

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FISHERIES DIVISION
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN AND RESPONSE
Performance Audit Period: January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017
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Audit Recommendations	Agency Response
We recommend that the Fisheries Division generate timely aquatic survey reports.	Agrees and will comply
We recommend that Fisheries Division locations maintain complete inventory records of fisheries equipment and property in accordance with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) policy.	Agrees and will comply
We recommend that the Fisheries Division periodically review permits issued by local units of government and conduct site visits prior to issuing private land use permits for properties within Michigan’s designated natural river areas.	Agrees and will comply
We recommend that the Fisheries Division take sufficient action to obtain annual reports from local units of government that regulate private land use on designated rivers	Agrees and will comply
We recommend that the Fisheries Division complete all recommended maintenance, monitoring, and planning activities for dams for which it is responsible.	Partially agrees and will comply

Recommendation #1

We recommend that the Fisheries Division generate timely aquatic survey reports.

Corrective Action Plan

The Division is currently engaged in quality assurance/quality control work with respect to unfinished surveys and the computer application that supports our survey data. A new software platform is currently being developed. The Division will assess and identify the appropriate number of surveys to be completed each year to avoid a backlog. Corrective actions are currently underway. Expected completion date for all activities is September 30, 2020.

Recommendation #2

We recommend that Fisheries Division locations maintain complete inventory records of fisheries equipment and property in accordance with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) policy.

Corrective Action Plan

The DNR is currently working with the Department of Technology, Management and Budget on a new enterprise asset management system that will assist in managing DNR facilities and equipment. The DNR will evaluate and make necessary modifications to and/or rewrite the current DNR Policy 04.02.15 to ensure it remains appropriate and relevant. Corrective actions are currently underway. Expected completion date is September 30, 2020.

Recommendation #3

We recommend that the Fisheries Division periodically review permits issued by local units of government and conduct site visits prior to issuing private land use permits for properties within Michigan's designated natural river areas.

Corrective Action Plan

The Division will develop and maintain a database of permits issued by local units of government. Staff will enter into the database the type of review conducted to ensure the permitted activity complies with the law. Corrective actions are currently underway utilizing existing staff. The Division will address site visits by providing additional staff resources, thereby allowing staff to allocate more time to site visits. The Division recently completed the posting, interviewing, and hiring of an additional staff position that will increase our capacity to address and fulfill these requirements. Expected completion date is September 30, 2019.

Recommendation #4

We recommend that the Fisheries Division take sufficient action to obtain annual reports from local units of government that regulate private land use on designated rivers

Corrective Action Plan

The Division currently maintains a database of permit applications received by local units of government. The Division annually reaches out to local units of government with a formal notice asking them to submit their annual report. The Division will send an additional reminder letter by July 1 of each year. Corrective actions are currently underway. Expected completion date is September 30, 2018.

Recommendation #5

We recommend that the Fisheries Division complete all recommended maintenance, monitoring, and planning activities for dams for which it is responsible.

Corrective Action Plan

The Division will develop and maintain locally controlled databases of dam management recommendations. The database will allow for tracking of maintenance, monitoring, and planning activities as well as the respective completion dates. In addition, the Division will work with the Department of Environmental Quality to establish timelines for completing said activities. Expected completion date is September 30, 2020.