

	Comments
	Aquatic Resources
1	good as is.
2	<p>The "Pigeon River Natural River Plan" by the DNR as revised March 12, 2002 states under "Water Quality".</p> <p>"The Michigan Water Resources Commission has established by administrative rules intrastate water quality standards and use designations for the Pigeon River. It is to be protected for recreation â€" total body contact (i.e., swimming); intolerant fish â€" cold water species; industrial water supply; agricultural and commercial water supply; and other uses. Where water is to be protected for more than one use under these standards, the most restrictive individual standard of designated water use applies."</p> <p>This report seems to have completely left out "total body contact" as a use for the Pigeon River. It also seems to ignore that the standards for human use are to take precedent over the standards for "cold water species". Rather, it appears that this report has tried to put the standards for "cold water species" above the standards for "total body contact".</p>
3	<p>Aquatic Resources I donâ€™t know what the criteria are in Fisheries Order 213, but I donâ€™t think the Sturgeon River can be classified as a Type 5 trout stream. It is impossible to fly fish, based on my experiences, especially through the Green Timbers area. Designation as a Type 5 trout stream would only promote poaching.</p> <p>I support the designation of the Upper Black and Sturgeon Rivers and tributaries as Natural Rivers. This would seem to support my recommendation that the Pickerel Lake area be designated a Natural Area/Special Conservation (Preservation?) Area.</p> <p>Under principals for management of aquatic resources, number 5 should read: â€"Timber harvest and other strategies used to manage vegetative cover should be prohibited except as necessary to enhance wildlife habitat quality and preserve natural communitiesâ€".</p>
4	<p>Song of the Morning (Golden Lotus) has been very responsible with aquatic resources on its land. Rumors notwithstanding, the 1984 incident shows very little culpability on the part of SOM in that incident, and has tried to work very cooperatively with MDNR/DNR always. I would like to see a very friendly, supportive spirit of cooperation between all private landowners and the MDNR.</p>
5	SEE ABOVE
6	see above
7	<p>There are many references to specific documents that may no longer represent the Departmentâ€™s position twenty years from now. Perhaps the language should be rephrased to refer to â€"best practices as currently shown by #â€". A reference to the current document would provide the future Unit Manager with an idea of what the practices were and where they were best described.</p>

8	<p>If you are going to refer to other guidance documents, you at least need to include them in the appendix. You could explain them briefly in the body of the text.</p> <p>page 19 para one-Do you mean to convert all streams eventually to artificials only? I object to this approach. Say what you do mean. This is worded poorly. If you refer to reclassification to type 5, 6, or 7, then explain what you are talking about. What is Fisheries Order 213? I don't know and you didn't include it. Explain it briefly and put the details in the appendix.</p> <p>Why do you fail to mention rainbow trout?</p> <p>Why do you fail to mention Blue Lakes?</p> <p>page 20 item 5 what do you mean with coordinated with all resource management programs? State what you mean more clearly. Item 6 what is soft engineering? Where do you explain this?</p> <p>What specific beaver issues do you have? How are you purposing to deal with them? When you talk about dams in item 8 are you talking about beavers also?</p>
9	Agree as outlined in the Draft.
10	Keep it much the same as is. Limit canoe usage. Work with river associations and Trout Unlimited to keep streambanks from eroding and covering the gravel-beds with sand/silt.