

The Great Lakes Fishing and Sporting Alliance (GLFSA) is dedicated to protecting public access for all sportsmen and their families.

Our mission is to work for the management of our Natural Resources based on sound science. We promote resource management for the inclusion of all sportsmen. GLFSA encourages habitat improvement and management for the proliferation of our fish and wildlife populations.

We believe that any and all special regulations should be made only for the inclusion of all sportsmen and user groups and with the best interest of our fish and wildlife populations in mind.

The issue that motivated us to organize is the gear restrictions package - including bait and tackle exclusions - passed by the MI DNR in December 2010. This package effectively keeps entire user groups off of some of the best sections of our state's streams and rivers.

Our first goal is to repeal these gear restrictions so all fishermen, using any legal methods, can access all of our public waters. Michigan's DNR biologists have stated that gear restrictions have not increased the numbers or the size of the trout on the Pere Marquette River, where restrictions have been in place since the '70's. And study after study, including another five year review recently pre-released by the Michigan DNR on the Black River in the Pigeon River State Forest, has shown that gear restrictions have had no positive impact on brook trout populations there.

The GLFSA wants the best scientific management policies possible for our trout that promote conservation and preserve the best possible access for all of our anglers. For that reason we have started this grassroots organization and we are asking you to join us in repealing these rules that needlessly restrict public access to our resources.

Our power is in our numbers. Please consider becoming a free member of GLFSA. For more information please visit [www.GLFSA.org](http://www.GLFSA.org) or for instant membership see [GLFSA.org/forum](http://GLFSA.org/forum) to register. Join us and help win back our right to access and fish all public waters.