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WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND FISHING
Unit II

Things To Do:

- (1) Become acquainted with the Fishing laws of Michigan. Discuss why we have these regulations.
- (2) Know the more common varieties of fish found in Michigan and where they are found. You should be familiar with the fish in your locality.
- (3) Keep a fishing "log"- of at least three fishing trips - (date, kind of fish caught, size of fish, kind of bait, type of equipment, time of day, hours spent fishing, etc).
- (4) Learn about fish foods and their homes (this can help you in your understanding of fishing.)
- (5) Demonstrate how to clean a fish and prepare it for cooking.
- (6) Pollution: Check each fishing site.

Additional Activities:

1. Invite your local conservation officer or Fish Biologist to give a talk at one of your meetings.
2. Learn something about the methods of catching three different kinds of fish and be able to demonstrate.
3. Give a demonstration on how to flycast, how to spin cast; or how to bait cast. Be able to identify the different parts of your equipment.

References:

1. "Fishing" in Michigan, Michigan Department of Conservation, Lansing 26, Michigan.
2. "Fish for More Fishermen" - Michigan Department of Conservation, Lansing 26, Michigan. (Added resource materials are listed in the back of this 48 page booklet --write for the film list on fish and fishing.)

Exhibit Suggestions:

- (1) A location map showing where you fished with a record of your catch.
- (2) Display a poster on fish anatomy, identify the main parts of the fish, and exhibit.
- (3) An exhibit on fish habitat, fish foods or fish reproduction.
- (4) Scrapbooks on fishing with highlights of your project activities.

Sources of Information:

1. Michigan Department of Conservation, Fish Division, Lansing 33, Michigan
 - Regional Office (south) - Kalamazoo Plaza, Lansing 33, Michigan
 - Regional Office (north) - Roscommon, Michigan
 - Regional Office (U. P.) - Box 238, Marquette, Michigan
2. Fisheries and Wildlife Department, 3 Natural Science Building, MSU, East Lansing.
3. Your local resources--Sportsman; Sporting Goods stores; Conservation offices and others.