DNR FISHERIES DIVISION

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Who we are

- 163 FTEs, 27 seasonal career, 6 limited term, 5 vacancies
- Sections/Units
 - Aquatic Species & Regulatory Affairs
 - Fish Production
 - Habitat Management Unit
 - Lake Erie
 - Lake Huron
 - Lake Michigan
 - Lake Superior
 - Program Support
 - Research
 - Tribal Coordination



What we *manage*

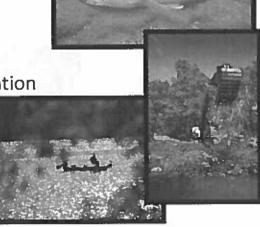
- 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline
- 11,000 inland lakes
- Tens of thousands of miles of rivers & streams
- More acreage of water than any other state



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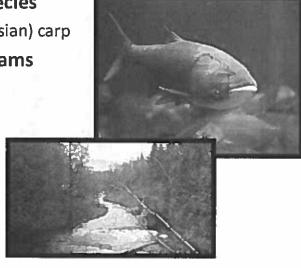
What we **do**

- Healthy Ecosystems
- Sustainable Fisheries
- Partnerships
- Assessment
- Outreach & Education



Healthy Ecosystems

- Invasive Species
 - Invasive (Asian) carp
- Grant Programs
 - Dams
 - Habitat



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Sustainable Fisheries

- Fish Stocking
 - 22.2 million fish stocked in 2018
 - 13 different species
 - More than 1,000 locations
- Regulations
- Consent Decrees



Partnerships

- Walleye Ponds
- Arctic Grayling
- Friends of the Hatcheries
- Citizen Advisory
 Committees



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Assessments

- Great Lakes
 - Lake Trout
 - Lake Whitefish
- Inland Surveys
 - Lakes
 - Streams



Outreach & Education

Programs

- Family Friendly Fishing Waters
- Trout Trails
- Master Angler
- Free Fishing Weekends
- Hatchery Visitor Centers

Communication

- Email
- Social Media
- Videos



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