

STUDY PERFORMANCE REPORT

State: Michigan

Project No.: F-81-R-3

Study No.: 490

Title: Assessment of steelhead and brown trout populations in eastern Lake Michigan.

Period Covered: October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002

Study Objectives: To evaluate the status and health of steelhead and brown trout stocks by assessing growth, abundance, diet composition, general health, and incidence of disease.

Summary: Stomach samples from steelhead and brown trout collected from 1994 through 2001 have been collected and evaluated. Data are being entered into databases and analyzed results will be included in the December 2003 final report. A final report/draft manuscript will be submitted to the Fisheries Division's Editing and Finishing Process for Publication of Research and Technical reports by December 31, 2002.

Findings: Jobs 4 and 6 were scheduled for 2001-02, and progress is reported below.

Job 4. Title: Obtain data on diets of steelhead and brown trout in eastern Lake Michigan.— Stomach samples from steelhead and brown trout collected from 1994 through 2001 have been collected and evaluated. Data are being entered into databases and analyzed results will be included in the December 2003 final report.

Job 6. Title: Coordinate with other studies, process and analyze data; write reports.—A final report/draft manuscript will be submitted to the Fisheries Division's Editing and Finishing Process for Publication of Research and Technical reports by December 31, 2002. This manuscript will be published as a Fisheries Research Report during 2002-03, and submitted as a final report December 2003.

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