

## Appendix 2

Known past and present fish distributions in the Thunder Bay River system. Distribution of fishes were compiled from Bailey et al. (2003) and from records located at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Gaylord Operations Service Center, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Hunt Creek Fisheries Research Station, and from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fish Collection System. For species that are listed under Michigan's Endangered Species Act (Part 365, Endangered Species Protection, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994), their status follows their scientific name. Categories are declining, rare, special concern, threatened, extinct, and locally extinct.

Habitat descriptions were compiled from the Fishes of Ohio (Trautman 1981), Freshwater Fishes of Canada (Scott and Crossman 1973), Fishes of Wisconsin (Becker 1983, Fishes of Missouri (Pflieger 1975), and Fishes of the Great Lakes Region (Hubbs and Lagler 1947).

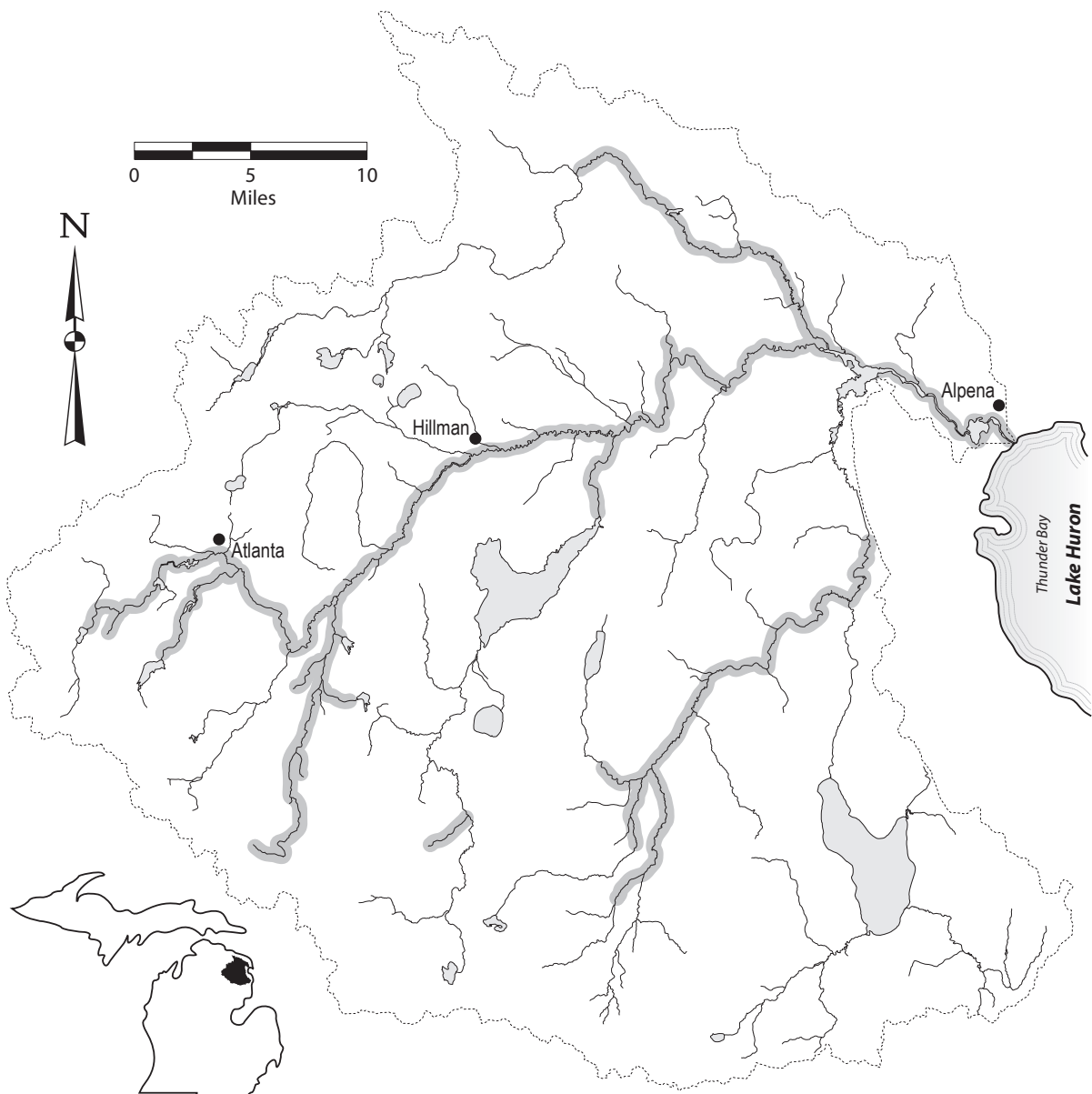
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**Northern brook lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon fossor*)**

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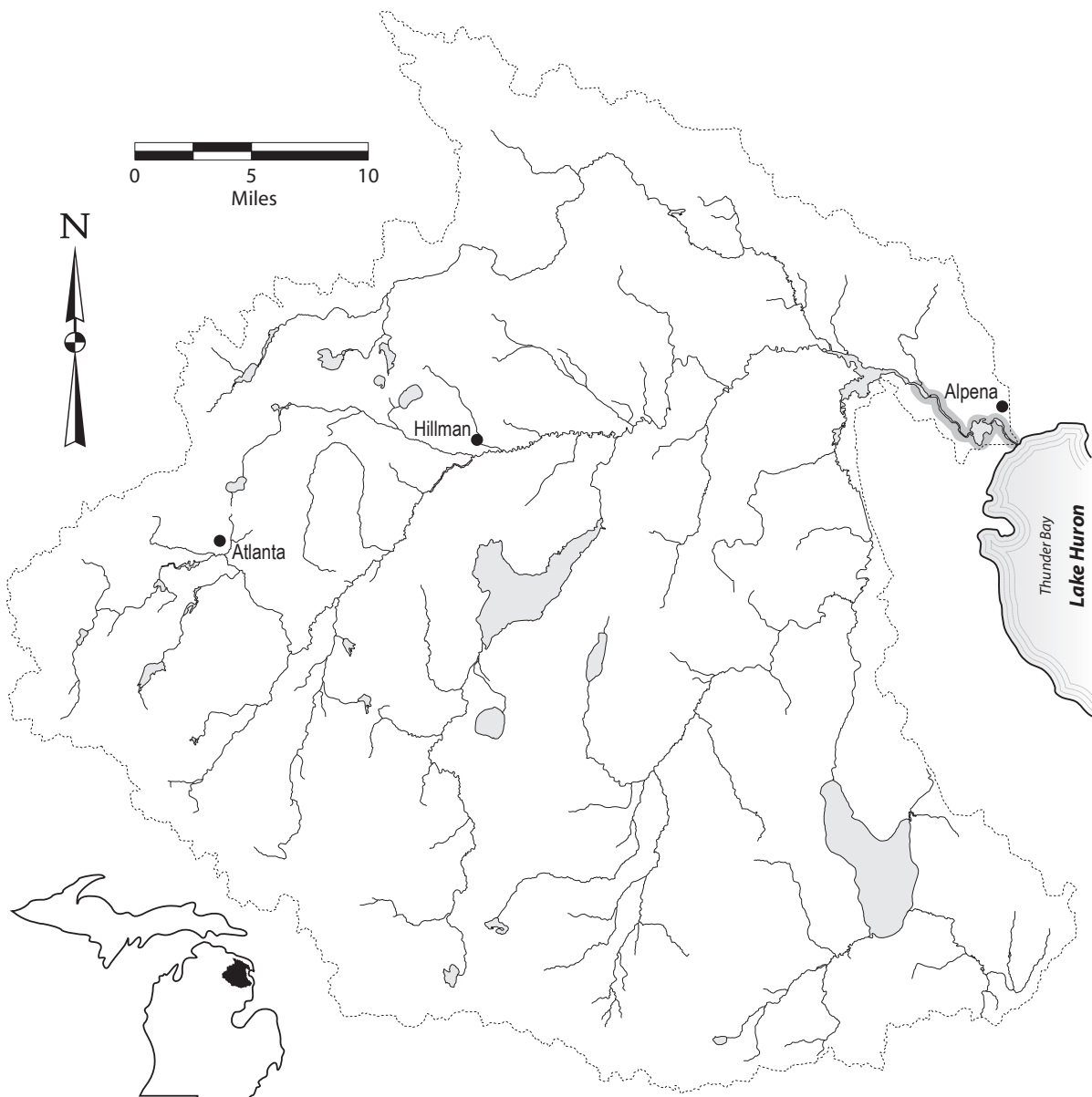
- feeding - young: low gradient, substrate with bars and beds of mixed sand and organic debris
- moderately warm water
  
- spawning - clear, high gradient streams (<15 feet wide)
- riffles with sand or gravel substrate



**Silver lamprey (*Ichthyomyzon unicuspis*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - young: sand, muck, or organic debris substrate
- adults: clear river water with prey species
  
- spawning - gravel and sand substrate
- moderate gradient
- moderate size stream
- cannot tolerate silt
- no dams
  
- winter refuge - ammocetes burrow for 4 to 7 years in mud and silt at river margins

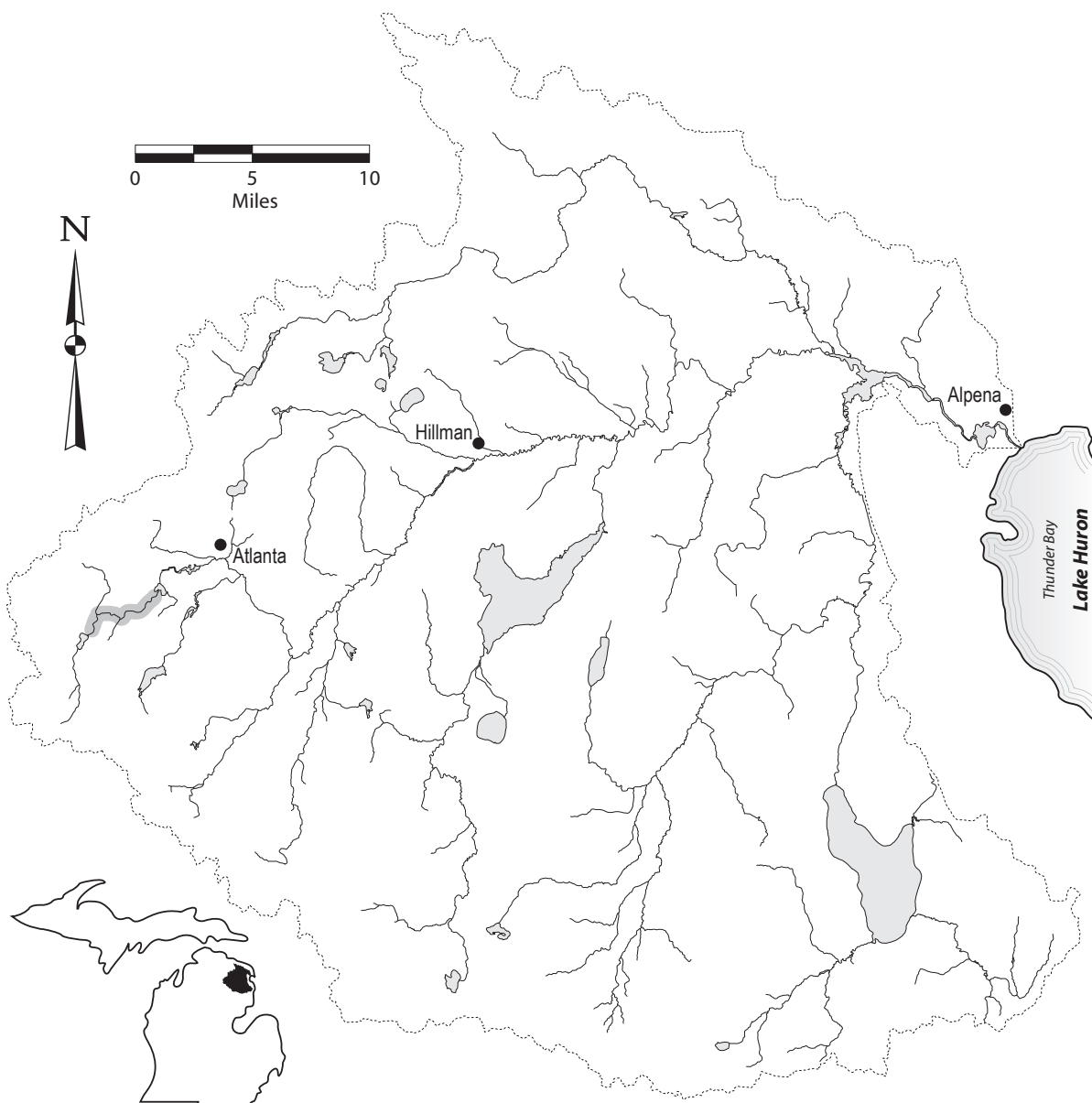




**American brook lamprey (*Lampetra appendix*)**

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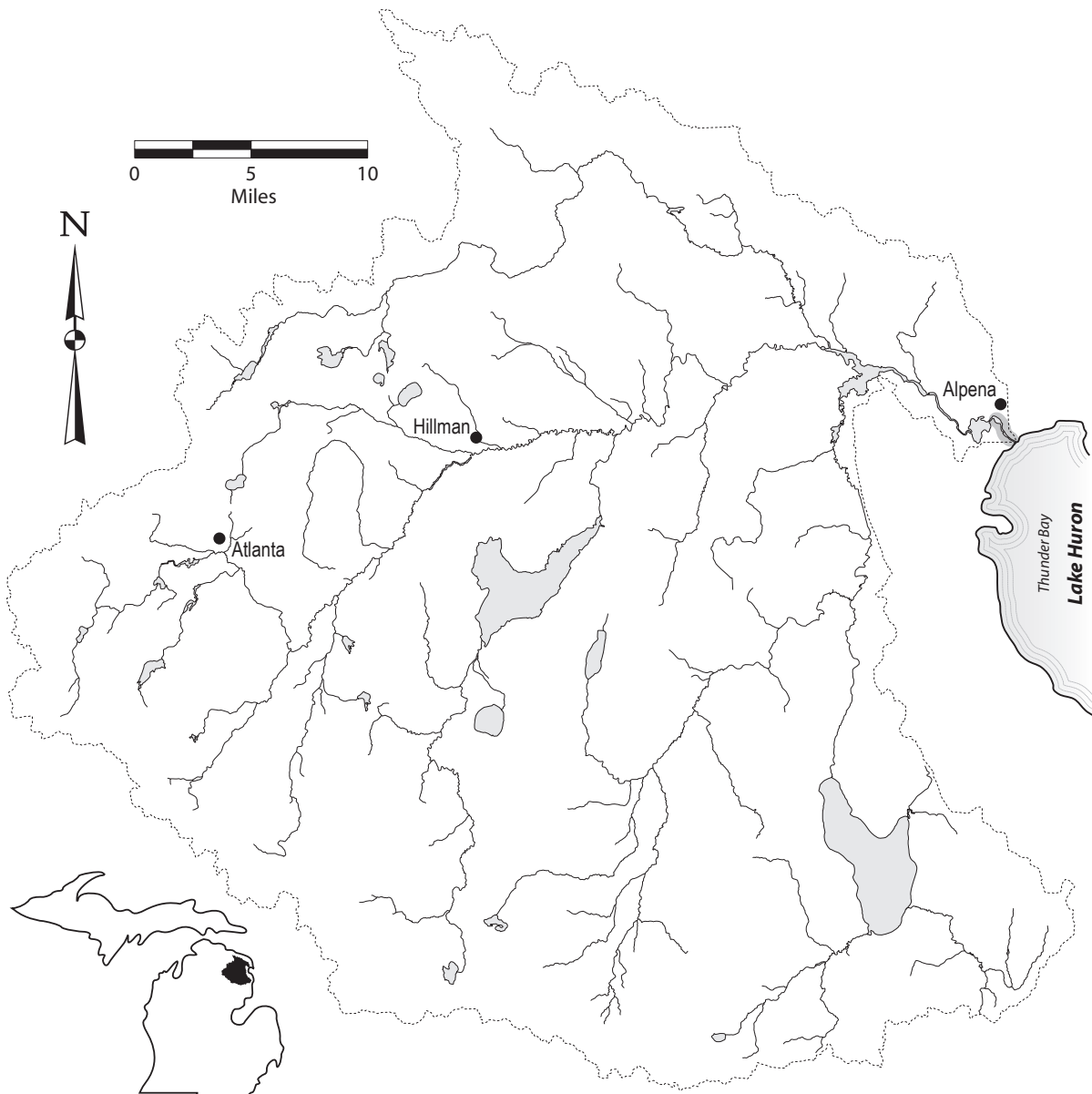
- feeding - young: low gradient, substrate with bars and beds of mixed sand and organic debris
- clear cool stream water, sensitive to turbidity
  
- spawning - clear, high gradient streams (>15 feet wide)
- cold water
- gravel substrate
  
- winter refuge - sand or silt substrate for ammocetes



**Sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*)**

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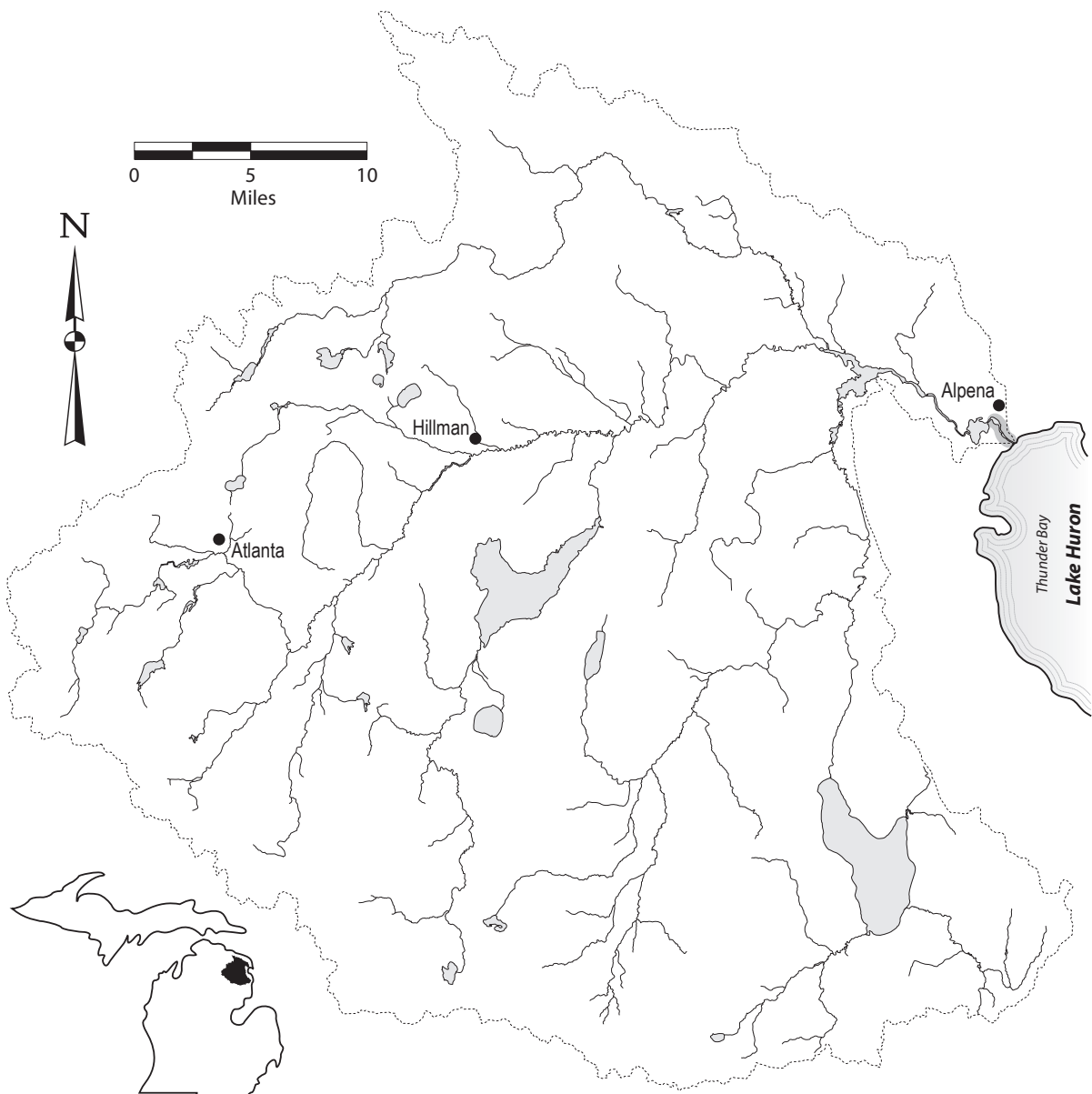
- feeding - young: substrate with beds of sand mixed with organic debris
- cannot tolerate silt
- adults: clear cool water of Lake Huron
  
- spawning - no dams
- riffles with sand and gravel substrates



**Lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) – threatened**

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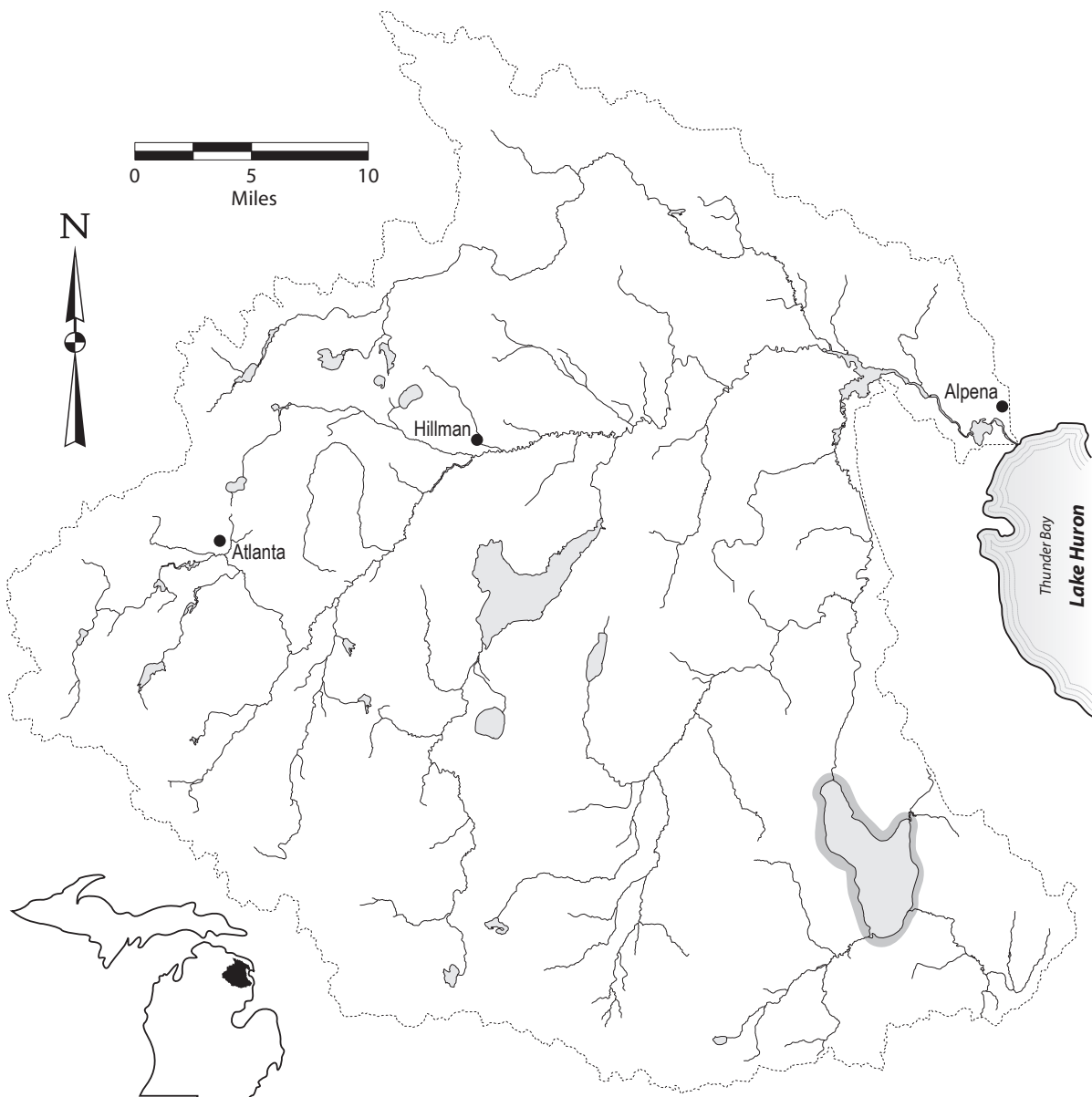
- feeding
  - shoal areas of large rivers, lakes, and impoundments
  - gravel, sand, rock substrates
  
- spawning
  - in or before rapids, at the base of dams in rivers
  - in 2-15 feet of water
  - swift current
  - rocky ledges or around rocky islands in Great Lakes



**Longnose gar (*Lepisosteus osseus*)**

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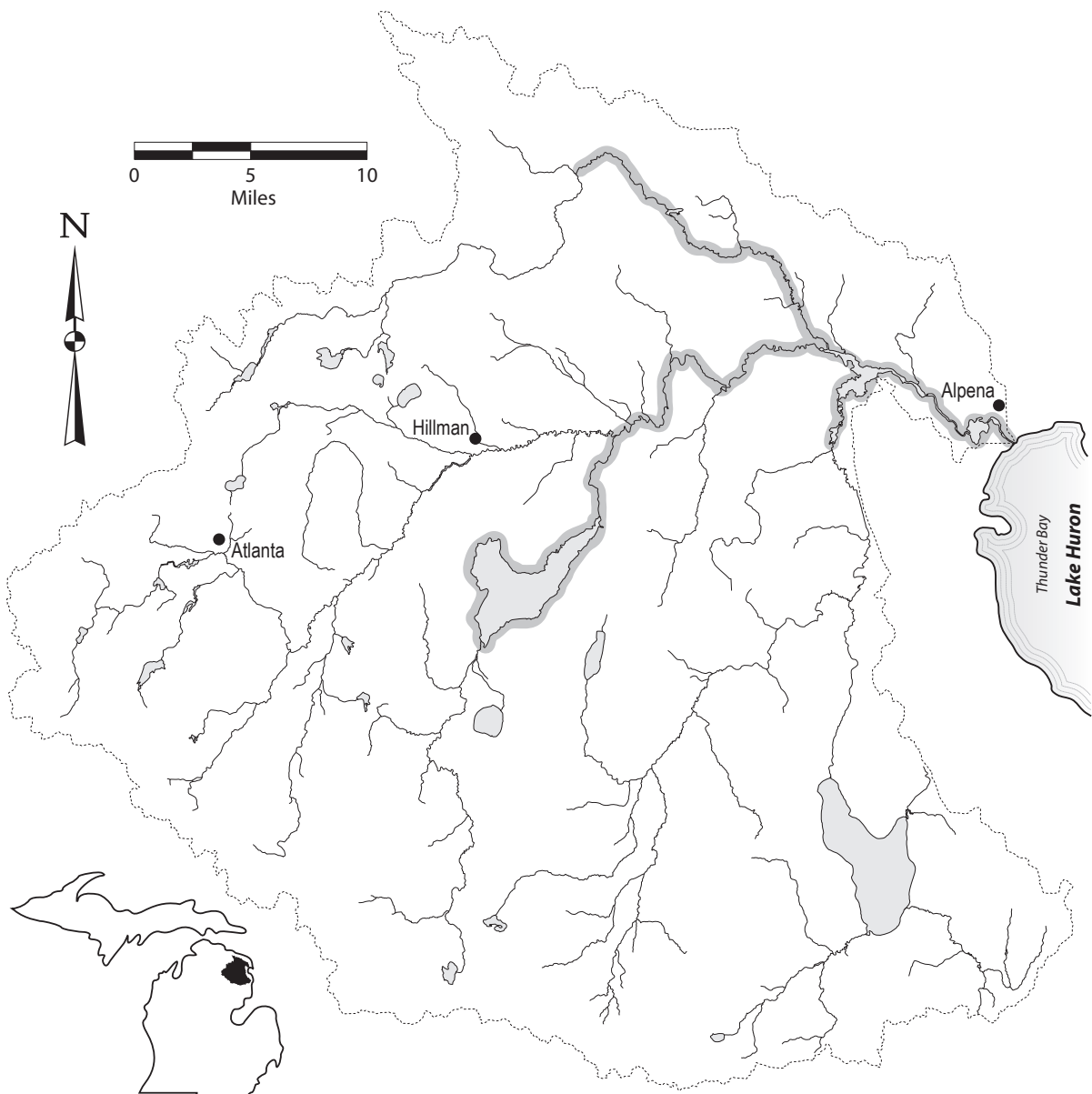
- feeding - adults: in deeper water
  - young: in shallows
  - clear water, low-gradient streams, lakes, and impoundments
  - will feed in moderate current
  - aquatic vegetation preferred, but not necessary
  - open water fish
- spawning - warm shallow water of lakes or streams over vegetation



**Bowfin (*Amia calva*)**

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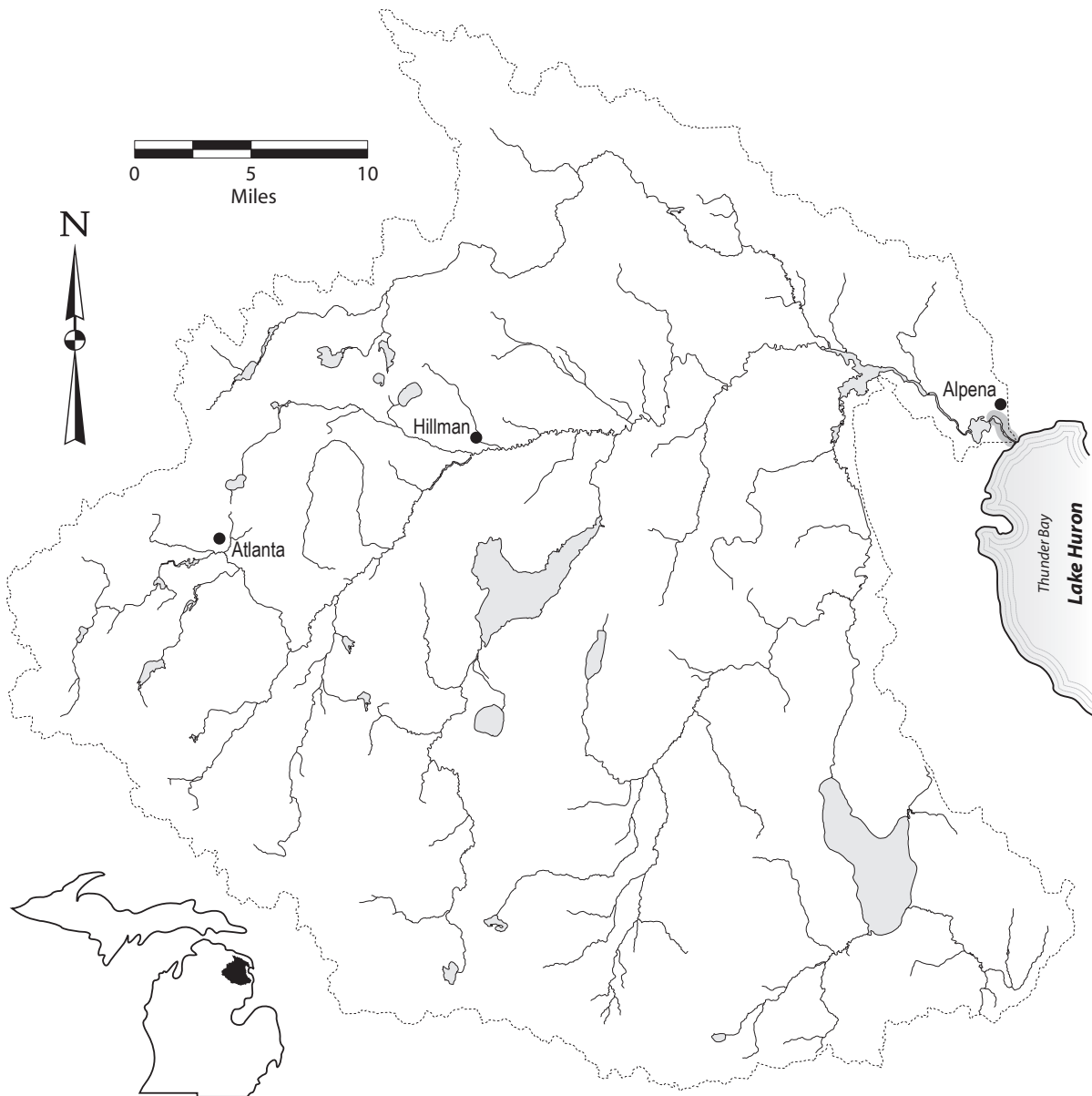
- feeding - clear water
- abundant rooted aquatic vegetation
- low gradient streams, lakes, and impoundments
- tolerate only small amount of silt
  
- spawning - need vegetated water, 1 to 2 feet deep
- can spawn under logs, stumps, or bushes
  
- winter refuge - gravelly pockets among aquatic vegetation



**Alewife** (*Alosa pseudoharengus*)

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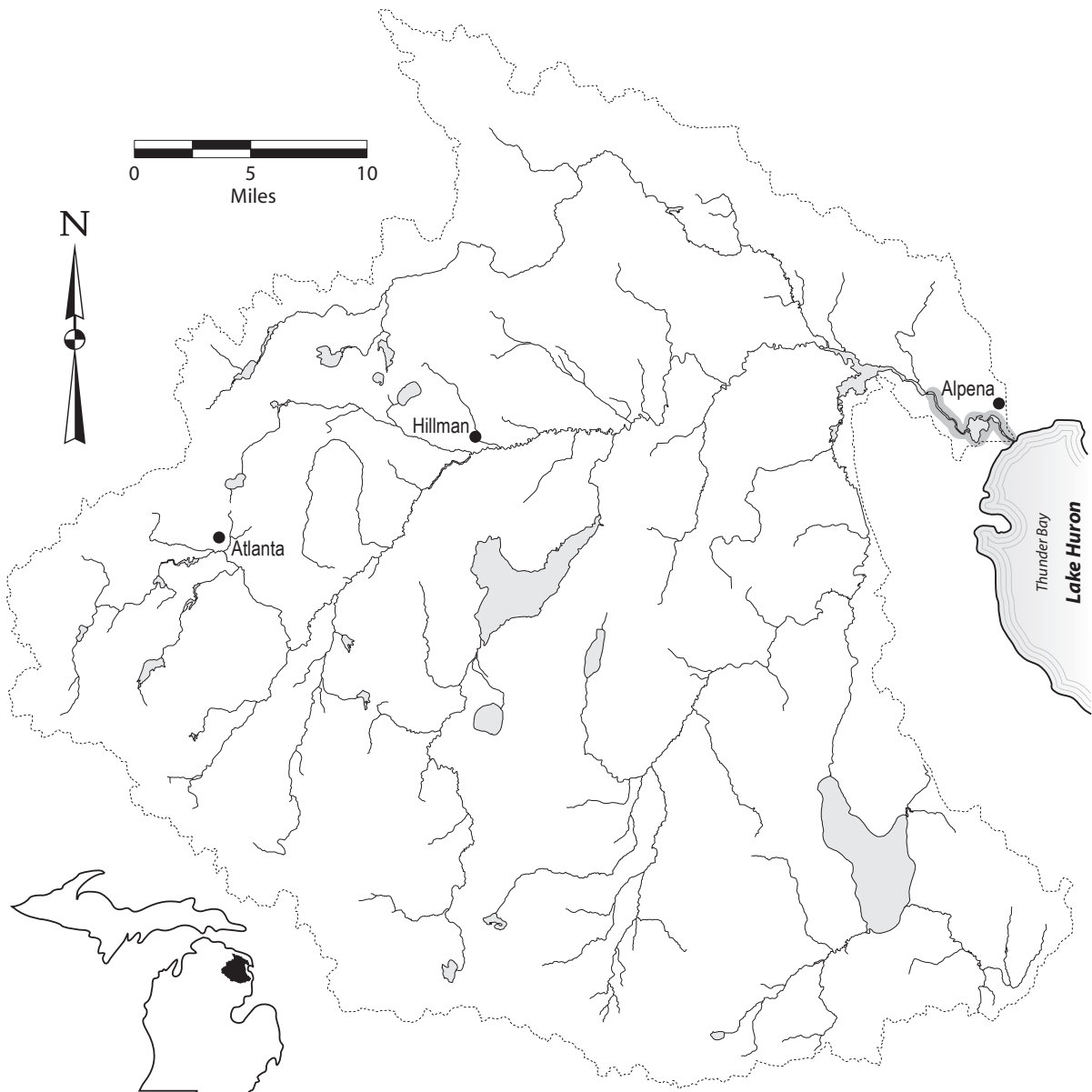
- feeding - adults: deep water of Lake Huron
- young: shallow water of Lake Huron
- prefers warmer waters
  
- spawning - streams or shallow beaches of lake
- sand or gravelly substrate
  
- winter refuge - deep water



**Gizzard shad (*Dorosoma cepedianum*)**

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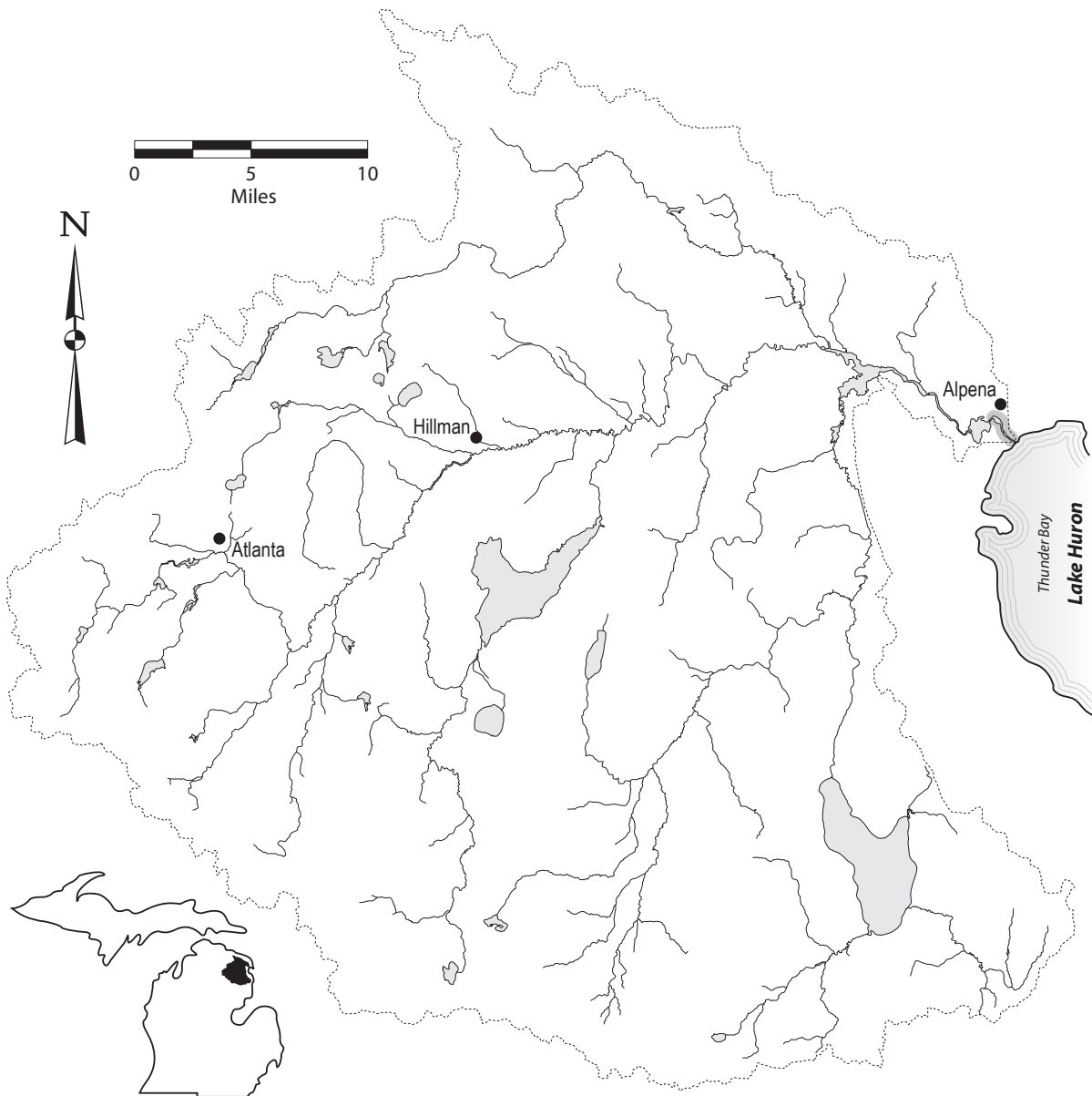
- feeding - large streams with low gradient, impoundments, and Lake Huron
- tolerant of clear and turbid water
  
- spawning - shallow areas of ponds, lakes, and large rivers
- low gradient



**Spotfin shiner** (*Cyprinella spiloptera*)

**Habitat:**

- feeding
  - clear water tolerant of turbidity and siltation
  - some current
  - shallow depths
  - medium sized streams, lakes, and impoundments
  - clear sand or gravel substrate
  
- spawning
  - swift current
  - crevice spawner or on underside of submerged logs and roots

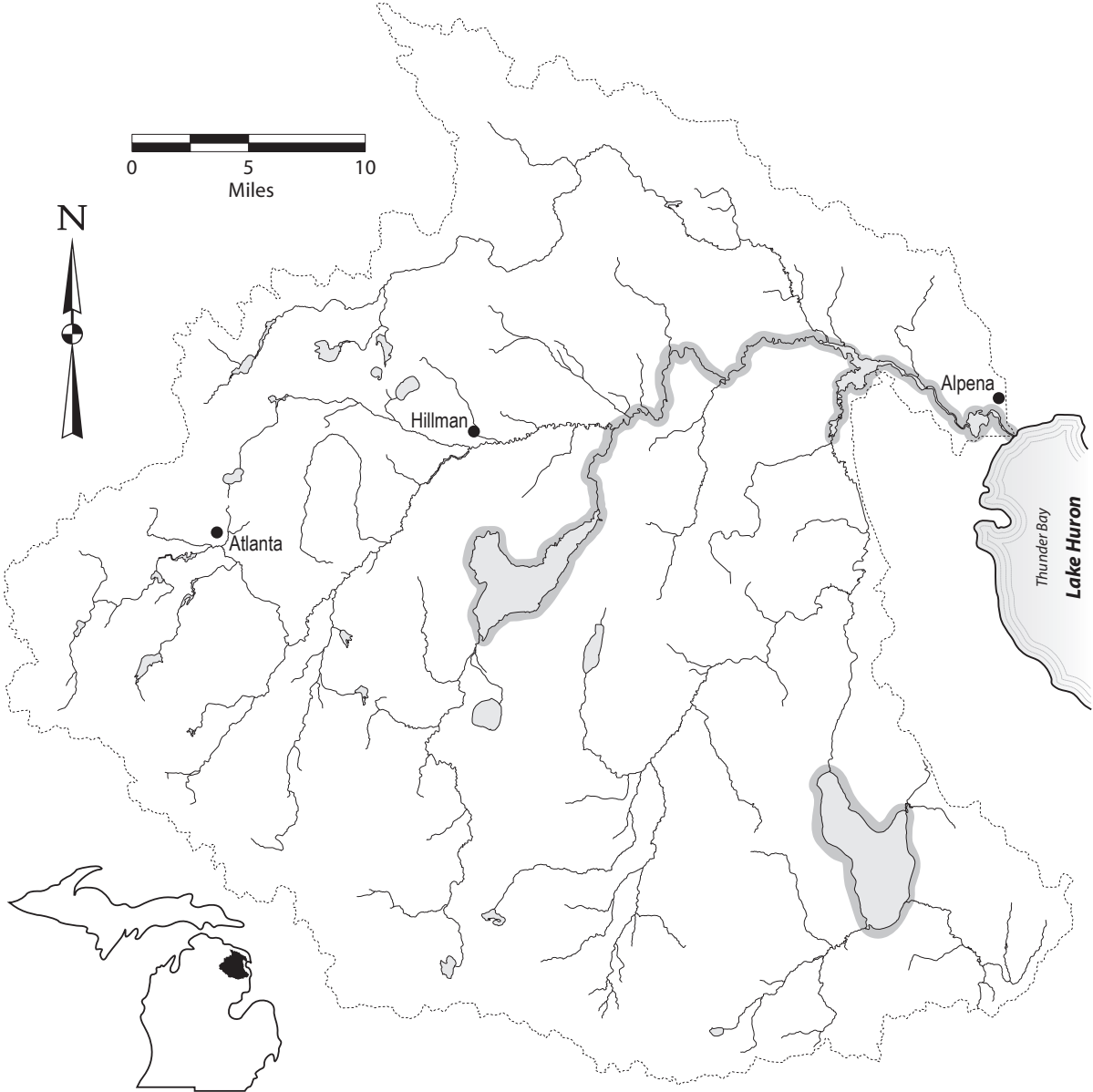




**Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio*)**

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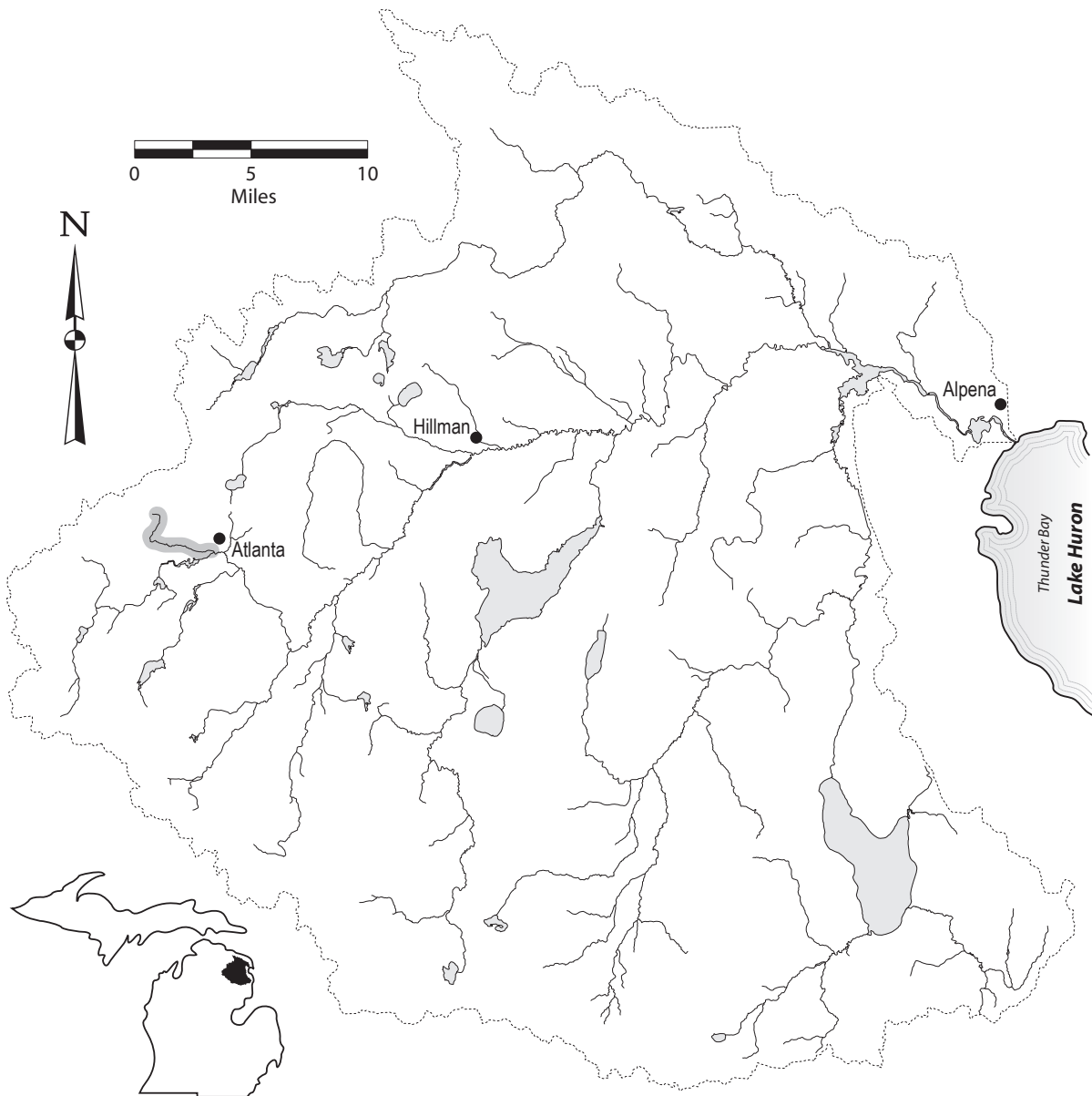
- feeding - low gradient fertile streams, rivers, lakes, and impoundments
- abundance of aquatic vegetation or organic matter
- tolerant of all substrates and clear to turbid water
  
- spawning - weedy or grassy shallows



**Brassy minnow** (*Hybognathus hankinsoni*)

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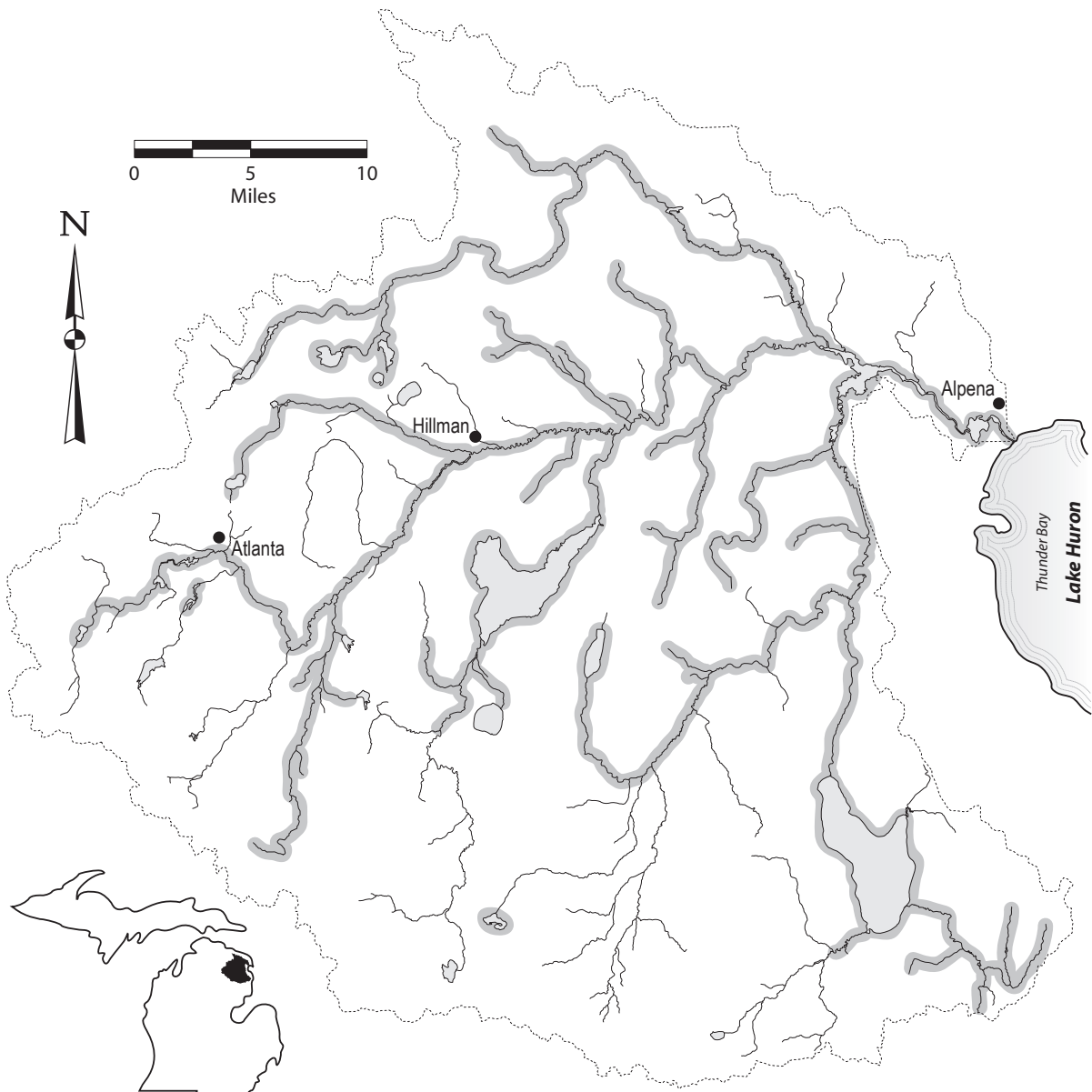
- feeding - cool acidic streams
- slow to moderate current
- sand or gravel substrate



**Common shiner (*Luxilus cornutus*)**

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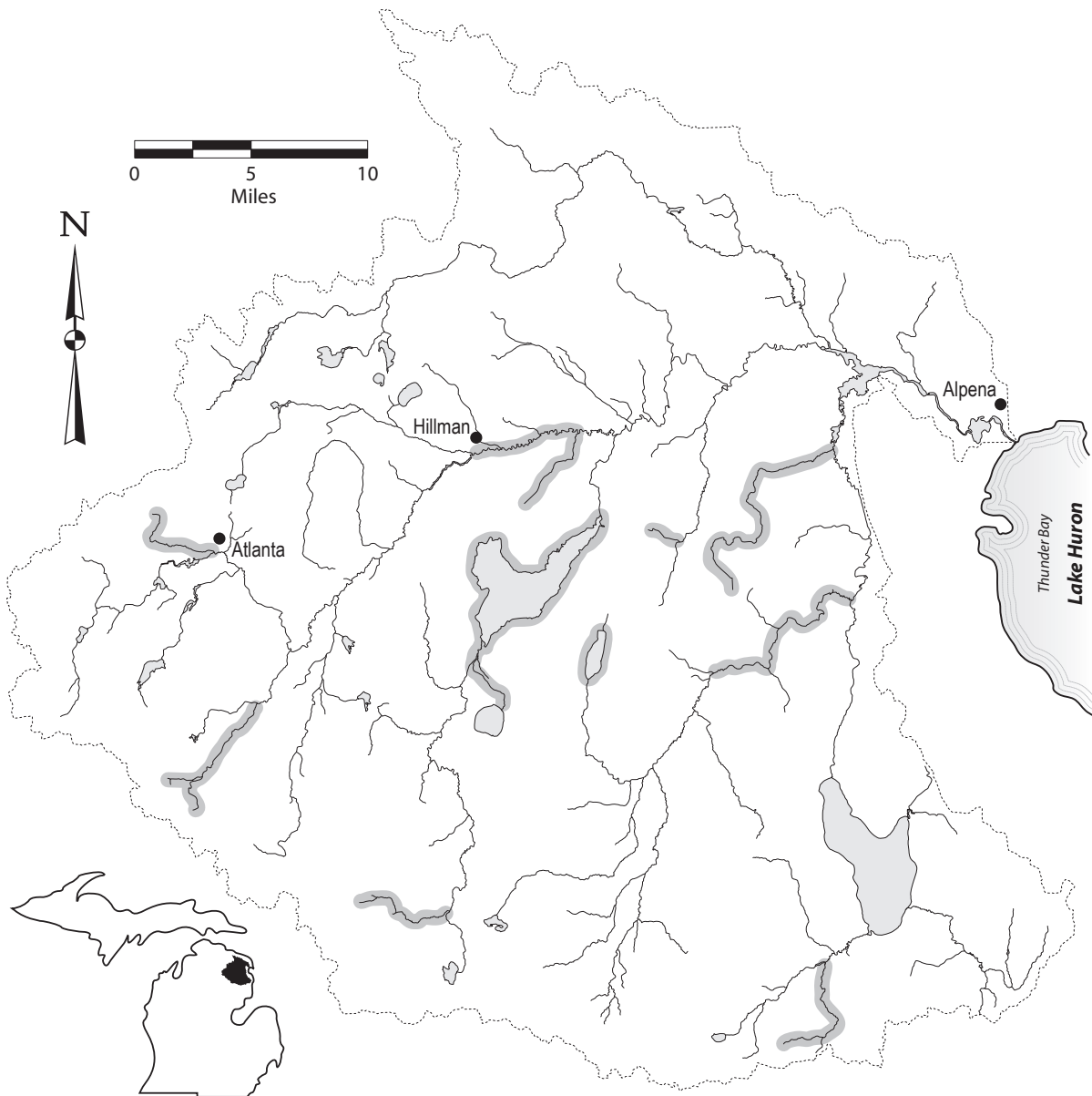
- feeding - small, clear, high-gradient streams and rivers, or shores of clear water lakes and impoundments
  - gravel substrate
  - can tolerate some submerged aquatic vegetation
  - not very tolerant of turbidity or silted waters
  
- spawning - gravel nests of other fish, especially those at the head of a riffle



**Northern pearl dace (*Margariscus nachtriebi*)**

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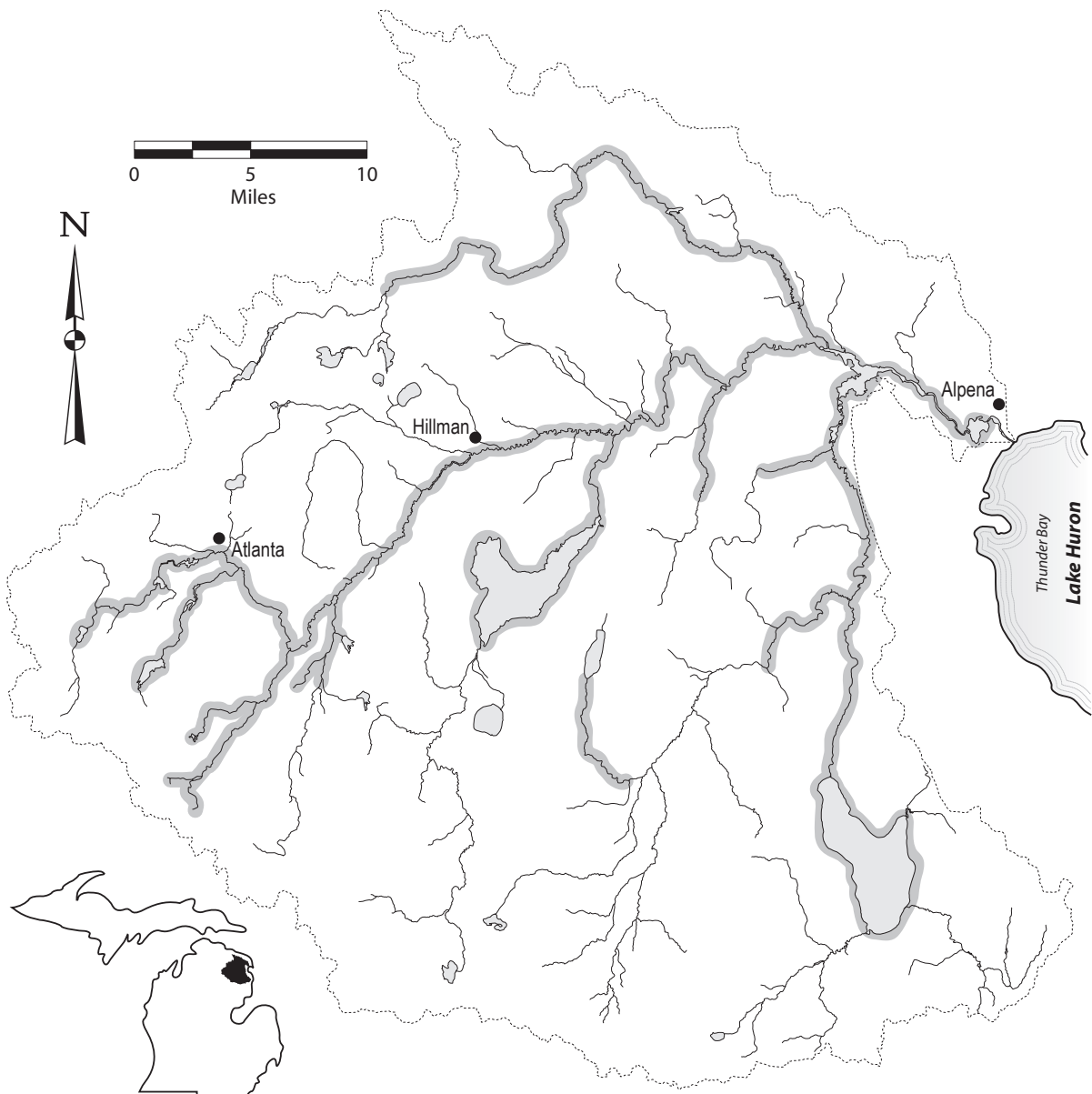
- feeding - cool, neutral to acidic streams and lakes
- clear to slightly turbid water
  
- spawning - males are territorial
- clear water, 18-24 inches deep
- sand or gravel substrate
- weak to moderate current



**Hornyhead chub** (*Nocomis biguttatus*)

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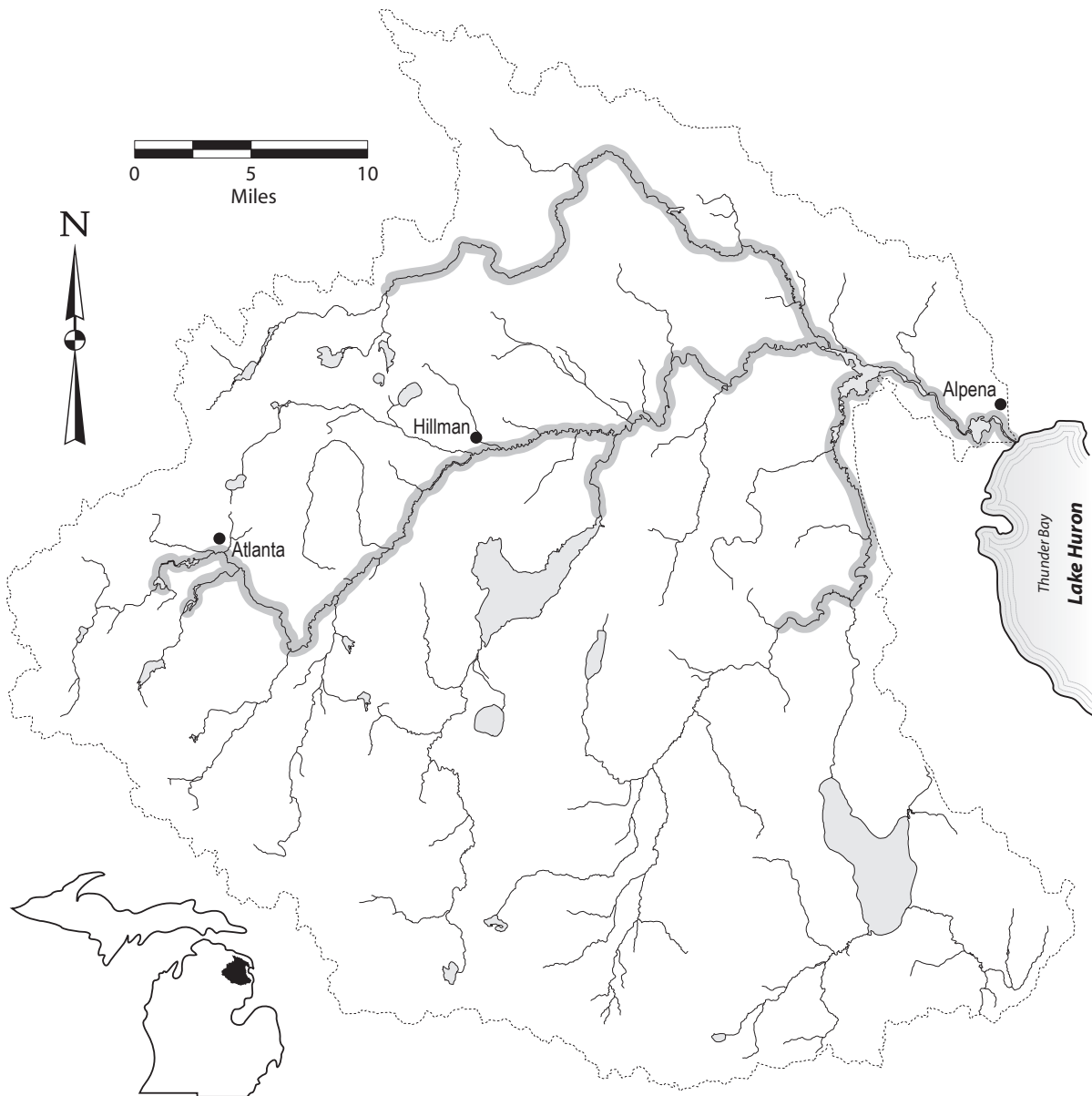
- feeding - adults: near riffles
  - young: near vegetation
  - clear water, does not tolerate turbidity
  - gravel substrate
  - low gradient streams that are tributaries to large streams
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- spawning - large stones and pebbles present
  - often below a riffle in shallow water
  - gravel substrate



**River chub** (*Nocomis micropogon*)

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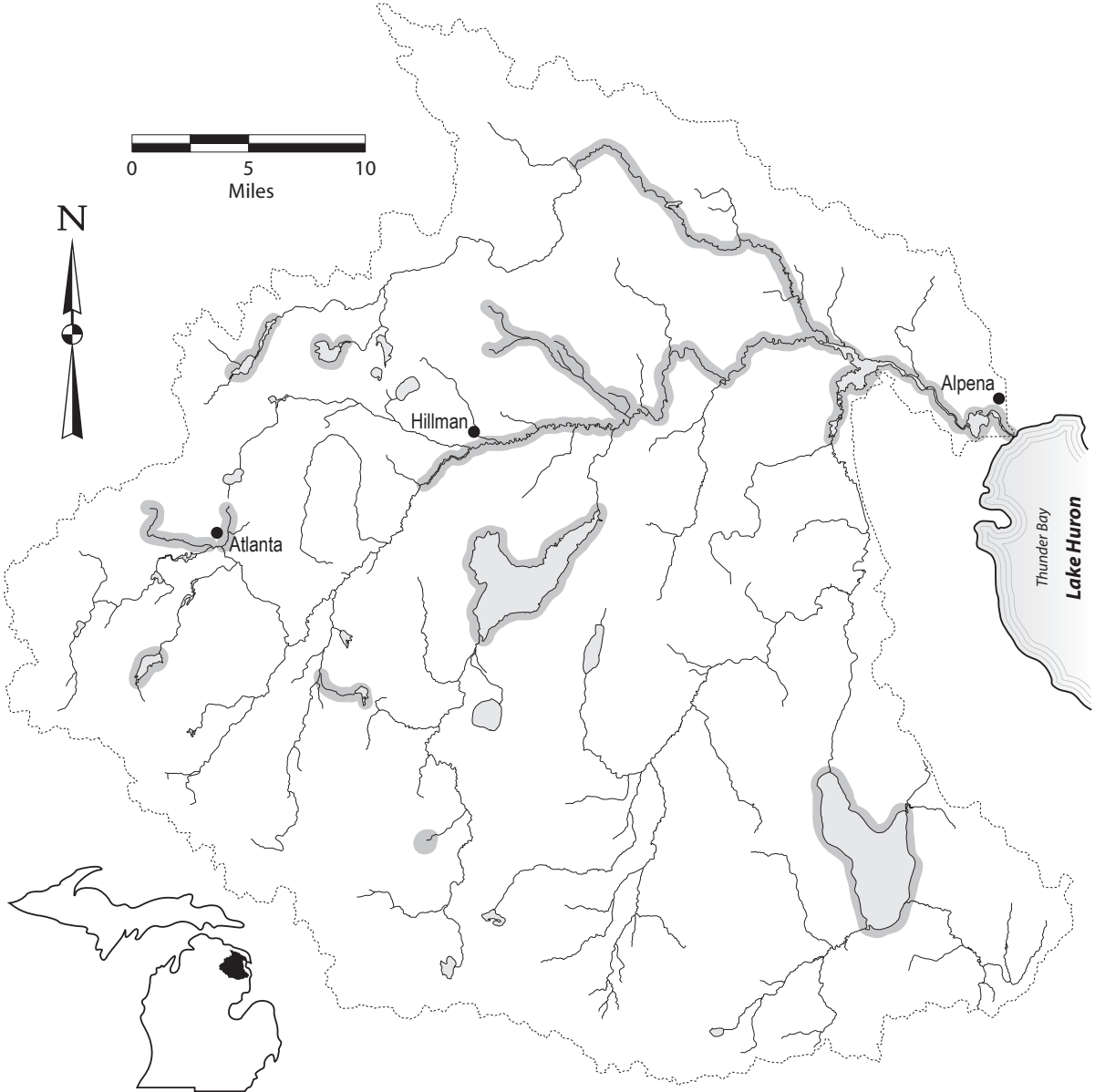
- feeding - moderate to large streams
- moderate to high gradient
- gravel, boulder, or bedrock substrate
- little to no aquatic vegetation
- cannot tolerate turbidity or siltation



**Golden shiner (*Notemigonus crysoleucas*)**

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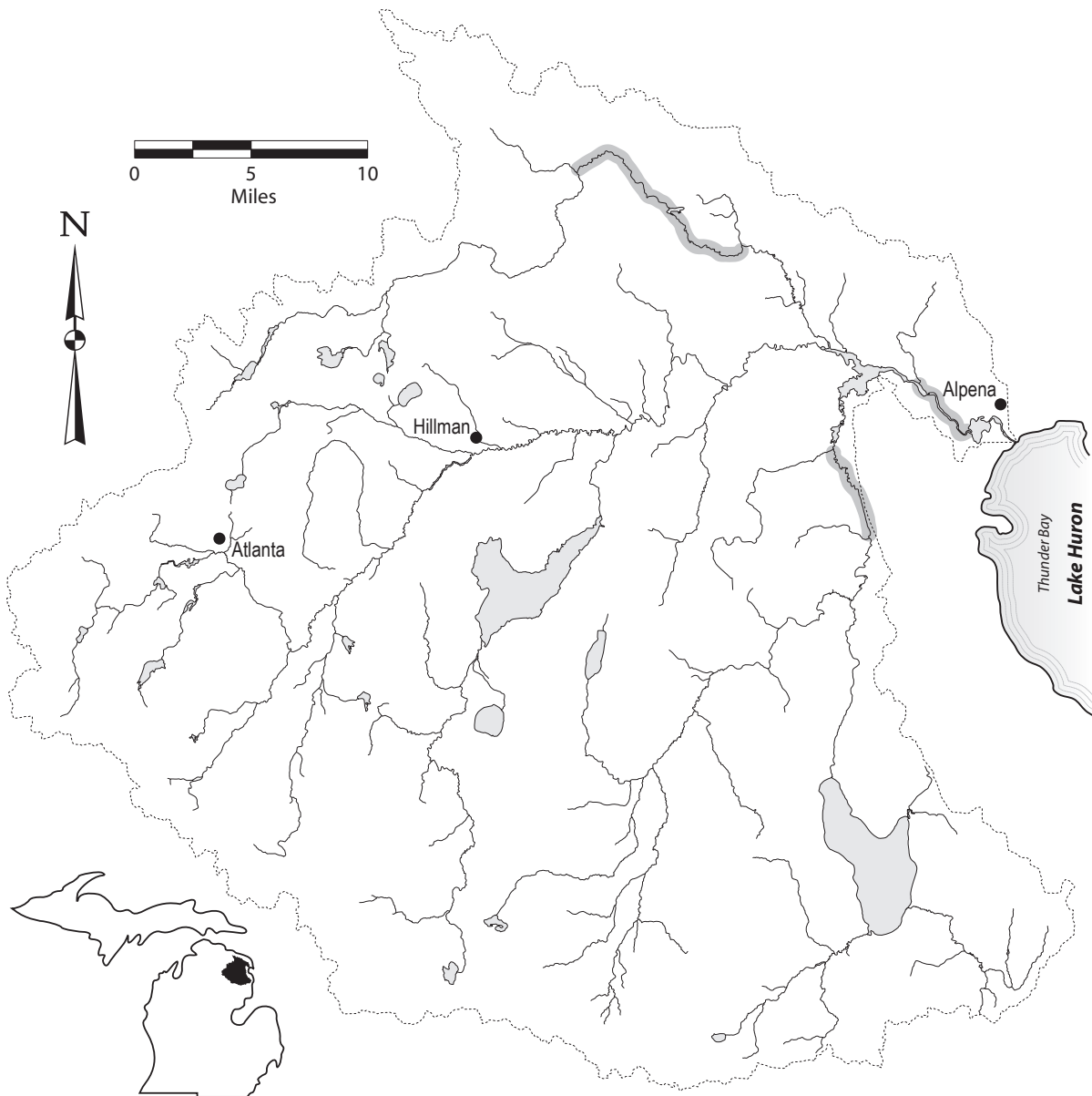
- feeding - lakes and impoundments and quiet pools of low gradient streams
- clear shallow water
- heavy vegetation
  
- spawning - vegetation



**Pugnose shiner (*Notropis anogenus*) – special concern**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - very clear water of lakes, impoundments, and low-gradient streams
- aquatic vegetation
- clean sand, marl, or organic debris substrate
- extremely intolerant of turbidity

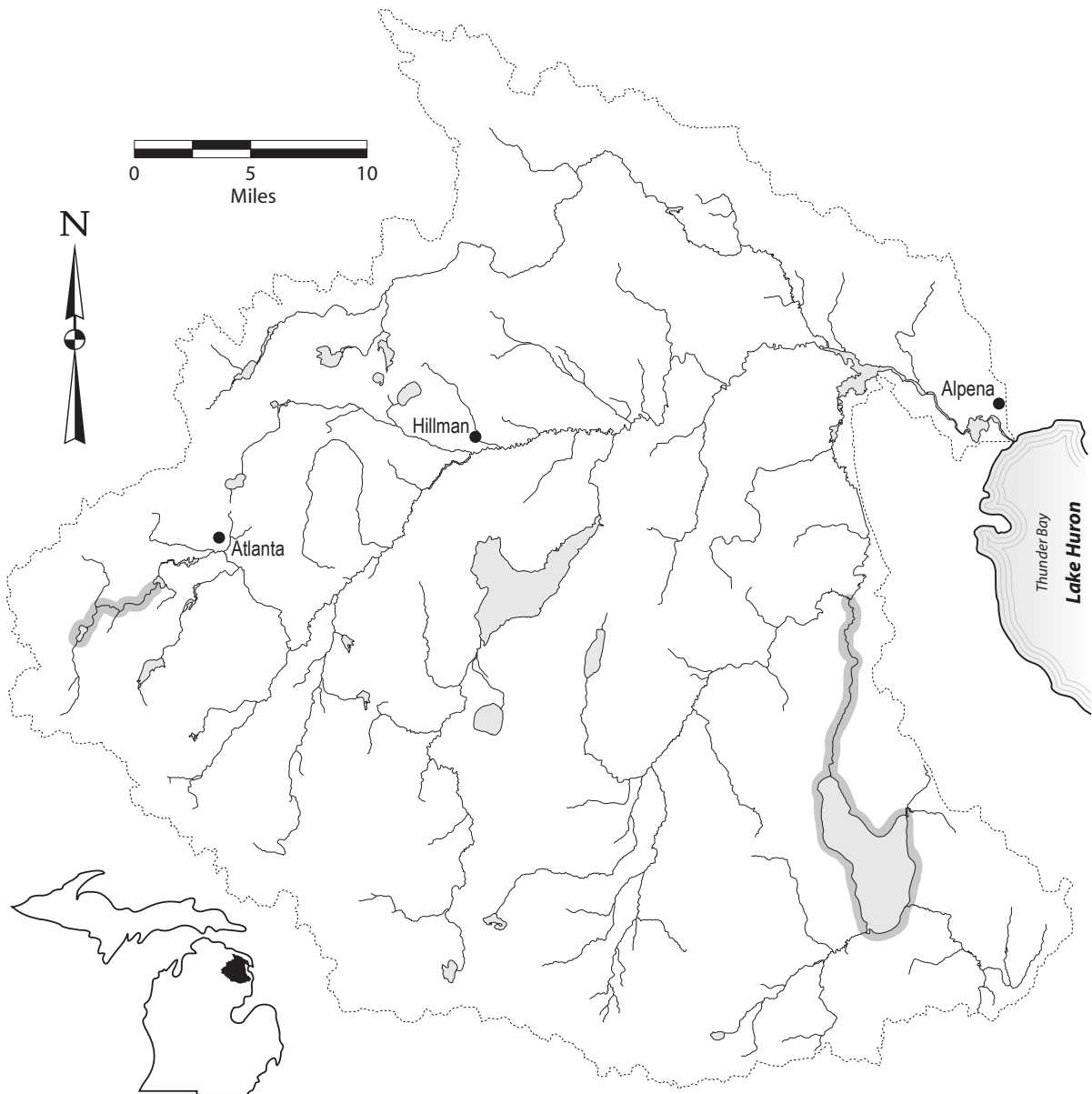




**Emerald shiner (*Notropis atherinoides*)**

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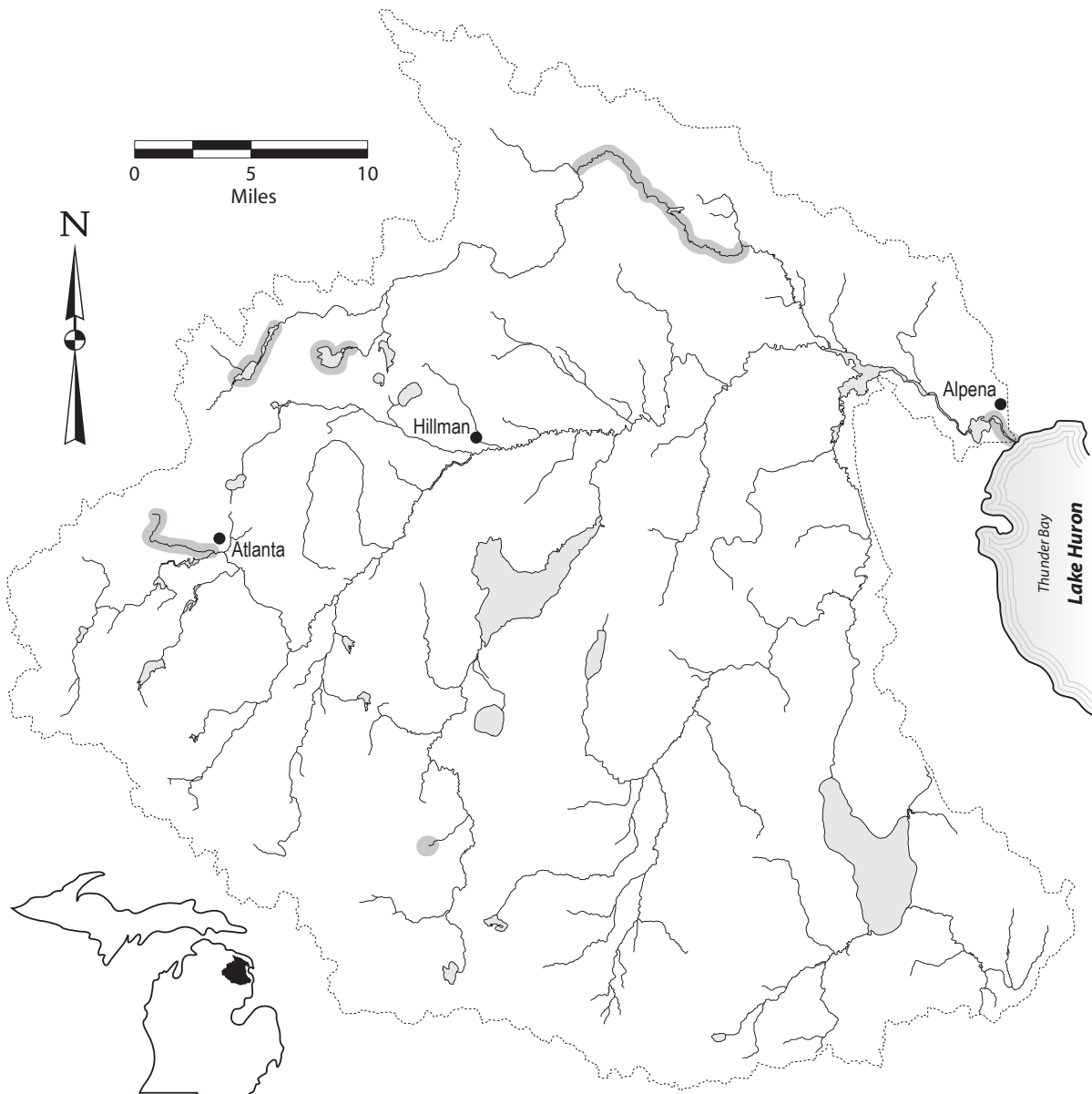
- feeding - open-large stream channels and lake
  - low to moderate gradient
  - range of turbidities and bottom types
  - midwater or surface preferred, substrate of little importance
  - avoids rooted vegetation
- spawning - sand or firm mud substrate or gravel shoals



**Blackchin shiner (*Notropis heterodon*)**

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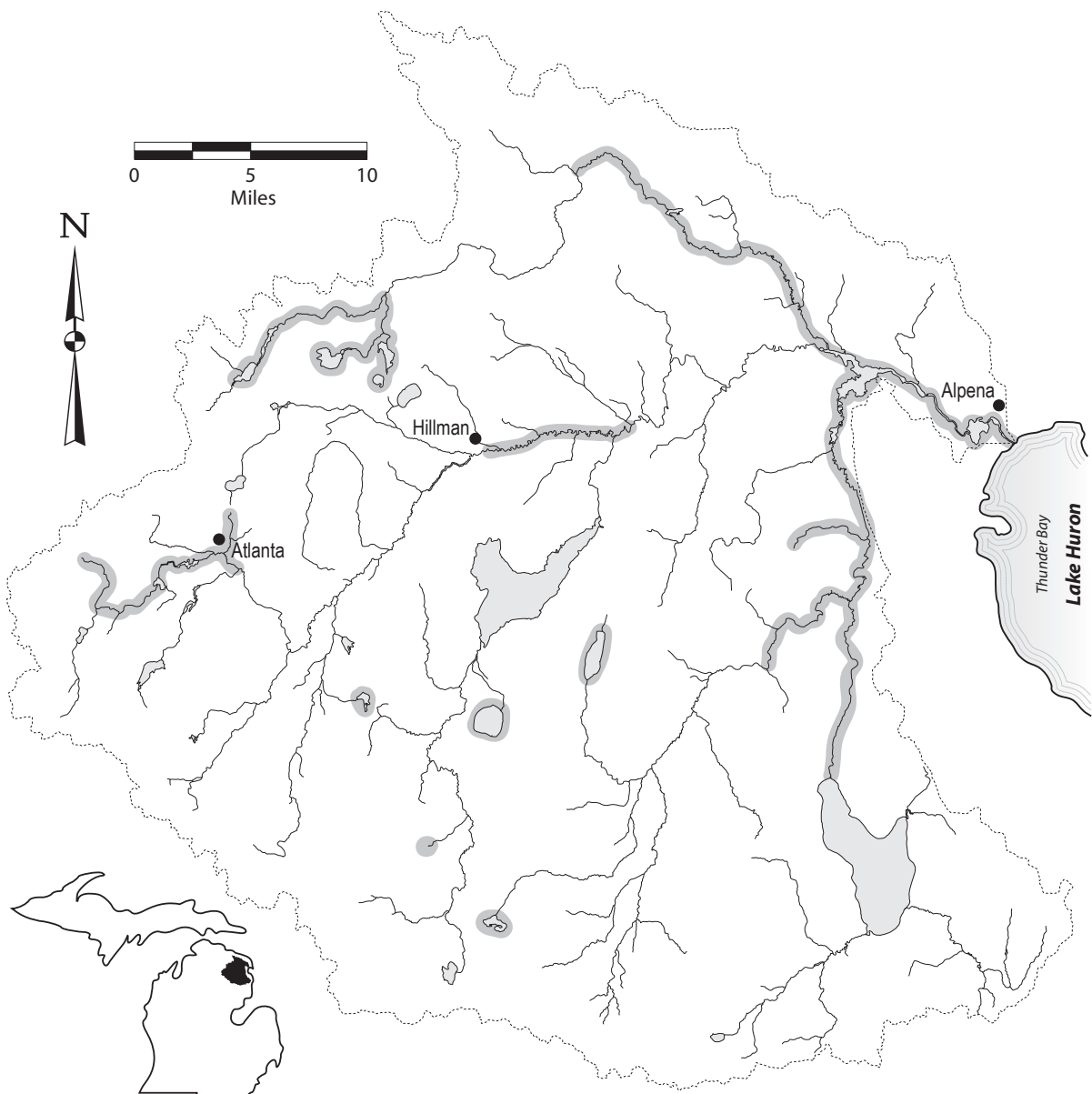
- feeding - lakes, impoundments, and quiet pools in streams and rivers
- clear water
- clean sand, gravel, or organic debris substrate
- dense beds of submerged aquatic vegetation
- cannot tolerate turbidity, silt, or loss of aquatic vegetation



**Blacknose shiner (*Notropis heterolepis*)**

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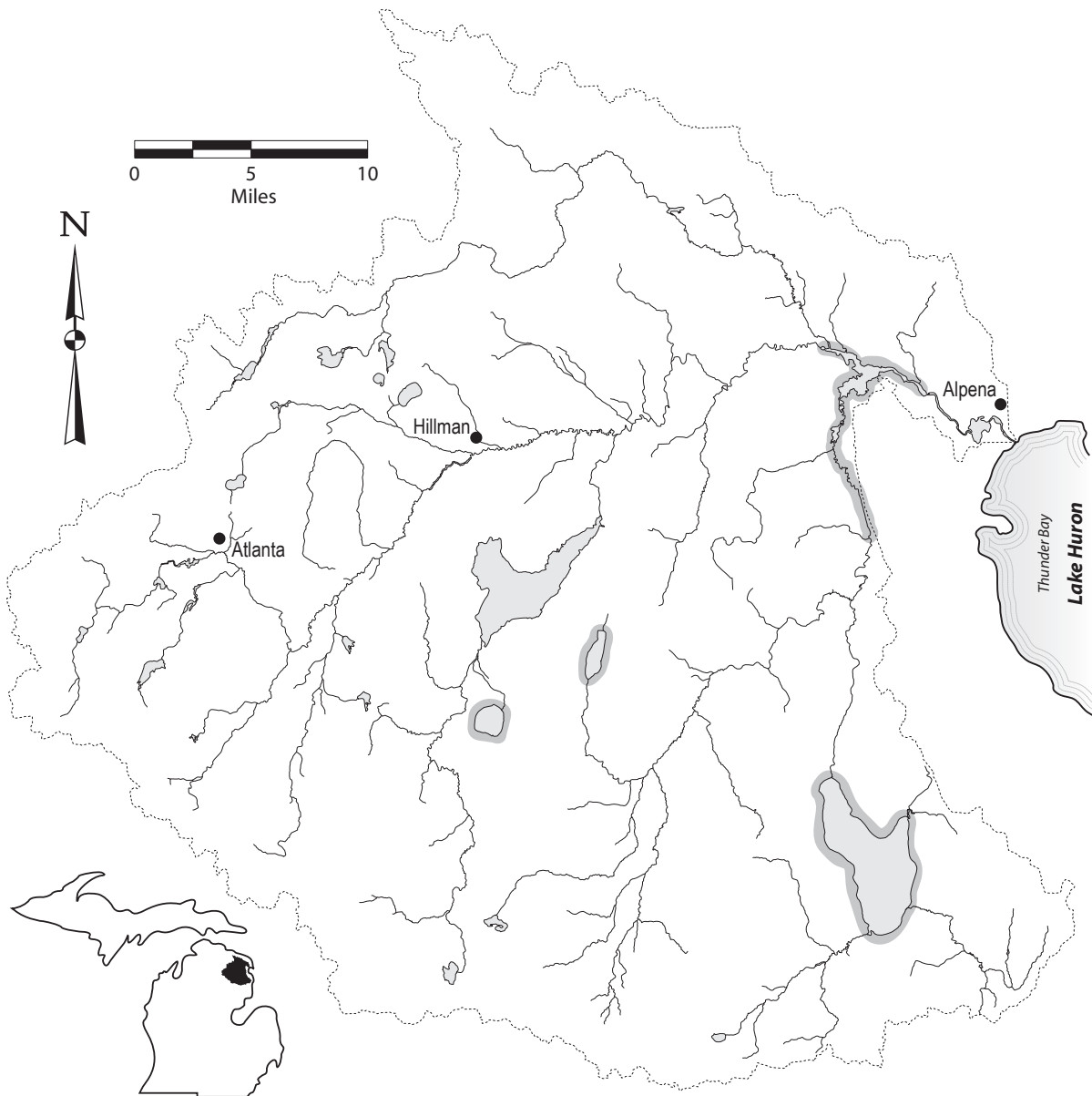
- feeding - clear lakes, impoundments, and pools of small, clear, low-gradient streams
  - aquatic vegetation
  - clean sand, gravel, marl, muck, peat, or organic debris substrate
  - cannot tolerate much turbidity, much siltation, or loss of aquatic vegetation
- spawning - sandy substrate



**Spottail shiner** (*Notropis hudsonius*)

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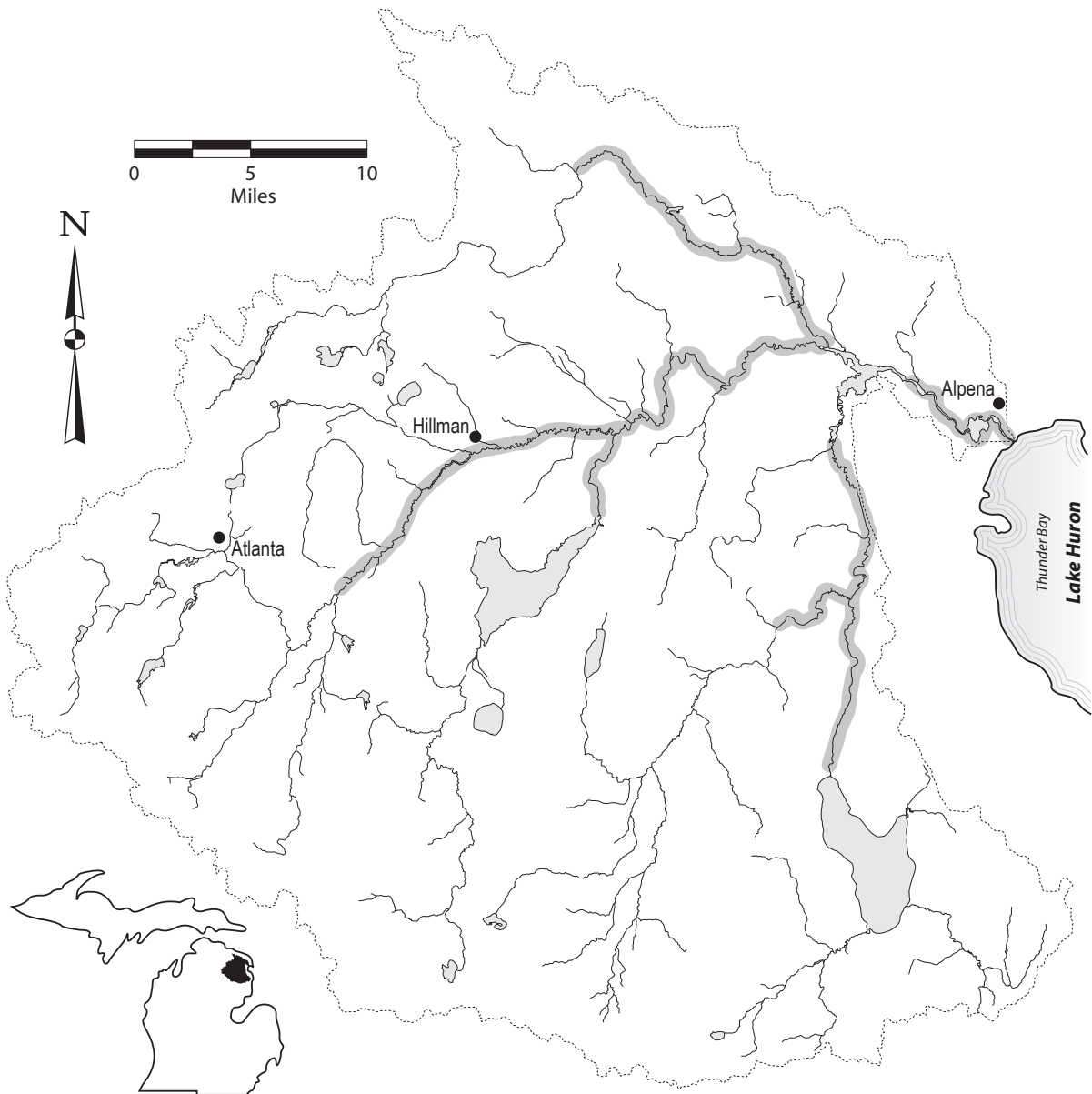
- feeding - large rivers, lakes, and impoundments
- firm sand and gravel substrate
- low current
- sparse to moderate vegetation
- avoids turbidity
  
- spawning - over sandy shoals or gravelly riffles
- near the mouths of small streams



**Rosyface shiner (*Notropis rubellus*)**

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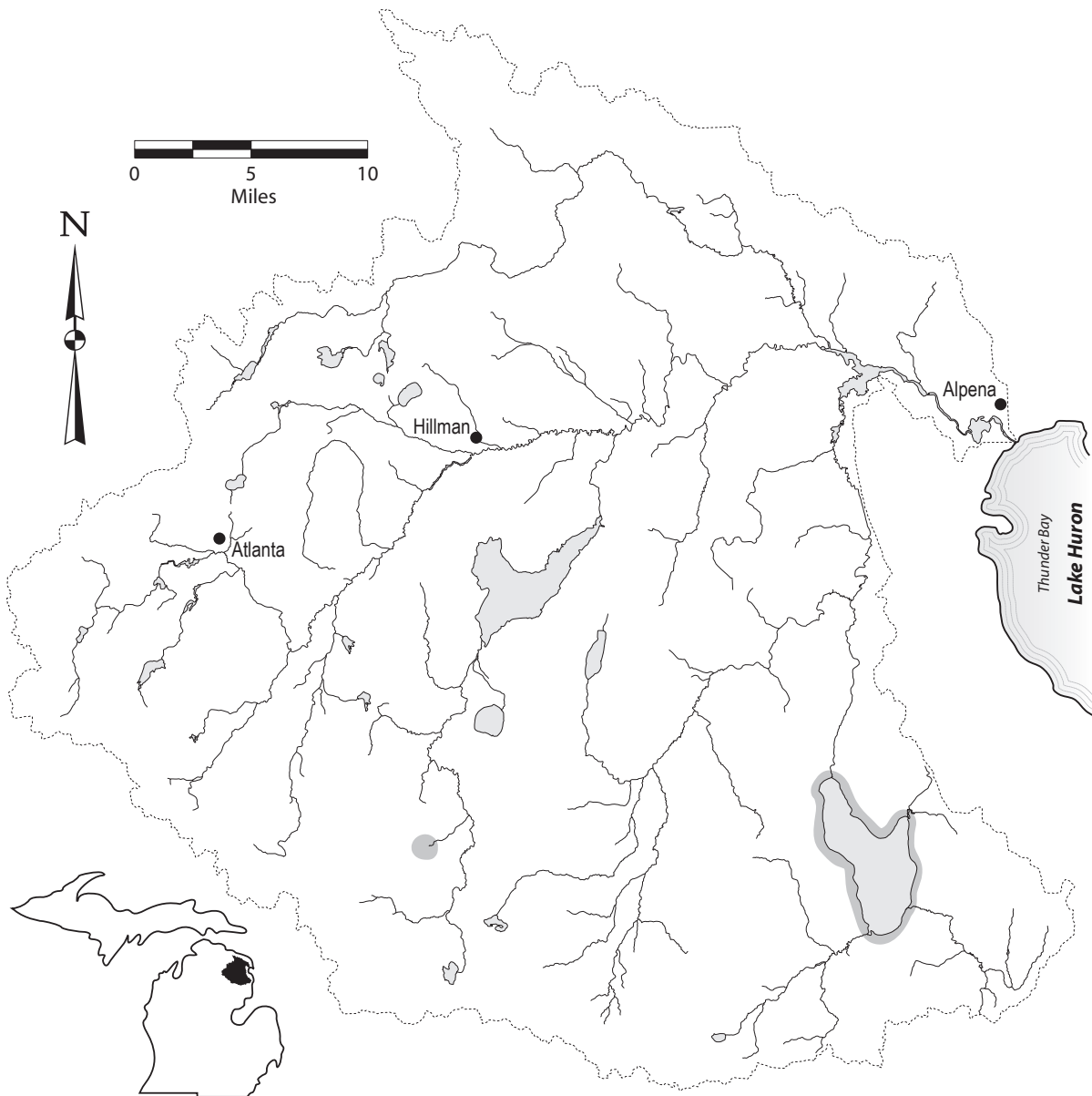
- feeding - moderate sized streams
- moderate to high gradient
- gravel or sand substrate; intolerant of silt substrate
- clear water; intolerant of turbidity
  
- spawning - on nests of hornyhead chub, chestnut lamprey, and redhorses
- sandy-gravel, gravel or bedrock substrate
- shallow high gradient water



**Sand shiner** (*Notropis stramineus*)

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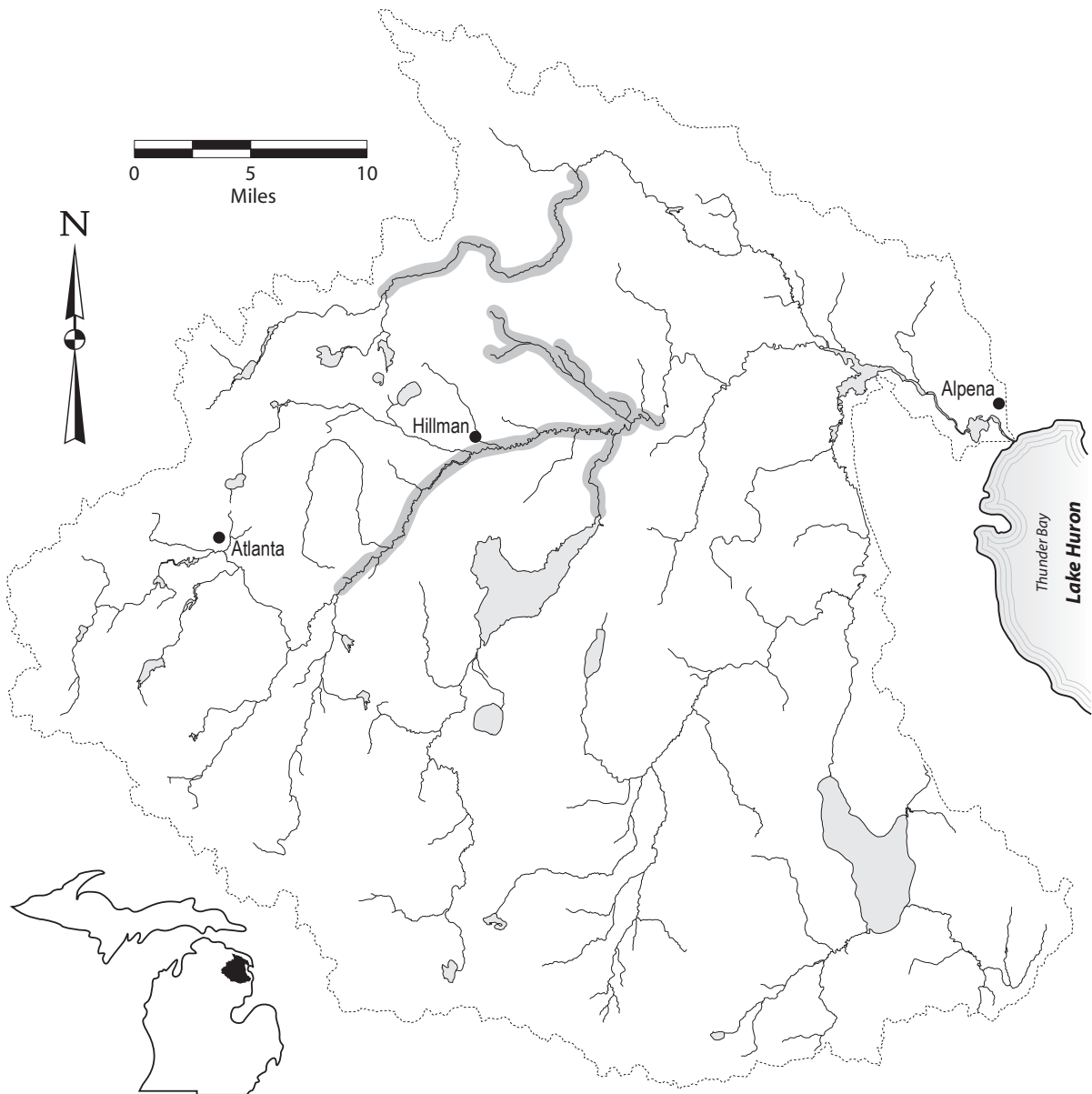
- feeding - sand and gravel substrate
  - shallow pools in medium size streams, lakes, and impoundments
  - clear water and low gradient
  - rooted aquatic vegetation preferred
  - tolerant of some inorganic pollutants provided substrate is not covered
- spawning - clean gravel or sand substrate



**Mimic shiner (*Notropis volucellus*)**

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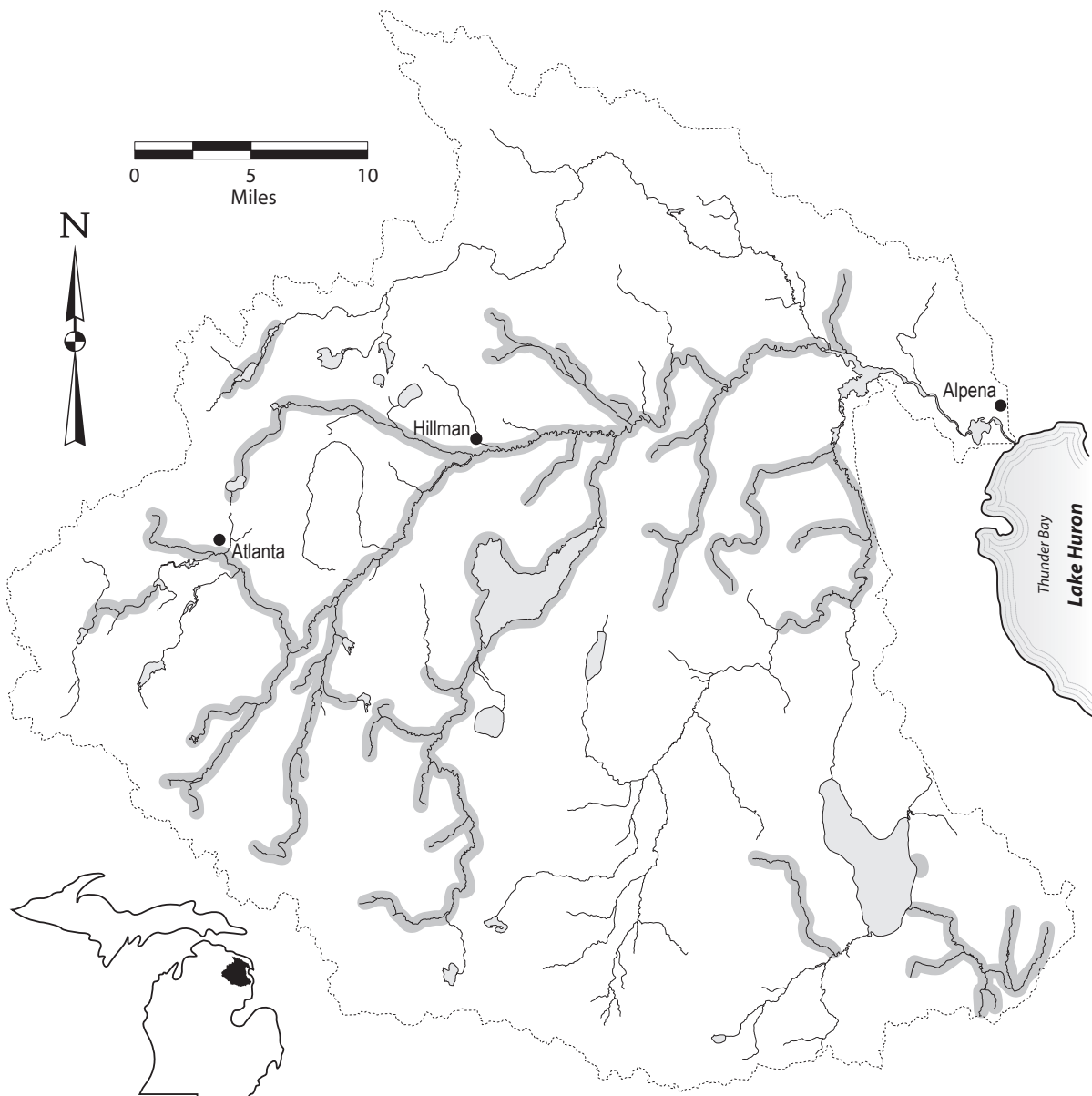
- feeding - pools and backwater of streams, moderately weedy lakes and impoundments
- quiet or still water
- clear shallow water
  
- spawning - aquatic vegetation necessary



**Northern redbelly dace (*Phoxinus eos*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - slow current
- in boggy lakes and streams
- detritus or silt substrate
- clear to slightly turbid water
  
- spawning - filamentous algae needed for egg deposition

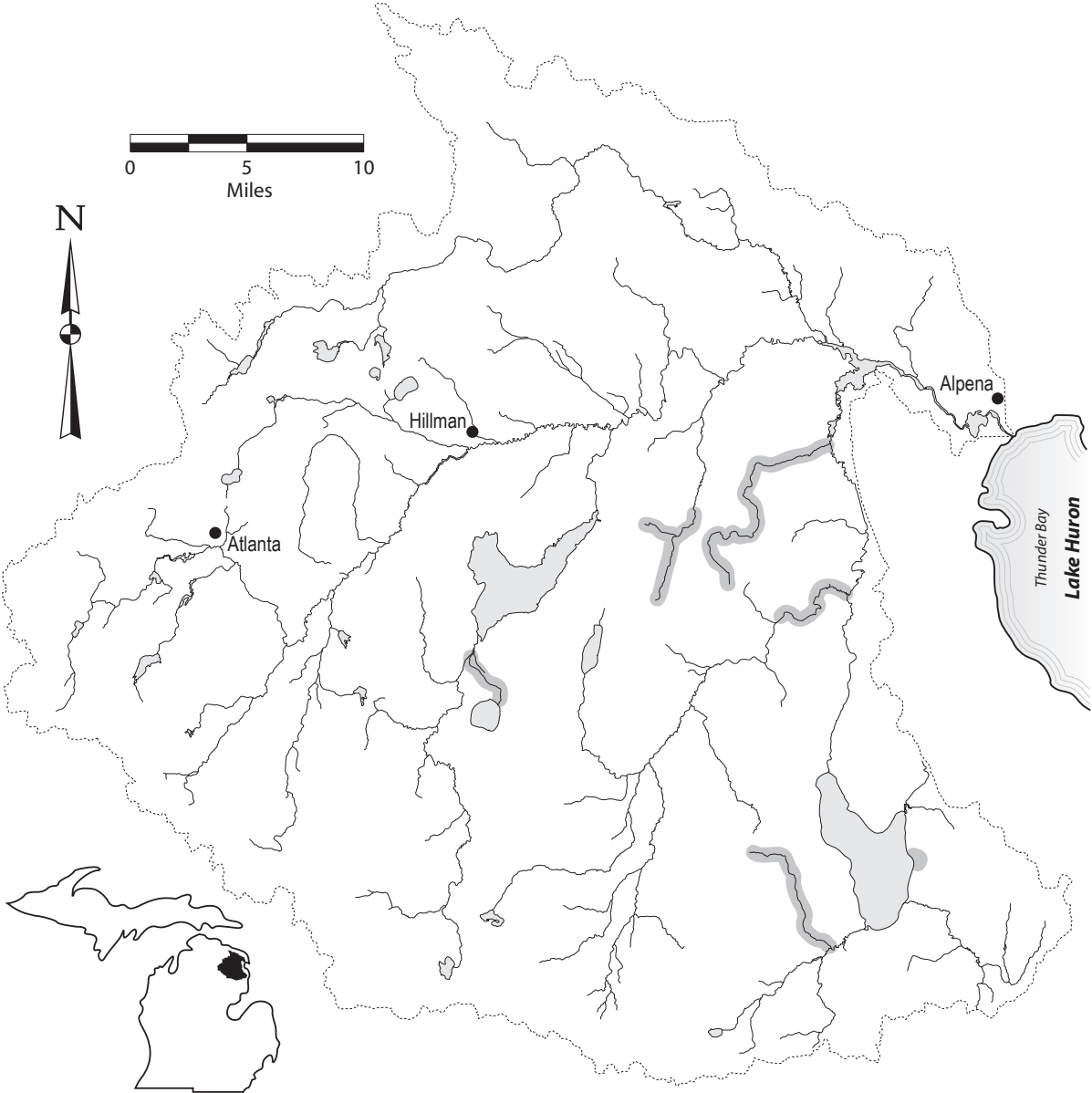




**Finescale dace (*Phoxinus neogaeus*)**

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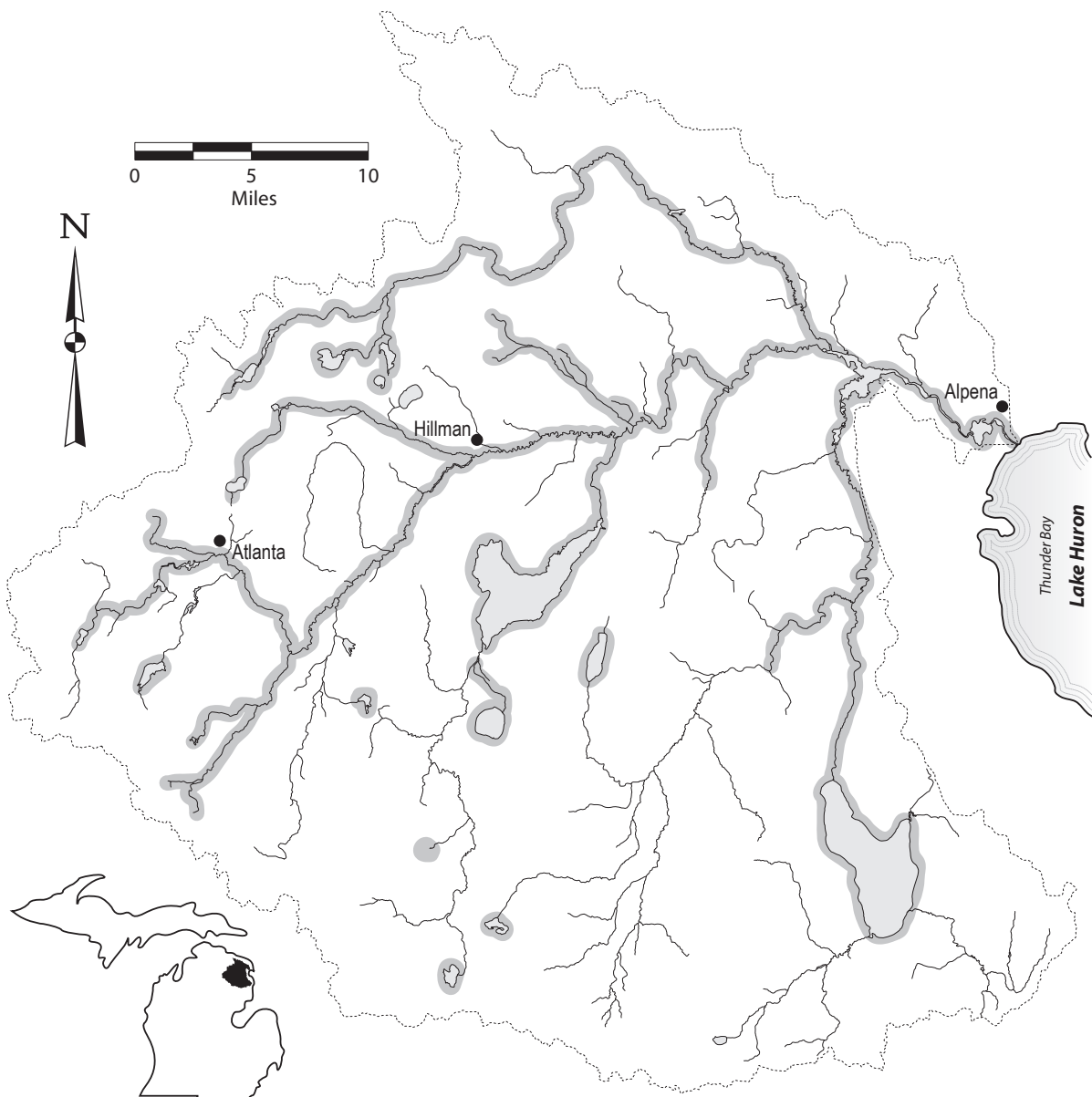
- feeding - cool bog lakes and streams
- neutral to slightly acidic waters
- various substrates



**Bluntnose minnow (*Pimephales notatus*)**

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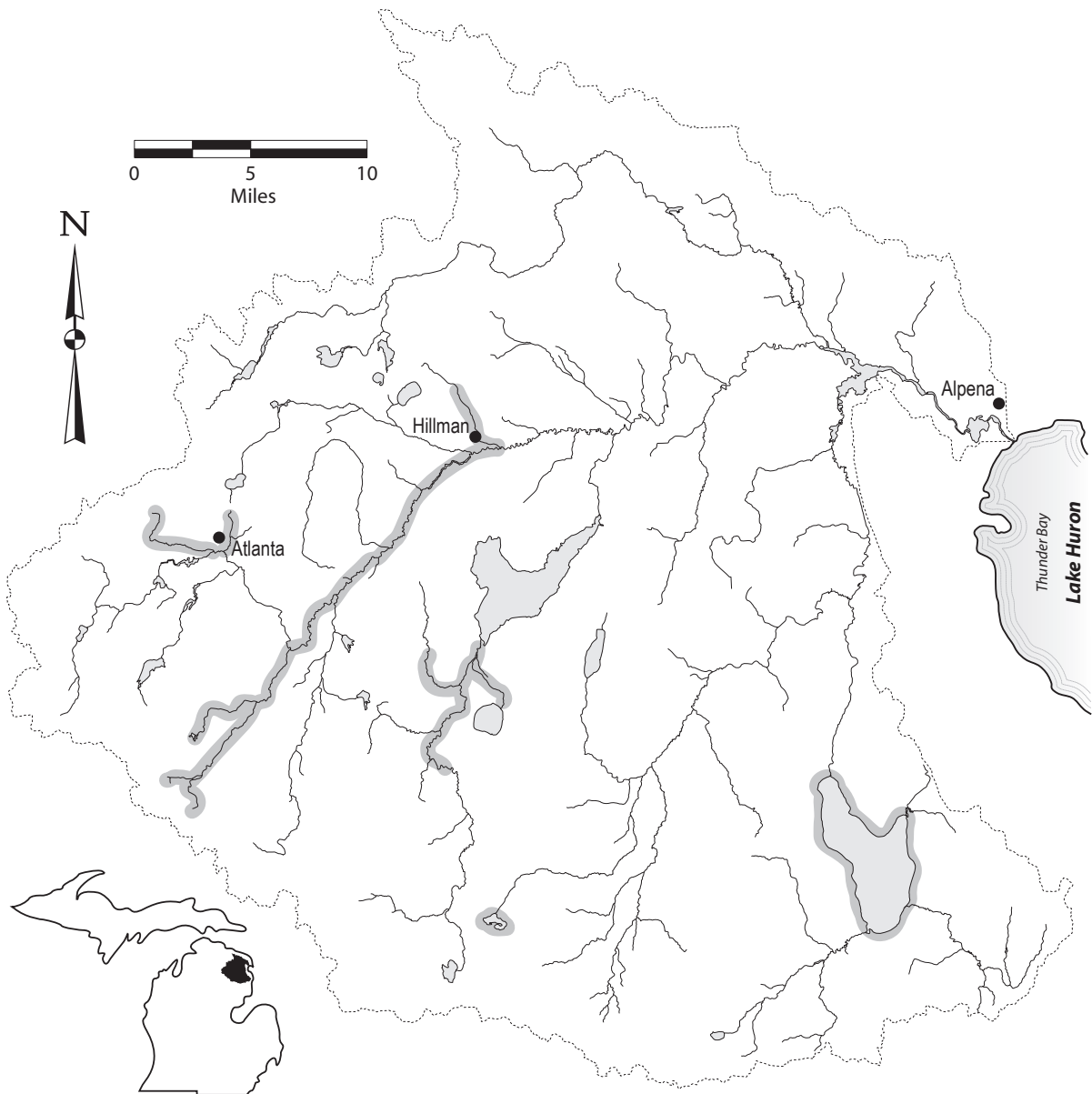
- feeding - quiet pools and backwaters of medium to large streams, lakes, and impoundments
- clear warm water
- some aquatic vegetation
- firm substrates
- tolerates all gradients, turbidity, organic and inorganic pollutants
  
- spawning - eggs deposited on the underside of flat stones or objects
- nests in sand or gravel substrate



**Fathead minnow (*Pimephales promelas*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - pools of small streams, lakes, and impoundments
- tolerant of turbidity, high temperatures, and low oxygen
  
- spawning - on underside of objects in water 2 to 3 feet deep
- prefer sand, marl, or gravel substrate

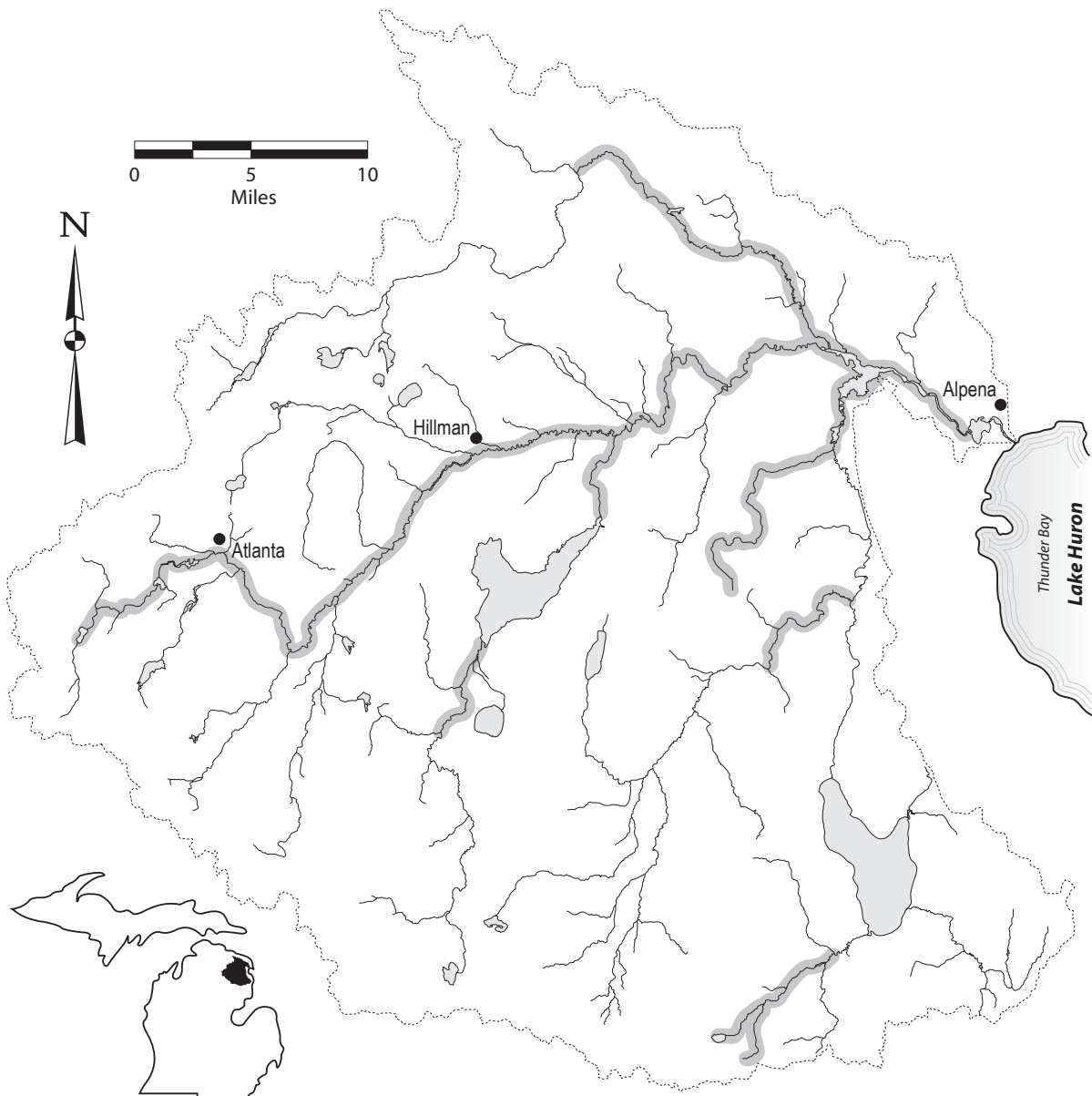


**Longnose dace (*Rhinichthys cataractae*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - lakes and streams
- high gradient
- gravel or boulder substrate

winter refuge - quiet shallow pools, or shallow flat sand and gravel-bottomed areas



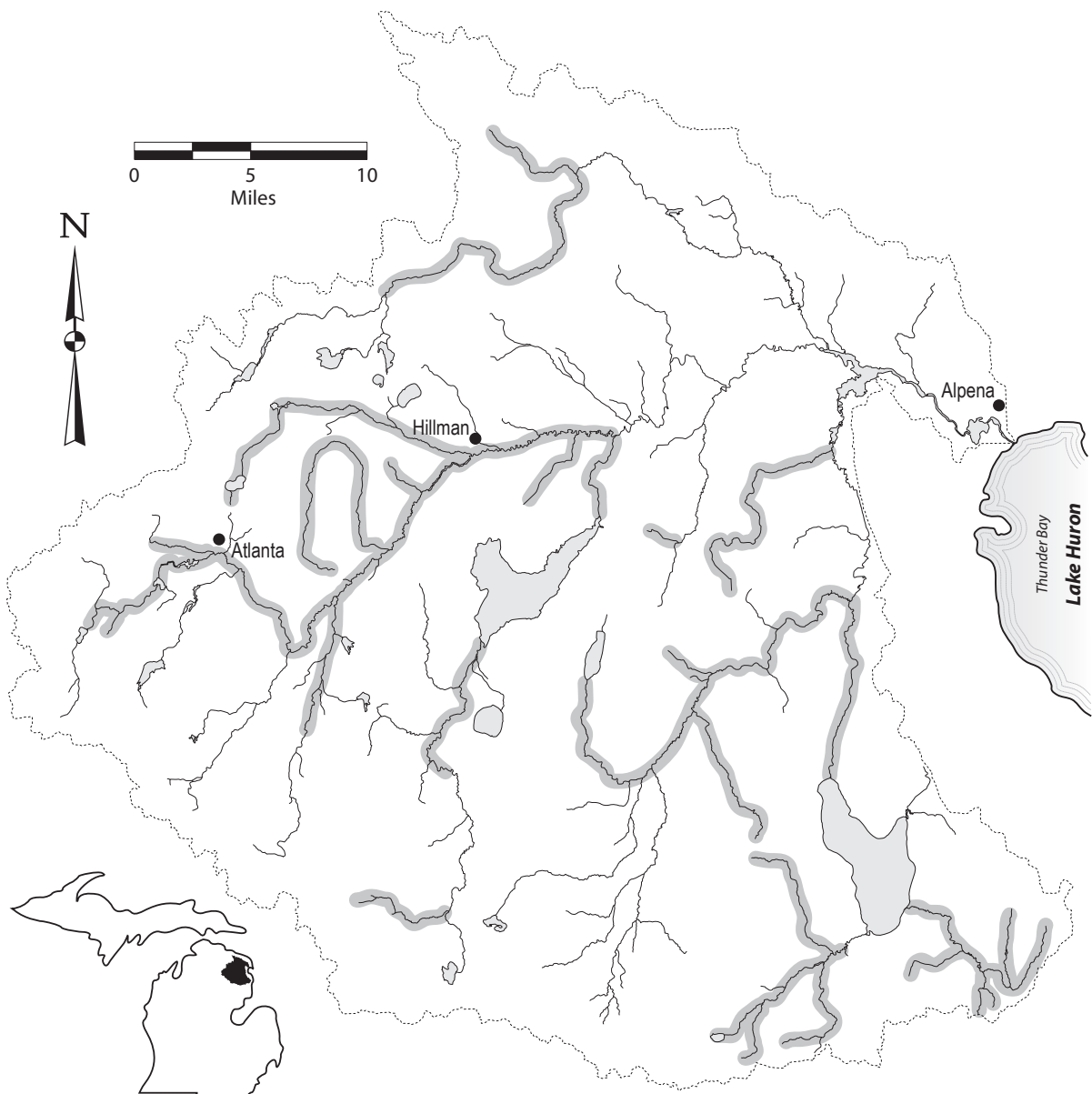
**Western blacknose dace (*Rhinichthys obtusus*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - moderate to high gradient streams
- sand and gravel substrate
- clear cool water in pools with deep holes and undercut banks
- does not tolerate turbidity and silt well

spawning - riffles with gravel substrate and fast current

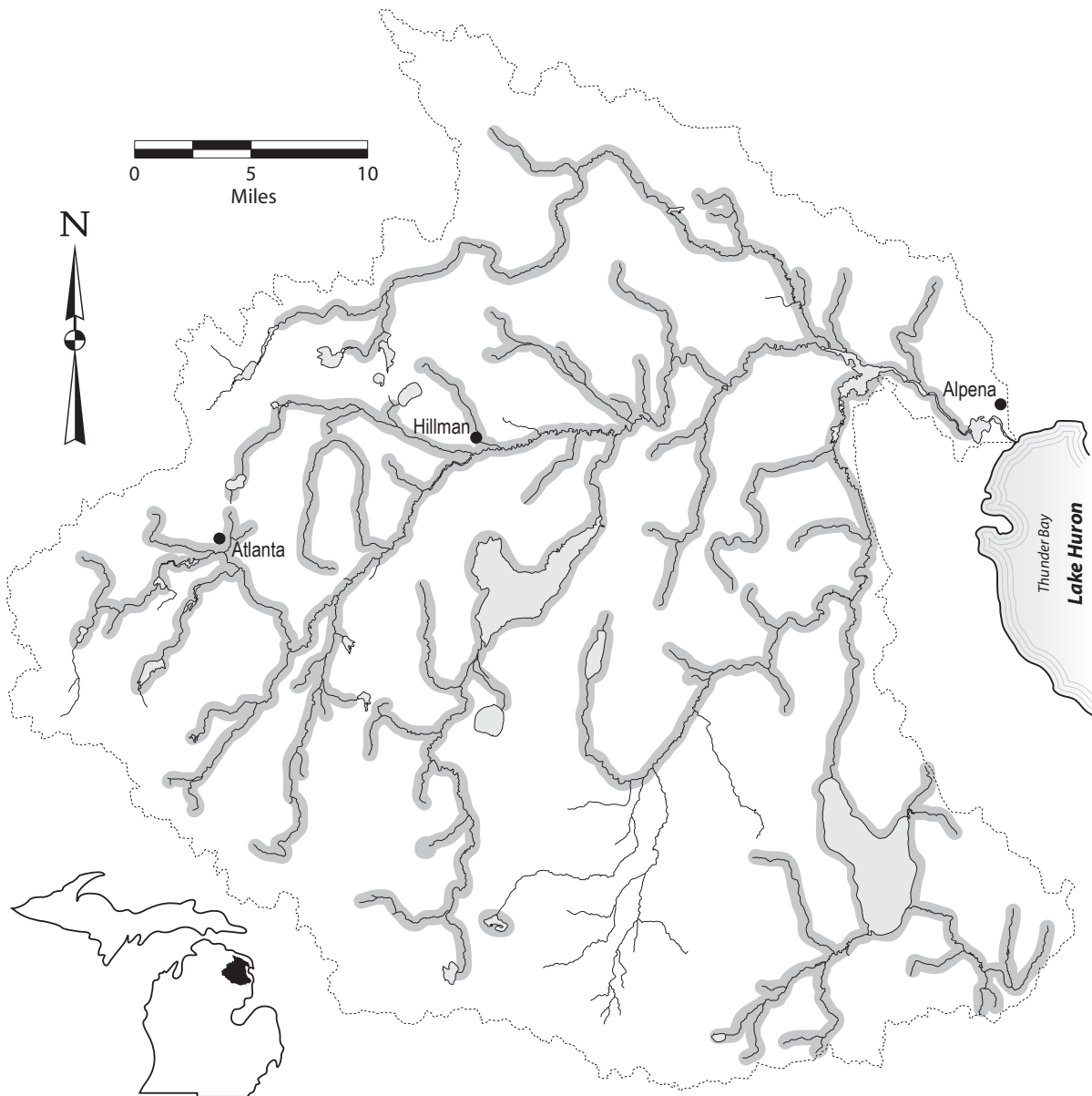
winter refuge - larger waters



**Creek chub** (*Semotilus atromaculatus*)

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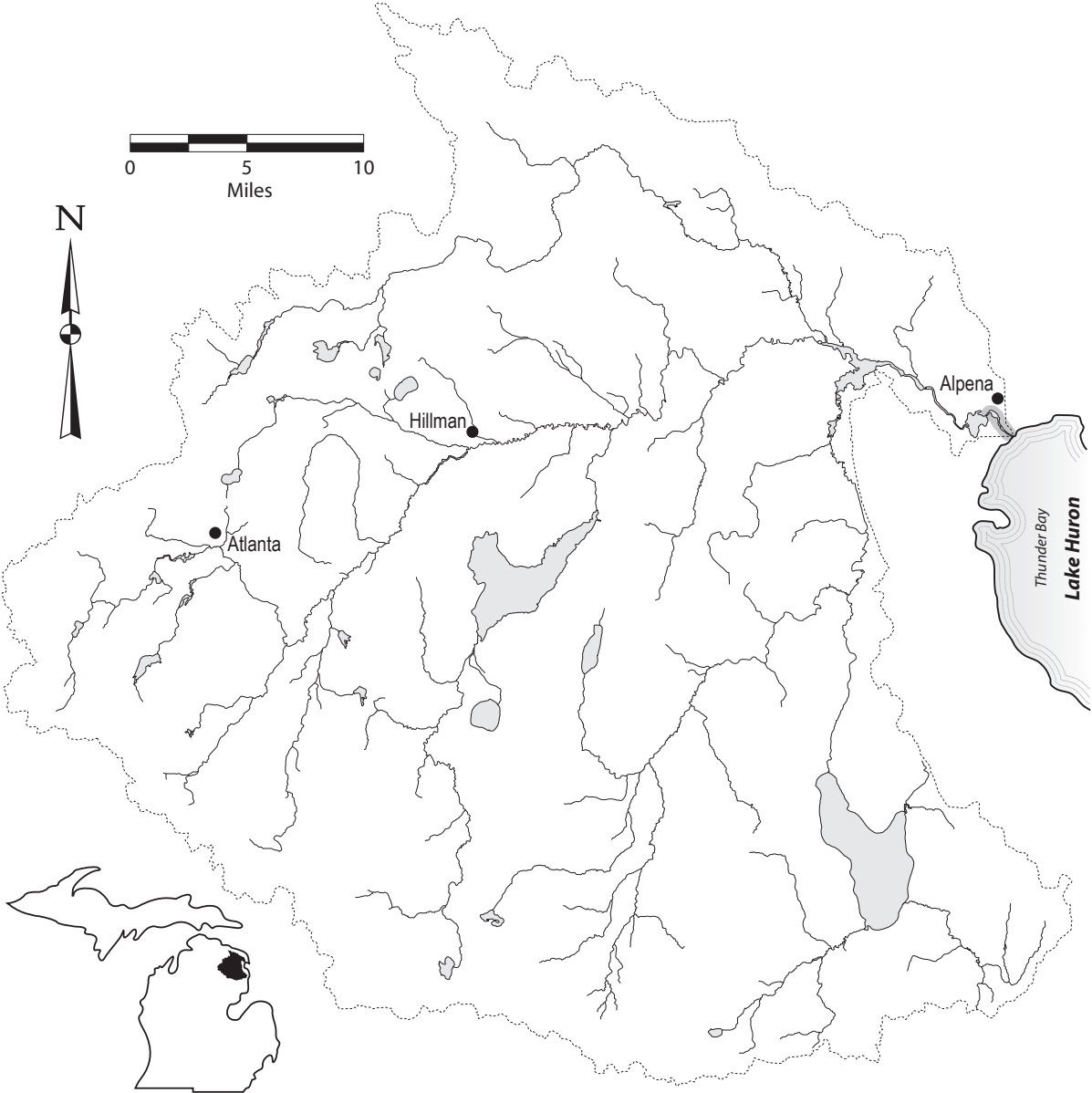
- feeding - streams, rivers, or shore waters of lakes and impoundments
  - can tolerate intermittent flows
  - tolerates moderate turbidity
  
- spawning - gravel nests
  - low current
  
- winter refuge - deeper pools and runs



**Longnose sucker (*Catostomus catostomus*)**

**Habitat:**

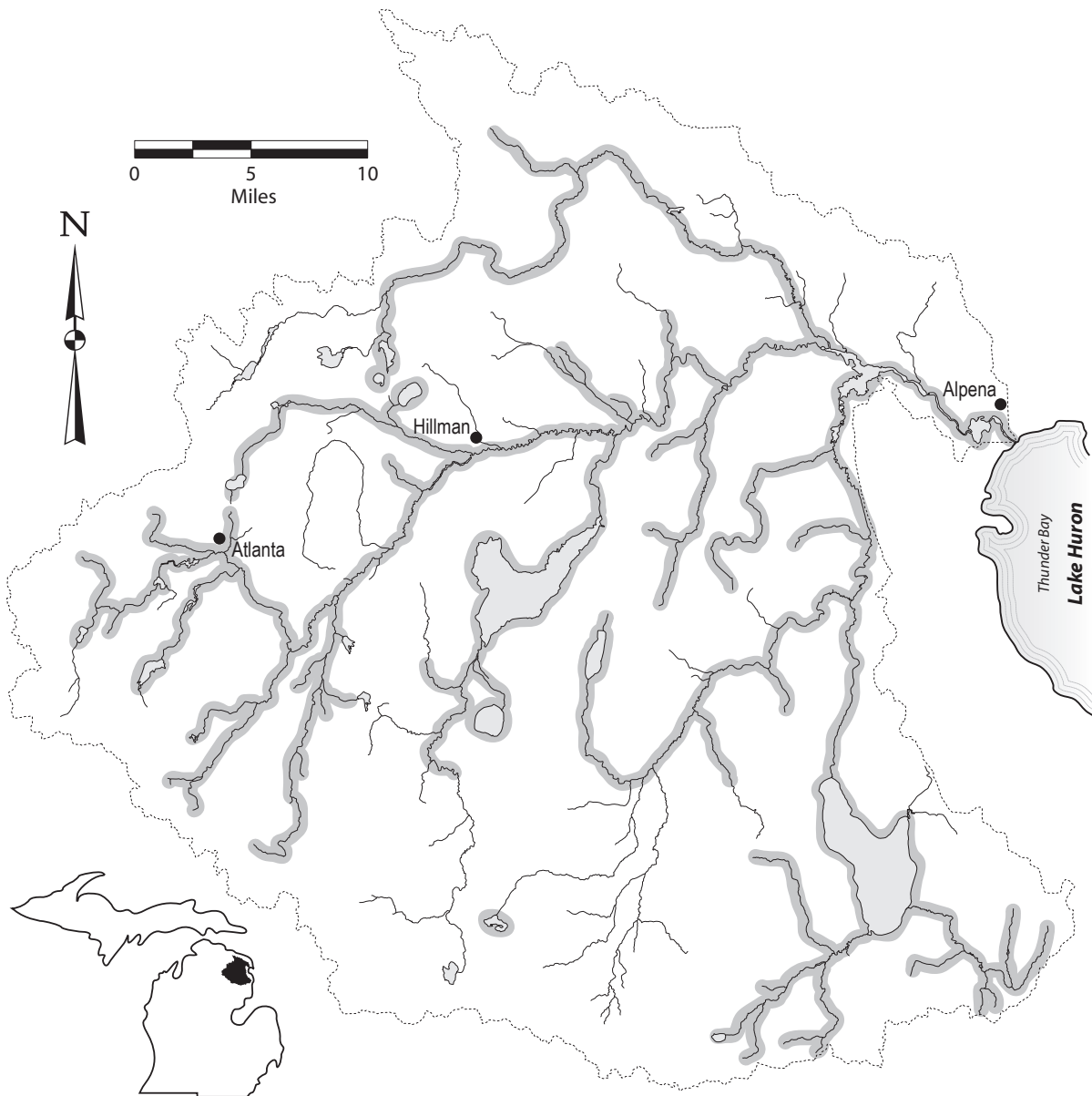
- feeding - clear, cold rivers and lakes
  
- spawning - in streams or lake shallows
  - current
  - gravel substrate



**White sucker (*Catostomus commersonii*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - streams, rivers, lakes, and impoundments
- can inhabit highly turbid and polluted waters
  
- spawning - quiet gravelly shallow areas of streams

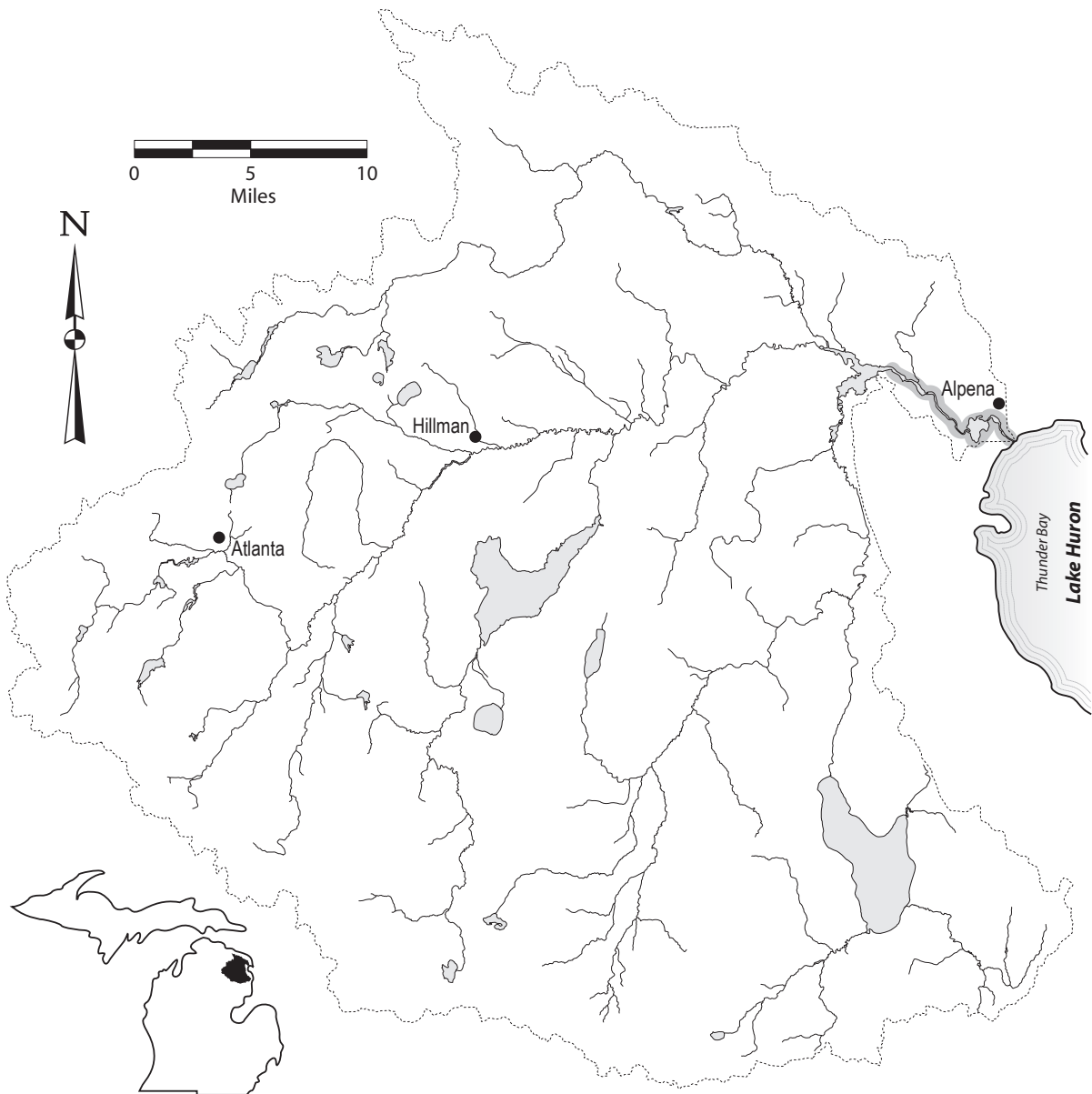




**Silver redhorse (*Moxostoma anisurum*)**

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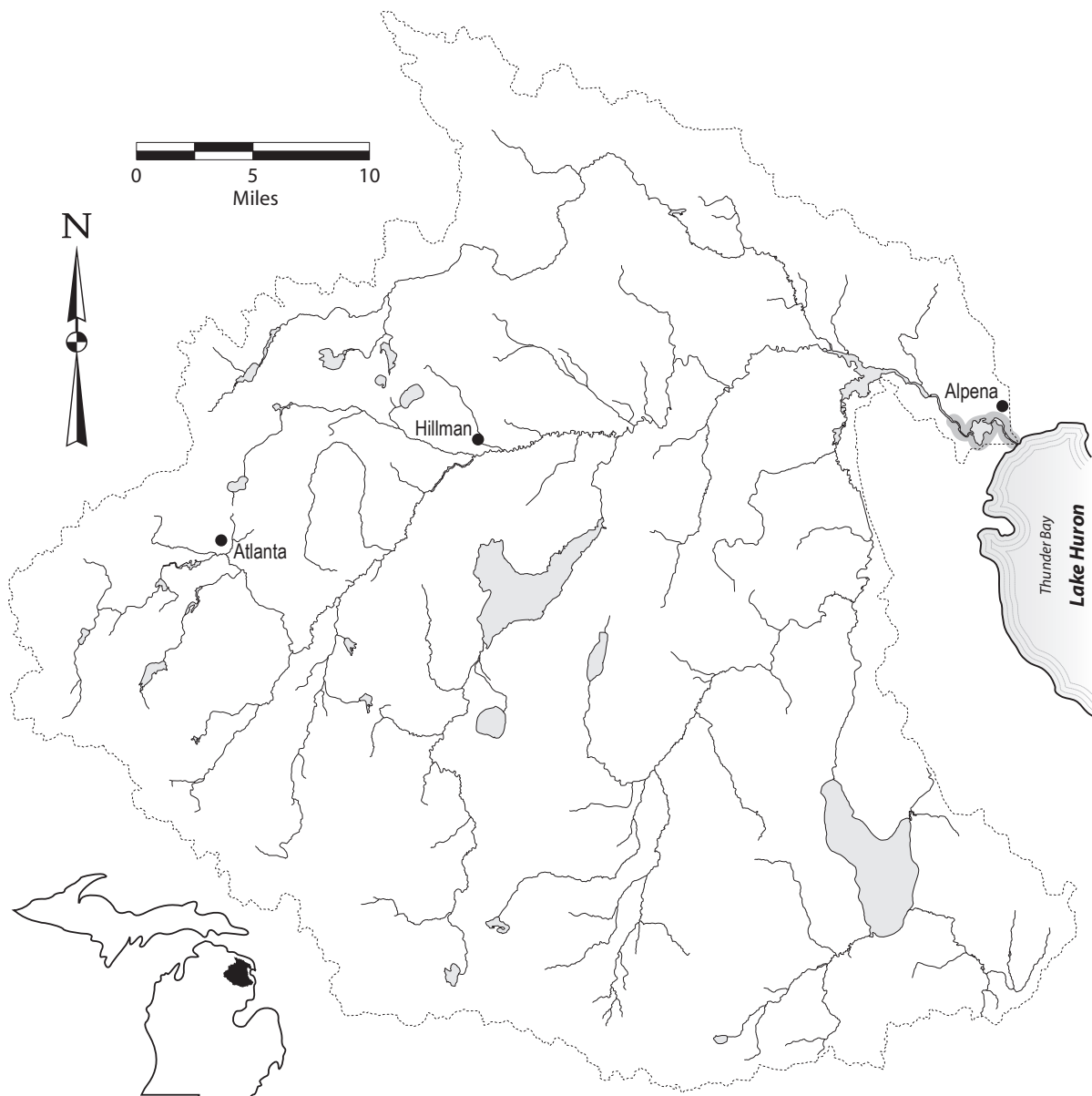
- feeding - streams, rivers, lakes, and impoundments
- low current
- pollution and turbidity intolerant
  
- spawning - swift current in rivers, do not spawn in tributaries
- males territorial
- gravel to rubble substrate



**Greater redhorse** (*Moxostoma valenciennesi*)

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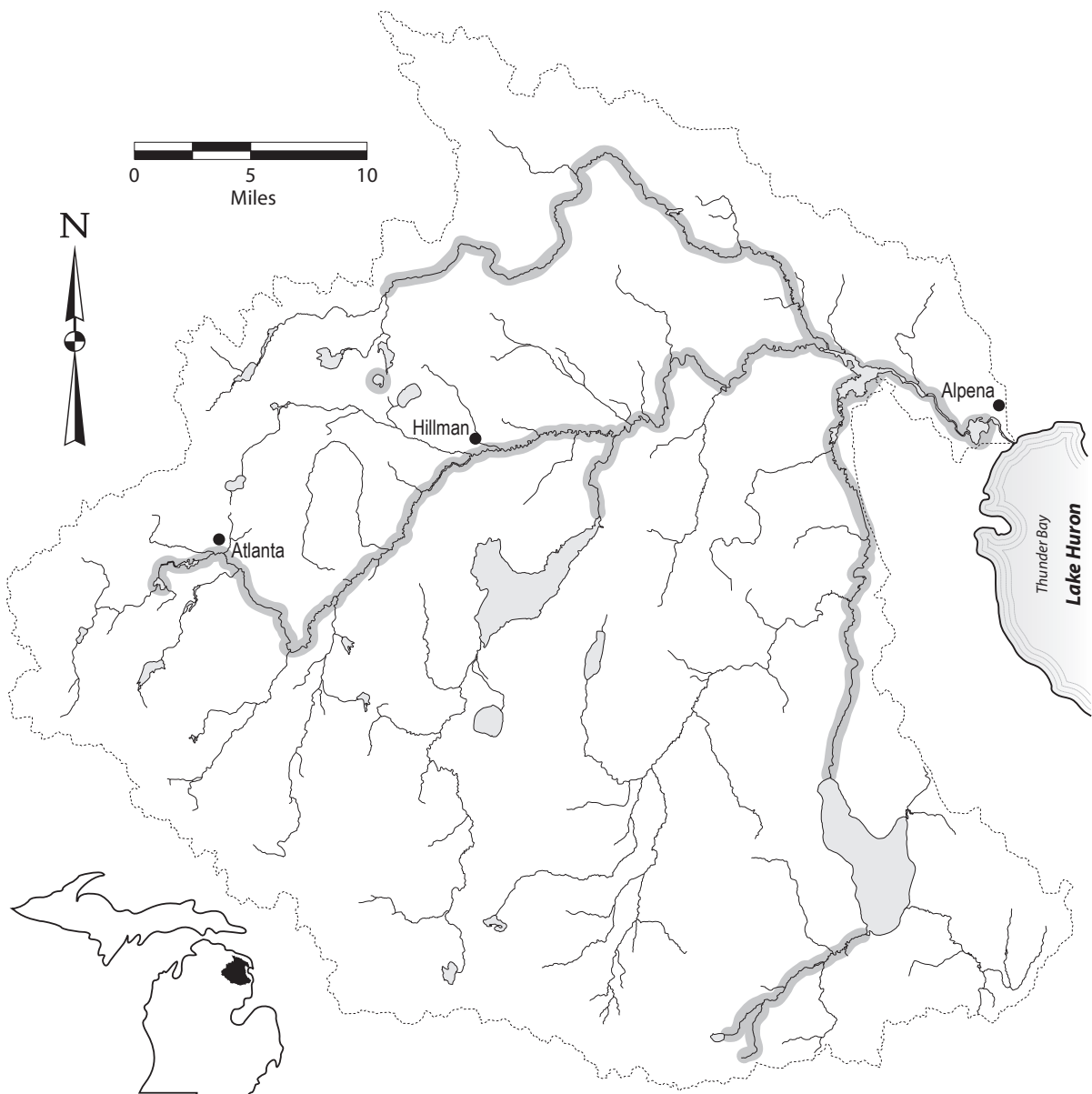
- feeding - large clear streams
  - clean sand, gravel, or boulder substrate
  - intolerant of excessive turbidity and chemical pollutants
- spawning - moderately rapid current



**Black bullhead (*Ameiurus melas*)**

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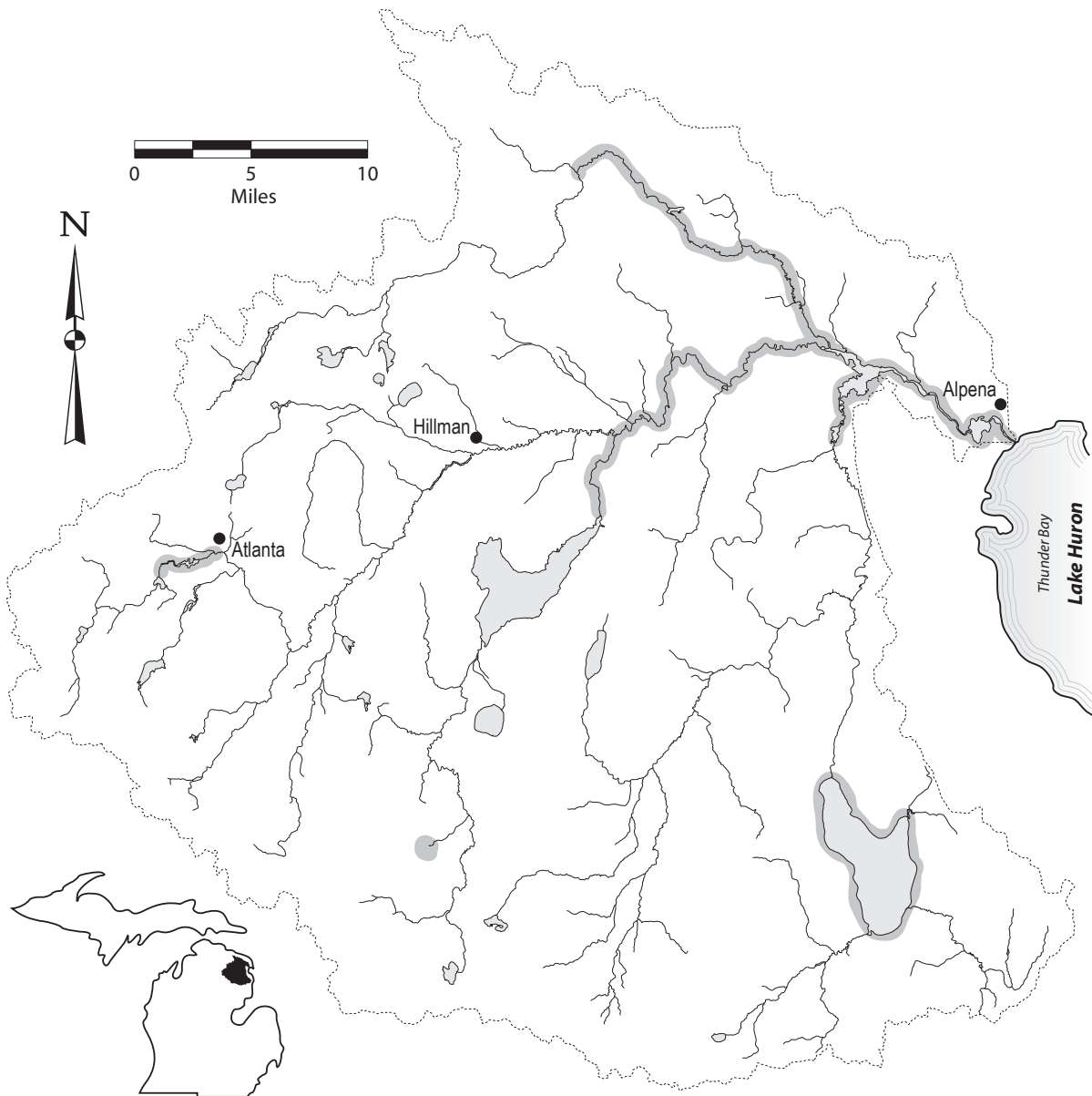
- feeding - turbid water
  - silt bottom
  - low gradient small to medium streams, pools, and headwaters of large rivers; also in lakes and impoundments
  - can tolerate very warm water and very low dissolved oxygen
- spawning - nest in moderate to heavy vegetation or woody debris and under overhanging banks



**Yellow bullhead (*Ameiurus natalis*)**

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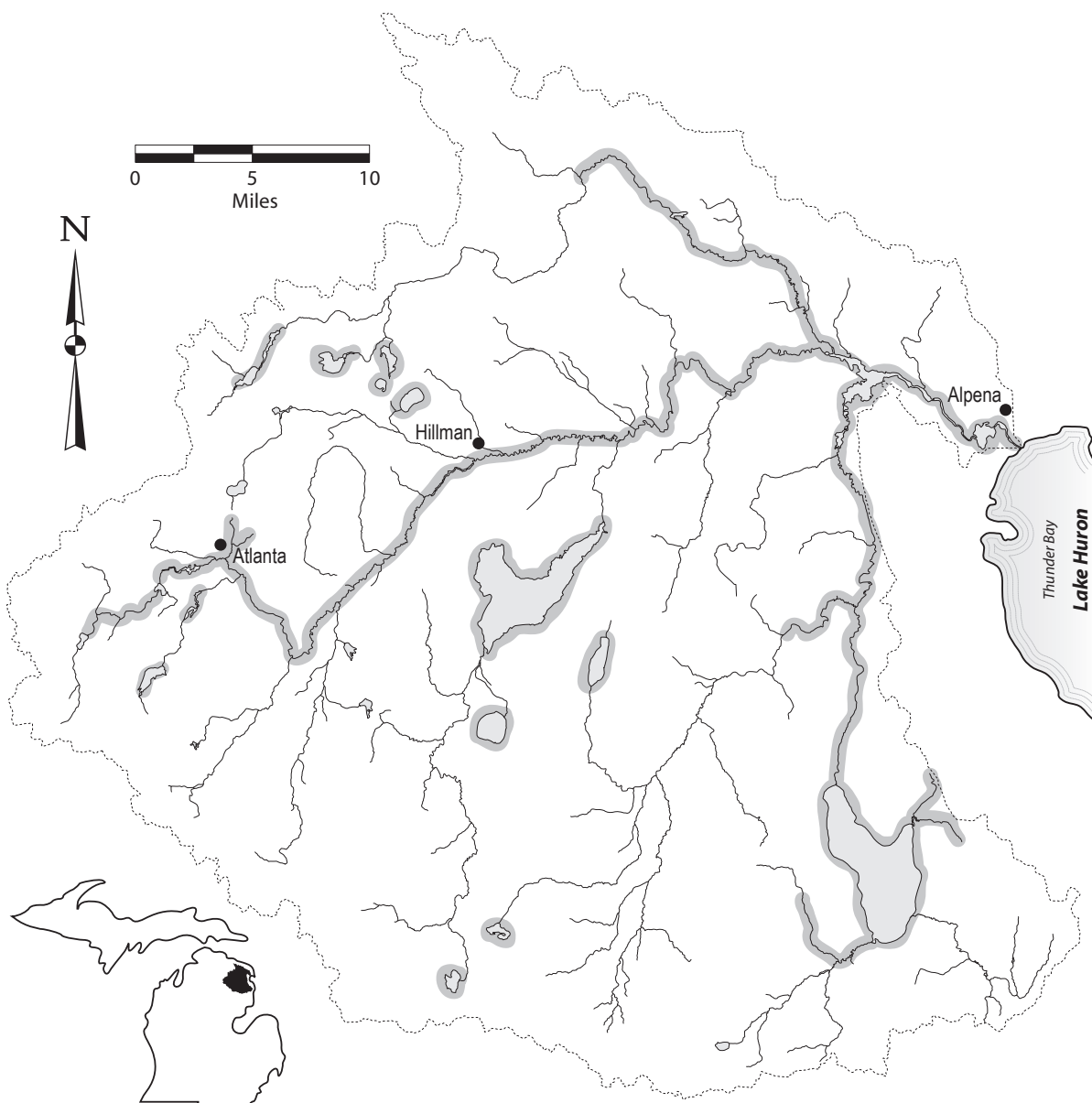
- feeding - clear flowing water
  - heavy vegetation
  - low gradient streams, lakes, and impoundments
  - tolerant of low oxygen
- spawning - nest under a stream bank or near stones or stumps



**Brown bullhead (*Ameiurus nebulosus*)**

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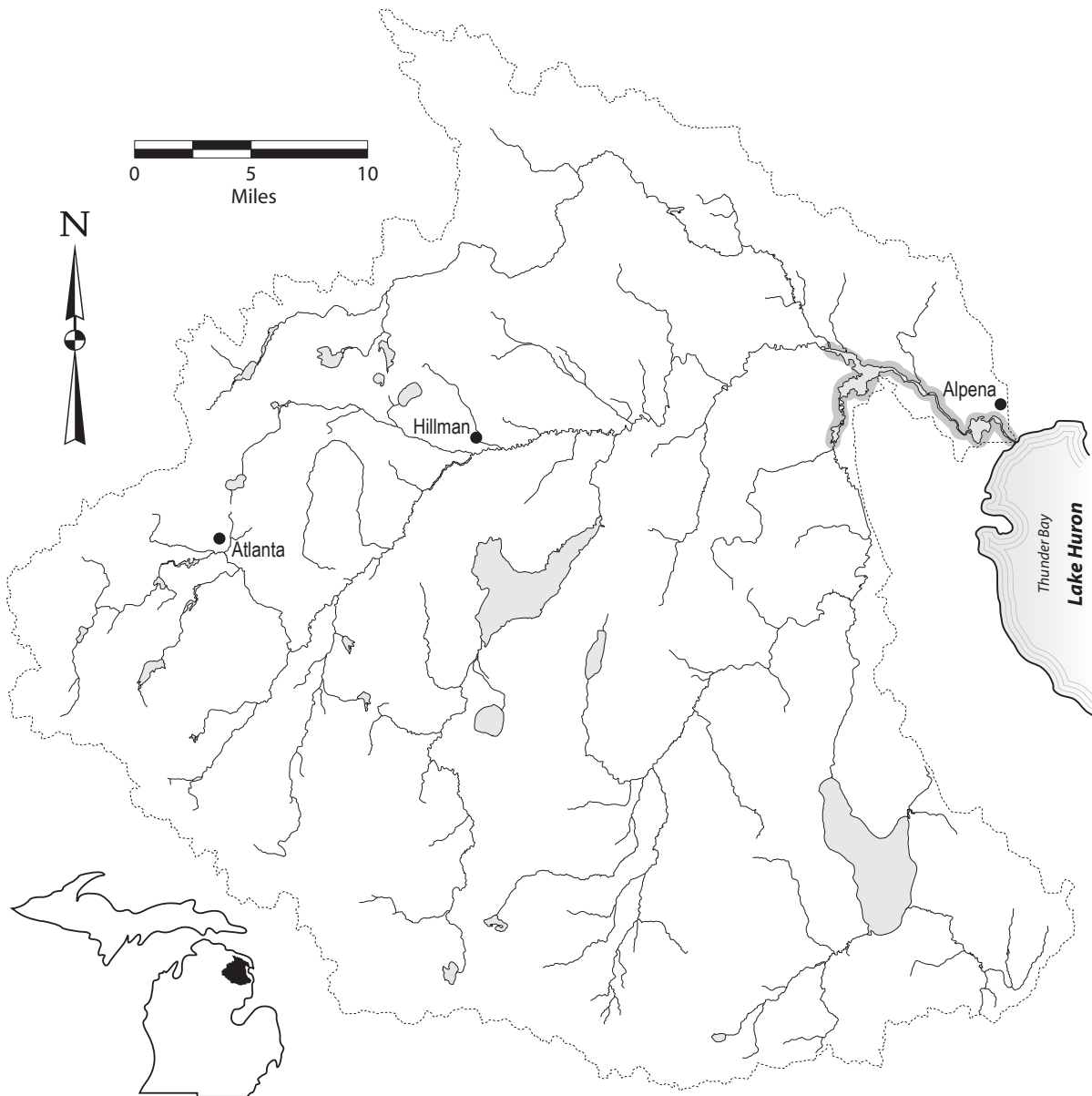
- feeding
  - larger streams and rivers, lakes and impoundments
  - clear cool water with little clayey silt
  - moderate amounts of aquatic vegetation
  - sand, gravel, or muck substrate
  - not tolerant of turbid water
  - tolerant of warm water and low oxygen
  
- spawning
  - nest in mud or sand substrate among rooted aquatic vegetation usually near a stump, tree, or rock
  
- winter refuge
  - in muddy bottoms



**Channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*)**

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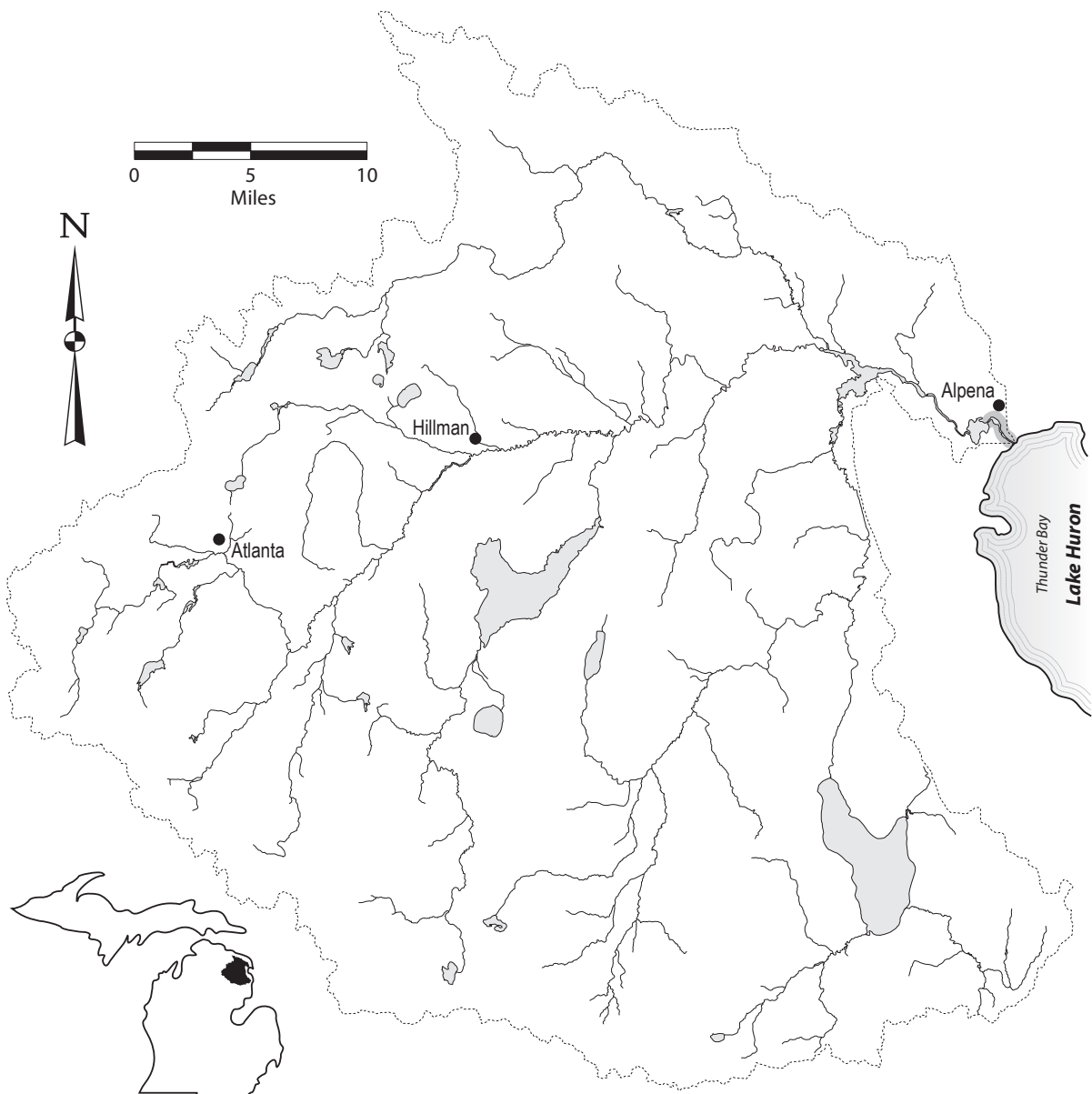
- feeding - moderately-clear, deeper waters of rivers, lakes, and impoundments
  - sand, gravel, or rubble substrate
  - low to moderate gradient
  
- spawning - secluded semi-dark areas such as holes, under banks, log jams, or rocks



**Tadpole madtom (*Noturus gyrinus*)**

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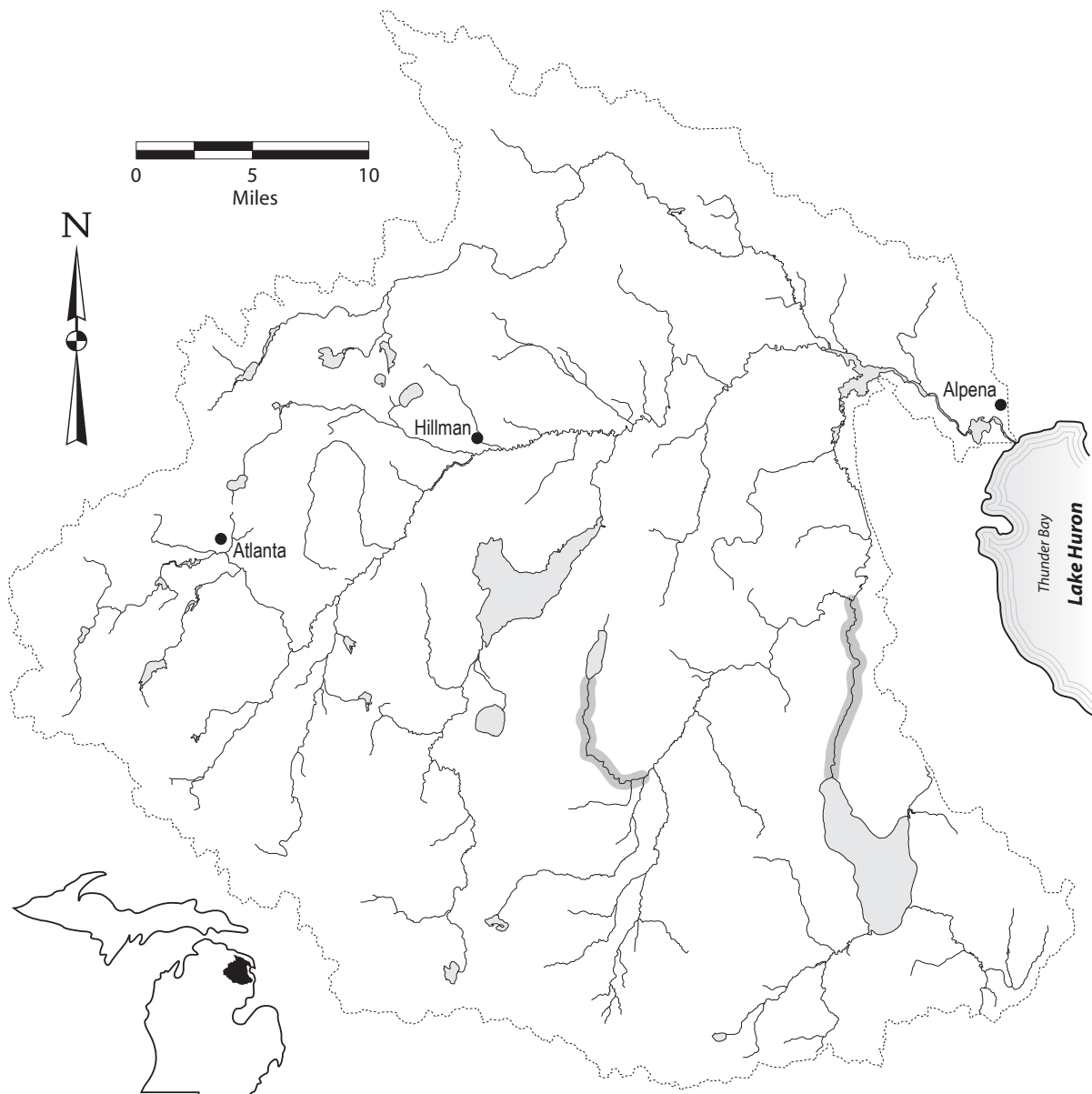
- feeding - vegetative cover in low-moderate current waters
- muddy substrate with extensive vegetation
- clear waters of streams, rivers, and lakes
  
- spawning - mostly in rivers, sometimes shallows of lakes
- nests in dark cavities (e.g., beneath boards, logs, crayfish burrows)



**Grass pickerel (*Esox americanus vermiculatus*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - juveniles: along shore
- adults: in deeper portions of streams, rivers, lakes, and impoundments
- clear water, little current, dense vegetation
- tolerates low oxygen concentrations
  
- spawning - broadcast spawner over submerged vegetation

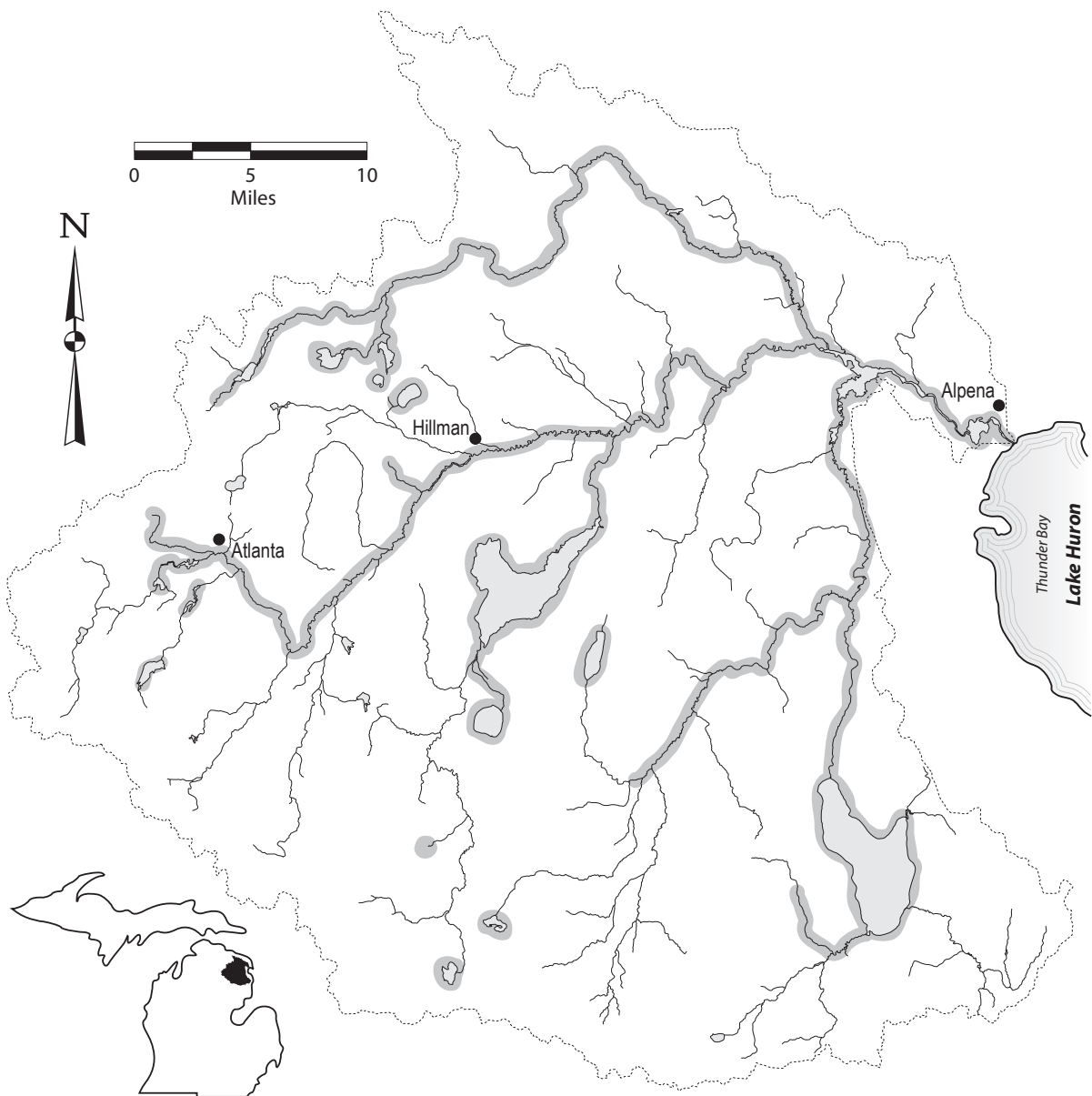




**Northern pike (*Esox lucius*)**

**Habitat:**

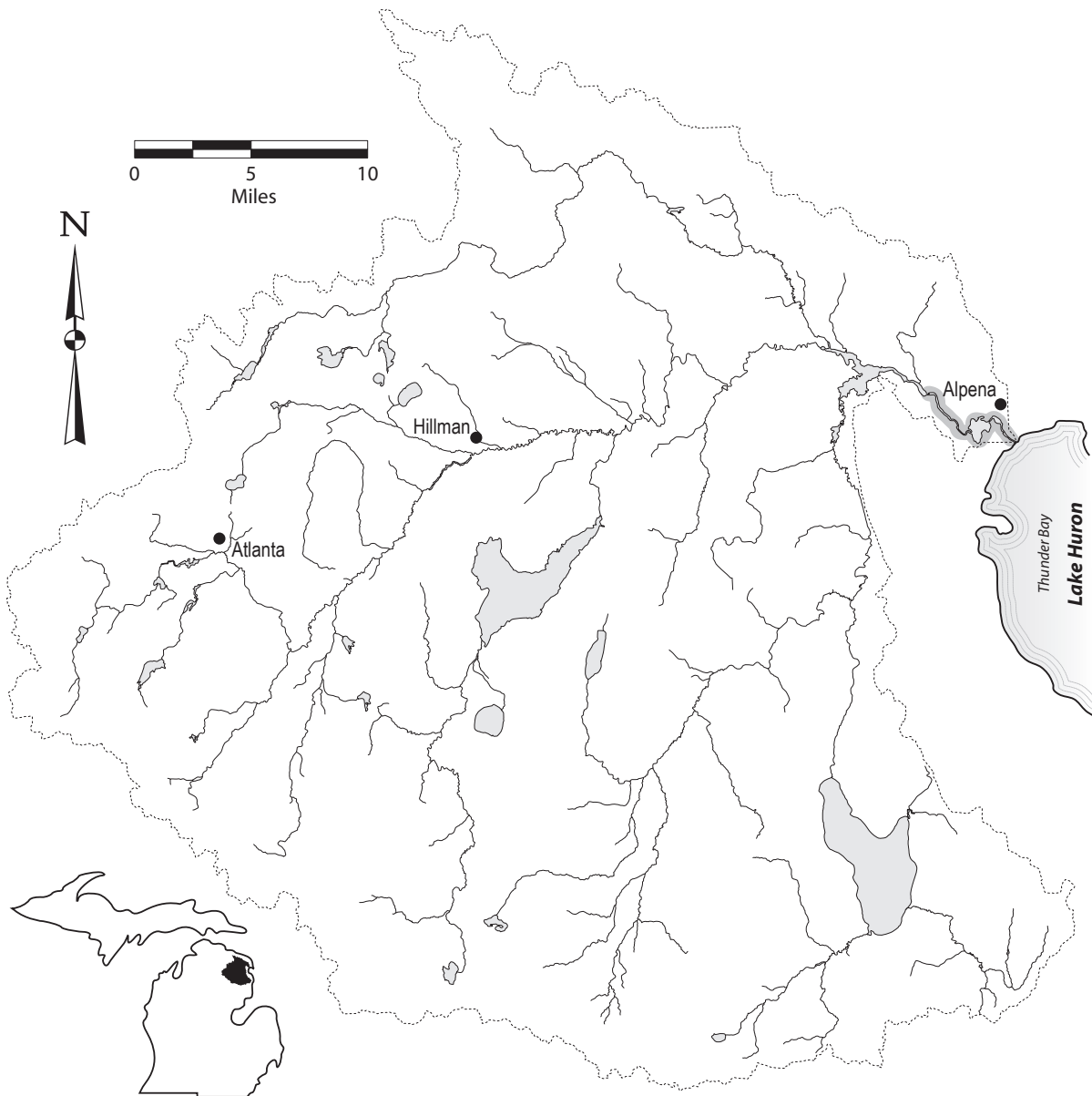
- feeding - cool to moderately warm streams, rivers, lakes, and impoundments
- vegetation in slow to moderate current
  
- spawning - submerged vegetation with slow current in shallow water



**Muskellunge** (*Esox masquinongy*)

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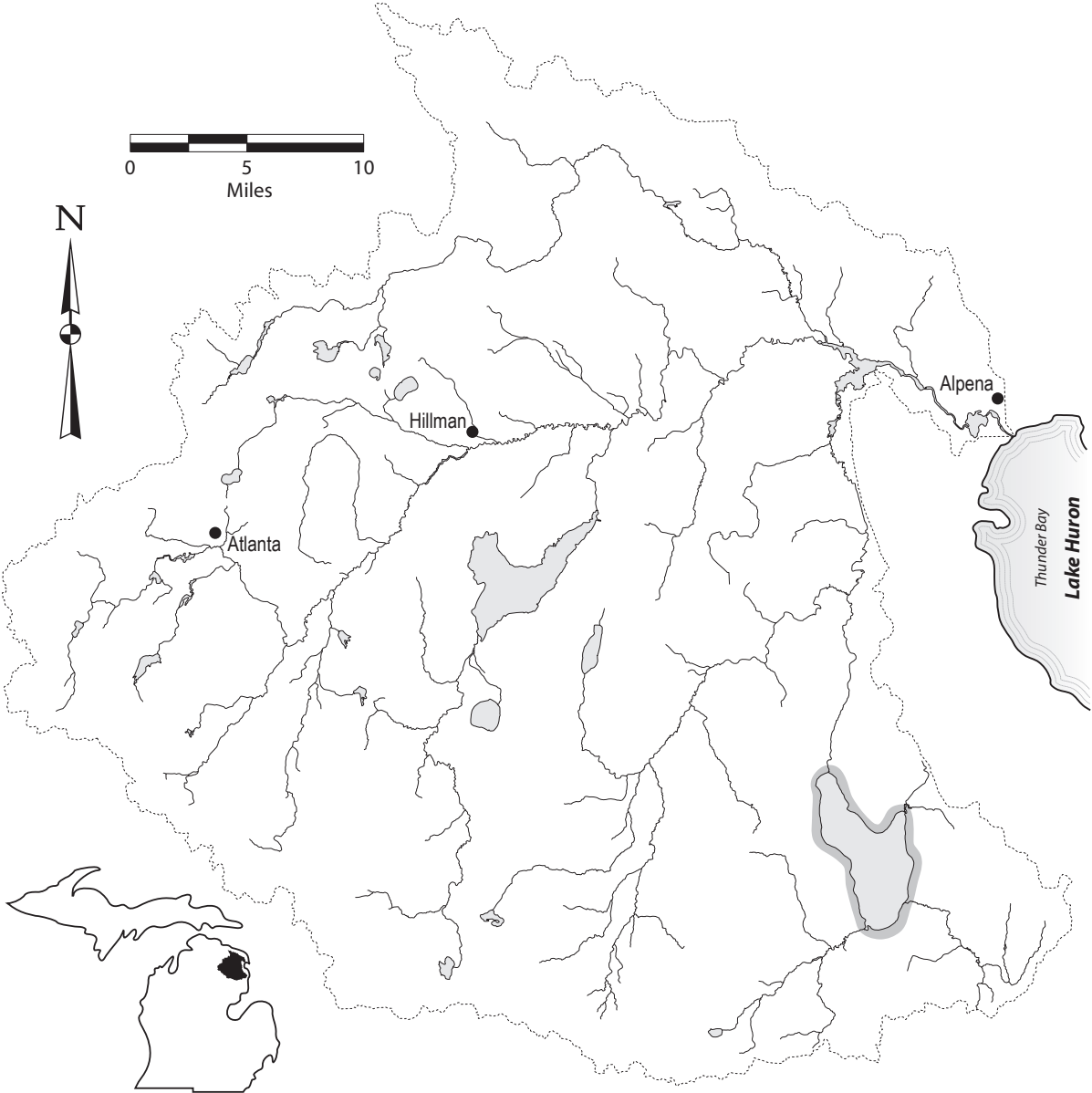
- feeding - warm, heavily vegetated lakes, stumpy weedy bays, and slow heavily vegetated medium to large rivers
  - shallow cool water
  - tolerant of low oxygen
- spawning - clear shallow waters (15-20") in heavily vegetated areas



**Tiger muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy* x *E. lucius*)**

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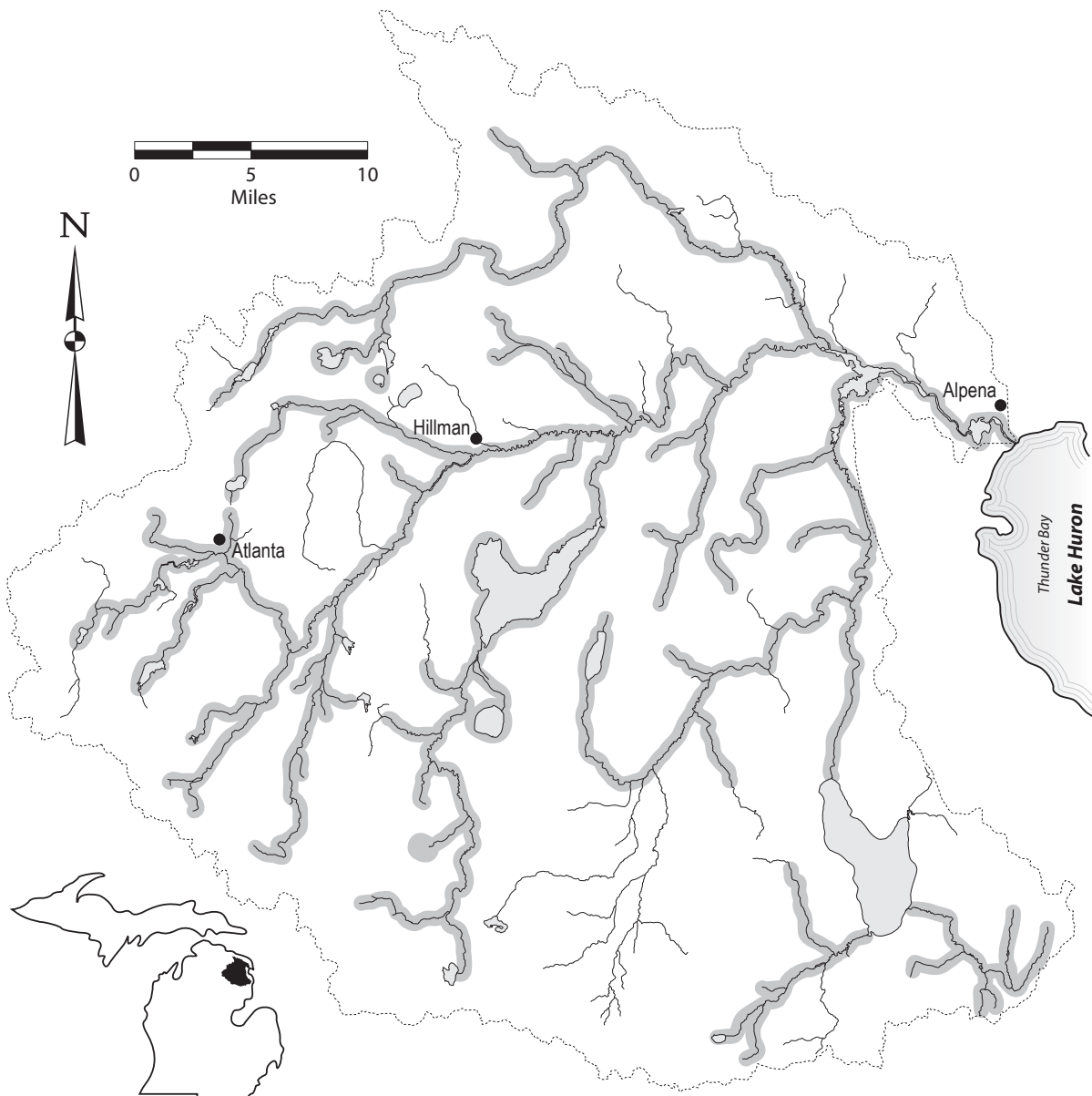
- feeding - intermediate between muskellunge and northern pike
  
- spawning - hybrid species; muskellunge x northern pike
  - occasionally produced in wild, but most often from hatcheries
  - males are sterile, females may be fertile



**Central mudminnow (*Umbra limi*)**

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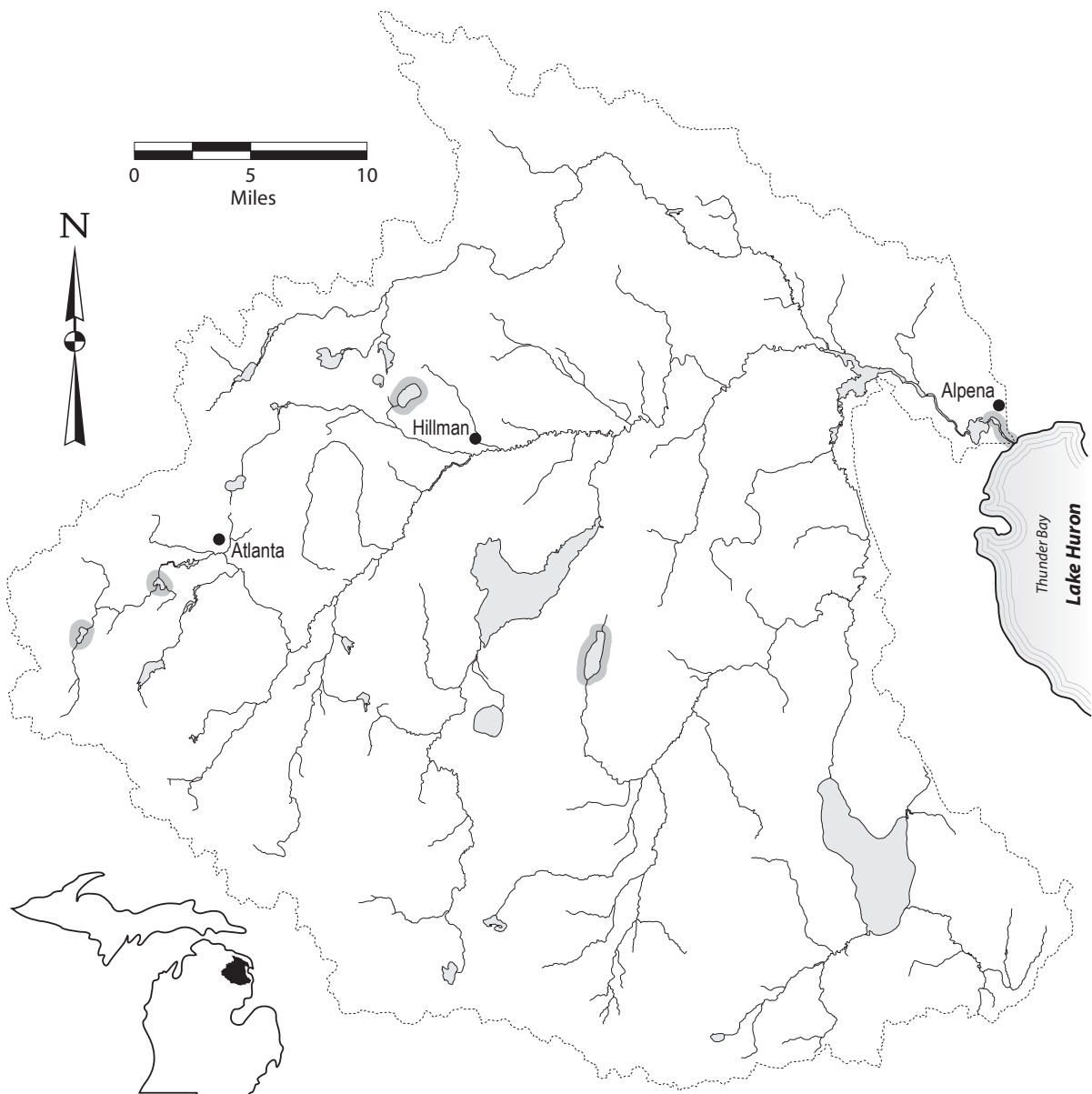
- feeding - undisturbed clear, low-gradient streams or rivers and lakes and impoundments
  - organic debris, muck, or peat substrates
  - aquatic vegetation
  
- spawning - floodplain areas, on vegetation



**Rainbow smelt (*Osmerus mordax*)**

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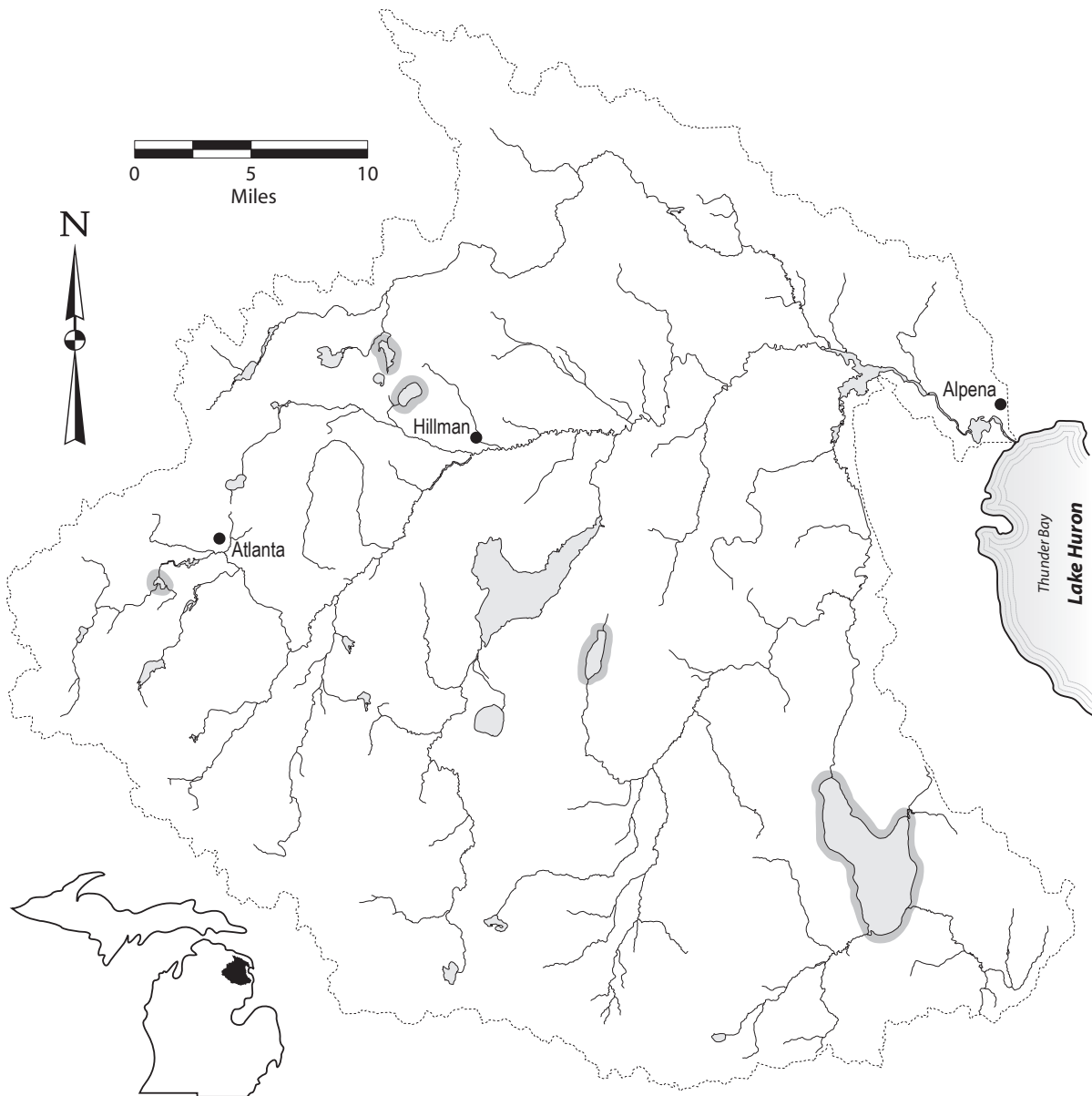
- feeding - young: close inshore lake habitat along sand and gravel beaches
- cold water
  
- spawning - clear high-gradient streams or wave swept shoreline
- riffles with coarse sand or gravel substrate
  
- winter refuge - midwaters of lakes or inshore coastal waters



**Cisco** {lake herring} (*Coregonus artedii*) – threatened

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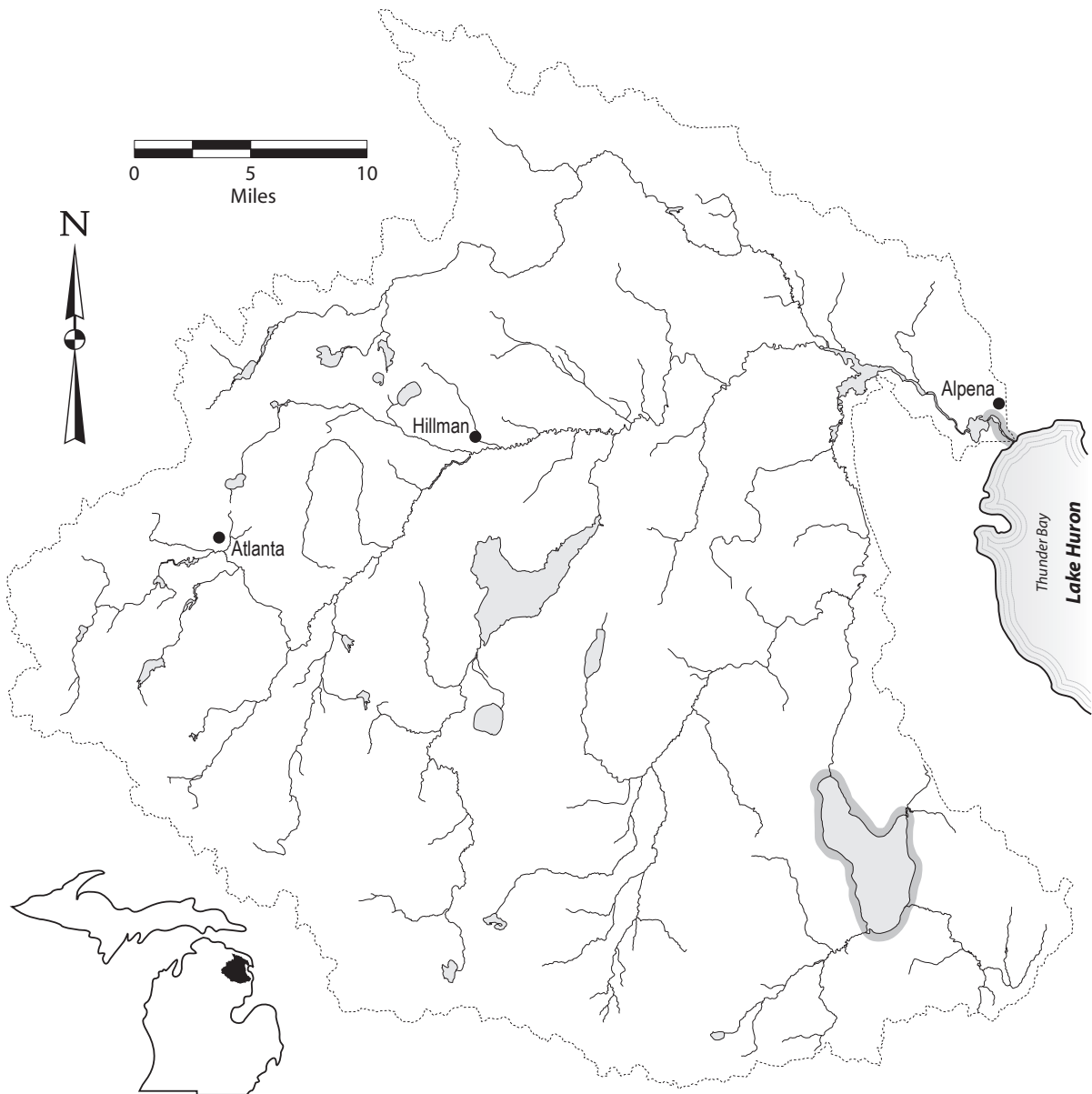
- feeding - deep cool lakes, preferably oligotrophic
  
- spawning - usually in lakes
  - 3 to 6 feet of water with no vegetation
  - often over gravel or stony substrate



**Lake whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*)**

**Habitat:**

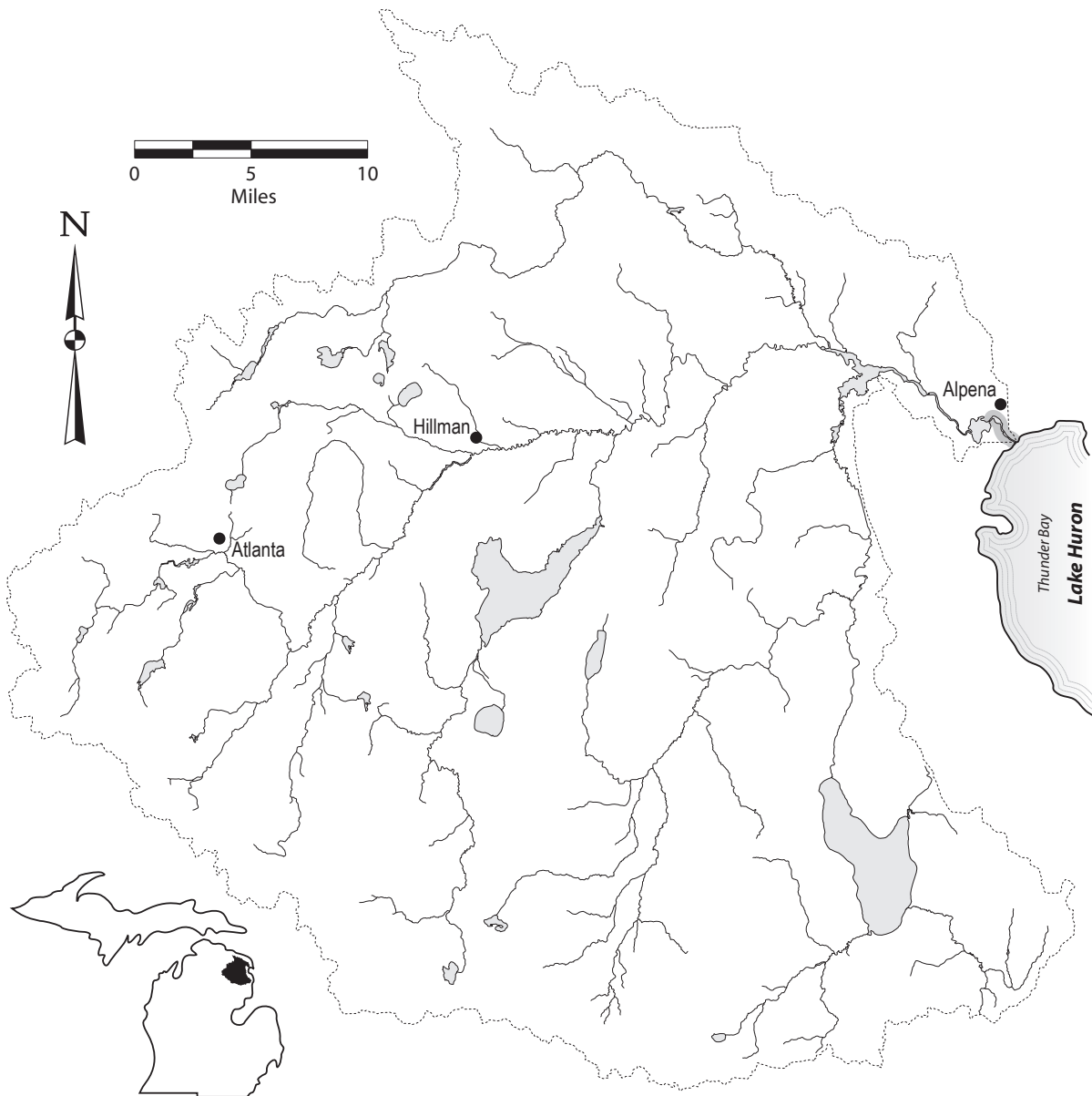
- feeding - shallow water (for coregonids; 55-105 ft.)
- spawning - cold shallow water (<25 ft.)
  - hard, stony, or sand substrate



**Pink salmon** (*Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*)

**Habitat:**

- feeding - large cold deep lakes - Lake Huron
- spawning - gravel substrate in rivers
  - female prepares and guards nest until death

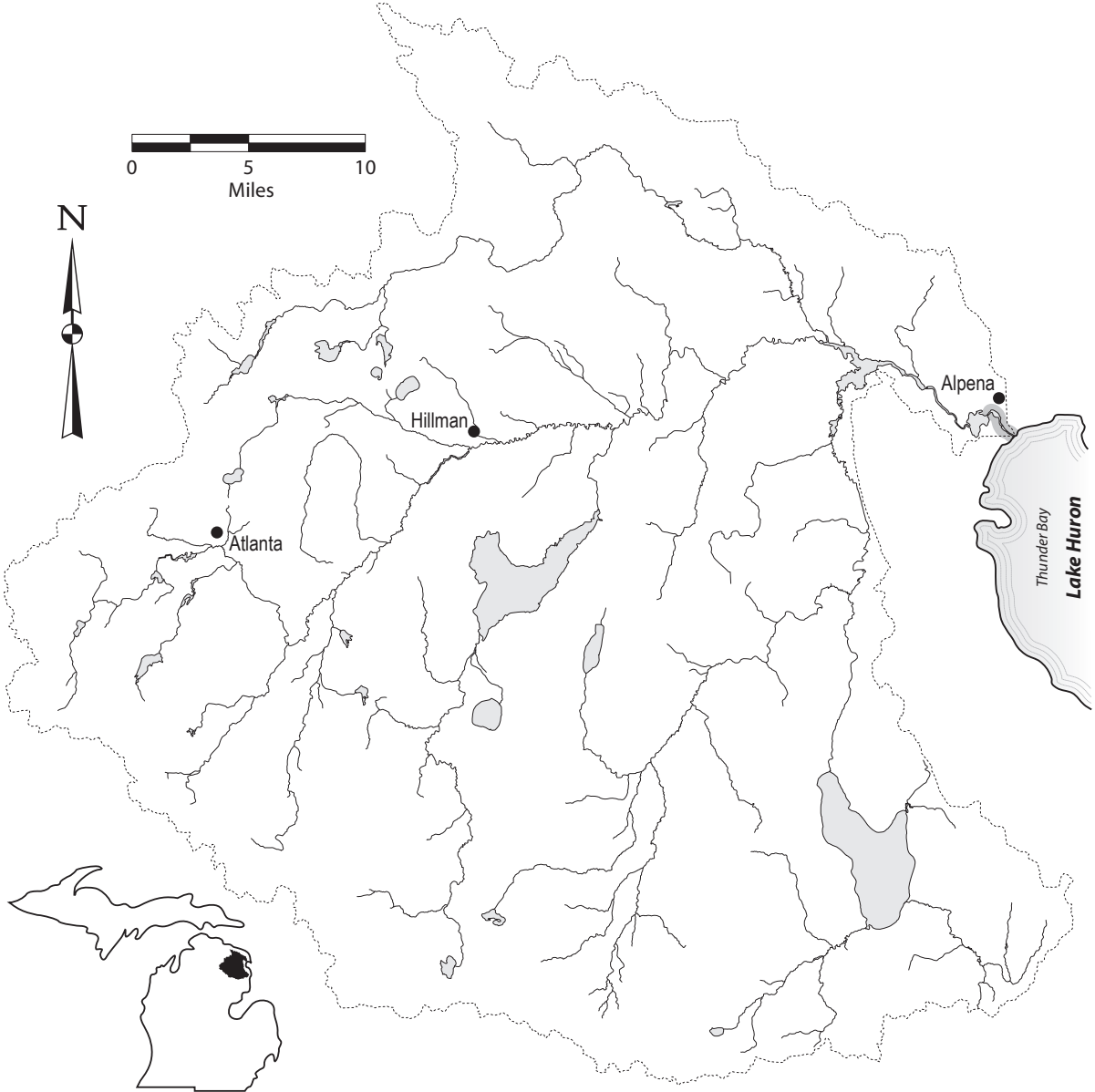




**Coho salmon** (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)

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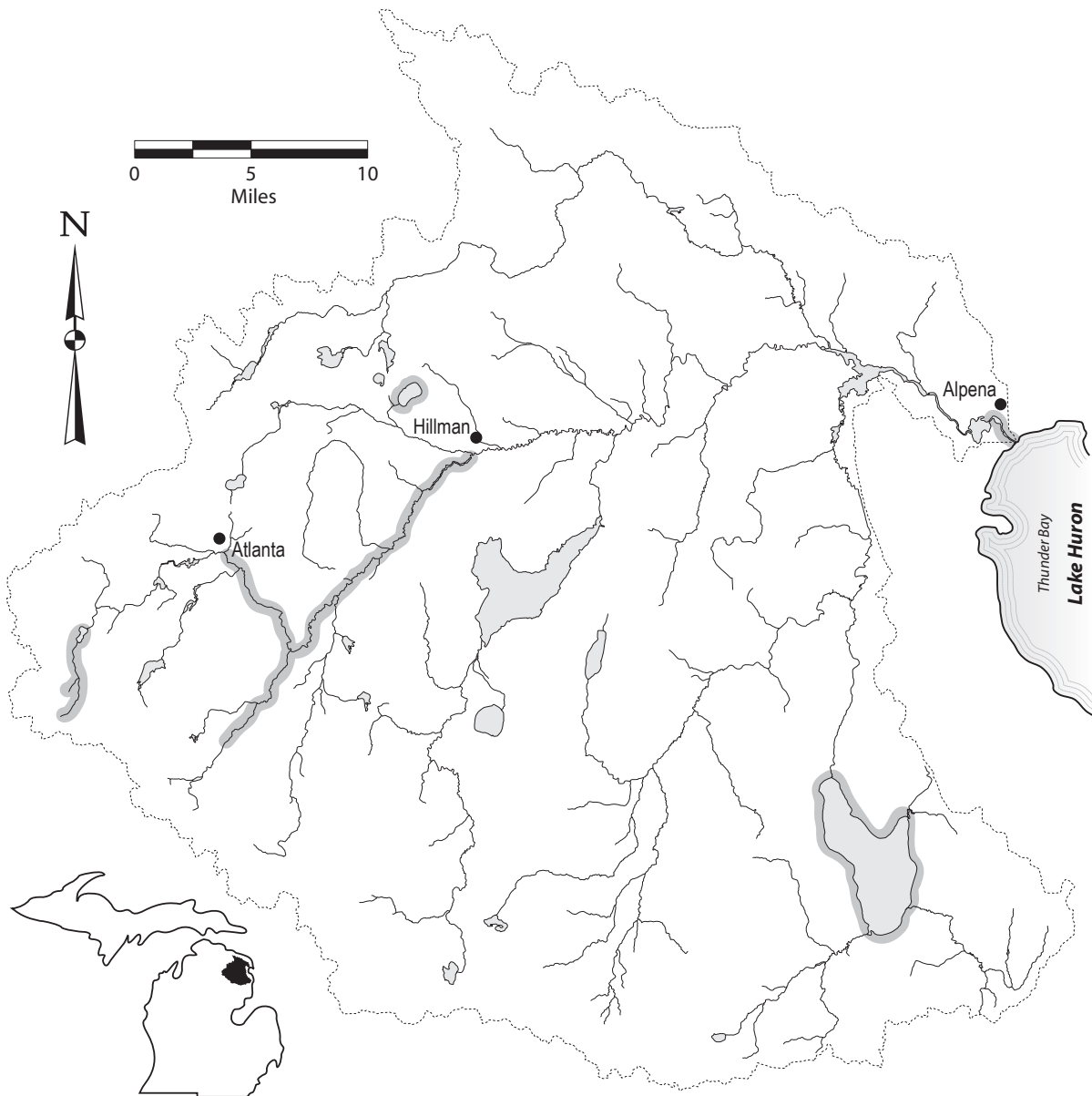
- feeding - adults: Lake Huron
- young: shallow gravel substrate in cold streams, later into pools
  
- spawning - cold streams and rivers
- swifter water of shallow gravelly substrate



**Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)**

**Habitat:**

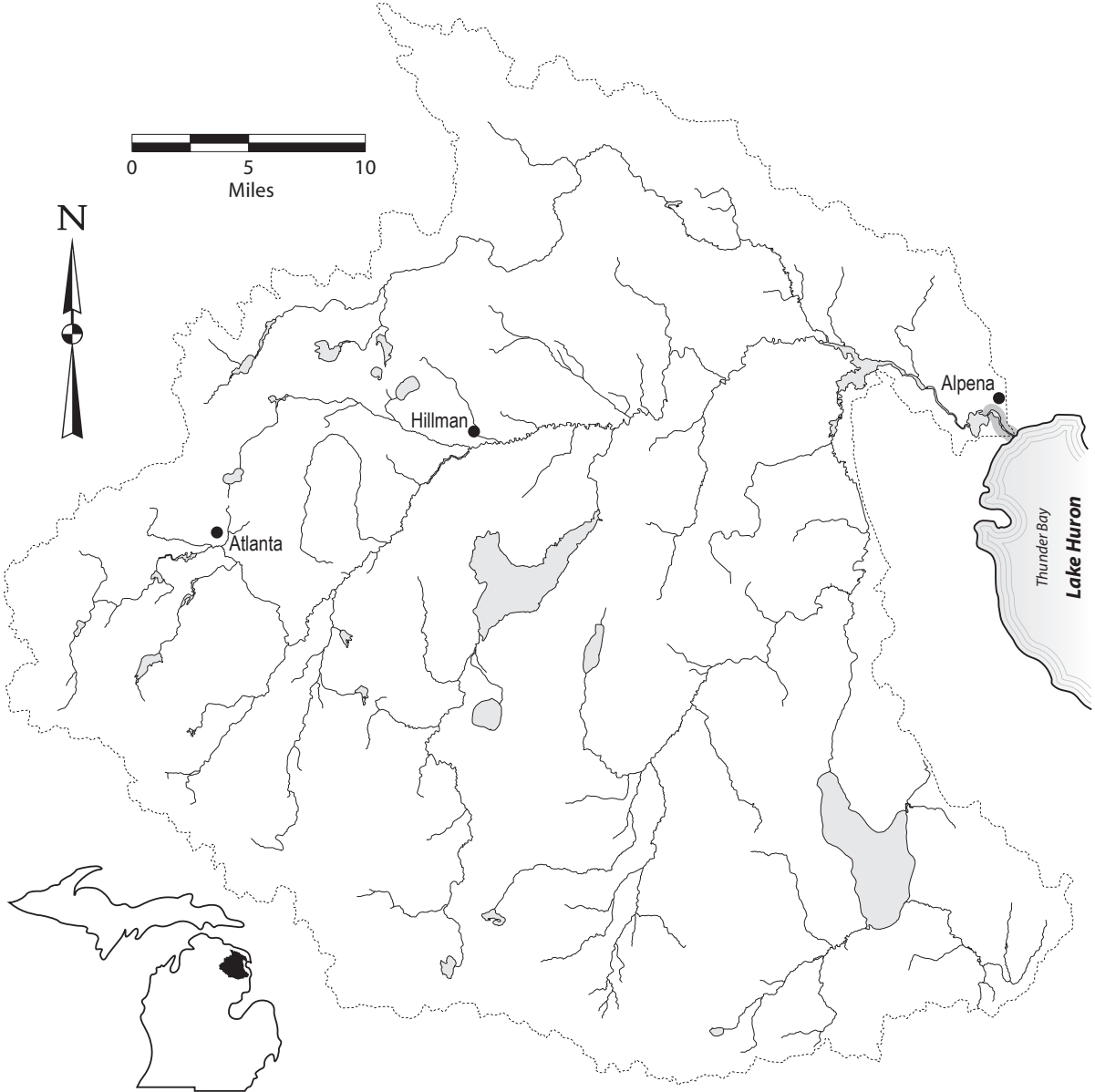
- feeding - cold clear water of rivers and Lake Huron
- moderate current
  
- spawning - gravelly riffles above a pool
- smaller tributaries



**Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawyscha*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - adults: Lake Huron
- young: shallow gravel substrate in cool streams, later into pools
  
- spawning - gravelly substrate in cool streams

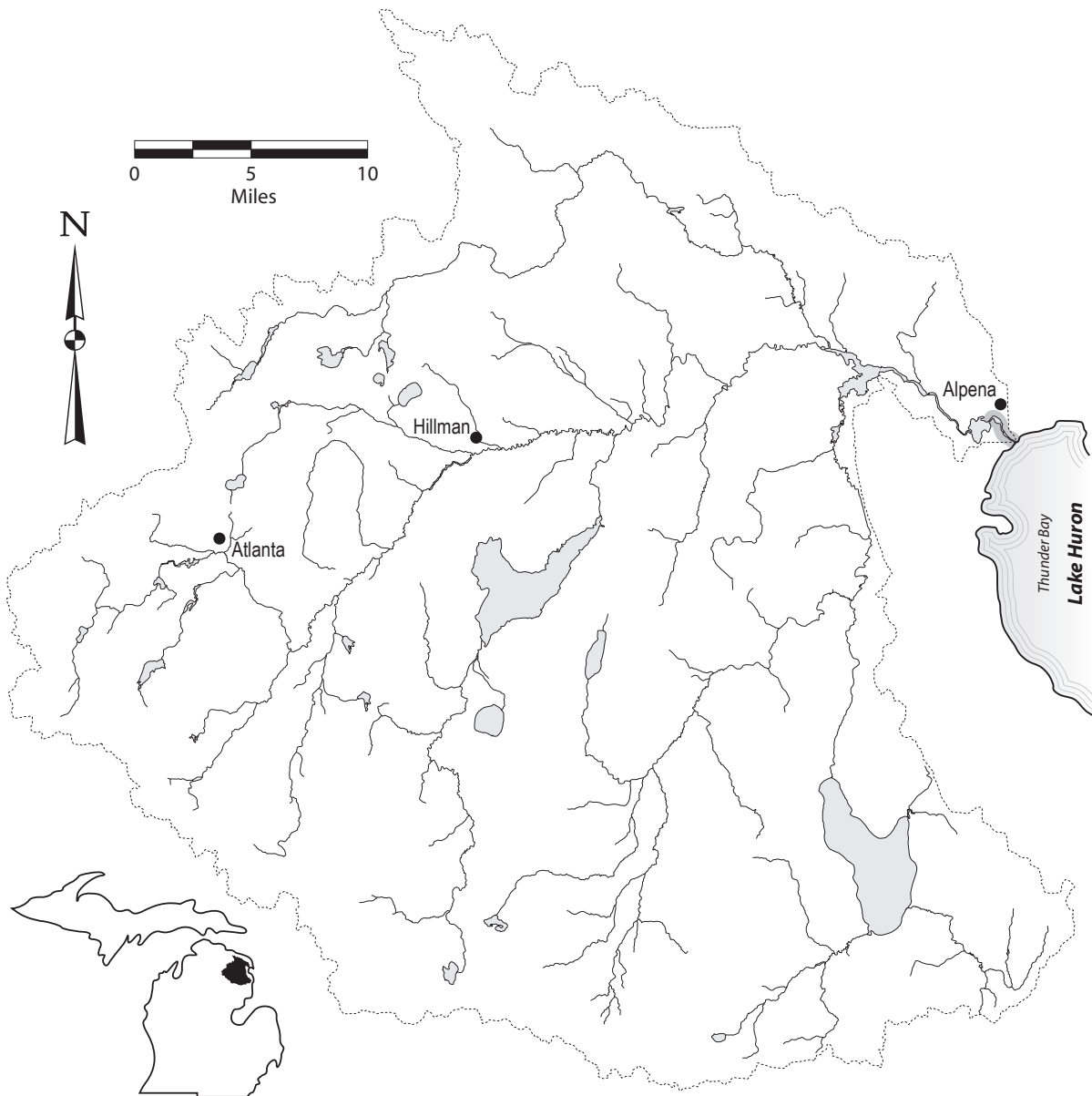


**Round whitefish** (*Prosopium cylindraceum*)

**Habitat:**

feeding - lakes, rivers, and streams

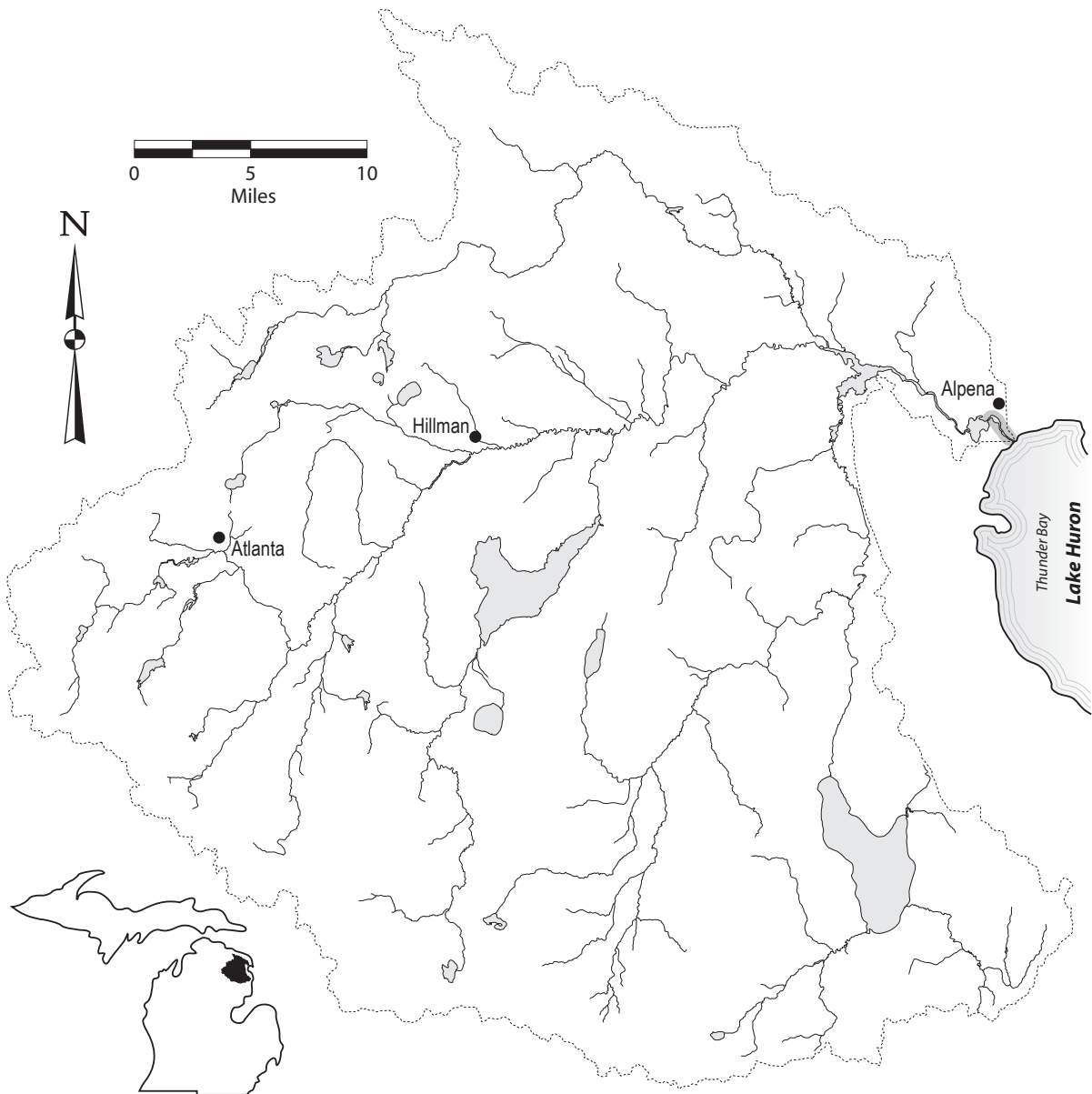
spawning - shallows of lakes and rivers  
- gravel or rock substrate



**Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)**

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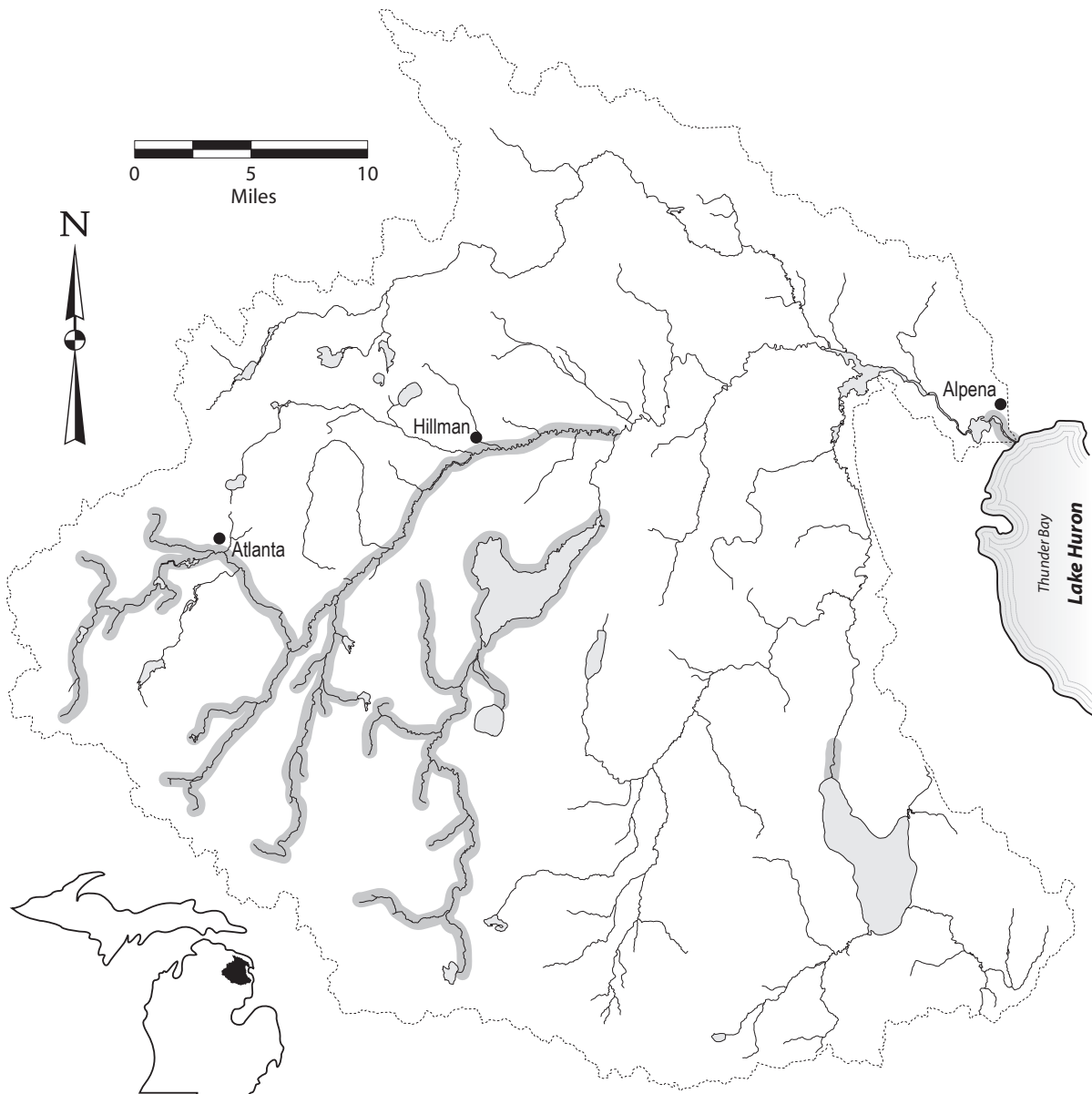
- feeding - young: gravel substrate streams
- adults: Lake Huron
  
- spawning - streams and rivers
- nests in gravel substrate
- swift current



**Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)**

**Habitat:**

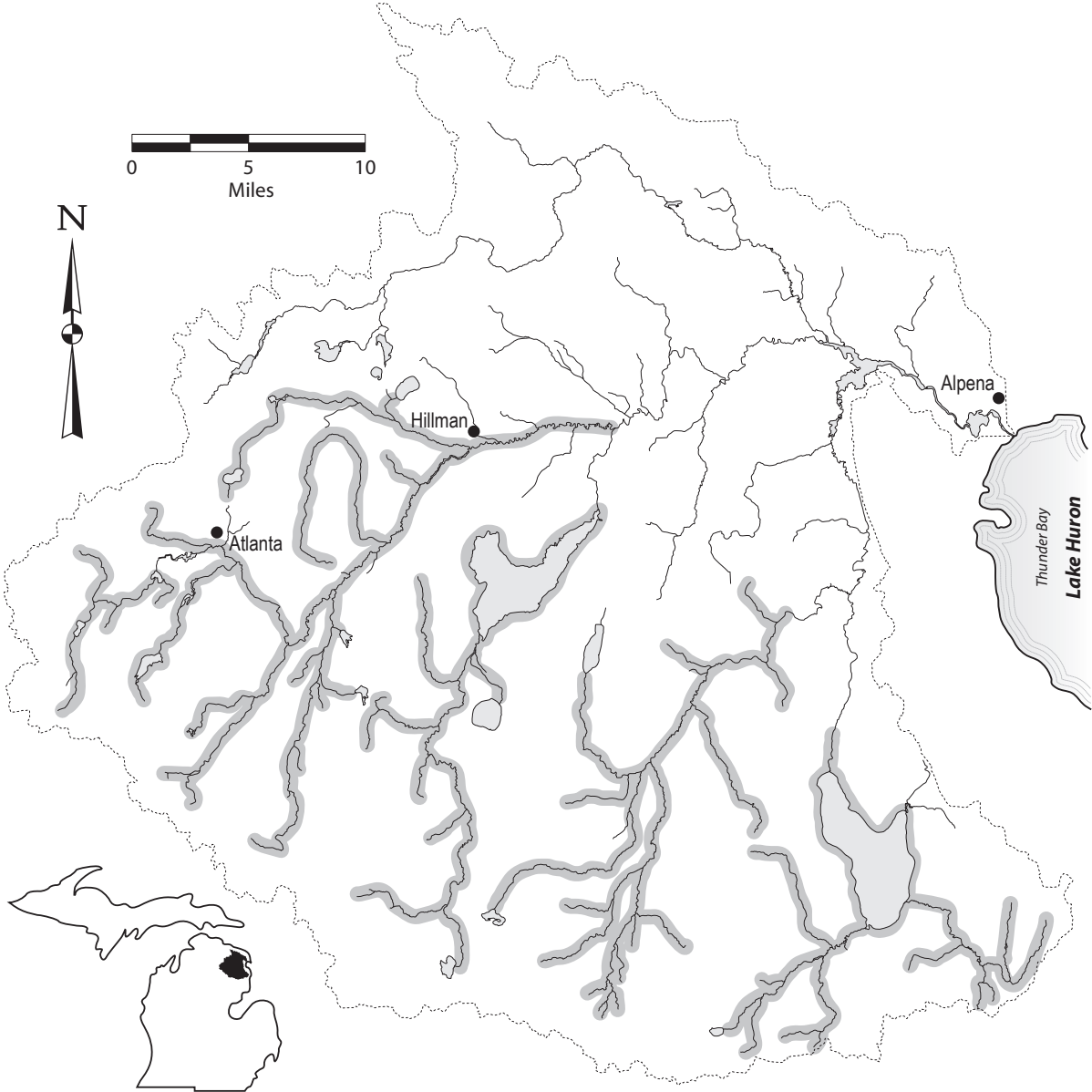
- feeding - cold, clear streams, rivers, and lakes (not >70°F)
  - medium to swift current in streams
  - does not tolerate silt well
  - prefers few individuals and species around
  - abundance of aquatic and land insects
- spawning - gravelly riffles; shallow headwater areas



**Brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)**

**Habitat:**

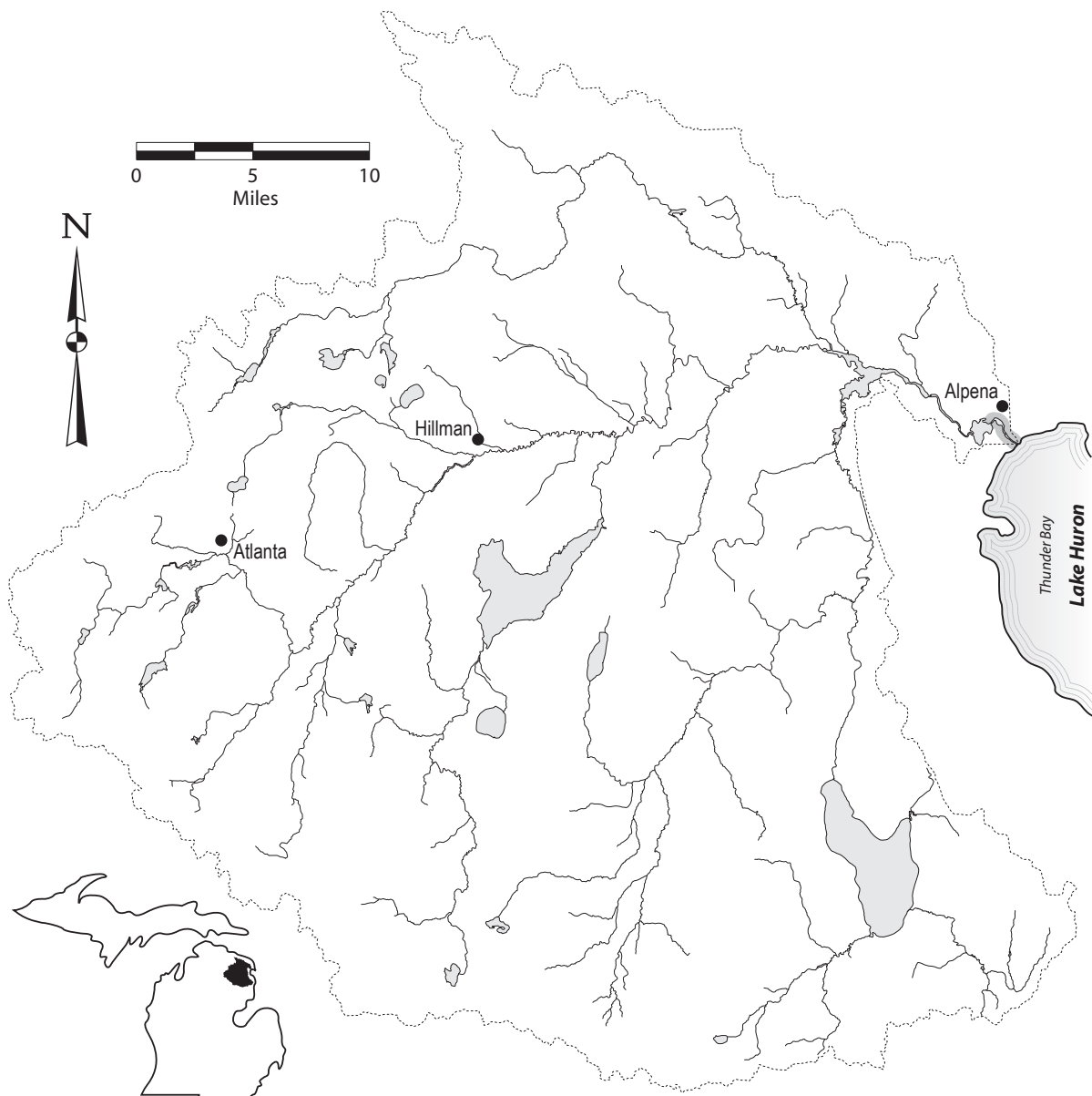
- feeding - cold, clear streams, rivers, and lakes (not >65°F)
- low current
- well oxygenated water
  
- spawning - gravelly riffles; shallow or headwater streams



**Lake trout** (*Salvelinus namaycush*)

**Habitat:**

- feeding - cold lakes and rivers
- spawning - large boulder or rubble substrate
- shallow water of lakes and rivers

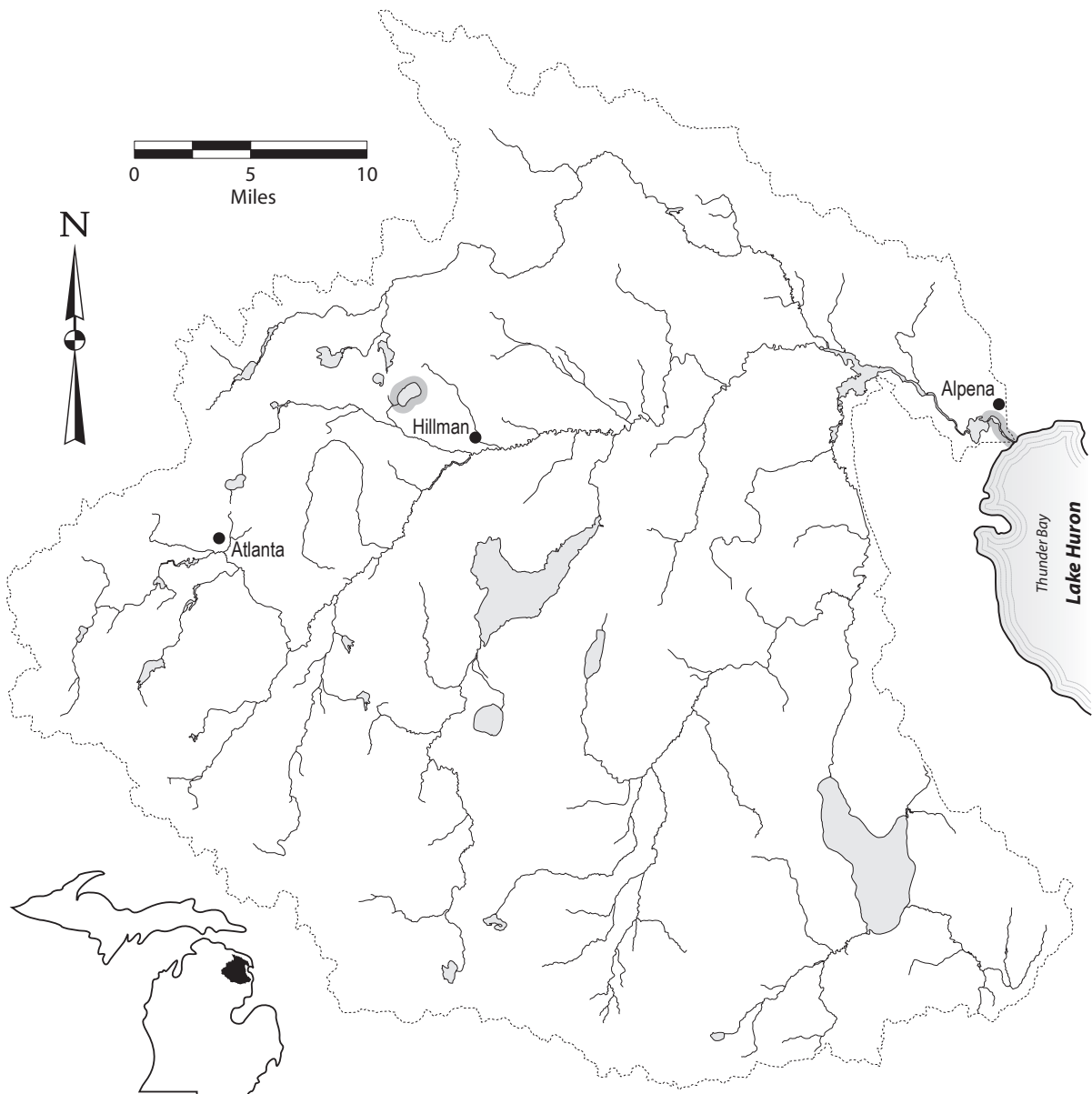




**Splake** (*Salvelinus fontinalis* x *Salvelinus namaycush*)

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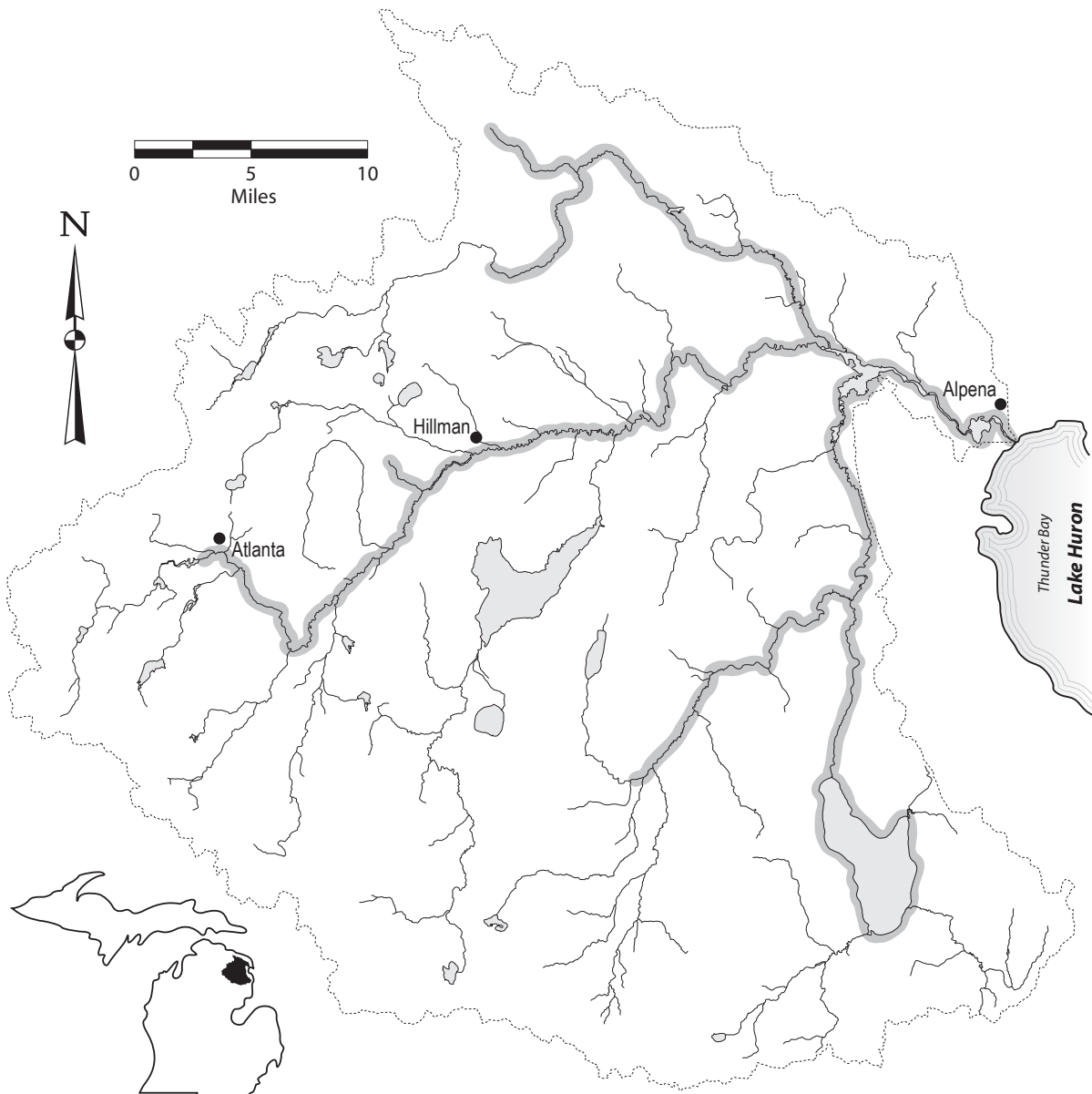
- feeding - littoral habitat
- cool water lakes; also Lake Huron
  
- spawning - hatchery produced cross of brook and lake trout
- offspring usually fertile, but with lower fecundity than either parent species



**Burbot (*Lota lota*)**

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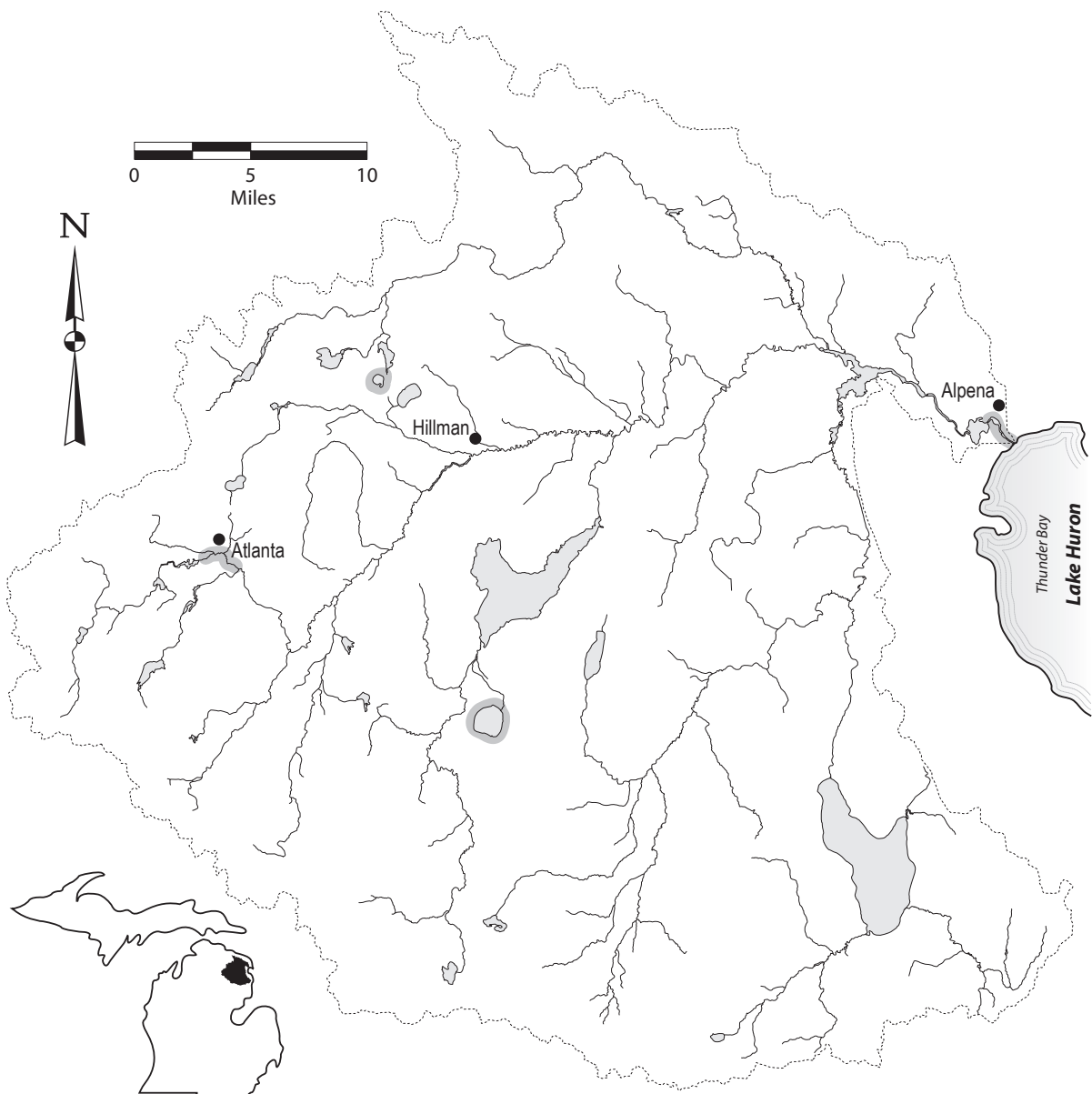
- feeding - deep cold lakes and large cool rivers
- mud, sand, rubble, boulder, silt, and gravel substrates
  
- spawning - in 1 to 4 feet of water in shallow bays or on shoals 5-10 feet deep usually in lakes, sometimes rivers
- over sand or gravel substrate
- under ice



**Western banded killifish (*Fundulus diaphanus*)**

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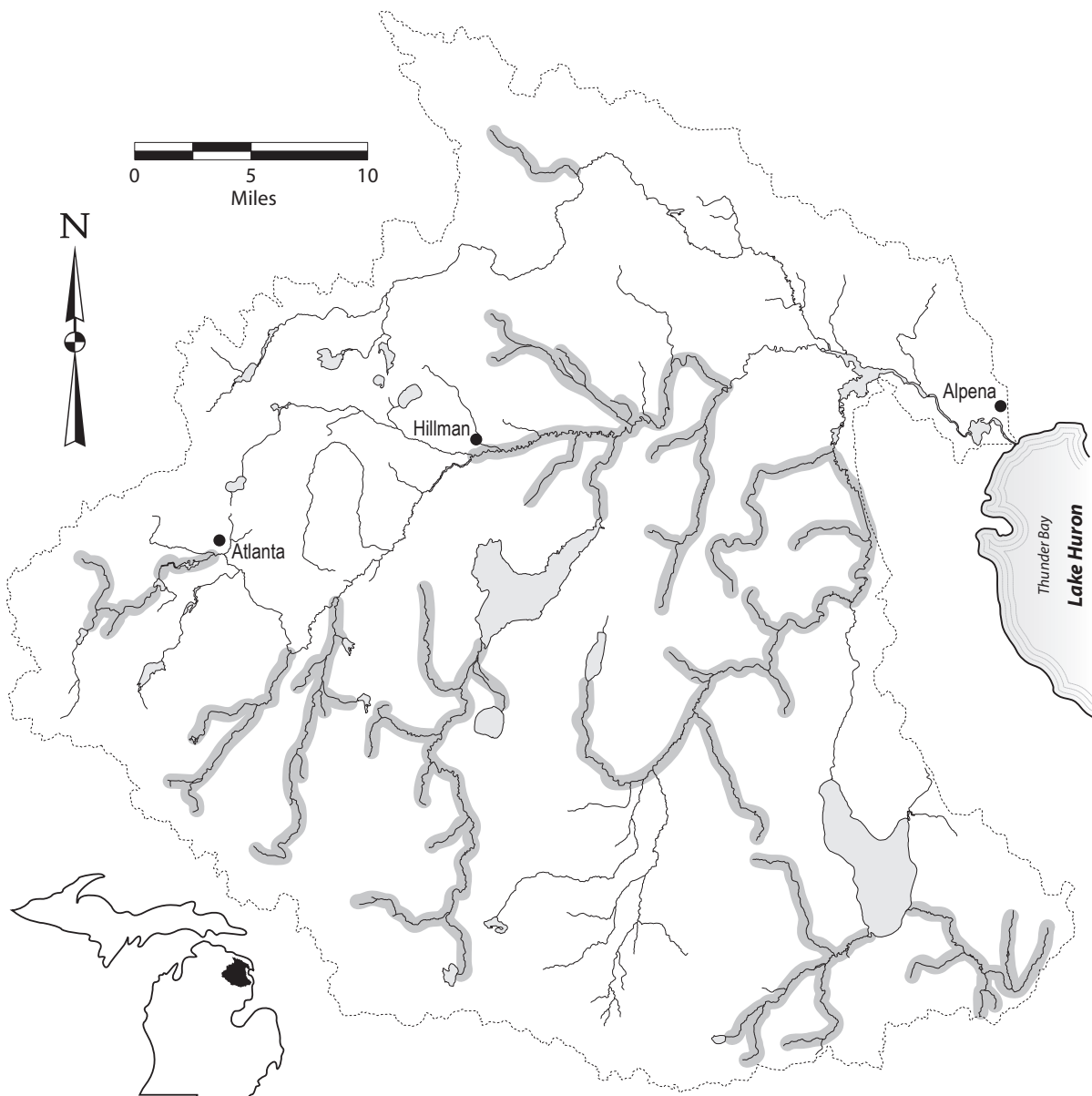
- feeding - quiet backwaters at the mouths of streams and lakes
  - substrate of sand, gravel, and a few boulders
  - also found over detritus substrate where patches of submerged aquatic vegetation are present
- spawning - quiet areas of weedy pools



**Brook stickleback (*Clupea inconstans*)**

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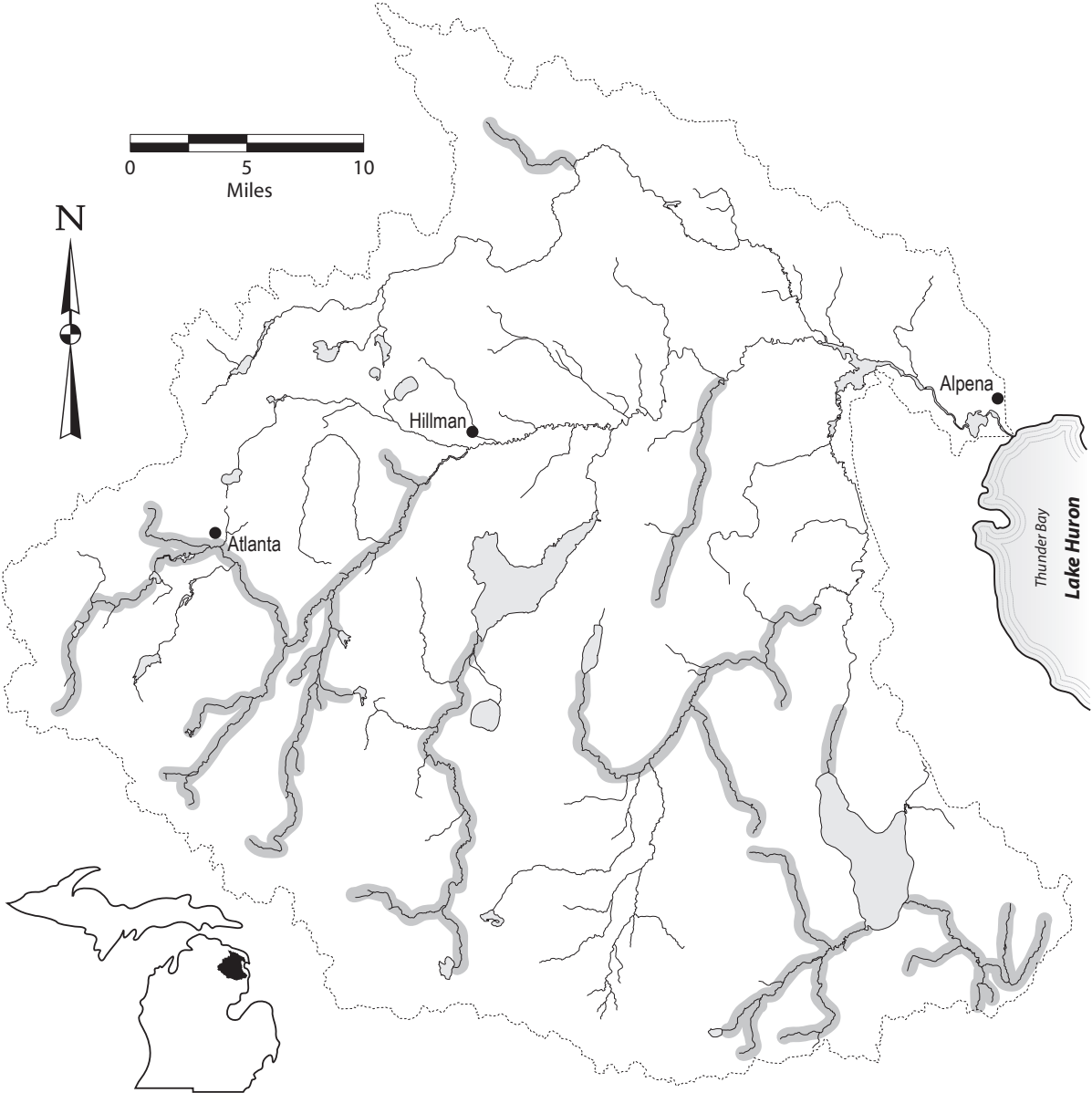
- feeding - clear, cold, densely vegetated streams, and swampy margins of lakes
- low gradient
- muck, peat, or marl substrate
- not tolerant of turbidity
  
- spawning - shallow cool (<66°F) water
- aquatic reeds or grasses necessary



**Mottled sculpin (*Cottus bairdi*)**

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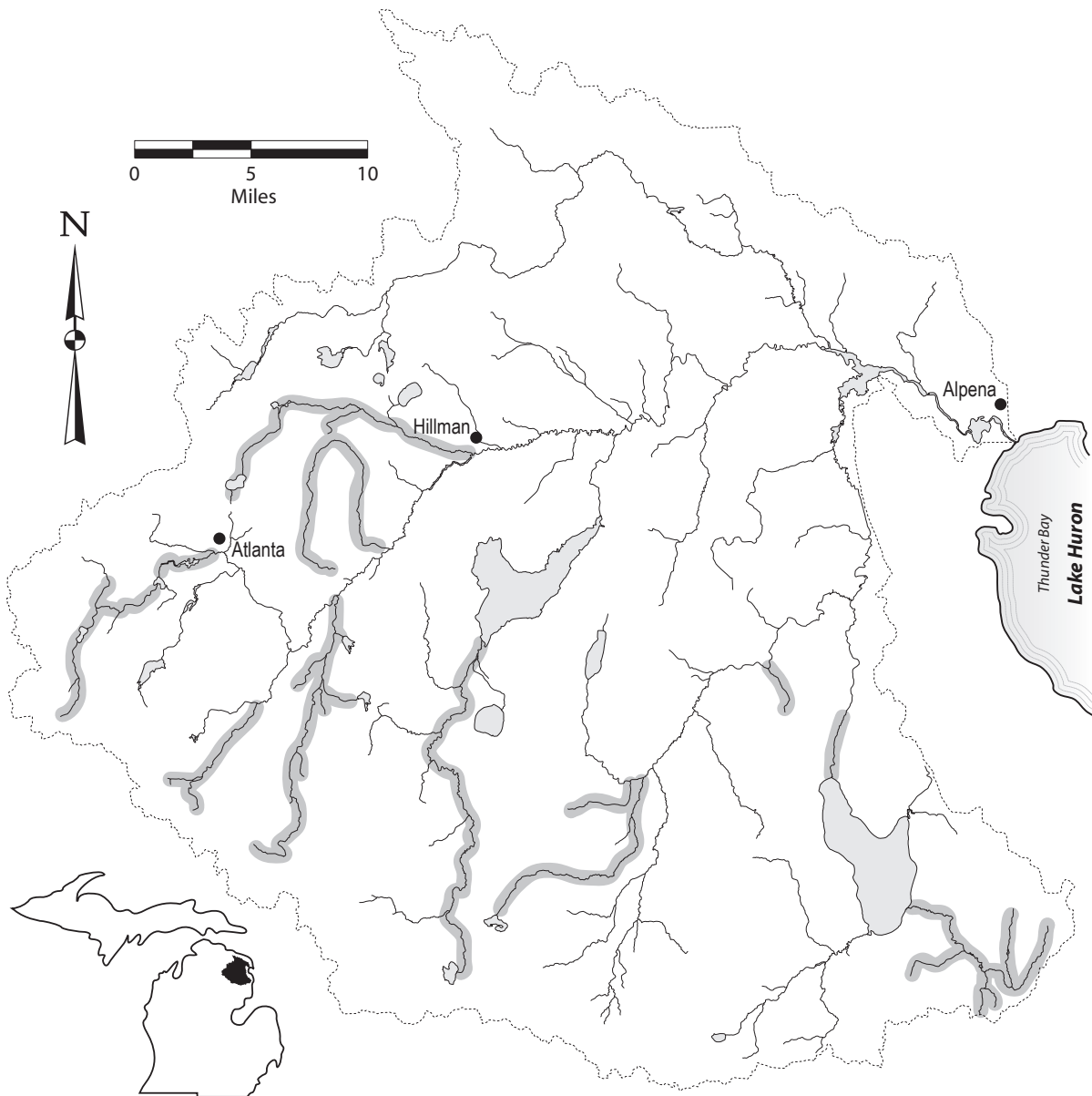
- feeding - cool to cold streams
- riffle and rock substrates preferred
- clear to slightly turbid shallow water
  
- spawning - nests under logs or rock



**Slimy sculpin (*Cottus cognatus*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - cool lakes, impoundments, rivers, and streams
- gravel or rock substrate
  
- spawning - nest in shallow areas of lakes
- gravel substrate or rock ledge
- male parental care



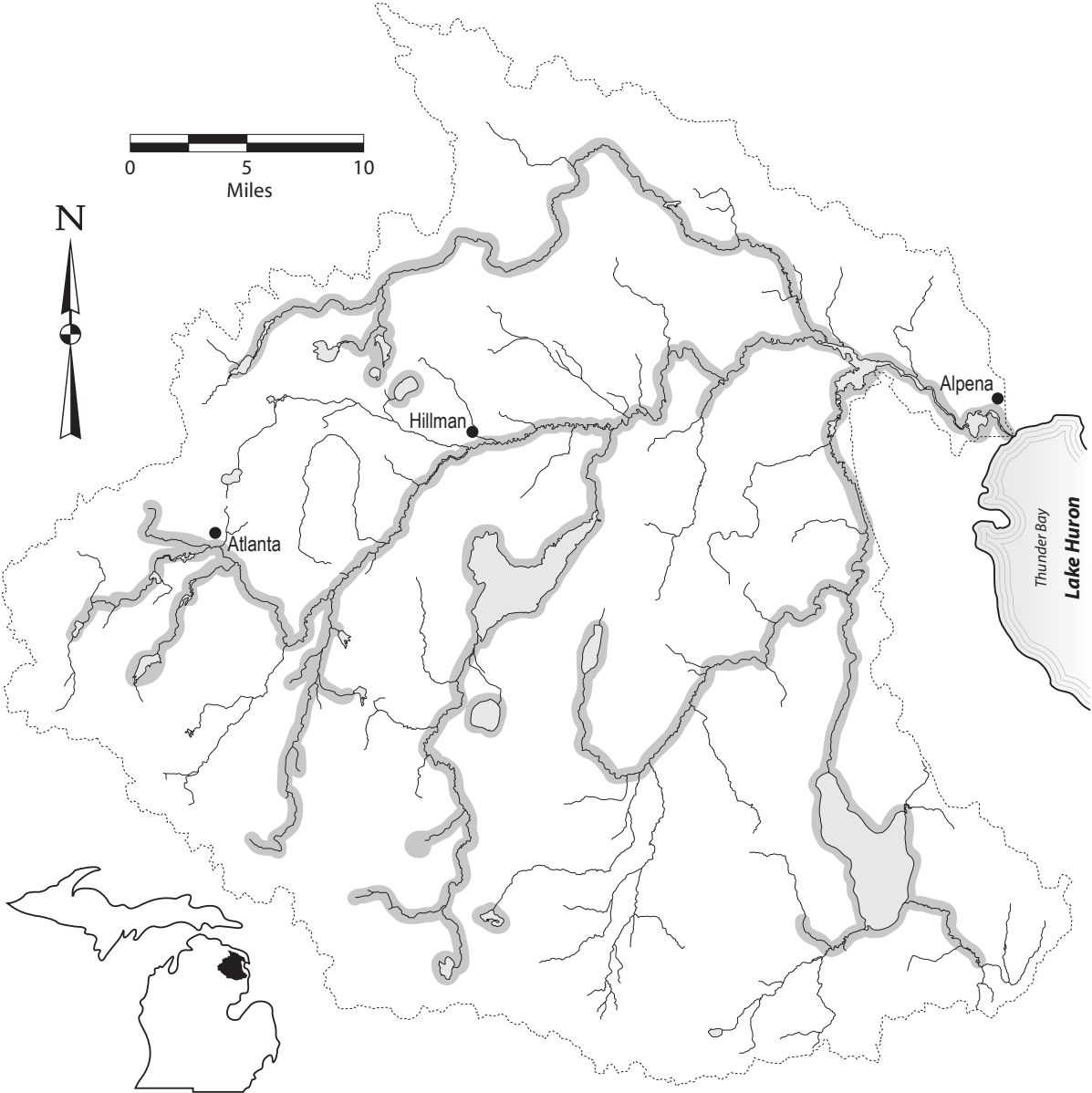
**Rock bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - clear, cool streams, rivers, and lakes
- rocky to sand substrate
- woody or vegetative cover

- spawning - sand or gravel nests
- shallow water

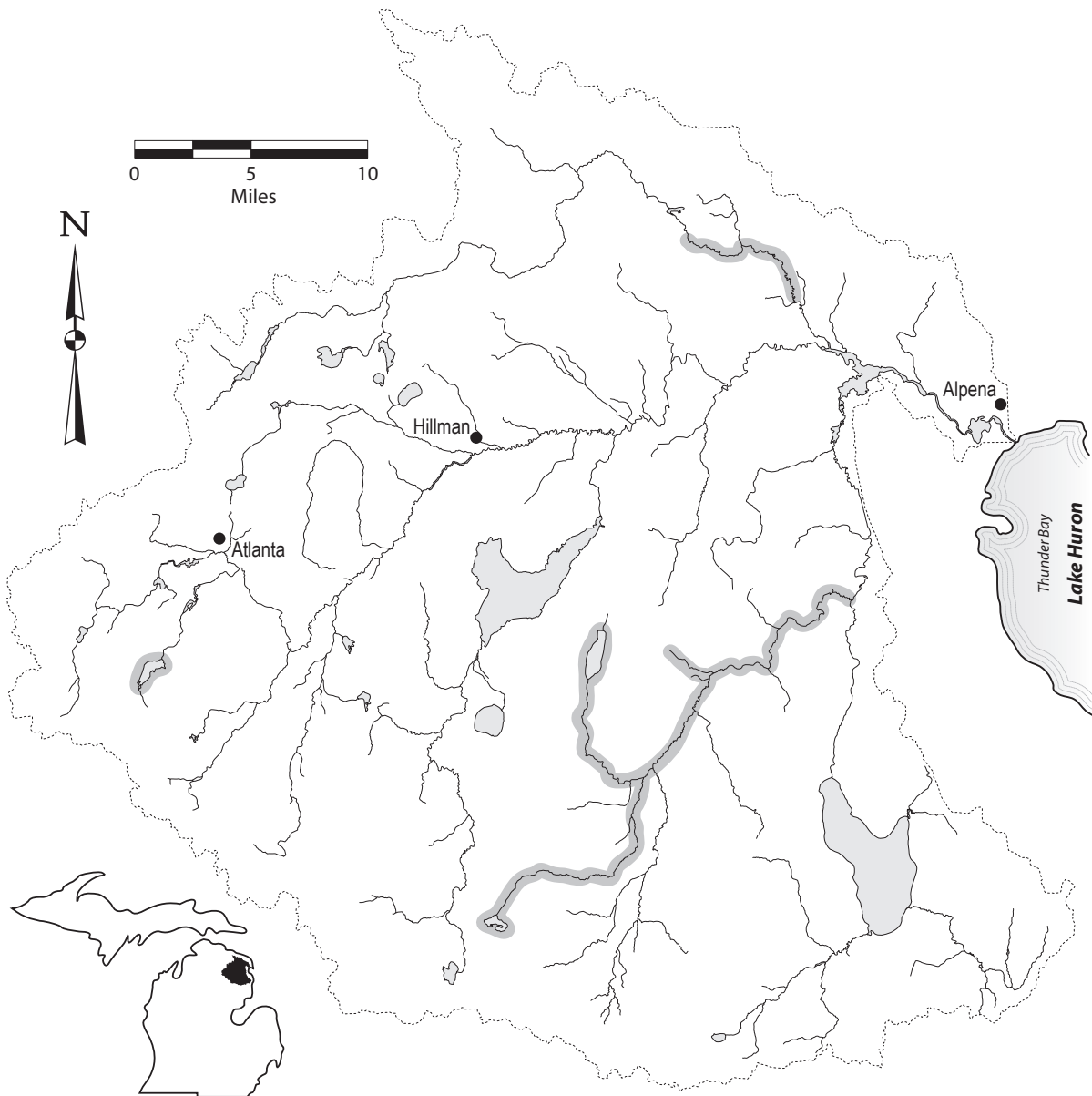
- winter refuge - deep water



**Green sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - impoundments and lakes, and low-current streams and rivers
- no substrate preference
  
- spawning - nests in shallow areas sheltered by rocks, logs, or aquatic vegetation

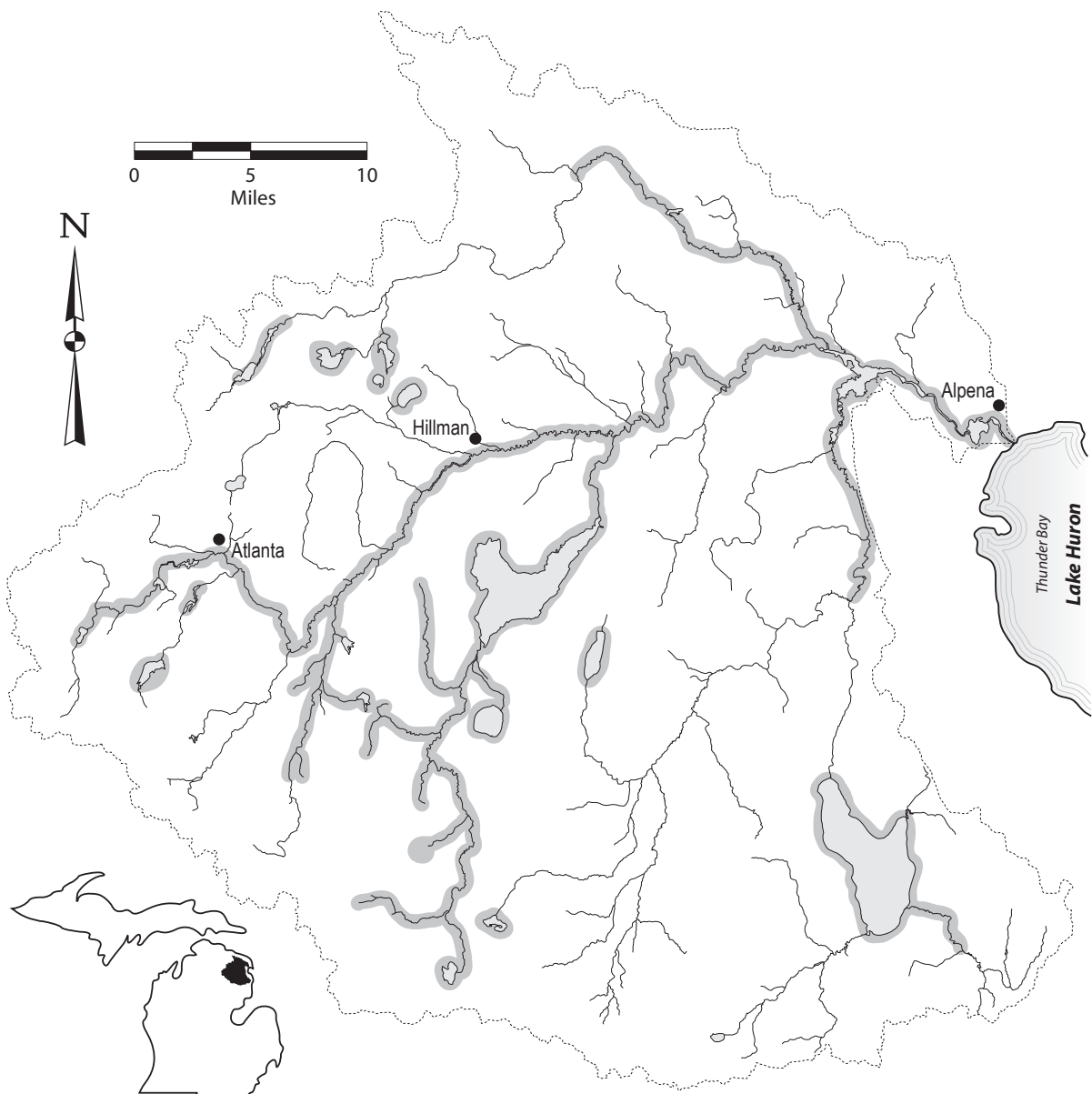




**Pumpkinseed sunfish (*Lepomis gibbosus*)**

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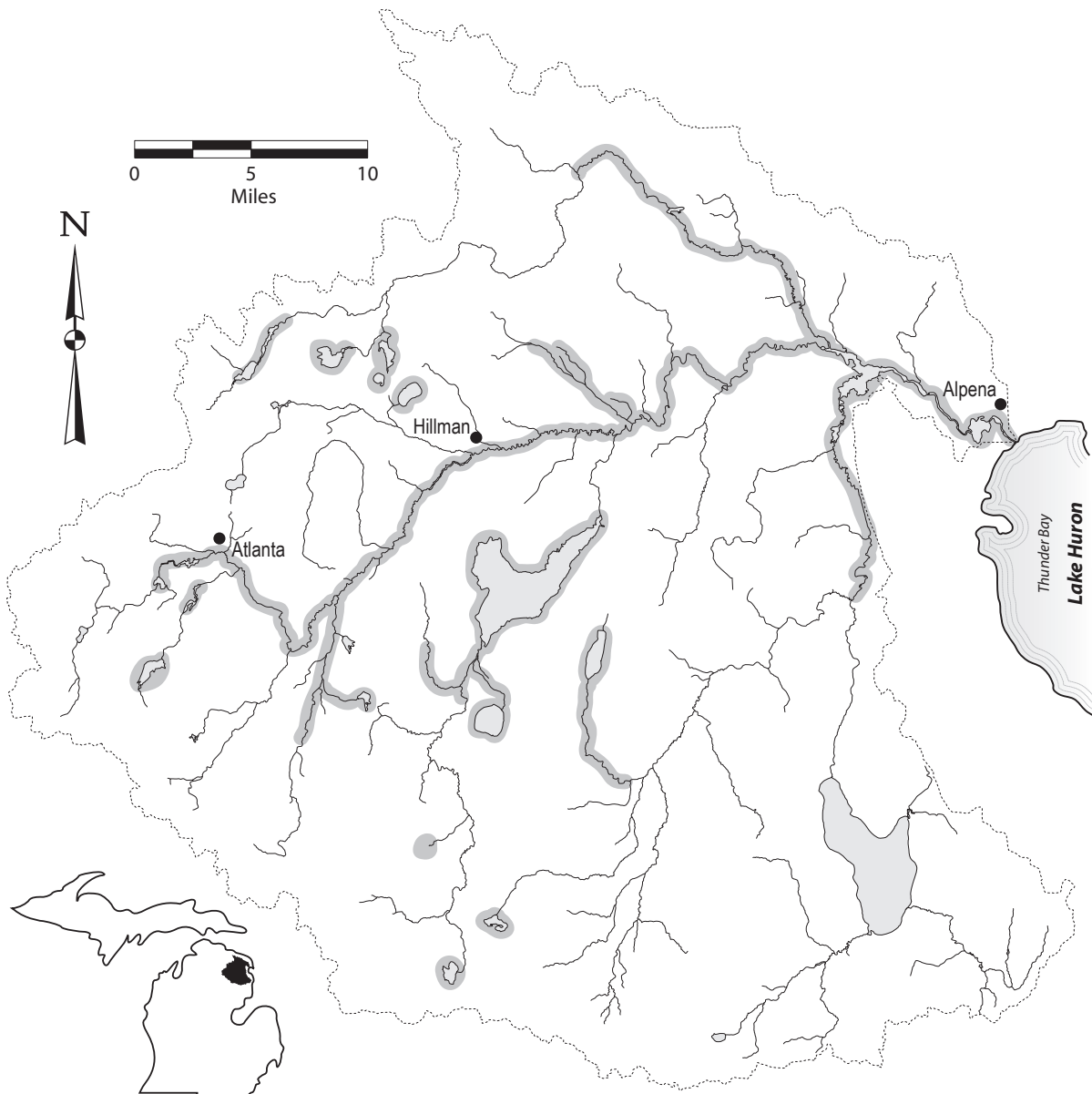
- feeding - non-flowing clear water in streams and rivers; also lakes and impoundments
- muck or sand partly covered with organic debris substrate
- dense beds of submerged aquatic vegetation
  
- spawning - nest in sand, gravel, or rock substrate
- in shallow water near submerged vegetation



**Bluegill** (*Lepomis macrochirus*)

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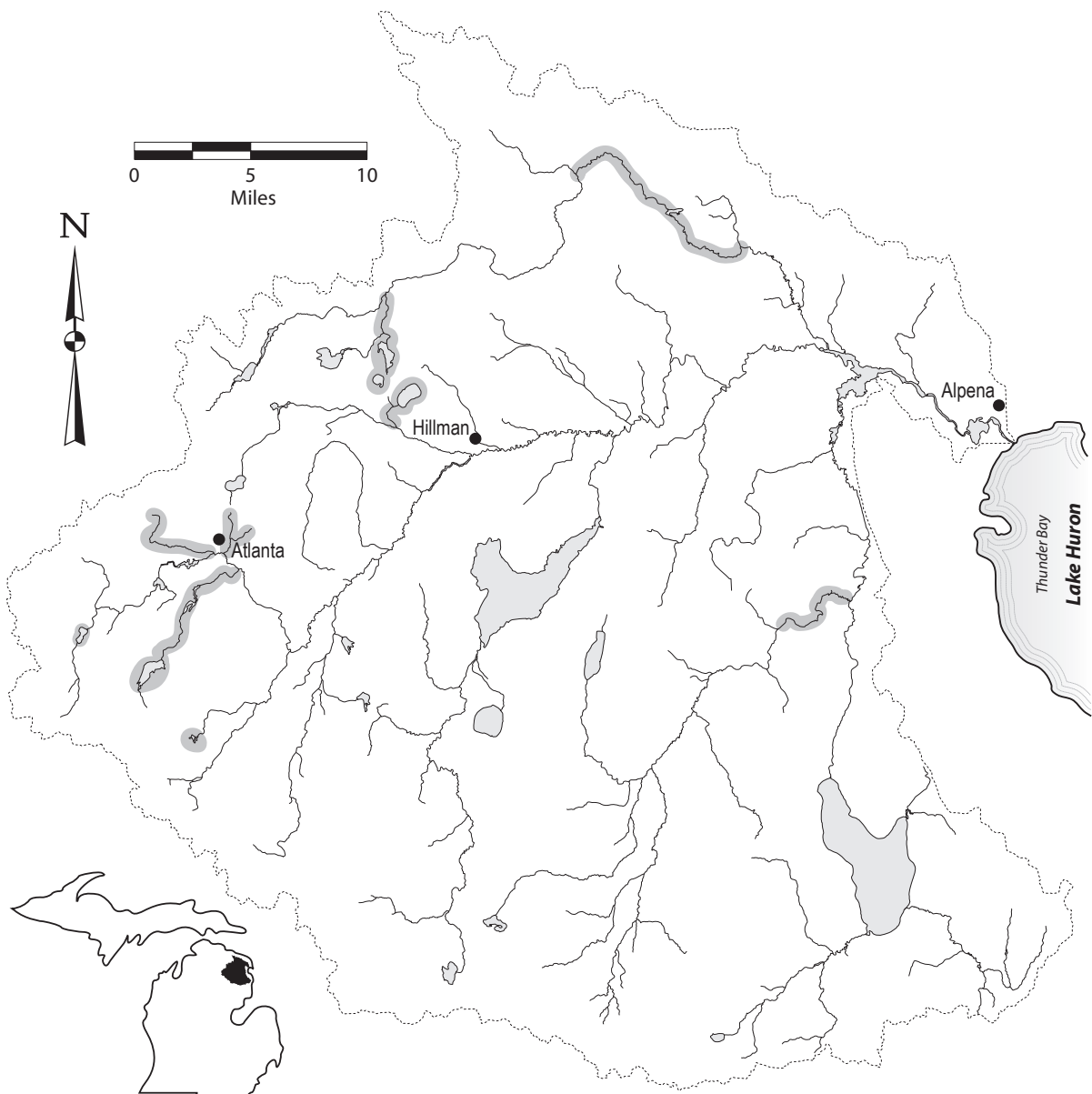
- feeding - non-flowing clear streams and rivers; also lakes and impoundments
  - sand, gravel, or muck containing organic debris substrate
  - scattered beds of aquatic vegetation
  - cannot tolerate low oxygen or continuous high turbidity and siltation
  
- spawning - nests in firm substrate of gravel, sand, or mud
  
- winter refuge - deep water



**Northern longear sunfish (*Lepomis peltastes*)**

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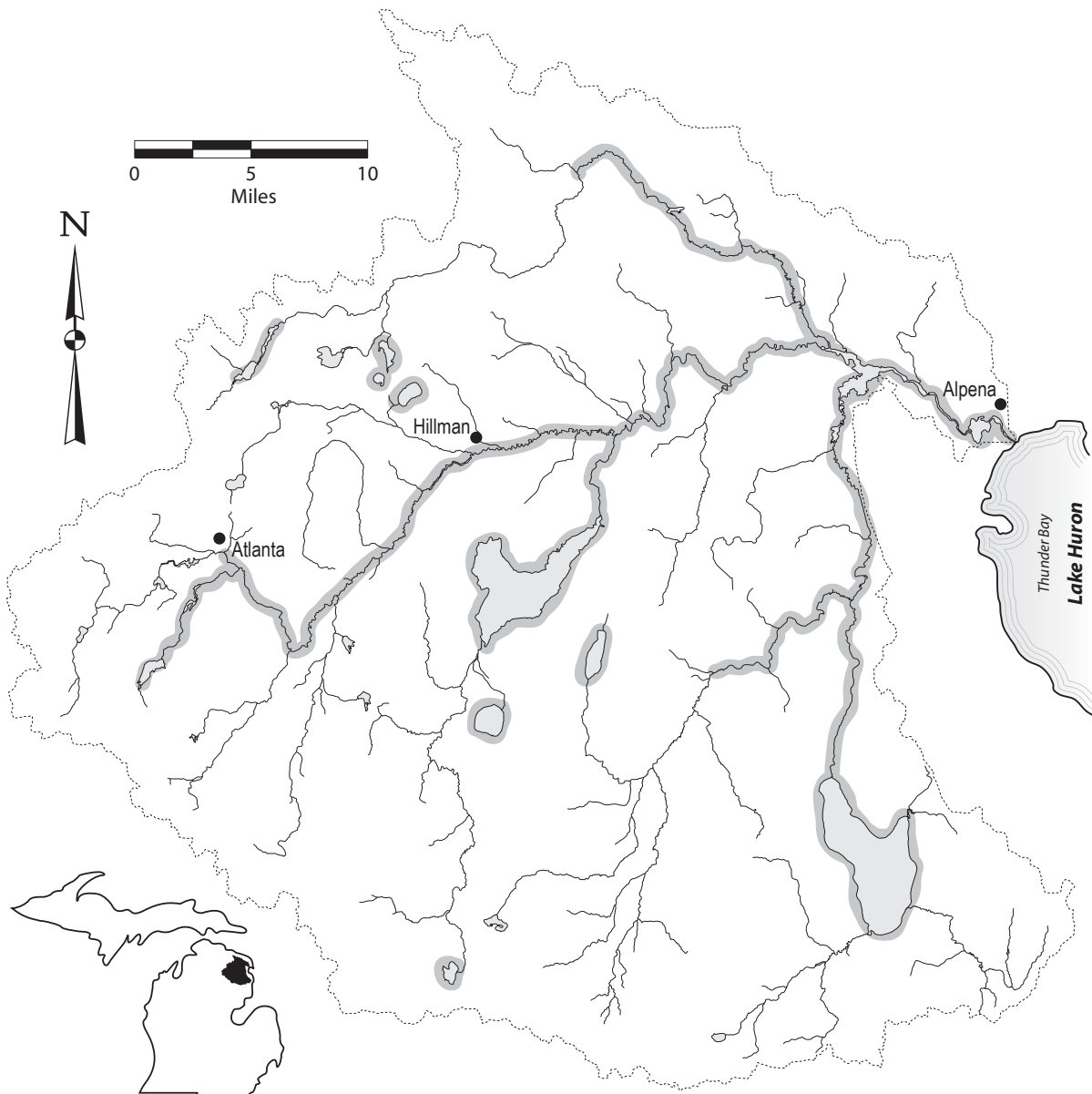
- feeding - clear moderate-sized shallow streams with moderate vegetation
- rocky substrates
- little to no current
  
- spawning - nests in gravel, sand, or hard rock substrate



**Smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*)**

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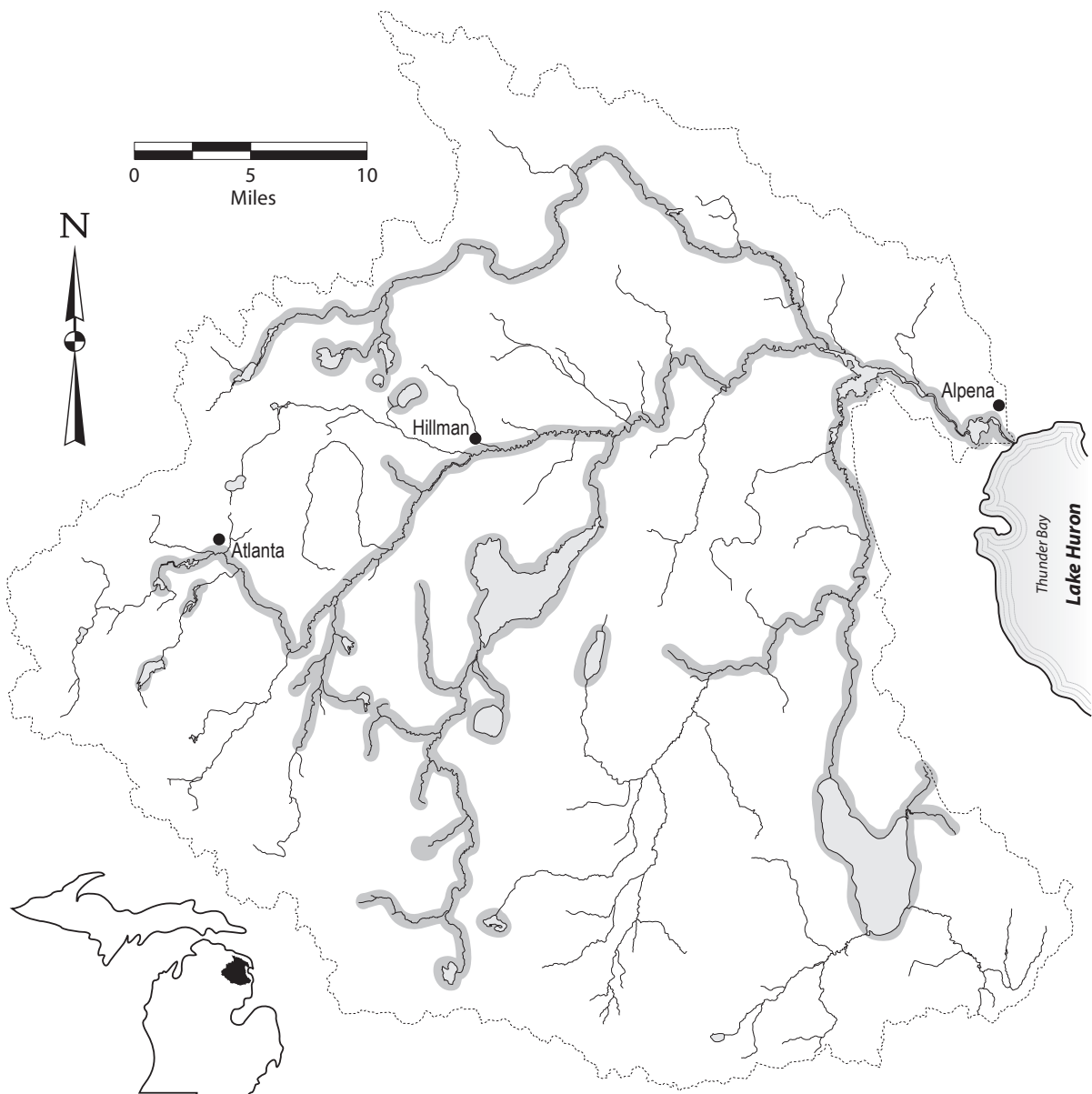
- feeding
  - clear, cool, deep lakes and rivers
  - streams where 40% consists of riffles over clean gravel, boulder, or bedrock substrate
  - in pools with a current and >4 feet of depth
  - gradients between 4 and 25 feet per mile
  
- spawning
  - nest in sandy, gravel, or rocky substrate
  - gradients 7 to 25 feet per mile
  - streams 20 to 100 feet wide
  
- winter refuge
  - larger deeper waters with gradients between 3 to 7 feet per mile



**Largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)**

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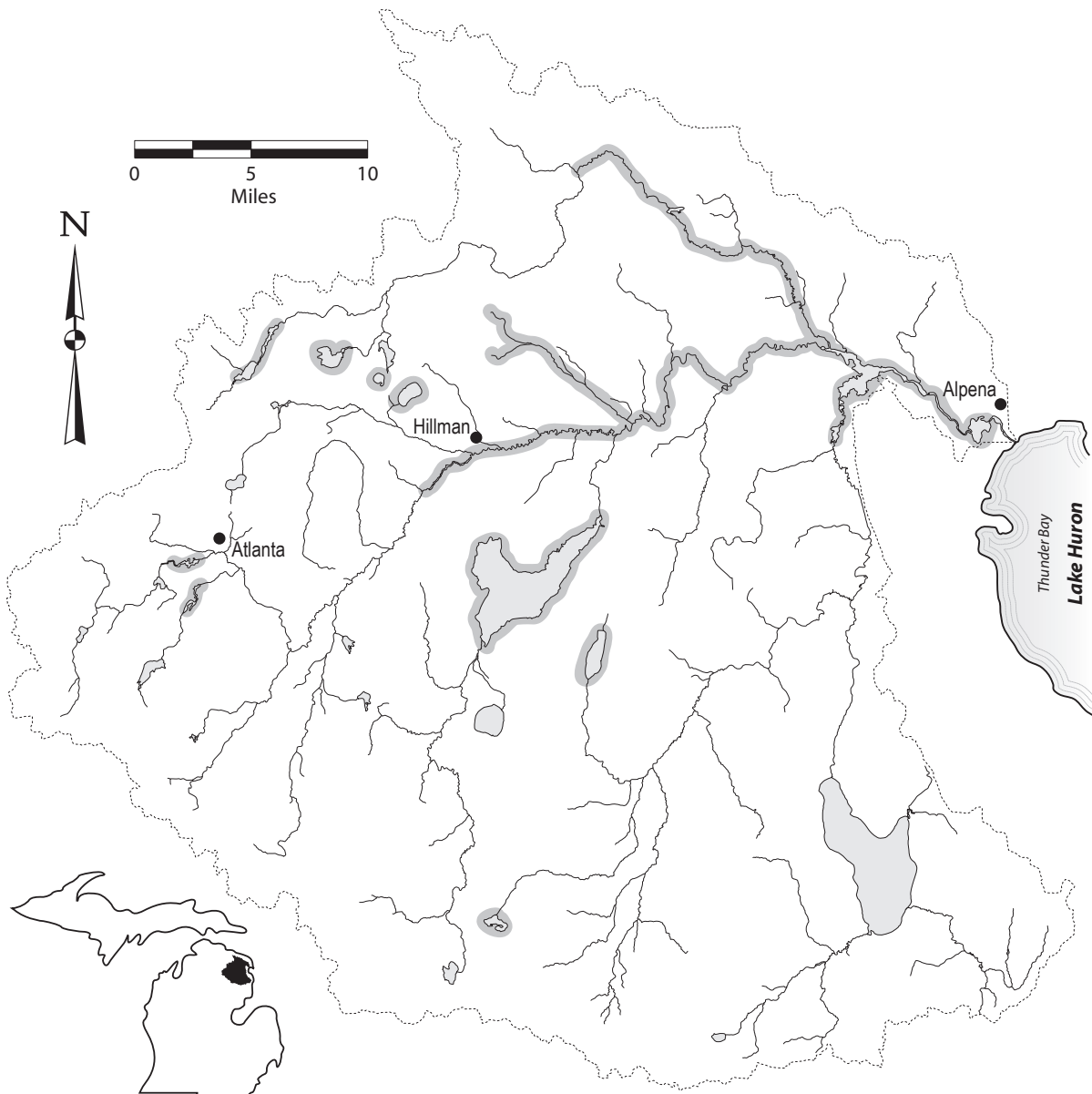
- feeding - non-flowing clear waters - lakes, impoundments, and pools of streams
- abundant aquatic vegetation
- soft muck, organic debris, gravel, sand, and hard non-flocculent clay substrates
  
- spawning - nest in gravelly sand to marl and soft mud substrates
- emergent vegetation
- quiet shallow bays; no current



**Black crappie** (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*)

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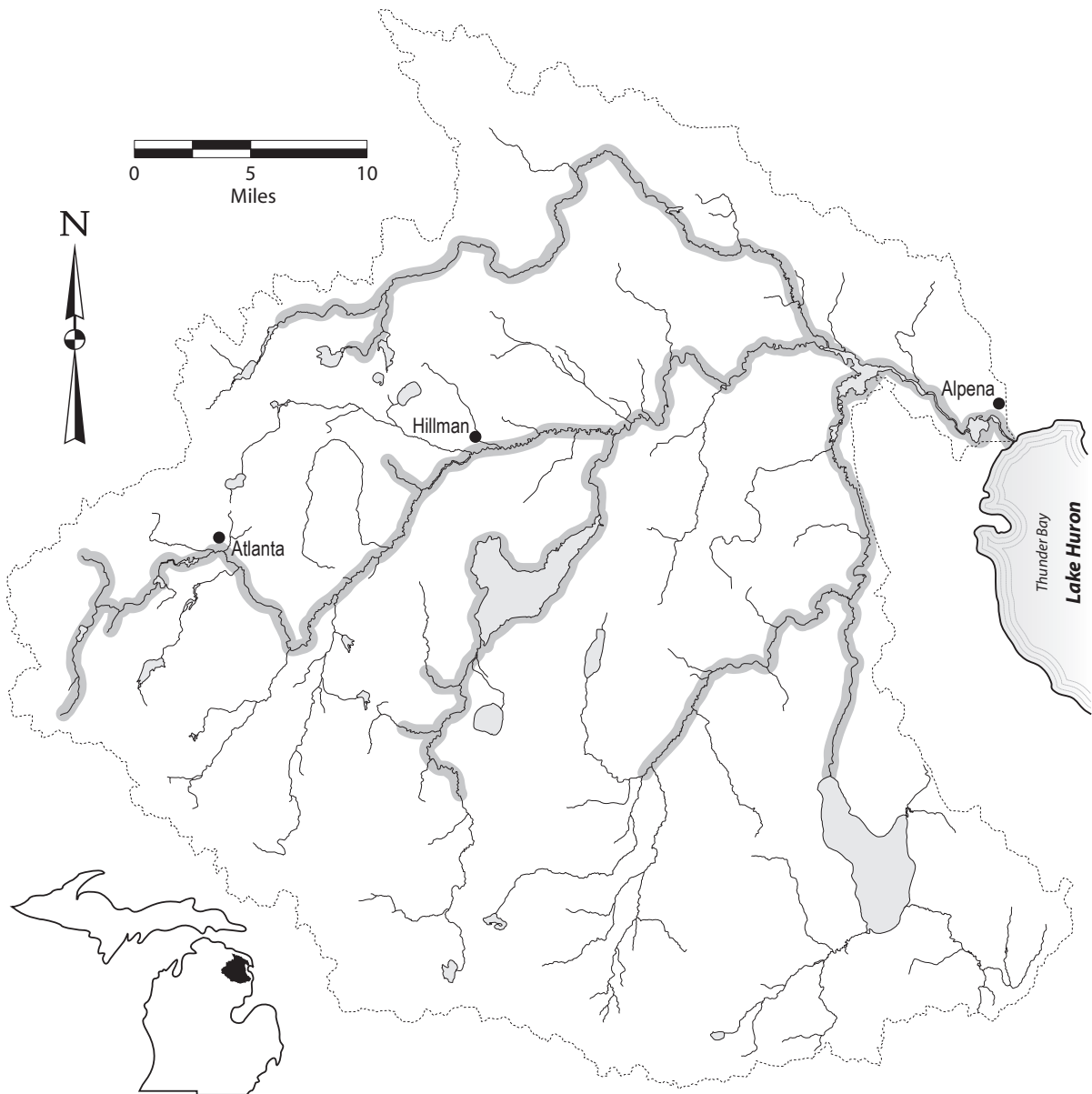
- feeding - larger clear non-silty low-gradient rivers; also in lakes and impoundments
  - clean hard sand or muck substrate
  - associated with submerged aquatic vegetation
  - does not tolerate silt or turbidity well
  
- spawning - nests in gravel, sand, or mud substrate
  - some vegetation must be present
  - sometimes nests under banks



**Rainbow darter (*Etheostoma caeruleum*)**

**Habitat:**

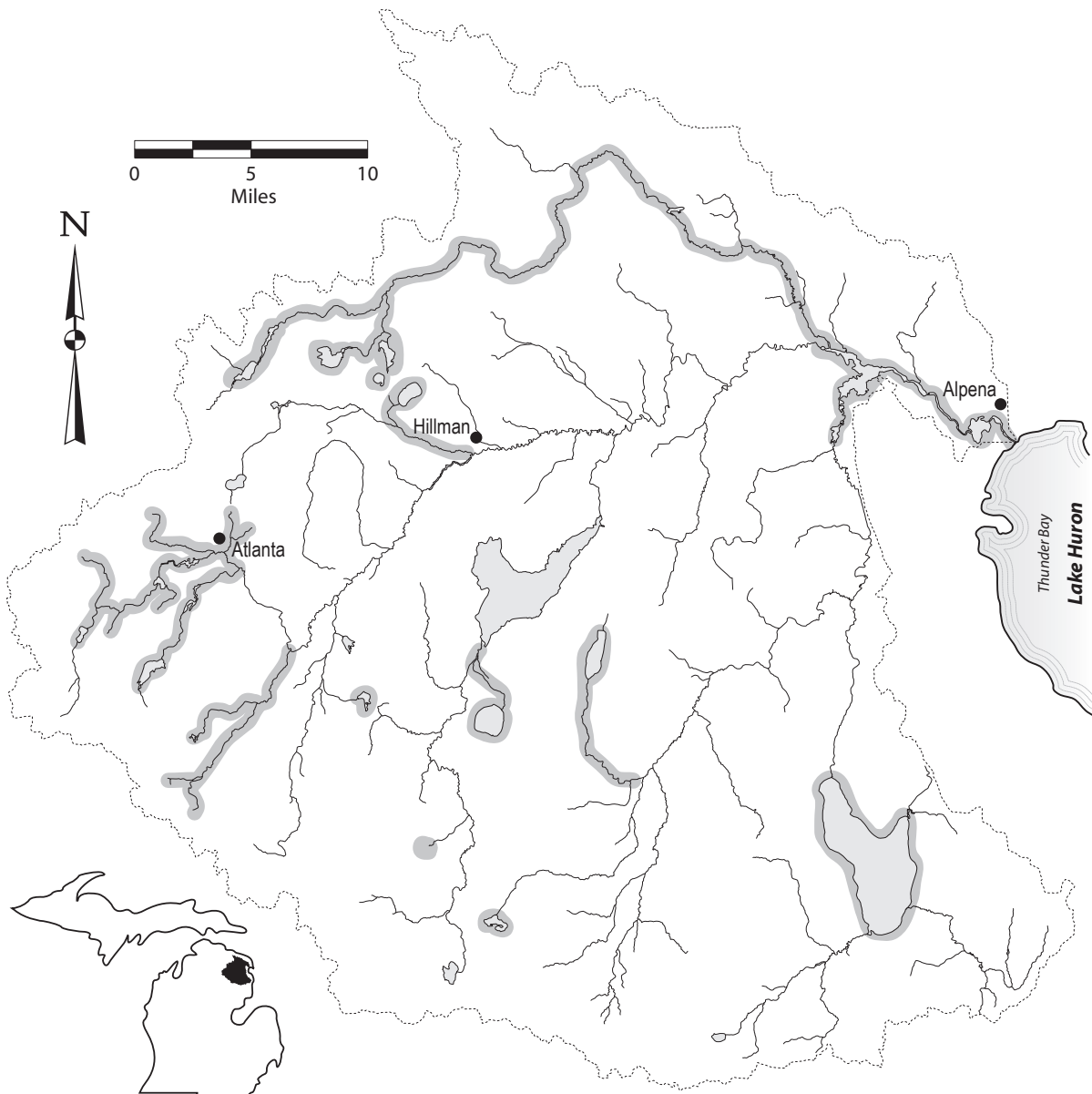
- feeding - gravelly high gradient riffles
- clear, moderate to large streams
- in shallows (average 1 foot)
  
- spawning - gravel or rubble riffles



**Iowa darter (*Etheostoma exile*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding
  - clear, slow moving streams and lakes
  - sandy to muddy substrates
  - intolerant of turbid water
  - lives in rooted aquatic vegetation
  
- spawning
  - in pond-like extensions of streams on organic matter or roots
  - in shallows

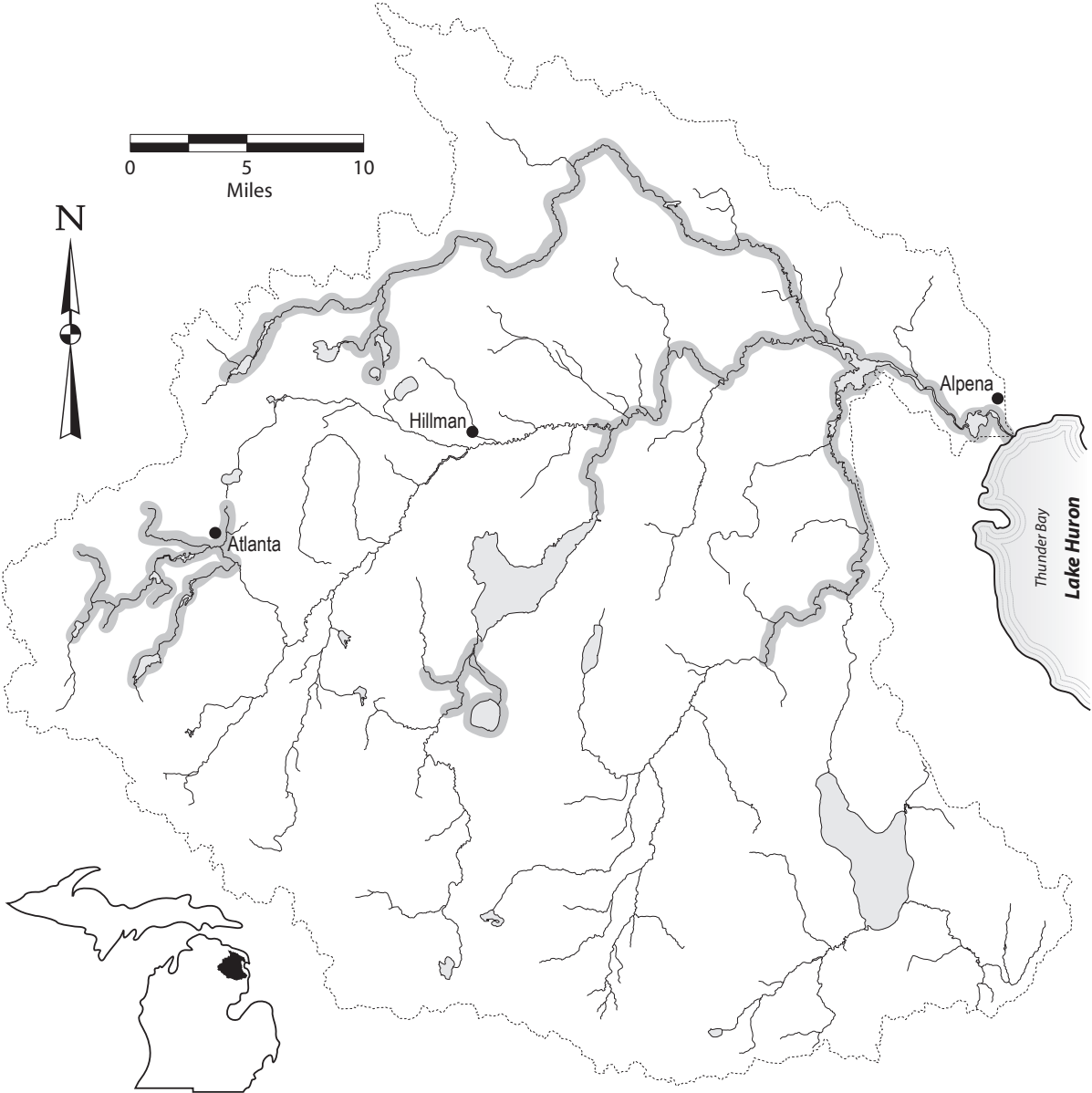




**Least darter (*Etheostoma microperca*)**

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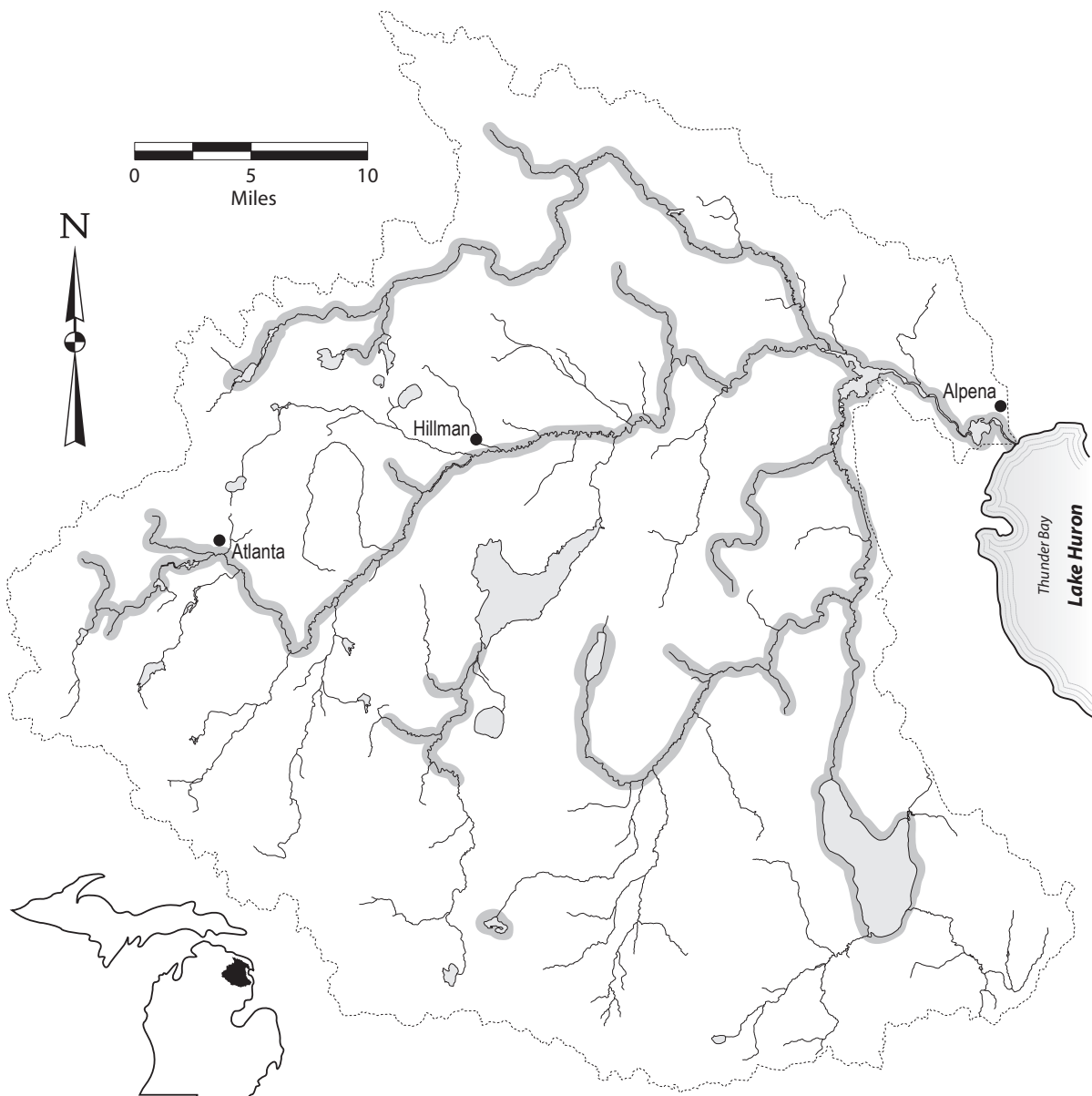
- feeding - moderate to warm temperature
- clear quiet low-gradient vegetated streams (wetlands, floodplains)
- soft substrate
  
- spawning - spawning occurs on stems of plants
- male guards a territory in a vegetated area



**Johnny darter** (*Etheostoma nigrum*)

**Habitat:**

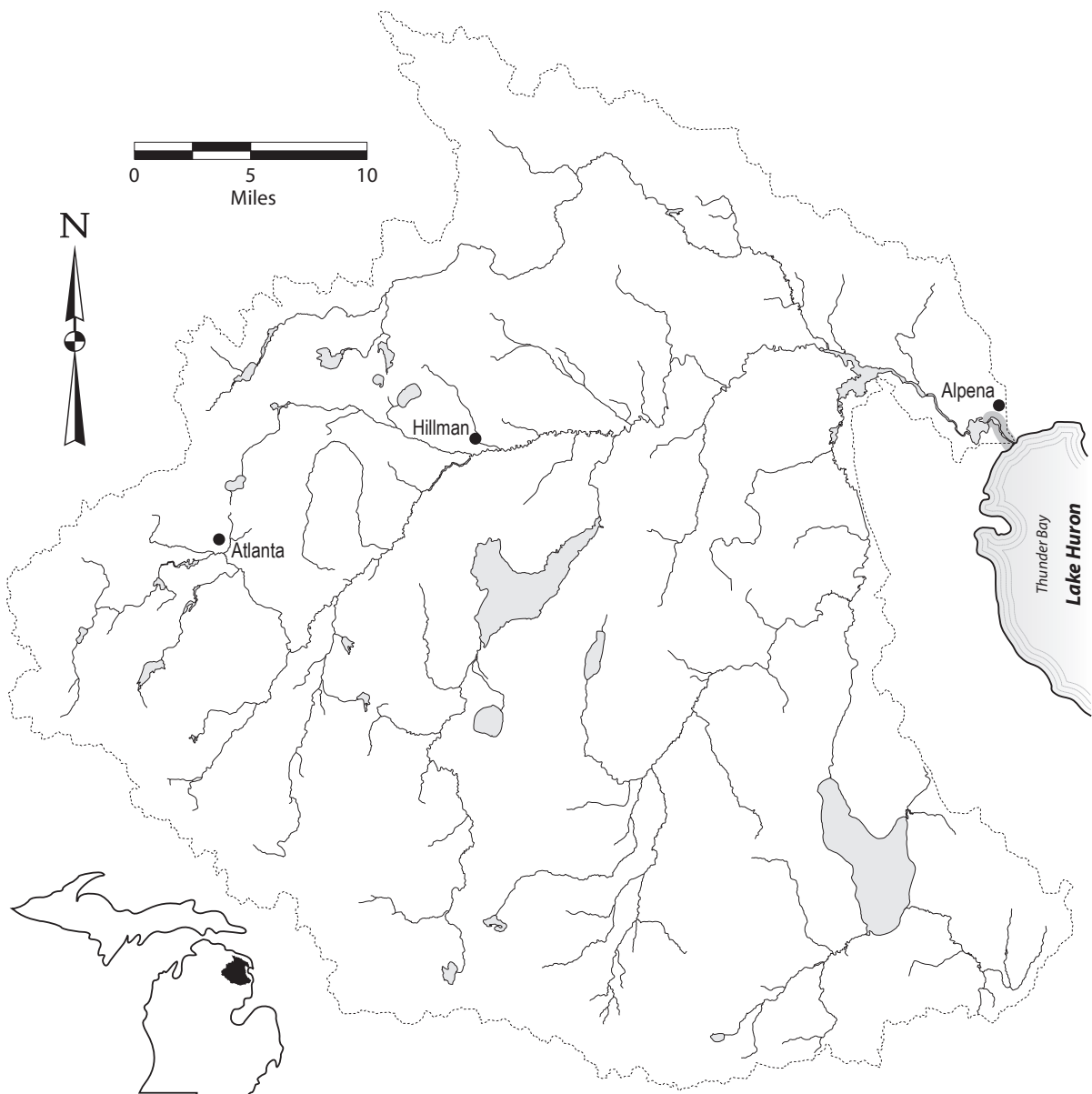
- feeding - sand and silt substrate
- little to moderate current
- shallow areas of streams, rivers, lakes, and impoundments
- tolerant of many organic and inorganic pollutants and turbidity
  
- spawning - underneath rocks
- in stream pools or protected shallows of lakes



**Ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus*)**

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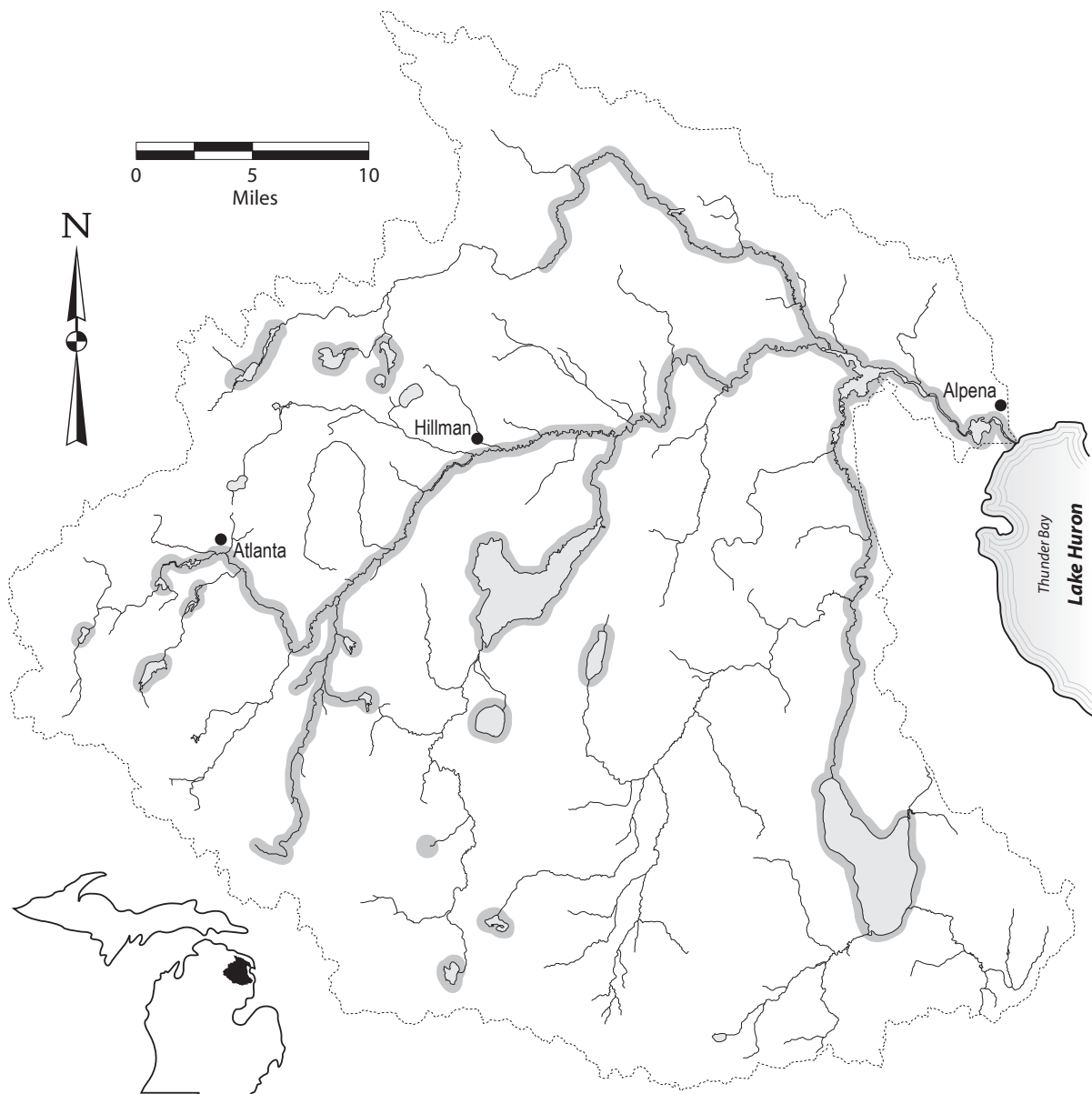
- feeding - shallow waters at night
- soft bottoms and no vegetation
  
- spawning - warm shallows of turbid lakes with soft bottoms
- little or no vegetation present
- slow-moving water
  
- winter refuge - deeper water



**Yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*)**

**Habitat:**

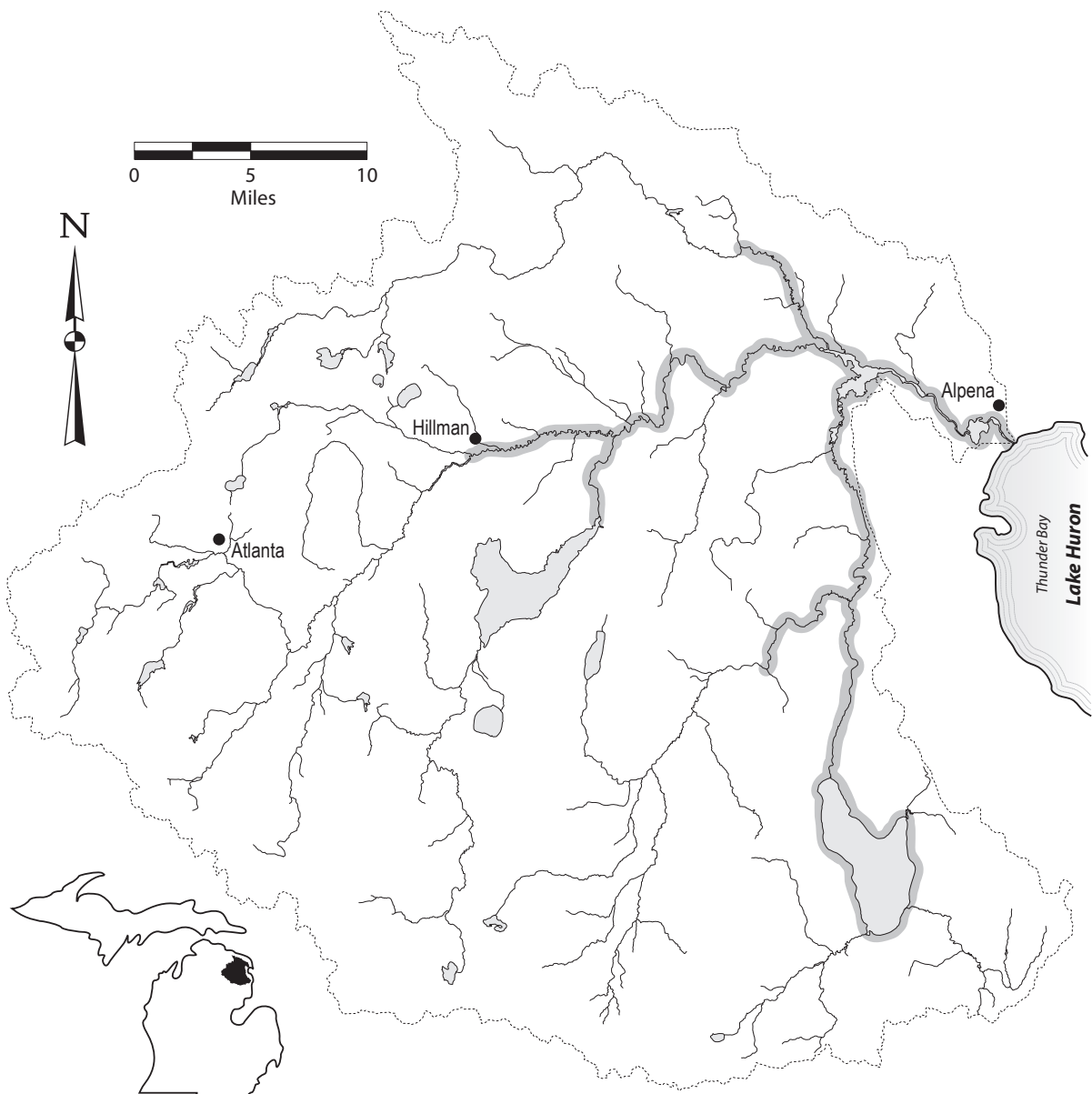
- feeding - clear lakes and impoundments; also Lake Huron
  - low gradient rivers
  - abundance of rooted aquatics
  - muck, organic debris, sand, or gravel substrate
  - does not tolerate turbidity and siltation
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- spawning - shallows of lakes, tributaries of streams
  - occurs over rooted vegetation, submerged brush, fallen trees
  - may occur over sand or gravel



**Logperch (*Percina caprodes*)**

**Habitat:**

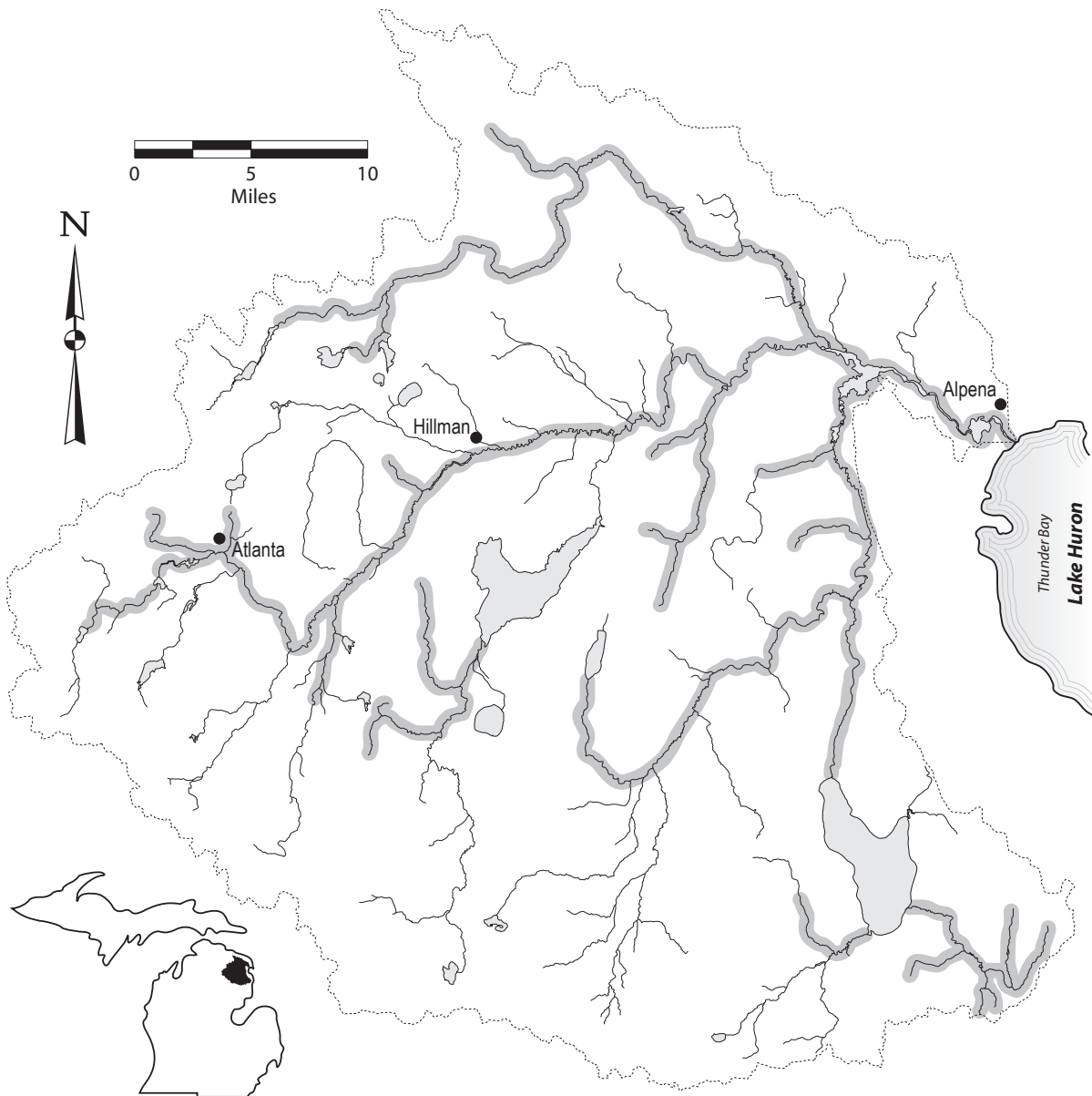
- feeding - gravel riffles, deeper slower sections of rivers
  - medium size streams; also lakes, impoundments, and Lake Huron
  - sand, gravel, or rock substrate
  - avoids turbidity and silt
- spawning - riffles or sandy in-shore shallows



**Blackside darter (*Percina maculata*)**

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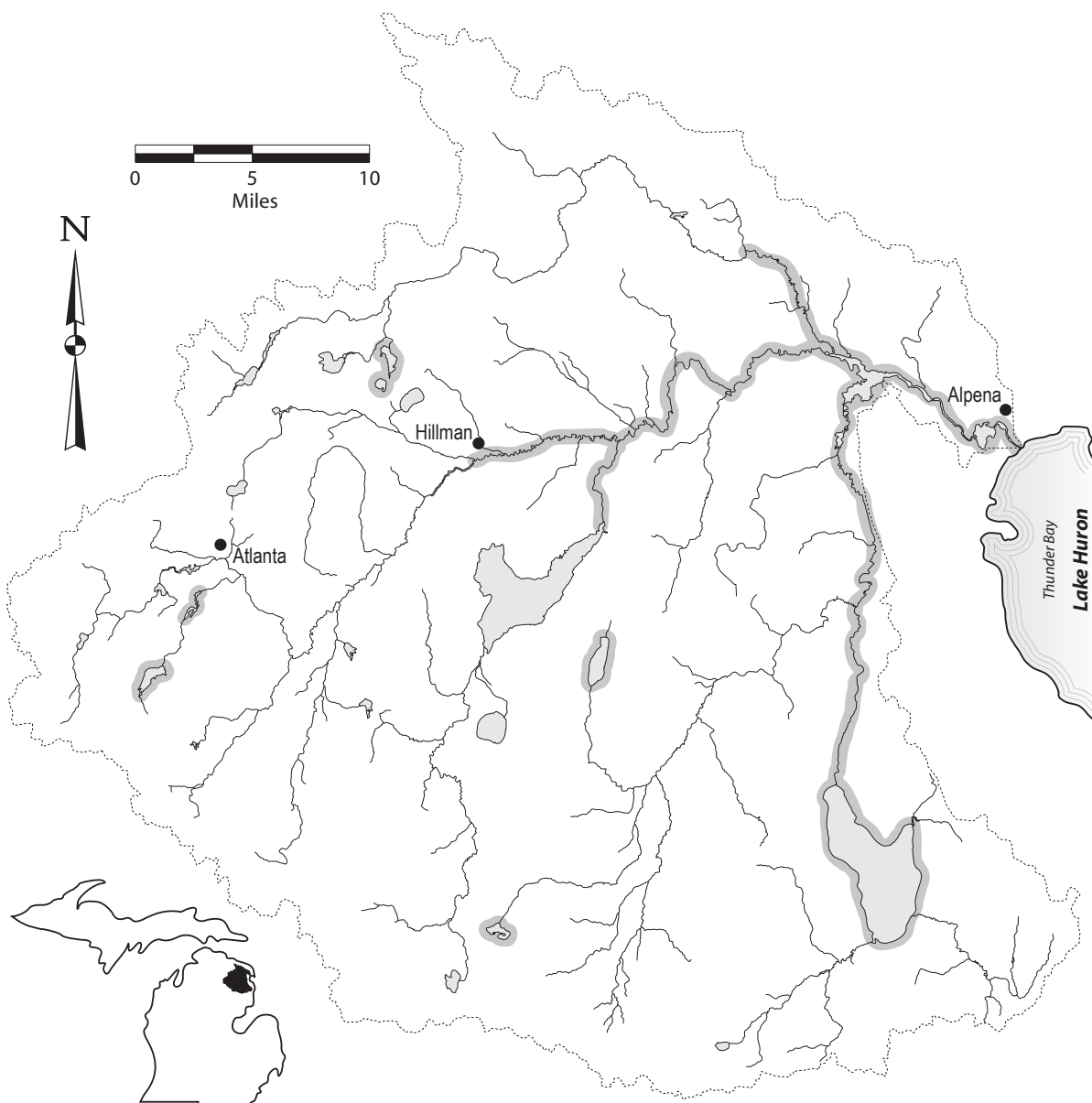
- feeding - small to medium streams
- low to medium gradient
- gravel and sand substrate
- tolerate some turbidity
  
- spawning - gravel and sand substrate



**Walleye (*Sander vitreus*)**

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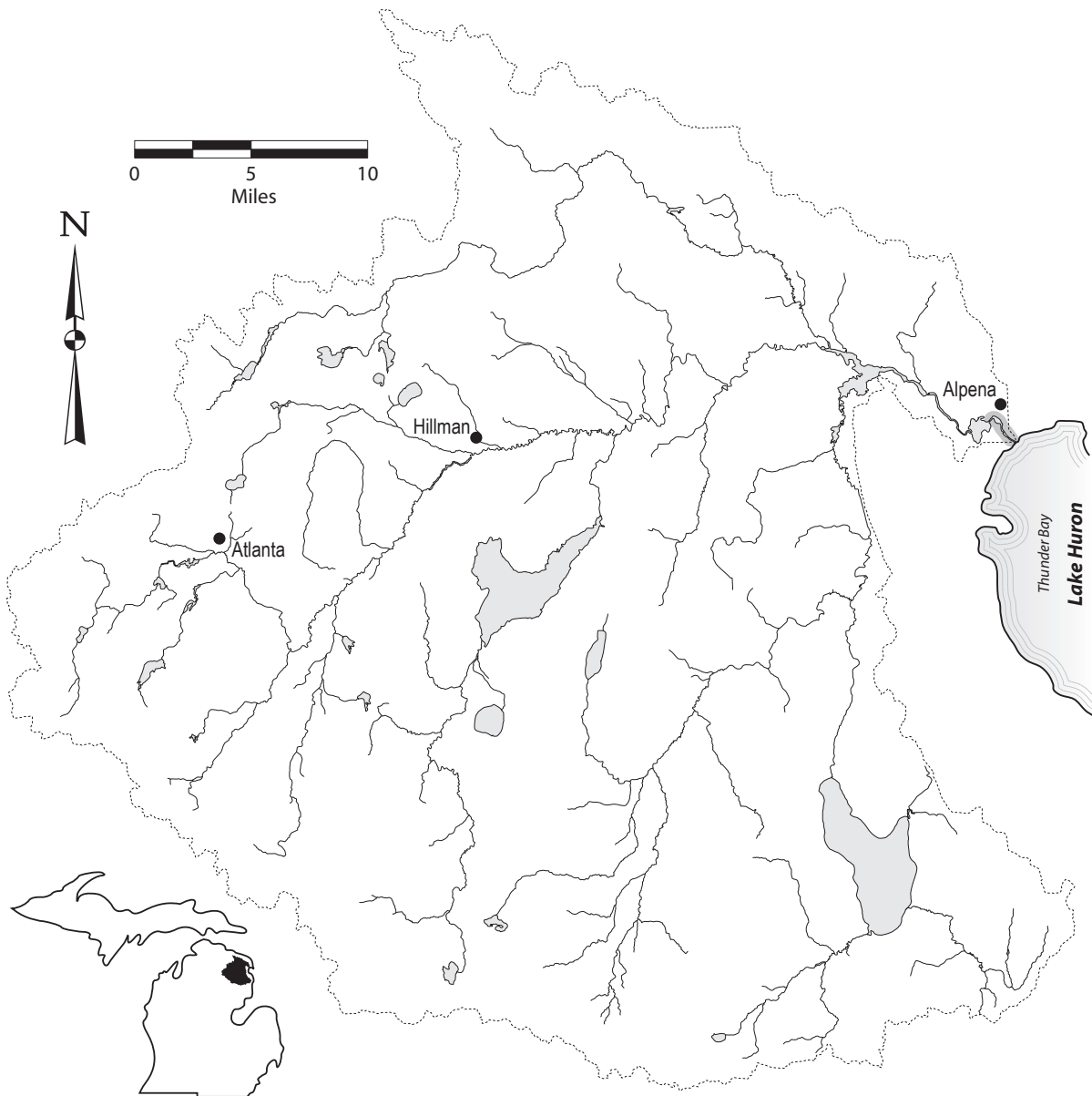
- feeding - larger, deeper streams and in large, shallow, turbid lakes and impoundments; also Lake Huron
- gravel, bedrock, and firm substrates preferred
- does not tolerate a lot of turbidity or low oxygen
  
- spawning - rocky substrates in high gradient water in rivers
- boulder to coarse gravel shoals in lakes
  
- winter refuge - avoids strong currents



**Freshwater drum** (*Aplodinotus grunniens*)

**Habitat:**

- feeding
  - deeper pools of rivers and Lake Huron
  - in shallows
  - prefers clear waters and clean substrates
  - can adapt to high turbidity levels
  
- spawning
  - pelagically, in open water, over sand or mud substrate
  - occurs in bays or lower portions of marshes





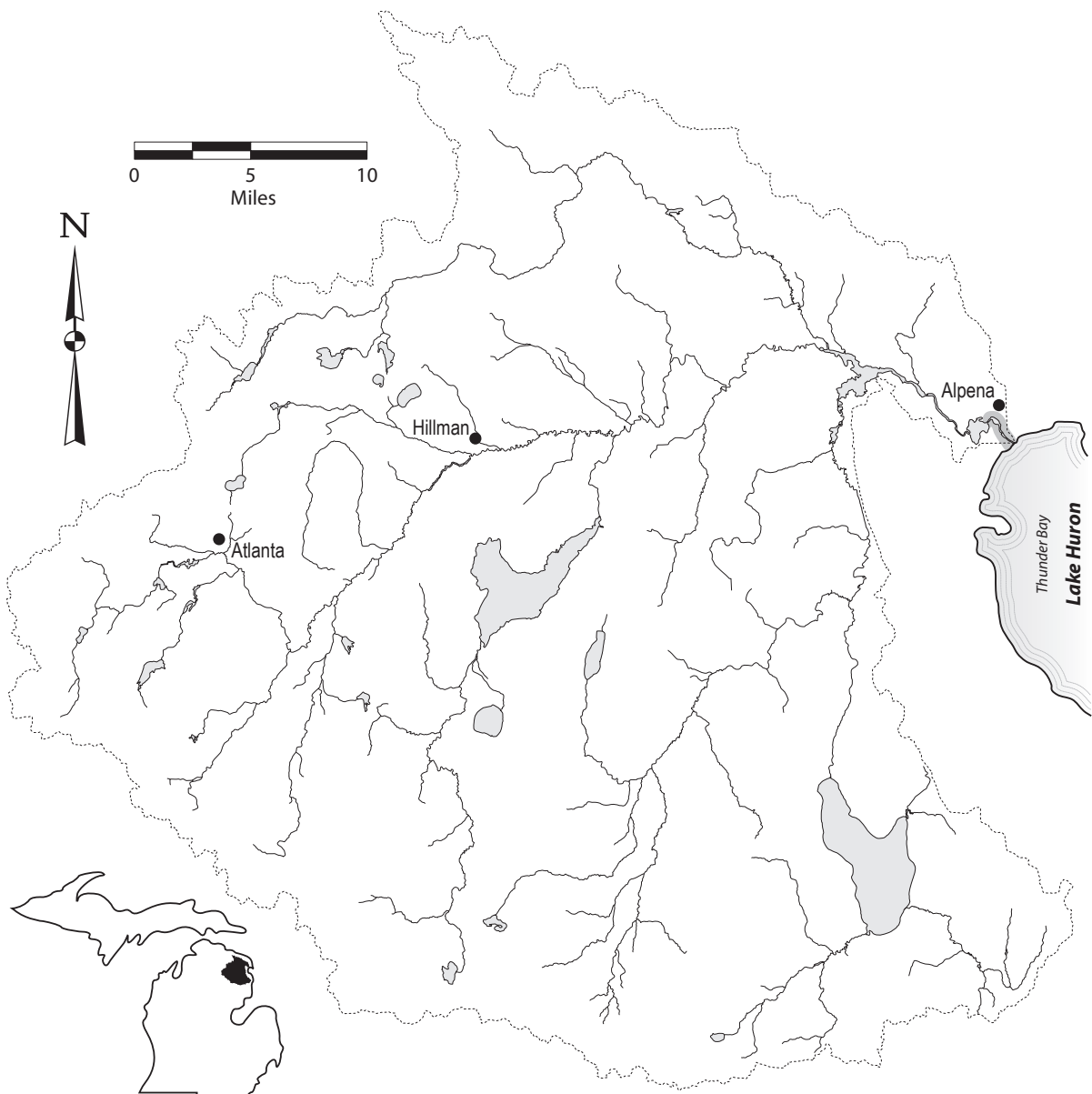
**Round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*)**

**Habitat:**

- feeding - rock, cobble, riprap, and vegetate areas of rivers and lakes
- young found over sand substrate

- spawning - rocky substrate with large interstitial spaces

- winter refuge - rocky substrate with large interstitial spaces
- deep water



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