and evaluating angler preferences (Findings 2 and 3).

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Audit Objective:
To evaluate the effectiveness of the Fisheries Division's policies and procedures for minimizing fish loss at State-managed fish hatcheries.

Audit Conclusion:
We concluded that the Fisheries Division's policies and procedures for minimizing fish loss at State-managed fish hatcheries were effective. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this objective.

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Agency Response:
Our audit report includes 3 findings and 3 corresponding recommendations. The Division's preliminary response indicates that it agrees with 2 recommendations and partially agrees with 1 recommendation.

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