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### 2007 Licenses Not Yet On Sale

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DNR Reminds Hunters and Anglers That 2007 Licenses Not Yet on Sale

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources today reminded hunters and anglers that 2007 hunting and fishing licenses go on sale March 1. At this time, licenses for the new year will be sold at the same prices they were in 2006, while the DNR and Natural Resources Commission continue to work with the Legislature on a new license fee package.

"Although a few individuals accidentally purchase their licenses before the start of the new season each year, there is some concern that more hunters and anglers are purchasing licenses now, believing they are avoiding any license fee increase that may occur in 2007," said Bill Pemble, Retail Sales Program manager. "However, licenses purchased before March 1 are not valid for the 2007 season."

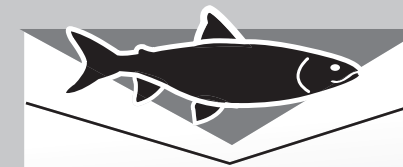
The 2007 hunting and fishing licenses will be printed on yellow stock, Pemble said. The 2006 licenses were printed on purple stock.

Individuals who accidentally purchased a license after Jan. 1, 2007, thinking they were getting a license for 2007 can get a refund by contacting DNR Customer Systems at (517) 373-1204.

"We wish to remind hunters and anglers that they can get a discount when four or more licenses are purchased at one time for the same person," Pemble said.

Hunters and anglers also can purchase their 2007 licenses online starting March 1 on the DNR Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

The DNR is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations.



#### Board of Directors Meeting:

Tues. March 6, - 7:00 pm  
at McMorran

#### General Membership Meeting :

Wed., March, 14th, 7:30 pm  
at McMorran

#### Fish Stories

Attention  
Club Members!

***We are looking for  
images and pictures of  
your fish stories to place  
in the newsletter. If you  
have a great story about  
a recent fishing trip that  
you want to brag about,  
contact Mike Rymar at  
(586)-215-3972 or at  
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***We would love to publish  
your story.***

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### Wild Game Dinner & General Membership Meetings

Our wild game dinner and February general membership meetings were both cancelled last month. We will not be making up the wild game dinner portion of the meeting. Big fish winners need to attend the March General membership meeting to pick up their trophies. For the March general membership meeting, we will be trying something a bit different. The main topic of the evening will be about the great walleye fishing that is occurring in both Lake Huron and in the St. Clair River. There is going to be several tables or stations set up with different tactics on how to fish for these walleyes. Some of the topics include Power Trolling, Whipping, Wire Lining, chugging, Shore Fishing, and Vertical Jigging. We will also have the local Boy Scouts attending the event and there will be chili, hotdogs, and chips will be provided. Also, several of the clubs committees have started meeting on a weekly basis. Advertising, Fishing Forever, Classic, and Salmon Stakes have all met in the past week to discuss changes and organize the 2007 events. If you are interest in helping out at any of these events, please join us at the March Membership meeting to find out how

### 23rd Bluewater Classic

The Blue Water Classic is a salmon and trout fishing tournament that takes place on lower Lake Huron. The Blue Water Classic headquarters are located in Port Huron, MI. The tournament is held annually every May. This year's event will be held May 18-20 and will mark the 23rd consecutive year of the contest. In the past, anglers could choose to fish any of three ports (Port Huron, Lexington, and Port Sanilac) to fish out of. This year, it has been decided by the committee to allow boats to depart and fish from Harbor Beach as well. The Blue Water Classic is well known throughout the Great Lakes salmon fishing community as being a premier salmon tournament. If this tournament interest you, be sure to check out our ad in this publication and the tournaments website at [www.bluewaterclassic.com](http://www.bluewaterclassic.com) for the latest

## Club Tournaments

The tournament schedule has been changed quite a bit from last year.

Date	Port	Species	Time	Location
4/22	Port Huron	Salmon/Trout	5.30am - 11.00am	Weigh-in at ??
6/2	Port Huron	Walleye	6.00pm - ?	Weigh-in at 13th Street launch
7/29	Port Sanilac	Perch	6.00am - 12.00pm	Weigh-in at the Gazebo by Marina
8/18 & 8/19	Ludington	Salmon/Trout	5.30am - 11.00am	Weigh-in at the Gazebo by Coast Guard

Our weigh-in location for the first event is TBA and will be published in the next newsletter. There will be some different species events this year. Only walleye will be allowed at the June event in Port Huron. Only perch will be allowed at the Port Sanilac event. We plan to have picnics at all of these events.

Look for 2007 club tournament schedule business cards to be handed out at the future General Membership Meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the club boat tournaments, feel free to call Mike Warshefski at 987-5881.

The schedule also can be found on the club's website at: <http://www.bluewatersportfishing.net>

## St. Clair

## Waterway Rules

There are two news topics going on for anglers fishing Canadian Waters. The first is that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has made the following statement:

*'Anglers should continue to follow the 2005-2006 Fishing Regulations until the 2007-2008 Ontario Recreational Fishing Regulations are released. Federal approval of the new fishing regulations is still pending. Anglers will be advised when the new regulations have been finalized through the news media and the ministry's website. In the interim, the current regulations will remain in effect and anglers should continue to follow the 2005-2006 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary until further notice.'*

This just means that you are to follow the rules from last year.

The second news topic is the cause for the first news topic. Ontario is planning on several changes to sport fishing regulations for 2007. Changes are being proposed to the way the Ministry of Natural Resources manages Ontario's recreational fisheries. The purpose of these changes is to make fishing regulations easier to understand while maintaining healthy fish communities. One important change is a reduction in the number of Fishing Divisions, from 37 to 20. Ontario's 20 new Fisheries Management Zones (formerly Fishing Divisions).

Lake Huron should have very little change to its rules.

Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River will be affected by this, as it will be merged into the same zone as Lake Erie. It is not completely spelled out what the new changed will be yet. One of the positive rumors going around is that old Lake Erie Regulations allowed anglers to fish with 2 rods per person from a boat. It appears that this rule is going to stay, and thus will allow anglers to fish with 2 rods from a boat on both Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River. This is very good news for the Muskie Anglers on Lake St. Clair, as most of the fish they catch are released anyways.

All that we can do for now is to just fish by the old rules, and then change over to the new rules when the new regulations go into affect. - Mike Rymar

## 2006 Big Fish Contest

Here are the Final standings for the Big Fish contest. If you were one of the lucky anglers to be listed, you need to attend the March general membership meeting to receive your trophy. Please direct any questions or comments about the contest to the Big Fish Chairman, Bob Roskey, at 987-7891.

### Adult Division

#### King Salmon

1st	Tim Cook	25lb 1oz
2nd	Dick Roskey	20lb 9oz
3rd	Carole Thornsberry	20lb 2oz

#### Brown Trout

1st	Paul Zimmer	22lb 15oz
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#### Steelhead

1st	Carole Thornsberry	10lb 8oz
2nd	Jim Frazer	10lb 5oz
3rd	Carole Thornsberry	10lb 4oz

#### Lake Trout

1st	Dave Rymar	11.66lb
2nd	Al Gaylin	8lb 15oz
3rd	Preston Shroeder Jr	8lb 6oz

#### Walleye

1st	Steve McKinch	7lb 12oz
2nd	Ed Loehnis	4lb 1oz
3rd	Ed Loehnis	3lb 14oz

#### Coho

1st	Steve McKinch	7lb 9oz
2nd	Carole Thornsberry	7lb 2oz
3rd	Carole Thornsberry	6lb 3oz

### Junior Division

#### King Salmon

1st	Raymond Rapson	7lb 9 oz
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## Fishing Forever

We are having our 8th Fishing Forever banquet on March 29th, 2007. This years banquet is being hosted at Fore Lakes Golf Course. The price of the tickets are still \$100.00. The cost gives you a limited edition print from locally famous painter "David Bollman", \$25.00 worth of raffle tickets, dinner, shrimp cocktail, dessert, and beverages of your choice. The ticket also gives you a membership into our "Blue Water Sportfishing Association" providing you fill out the stub correctly.

This is truly one of, if not the best fund raiser banquet around. It is a fund raising event and we will have thousands of dollars of merchandise to win. You must be 18 years or older to buy a ticket. The money that is raised from this event is split into three different ways. The largest percentage 50% is earmarked to go to the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources (CPMR), formerly known as MFRCC., 35% goes towards a Port Huron Fish Cleaning station, 15% goes to the general fund. The fund for the CPMR, is our fund and we pay them as needed. We all hope that we will have a conclusion to this deal with the natives before summer but there is still a lot of work to be done on that issue.

The banquet dinner will open the doors at 5:30 pm and dinner about 7:30pm. The cash bar downstairs will be open earlier so if you get there early you will not need to stand outside. Tickets can be purchased by either calling Stacy or Joann @ Zimmer Roofing @966-6991.

I hope to see all of you there!

-Rob Helzer

## Important Boating Dates

March 1  
March 2-4  
March 29  
April 1  
April 22  
May 18-20  
June 22-24

2007 Fishing Licenses go on Sale  
Spring Boat & Fishing Show - Birch Run  
Fishing Forever  
2006 Fishing License Expires  
Port Huron Club Tournament  
Blue Water Classic  
Thumb Area Offshore Challenge