



Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 4 , 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 12, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At our Sept. General Membership meeting we were visited by three speakers. Judy Ogden, Ken Merkel, and Jake Van Rooyen have all been attending meetings regarding the status of the chinook salmon in Lake Huron. Here are some of the highlights of the discussion:

DNR is claiming that 80% of the fish in Lake Huron are from natural reproduction. This is from the results of the OCT samples from 2003 and 2004. They have 2005 samples, but have not studied them yet. So, no one really knows if this 80% value is true in 2005.

The Sarnia Hatchery's goal was to collect 130,000-140,000 chinook eggs in October. They do this in a river up north. Most years, they can do it in 1-2 trips. In October of 2004, it took them 5 trips. Eggs were very small/not healthy. In the 5 trips, they did not reach their goal, but did get 100,000 eggs. Of the 100,000 eggs, only 52,000 were released. In most years, they lost between 5-10 fish a day in the pools. This past year, they were losing 200-300 a day. Not healthy eggs to start with. The MDNR did not have this problem with the eggs taken at Swan or Manistee.

Right now, creel survey results show that the average size of the chinooks being caught in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are 13.6 lbs and 8.1 lbs respectively. It was not clear if this was just 3-year old fish, or if it included all age classes.

0.75 Ktl is a magic number for fish reproduction. Fish under .75 generally do not produce healthy eggs.

Three plant sites on Lake Huron will be completely eliminated. All of the other sites will most likely be reduced by 50%. Some sites will remain the same, as the DNR is bound to planting them in the Consent Decree with the Native Americans.

There was a plan to use the extra hatchery space for lake herring. But it was shot down. Right now, there is no plan to fill the space. And no plan to lay-off any of the workers as

the hatcheries have 50% less fish. It does not mean there is 50% less work. But it seems like there should be some sort of cut in workers as well???

MDNR held meetings in August @ Saginaw and September @ Rodgers City with the public. But it appeared to the people that attended that the DNR already made up their mind on the 50% cut. Why hold a meeting if the decision was already made.

MDNR wants a 25% cut in Lake Michigan stocking. Michigan Charterboat Assoc. is against it. And getting buy-in from the other states will be hard.

NYDNR wants a 50% cut to Lake Ontario stocking in 2007.

MDNR is doing baitfish trawls in Lake Michigan right now. Early results are that the YoY bait is long enough to make it thru the winter, and it is a good year class. They will be doing the same study in Lake Huron soon.

There are 31 restricted funds, game, fish, parks, snowmobiles, etc. Even though they are restricted, they are being raided by the politicians to balance budgets. In 2006, there will be an amendment that may be added to the Michigan State Constitution. It will be voted on by the public. The amendment is to stop this raiding.

There may be a plan to set the Lake Huron lake trout size limit to 22", lake wide. This was brought up at the meeting, and I have also heard this from another source too. If I had to guess, I would say that 50-70% of the lake trout that we catch in lower Lake Huron are below this size. That would mean that we would be throwing all those fish back. There are two reasons I have heard for this. One is that it makes the rules in the rulebook easier to understand. That is a bunch of B.S. The second is that the sportsmen are taking too many trout and it is affecting percentages that are stated in the Consent Decree with the Native Americans.

Mike Rymar, Editor



Captain of the Year 2005

1st	No ID	Paul Baker	93 pts
2nd	Tech Rally	Keith Hieber	90 pts
3rd	Eveready	Preston Schroeder	70 pts
4th	Wavebreaker	Dale Phipps	58 pts
5th	In The Red	Jeff Parker	52 pts
6th	Lil Minnow	Don Vansickle	45 pts
7th	Cuttin Fool	Bob Roskey	44 pts
8th	Polish Viking	Kevin Marculweicz	35 pts
8th	L & M	Mark Hodge	35 pts
10th	King Kong	Tim Cook	31 pts

LIBRARY PROGRAM

Gander Mountain of Port Huron has donated 7 single tray Plano tackle boxes for the library program and 6 small tackle boxes for jigs, jigheads and sinkers. Many thanks to the generosity of Gander Mountain and their continued efforts to help make fishing in the Blue Water area a family event.

The BWSFA has placed Zebco rod reel combos and tackle boxes complete with tackle in all of St. Clair County Libraries. A library card that you normally use to check out books and other media material is all that is required to check out a fishing outfit for 5 days. The checkout rate in the Port Huron Public Library runs about 7-10 per week during the peak fishing season.

Someone is needed to check on the Algonac library to periodically stop by and straighten out the rods and boxes. Sometimes the rods are returned with the lines tangled or a natural attrition of tackle in the boxes requires a certain need for replacement of hooks, bobbers and sinkers. If any club members are interested in helping in this way let me know. Sandy and Dave Weed have volunteered to take care of the St. Clair Library.

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FISHING HOTLINE

The club's fishing hotline is available with current reports. The number for it is 810-987-FISH. Joel Anderson from Anderson's Pro Bait is keeping it up-to-date with current reports.

Big Fish Contest

Adult Division

Brown Trout

1st	Clayton Harrison	23 lb 4 oz
2nd	Seldon Thornsberry	15.95 lb
3rd	Preston Schroeder Jr	14 lb 5 oz

King Salmon

1st	Preston Schroeder Jr	19 lb 6 oz
2nd	Bob Roskey	17 lb 4 oz

Pink Salmon

1st	Mark Hodge	1 lb 8 oz
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Steelhead

1st	Howard York	10 lb 4 oz
2nd	Bob Roskey	8 lb 4 oz
3rd	Steve McKinch	4 lb 11 oz

Lake Trout

1st	David N. Kaufman	19 lb 12 oz
2nd	Ed Loehnis	10.16 lb
3rd	Jodi Stephen	9 lb 2 oz

Open Divisions are Walleye, Coho, and Atlantic.

Junior Division

Brown Trout

1st	Raymond Rapson	6.71 lb
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King Salmon

1st	Andrew Beggs	22 lb 8 oz
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Coho Salmon

1st	Raymond Rapson	2.1 lb
2nd	Andrew Beggs	1 lb 9 oz

Lake Trout

1st	Andrew Beggs	5 lb 4 oz
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Open Divisions are Walleye, Atlantic, Steelhead, and Pink.

OUR CLUB HELPS HURRICANE VICTIMS

On September 9th, Dave and Sandy Weed took all the old sweatshirts, T shirts and hats out of our storage building and put them on a truck at Ross Bible Church to deliver to the victims on September 10th. There were approximately 500 T shirts and sweatshirts in the building and several hundred hats. We are certain that all of the people who survived this ordeal will very much appreciate our efforts. What a great way we can help!!





FISH STORIES

Hi, my name is Tricia Wojcik and I am 14 years old. My recent fishing story/trip is when I went on the boat named Dea Lynn with my dad Richard Wojcik and sister Lauren Wojcik. The captain of the Dea Lynn is Captain Gary Gaw. Captain Gary Gaw is the best captain I know. Also, his first mate Mr. Wayne is very nice, and he also helped my sister and me out a lot. I love Captain Gaw, Mr. Wayne and the Dea Lynn. The Dea Lynn is a very nice, clean and high tech boat, especially all the lures, hooks and rods.

When we were in the right spot at the right time we started to catch some fish, MAN, was that fun. I reeled in nine fish by myself. My dad on the other hand only caught one. My sister caught five fish with my dad's help and one fish by herself. Most of them were lakers and we caught two salmon. When the first rod went off my dad said, "fish on." He also told me, "Trish you're first." When Mr. Wayne handed me the rod I reeled away until the fish was in the boat, then I realized it was a lake trout. I said to myself, "this is my first laker."

Only thing bad about the whole trip was that my Uncle John didn't go and I was looking forward to him going in the first place.

I would like to thank Captain Gaw for the pleasure of going fishing on his boat. Also I want to go back and fish with Captain Gary and Mr. Wayne next year.

Tricia Wojcik



TOURNAMENTS

Debbie Packard has volunteered to be the next Blue Water Classic chairperson. Her major concern at the moment is that she needs a new port captain for Lexington. Bob & Ann Jury had been the port captains of Lexington for the last 10 years and are stepping down from the position. If you are interested in volunteering for this job or want to know what it entails, contact Debbie @ 810-987-4029 or 586-739-9162.

GOVERNOR SIGNS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT MICHIGAN'S OUTDOOR TRADITIONS

LANSING - Governor Jennifer M. Granholm today signed legislation that will protect the spirit of Michigan's rich outdoor and hunting traditions. The five-bill package prohibits computer-assisted shooting and establishes a new program to encourage sportsmen to help fight hunger.

"Michigan is blessed with unmatched natural beauty and a rich tradition of enjoying all that the outdoors has to offer," said Granholm. "As elected officials, we have a responsibility to protect both our natural resources and the integrity of our traditions. The legislation I am signing today will do both."

Public Acts 110, 111, and 112 will prohibit computer-assisted shooting with a crossbow or firearm. Recently, a series of websites have been created that allow anyone with access to a computer to pay for the opportunity to shoot at fenced animals with computer-controlled weapons. True sportsmen criticize the practice as contrary to the sport of hunting. Remote shooting removes the art of tracking and the connection to nature. Safety concerns have also been raised since the remote shooter cannot see outside the gun's scope to determine if other animals or people are in harm's way.

"Using computer technology to shoot at caged animals from a distance is a corruption of our proud hunting traditions," said Granholm. "This practice is nothing more than a live-action video game, and I am proud to stand with Michigan's outdoor enthusiasts in opposing it."

Public Acts 116 and 117 create the Sportsmen Against Hunger Program through the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The program will encourage sportsmen and women to donate legally taken wild game for use in local soup kitchens and food banks. A voluntary \$1.00 donation, collected at the time a person applies for a hunting license, will fund the new program.





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SALMON WITH TARRAGON SAUCE

Yield 6 to 8 servings

1 whole drawn salmon (3 1/2 to 4 1/2 lbs.) head removed
2 Tbs. snipped fresh parsley or 1 tsp. dried parsley flakes
1 Tbs. snipped fresh tarragon leaves or 1/2 tsp. dried tarragon leaves
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. paprika
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 Tbs. fresh lemon juice

SAUCE:

1/4 c. butter
1/4 c. all-purpose flour
1 Tbs. snipped fresh tarragon leaves or 1/2 tsp. dried tarragon leaves
1/2 tsp. curry powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
1 c. ready-to-serve chicken broth
1 c. milk
2 Tbs. dry white wine

Heat oven to 375°F. Cut 28 x 18 inch sheet of heavy-duty foil. Place salmon on foil. Sprinkle cavity and outside of fish with parsley, 1 Tbs. tarragon, 1/4 tsp. salt and paprika, pepper and the juice. Fold long sides of foil together in locked folds. Fold and crimp short ends; seal tightly. Place on large baking sheet. Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until fish begins to flake when fork is inserted at backbone in thickest part of fish. Meanwhile, prepare sauce. In 2-qt. saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Stir in flour, tarragon, curry, salt and pepper. Blend in broth and milk. Cook over medium heat for 3 to 5 minutes, or until it begins to bubble, stirring constantly. Stir in wine. Serve salmon with sauce.

Compliments of Gayle Gaw Dea-Lynn Charters