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Michigan legislation of 1974 requires the listing of endangered and threatened fishes every two years. A committee of six experts recommends species for the lists. The Natural Heritage Program, Wildlife Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources compiles and administers the list. The species of fishes thought to be extirpated in Michigan will automatically be listed as threatened if rediscovered. The finding of any of these species should be reported to the National Heritage Program. The Natural Heritage Program will also answer specific questions on the listings. The species of fishes considered endangered, threatened or extirpated in Michigan in 1998 are listed below. The list is frequently updated and can be found at http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/Wildlife/Heritage/Thr_End/default.htm>.

16.1 Endangered fishes

Redside dace	Clinostomus elongatus (Kirtland)
Creek chubsucker	Erimyzon oblongus (Mitchill)
Silver shiner	Notropis photogenis (Cope)
Northern madtom	Noturus stigmosus Taylor
Pugnose minnow	Opsopoeodus emiliae Hay
River darter	Percina shumardi (Girard)
Channel darter	Percina copelandi (Jordan)
Southern redbelly dace	Phoxinus erythrogaster (Rafinesque)

16.2 Threatened fishes

Lake sturgeon	Acipenser fulvescens Rafinesque
Eastern sand darter	Ammocrypta pellucida (Putnam)
Lake herring	Coregonus artedi Lesueur
Shortjaw cisco	Coregonus zenithicus (Jordan and Evermann)
Mooneye	Hiodon tergisus Lesueur
Sauger	Stizostedion canadense (Smith)

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16.3 Extirpated fishes

Deepwater cisco	Coregonus johannae (Wagner)
Blackfin cisco	Coregonus nigripinnis (Gill)
Shortnose cisco	Coregonus reighardi (Koelz)
Bigeye chub	Notropis amblops (Rafinesque)
Ironcolor shiner	Notropis chalybaeus (Cope)
Weed shiner	Notropis texanus (Girard)
Paddlefish	Polyodon spathula (Walbaum)
Blue pike	Stizostedion vitreum glaucum Hubbs
Arctic grayling	Thymallus arcticus (Pallas)

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