

# Attention Anglers

Michigan DNR sportfishing regulations manage this stream for lake-run (coaster) brook trout using a **20-inch minimum size limit and 1-fish daily possession limit for brook trout, splake, and lake trout.**

The harvest season for these species extends from the last Saturday in April to September 30.

The entire Pilgrim River in Houghton County and lower reaches of other Lake Superior tributaries in portions of Baraga and Marquette Counties offer habitat for brook trout that periodically migrate into these streams. Current distributions of coaster brook trout in Michigan and elsewhere suggest that having protective stream and Lake Superior sport fishing regulations may lead to increased spawning runs of Lake Superior brook trout. The brook trout size limit and possession limits here match those of adjacent Lake Superior waters.

These regulations are being evaluated as part of a Sport Fish Restoration funded study that is scheduled to run for at least 10 years (2025). Streams are sampled via electrofishing on a 3-year rotation in fall to assess relative changes over time in brook trout abundance, size, and age structure. A volunteer angler diary program is also part of the evaluation, and interested anglers should contact the DNR. Evaluation of findings will be contained in annual progress reports for the study and a final report will be produced at its conclusion. **Your compliance with these regulations will help migratory brook trout populations.**

Rivers with these regulations and the upstream boundary where they occur on each river are shown below.



- **Pilgrim River** to its headwaters, and all tributaries
- **Silver River** to Silver River Falls
- **Slate River** to Slate River Falls
- **Ravine River** to Sicotte Road
- **Big Huron River** to Big Eric's Bridge
- **Little Huron River** to unnamed road at T52N, R29W, S20
- **Iron River** to Lake Independence Dam
- **Big Garlic River** and tributaries to County Road 550

These regulations also apply to the **Portage/Torch Lake system**, which includes Portage-Torch Lake, Portage River, and Portage Canal in Houghton County).

-You may contact the following with any questions or comments;

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