

Proposed Emergency Resolution
Requires 2/3 Majority

Submitted by: Eric Braden, Executive Board
Proposed: November 1, 2023 Executive Board Meeting
Title: MUCC Opposition to the Nyberg Amendment

1. **WHEREAS:** The Nyberg Steelhead Amendment – Presented during the October NRC Meeting
2. Amends proposed Fisheries order 200.23A, and;
3. **WHEREAS:** MUCC supports equal access & opportunity of take for all Sportsmen &
4. Sportswomen, and;
5. **WHEREAS:** MUCC Supports the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) management of
6. Michigan’s Fisheries & Wildlife populations utilizing “Principles of sound scientific Management”
7. as noted in Public Act 377 of 1996 “Proposal G”, and:
8. **WHEREAS:** MUCC Supports the 2014 Michigan Ballot Initiative (Scientific Fish & Wildlife
9. Conservation Act), where 374,000 sportsmen and sportswomen’s signatures initiated an indirect
10. state statute. The initiative empowered the NRC to be the sole designator of game species and
11. gave exclusive authority to the NRC to regulate sportfishing, and;
12. **WHEREAS:** The “Michigan Steelhead Management – Large River Creel Surveys to inform Status
13. of the fishery”, presenters Seth Herbst and Jay Wesley NRC Fisheries Subcommittee Meeting
14. September 14, 2023, indicated that the steelhead management goal is to provide year-round
15. steelhead angling opportunities to diverse user groups with differing ability levels and preferred
16. fishing methods in Michigan Great Lakes and connected waters. The presentation also included
17. “Steelhead Regulatory Recommendations” to retain existing steelhead regulations, continue to
18. collect information and reassess as the 2027 regulatory sunset approaches as the perceived
19. benefit of the restricted seasonal harvest wouldn’t be realized for several years. Additional
20. “Steelhead Regulatory recommendations” were made under the “Natural Steelhead – Summary of
21. Status” to Provide time to assess fishery dynamics as the Biological evidence does not indicate
22. changes are warranted, and;
23. **WHEREAS:** The proposed changes within the Nyberg Amendment would represent a restriction
24. of take mid-season creating confusion among anglers, NOW;
25. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** MUCC strongly opposes the proposed Nyberg Amendment
26. based upon information provided by MDNR Biologists, as outlined in the “Michigan Steelhead
27. Management – Large River Creel Surveys to inform Status of the fishery”, Presenters Seth Herbst
28. and Jay Wesley NRC Fisheries Subcommittee Meeting September 14, 2023, and;

29. **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the NRC work with the MDNR Biologist, State
30. Universities, Organizations and the many Citizens Fisheries Advisory Councils to provide and
31. assess information for the “Science-based” management of Michigan’s Fisheries.