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**Comments related to SB 612:
stocking brook trout in Lake Michigan**

Sierra Club opposes SB 612.

Some studies suggest that hatchery fish actually weaken the natal genetic stock of brook trout and are a bad idea. Given this, there is a potential detrimental impact on the ecosystem and other species when adding giant influxes of a single species for no reason other than "sport". The DNR should be the one to study potential impacts and determine what the eco-system can handle, not the legislature. Finally, without funding for this, the DNR may need use funding that is necessary for more important programs in order to fulfill this legislative mandate.