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## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IN TRAVERSE CITY

**2010 Annual Michigan Charter Boat Association will be held over the weekend of October 15, 16 and 17.**

The meeting place this year is at the Holiday Inn West Bay on 615 East Front Street.

The Association has made arrangements with the hotel for a special room rate for those who wish to stay overnight for one or two nights. Call them at 231-947-3700, and ask for the MCBA rate (\$79. per night). The address is 615 East Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686

The fall conference is a great way to catch up on what's going on and to enjoy a day or two away from the regular home routine. Bring your spouse or significant other, too. There are lots of things to do in the area.

The Annual conference will begin on Friday evening with a social gathering in the hospitality room (6:PM - till ?). This informal gathering will provide an evening long opportunity to mix with MCBA officers, and board members; maybe some DNR personnel or Sea Grant staff, and of course, other Captains from all over the state. There will be Free snacks, pizza and Drinks.

Of course, attendance at this event is strictly optional, but it is a great way to start your weekend at the MCBA conference. And you might get a chance to talk to some one in the DNR who needs to hear your issue.

You don't need to attend the Friday evening session to enjoy the conference Main Event.

The Main Event will begin early Saturday morning, with The Traditional Breakfast Buffet (Assorted Fruit Juice, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Crisp Bacon and Sausage Links, Skilled Breakfast Brown Potatoes, Coffee Cake and Muffins, Whipped Butter and Preserves, Coffee, Tea or Milk- Free to all members & spouse) during registration.

The program begins at 9:00 AM which includes lunch for all members with pre-registration.

Various Speakers and panels will present information about issues of interest to most Captains.

Usually, there are question and answer sessions at the end of



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each presentation.

The program for this fall's conference is set with topics such as how to increase your business, Charter Boat Small Business Tax Issues (tentative), Also, Asian Carp Controversy; DNR Great Lakes Basin fishing reports and issues. And, updates on licensing and inspection issues. There will be a field trip in the afternoon to the Great Lakes Maritime Academy (Optional Final approval pending).

On Saturday evening we will have a dinner at the hotel, followed by a short program including the Annual MCBA Awards and Bob Garner as guest speaker. The speakers are usually very interesting and speak to us about a topic of interest to us as charter fishers.

After the short program, there is a spirited tackle raffle, usually raffling off some of the best current tackle from the best companies.

For those who stay over and we encourage you to do so, Sunday morning brings the official annual meeting after BREAKFAST Farm Country Buffet (Assorted Fruit Juice, Fresh Seasonal Sliced Fruits, Western Scrambled Eggs, Cinnamon Swirl French Toast, Crisp Bacon and Sausage Links, Skillet Breakfast

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## From the Helm . . .



Ahoy Everyone,


Its hard to believe that another season is winding down. I hope everyone had successful trips and didn't have to deal with the winds that we had in Frankfort. This is a year of winds that I will be glad to forget.

I would like to remind you that our next Fall Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn West Bay in Traverse City, Oct.15th-17th. Jim Fenner and the board has been working hard to put together another informative agenda for our annual business meeting. We start out Friday night with our social gathering. Captain John Giszczak goes all out to make sure everyone has plenty to eat and drink. (and has promised to have plenty of COKE this year)

ha ha. I look forward to seeing many of you there. MCBA is always looking for ways to promote our association and the charter industry and by attending the Fall Meeting this will be a great way to give your ideas to the Board, Officers and Members.

I had the honor of presenting the MCBA Scholarship Award to Jeff Krebs this year. Jeff would like to thank the association for "literally helping me achieve one of my life goals and beyond that, one of my dreams. It feels absolutely amazing to receive this honor".

In conclusion I would like to remind you that if you need to reach me I am only as far away as your phone.

Captain Rich Haslett  
President - MCBA 

## Main Event October 16, 2010




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Brown Potatoes, Coffee Cake and Muffins, Whipped Butter and Preserve, Coffee, Tea or Milk) Free to all members & spouse.

The meeting will cover all the current business of the Association and will end following the election of officers.

Normally, the meeting is over by 10:30 AM or so, and folks begin to check out to travel home or take in local events.

Why not take a little time off from your normal schedule and take in an interesting, informative and relaxing weekend.. 

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## **Asian Carp -Indiana Activist to Head Federal Anti-Carp Campaign**

John Goss, an environmental activist and former state official from Indiana, was appointed Wednesday, September 9, 2010 as the Obama administration's point man in the fight to prevent Asian carp from gaining a foothold in the Great Lakes. Goss will oversee efforts by federal, state and local agencies to halt the advance of bighead and silver carps.

Goss has served as executive director of the National Wildlife Federation's Indiana affiliate for four years. Previously, he was director of the state Department of Natural Resources and served as vice chairman of the Great Lakes Commission. ➤

### **In Lake Michigan Quagga could be the next Asian Carp**

The quagga has recently begun eating its way through Lake Michigan's phytoplankton population, threatening to destroy the lake's food web.

In 1998 Michigan Technological University biologist W. Charles Kerfoot and his research team discovered The "phytoplankton doughnut" which is formed when winter storms kick up nutrient-rich sediment along the southeastern shore of the lake. The disturbed sediments begin circulating in a slow-moving circle with the lake's currents and provides a massive supply of food for phytoplankton.

This doughnut, in turn, feeds the entire lake. Zooplankton, feeding on phytoplankton, thrive there. The seasonal bloom helps them survive winter. The doughnut helps maintain the entire food web.

However, the doughnut — recognized by the signature of the plants' chlorophyll pigment that captures sunlight — has started to disappear. "Since 2001, the chlorophyll has been nibbled away on the edges, right where the quaggas are," Kerfoot said. Kerfoot believes a high percent of the fish biomass could be lost in the next couple years. The impact from a tiny quagga — which is no larger than a fat Lima bean — could soon render moot the more headline-grabbing concerns about the invasive zebra mussel and Asian carp. ➤

### **Three Sault tribal members have been found guilty**

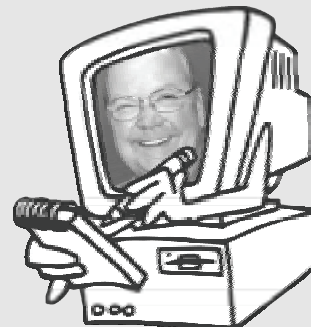
Three members of the Sault Tribe were found guilty on 79 of 105 civil infractions including illegally setting nets in Little Bay de Noc to catch walleye. They took thousands of pounds of fish out of the lake last year and sold them for profit through a tribal commercial fishing operation and a state-licensed wholesaler.

The court ordered fines and costs totaling \$13,175. Four snowmobiles and nets were also forfeited, and their fishing licenses were permanently revoked. ➤

## **Main Event October 16, 2010**

## **CENTRAL REPORT**

By Captain Ron Dubsky



### **2011 APPLICATIONS**

2011 applications have been mailed. If you have not received yours it can be downloaded from our website or call me here at central.

Total membership for 2010 is 414 Captains and 206 Mates for a total of 620.

### **FORMS AND WEB INFO**

We have all forms needed here at central. Call if anything is wanted. (800) 622-2971. The WEB site is updated. Check your information and I repeat do not call central if there is a mistake or changes are needed, go to MEMBER INFO on the front page of our site and then go to WEB UPDATES. Follow instructions. This will be sent directly to our webmaster and she will make the changes.

We have had numerous requests for new emergency check list for your boats. You can download and laminate one from our web site. Again go to member info and then click on LOGOS & ADS and download the MCBA check list.

### **USCG RENEWAL QUESTIONS**

We have had quite a few calls here at central regarding the renewal packet for your USCG license. We have the services of a retired USCG Licensing Specialist Lt. Commander Charles (chuck) Kakuska who will help answer any questions you have. His number is (734) 847-1723 or e-mail at seakslic@aol.com.

### **BOAT US**

A reminder that your association is a member of boat US Your group number is GA80493B. Make sure and use number when shopping.

### **IN MEMORY**

Another member passed away, September 7th, 2010 Captain Harold (Bud) Raskey . Bud was an original in the Charter business and the recipient of our MCBA award in 2005. He was also a member of the Fishing Hall of Fame and locally famous for his well known wooden Charter Boat the "Michelle" R.I.P. Bud you were one of the good ones. ➤

**REMINDER: SEE YOU ALL IN  
TRAVERSE CITY OCTOBER 15TH**





**Southern Lake Michigan**  
By Captain Ron Westrate



Another fishing season is nearing the end and I hope the year has been profitable and successful. What we saw in Saugatuck were charter numbers that were down a little from the year before, however some of this was due to the week and a half in September during which it blew every day and all the charters were canceled. At this writing, we are still waiting for our salmon to school in front the piers since we still have 70 to 72 degree water and very little river flow.

There are a couple of items that should be good news for the Southern Lake Michigan fishing future.

1. We saw an increase in the number of Brown Trout caught this year. The Great Lakes Basin Report stated that according to Brad Eggold, DNR fisheries supervisor for southern Lake Michigan, this may be due to a "new" food supply. "One of the things we're finding is the trout species are less discriminating when it comes to food, compared to Chinook," he says. "We know from stomach samples they really go after round gobies and we know there are a lot of gobies. That could be why we are seeing really good survival of the fish and good condition."
2. We also saw some very good Lake Trout fishing throughout the summer. Not only did we see some high numbers of Lake Trout caught per trip, but the fish ranged from 12 to 20 pounds and had full stomachs of adult alewife and gobies. In addition to the number of fish caught, we noticed a complete lack of lamprey scares or lamprey attachment. We did have a few small lamprey attached to Lake Trout in the spring, but we never saw one on these large trout during the summer.

I hope that you have the weekend of October 15-17 reserved for the annual MCBA conference in Traverse City. Enjoy a day of informational sessions (that have been planned to help you improve your charter operations) on Saturday. Then Saturday evening enjoy a banquet, presentation of awards, and raffle followed by a hospitality room to socialize

and meet other captains. Reserve a room and stay overnight and attend the MCBA membership meeting on Sunday morning. Hope to see everyone in Traverse City. 🐟



**Central Lake Michigan**  
By Captain George Freeman

Most Captains reported good fishing in Central Lake Michigan this season. The Kings were good size with several caught in the 20-pound range. I heard reports of a couple of 30 pound plus Kings caught, but the biggest I saw was just shy of 29 pounds. Many customers were questioning the wisdom of raising the salmon limit to five when limit catches are so rare. It is hard to give them a good answer. Many captains are questioning the wisdom of that decision too. Charters were down significantly for almost every captain I talked to this spring, me included. It was the worst May and June I can remember. Trips started to pick up in the middle of July, however, and August was very busy for most captains. What a windy early September! It's always tough to have trips scheduled and end up sitting at the dock because of the wind.

The MCBA will hold its annual meeting October 15, 16, & 17, 2010 in Traverse City. Last years meeting was one of the best I can remember and I've heard they have a real good program planned for this year as well. Hope to see you there.

There will be a regional Sea Grant conference in Ludington again this winter on Saturday, January 8th. Every year this is a great conference with many people in attendance. It's the first conference of the new year, and the first chance to hear reviews of the issues of the year past, and the year to come. Every one is invited. Contact Sea Grant Agent Dan O'Keefe (616-994-4580) for information about the conference.

If you are interested in either providing news from your area of our region, please give me a call. (877 456-3474) 🐟



**Northern Lake Michigan**  
By Captain Eric Andersen

This fall at our annual membership meeting association officers will be wearing new MCBA "guide style" fishing shirts .Last year we had several comments from new members that they were unsure who the club officers were. With these comments the MCBA board decided to purchase shirts with our MCBA logo on them .They're in a ocean blue color and look very nice. These shirts are also available in tan, white and a light green as well with the MCBA logo on them. These shirts and jackets are available to the general membership as well and can be purchased at O'Keefs Reef in Irons, MI. O'Keefs specialize in



The next issue of the Cannonball Gazette will be published in late Nov. Submissions **must** be in by **Nov 21, 2010.**

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# 2010 MCBA ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

**LOCATION: Holiday Inn West Bay on 615 East Front Street, Traverse City, MI  
October 15, 16 & 17, 2010**

Oct. 15th Evening (social) Oct. 16th (seminars, dinner, & raffle) Oct. 17th Morning (business meeting)  
Please note Friday evening social and Sunday morning business meeting are **FREE to ALL members.**  
(Free food and drinks, open bar.)

**Pre-registration is encouraged for Saturday's events** (walk-ins welcomed) so we know how to set up the rooms and can order the correct number of meals. Please return the form below with your check (Walk-ins register at the door) by **10/10/10** and save \$5.00

As mentioned in the last newsletter, a limited number of rooms are available to MCBA members for the special, low rate of \$79.00 per night. Call the hotel directly at 231-947-3700 and mention that you will be there for the MCBA meeting.

**Questions?** Call MCBA at 800-622-2971. The MCBA board has worked hard to respond To MCBA membership and provide attendees with information that will help you Make the most of your charter business, so please plan to be there and make this **The best MCBA Annual Meeting ever!**

**MCBA Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Saturday Main Events

MCBA Annual Meeting Registration (Spouse free incl.)

**Pre-Registration** \$15. x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Spouse free)

**Registration at the door:** \$20. (Spouse free)

Traditional Breakfast Buffet 8:00 to 8:45 am

Saturday Buffet Lunch: Courtesy of the MCBA

Optional Saturday Dinner: \$20. Ea. For Captain's Deluxe Buffet Dinner x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday AM Business Meeting** and Sunday BREAKFAST BUFFET (Free to all members & spouse)

Number people to attend Sunday Breakfast Buffet 8 - 9 am \_\_\_\_\_

**Total ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to MCBA,  
and return to:

**MCBA Annual Meeting  
38000 Castle Drive  
Romulus, MI 48174-1016**

*Captain Frank English has  
**PROMISED** a great raffle  
at Saturdays dinner*



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain Jim Fenner



The planning is done for our Annual Fall conference to be held at the Holiday Inn West on Front St. in Traverse City on the weekend of October 15, 16 and 17. The main program is on Saturday, October 16.

Information about pre-registering for the conference and making a hotel registration can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Actually, the conference begins on the evening of October 15, with our fabulous Hospitality Suite running from about 6 PM until?? Maybe midnight. Open bar, soft drinks, and snacks provided. A good opportunity to meet/greet and share conversations and information with friends, other Captains, and guests from all over the state.

Saturday morning begins at 8 AM with a full buffet breakfast, courtesy of the Association,; check-in for pre-registrations, and late registrations.

The conference program begins promptly at 8:55 AM on Saturday, after breakfast, check-in and late registrations. We have planned an interesting and informative program.

Roger Griel, from Lake Superior State University, will tell us about the Atlantic Salmon program that is leading to a new Atlantic Salmon Fishery in the St. Mary's River, which appears to be spreading to the upper Lake Huron region. Sea grant Educator Dan O'Keefe will bring us up to date with the latest Asian Carp information and also the results of the most recent Charter Customer survey. After the break, Tammy Newcomb, MDNRE State-wide Research Manager, will share the latest state wide science with us. We are hoping the final morning session will be about setting up and

conducting your business to avoid an IRS audit. Details are still pending. After each of these sessions, there will be an opportunity for questions.

Following a buffet lunch, courtesy of the association for all guests, members, and spouses, the afternoon session will include a presentation by Fish Chief Kelley Smith and special guest Bob Garner of the Natural Resources Trust Fund. Mary Fischer from the Traverse City Red Cross who will bring us the latest in life-saving CPR information, and perhaps an opportunity to practice it on a red cross manikin. We are planning an optional field trip to the nearby Great Lakes Maritime Academy where we may tour their facility and the research vessel, after the conclusion of the main program.

Bob Garner, a long time host of Michigan Outdoors, will be the featured speaker in our evening program, following a very nice buffet dinner, and preceding our annual great tackle raffle. Later you'll have another opportunity to enjoy some friendly conversation at our hospitality suite.

The Sunday morning business meeting will follow an even more Deluxe Breakfast Buffet for all members and spouses who attend. The business meeting usually takes an hour or so, and so if you attend, you'll be 'on the road ready' by 10:30 PM at the latest. We're hoping for a good turn out for the business-meeting portion of the conference.

It's a nice hotel. It's a deductible business trip for you and your spouse. (Great shopping nearby, too)! We've planning a good program. It's a great time to hear, meet with, and ask questions, of the folks who affect how you do your charter business. Plan now to attend the fall Conference in Traverse City the weekend of October 16th. Mark your calendar today, and plan to attend.

See you there. 🐟

(Continued from page 4) ... **Northern Lake Michigan** fishing guide shirts for many different fishing organizations throughout the country. Probably the best way to look at their products is to get "online" and look at their website....

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One of pioneers in big lake fishing has left us.. Capt Bud


Raskey past away recently. I knew Bud for many years and my condolences go out to family and close friends around the Manistee area. Capt Bud was fishing Lake Michigan for lake trout and steelhead before the use of downrigger fishing and the introduction of salmon to Lake Michigan, so his experience spans more than 5 decades. 🐟

**Main Event October 16, 2010**



## MCBA program, Saturday, October 16, 2010

- 8 :00 - 8:45 AM Registration, Coffee and Deluxe Continental Breakfast (Courtesy of the MCBA)
- 8:45 - 8:55 AM Introductory Remarks & Pledge of Allegiance  
Richard Haslett, President, Michigan Charter Boat Association  
Introduction of Program Moderator, Mark Breederland, Northwest District Extension Educator
- 8:55 - 9:40 AM The Lake Superior State Atlantic Salmon Program - Roger Greil,  
Aquatic Research Lab Manager - Lake Superior State University
- 9:40 - 10:15 AM Updates: the Asian Carp Controversy & the Sea Grant Customer Survey  
Dan O'Keefe Southwest District Extension Educator
- 10:15 - 10:30 AM Break
- 10:30 - 11:10 AM Fisheries Science for Policy & Management  
Tammy Newcomb: MDNRE Fisheries Division, Lansing, MI
- 11:20 - 12:00 PM Charter Boat Small Business Tax Issues (tentative) Speaker TBA:
- 12:00 - 1:15 PM Lunch - Buffet Lunch Adjacent Conference Room - Courtesy of the MCBA
- 1:15 - 2:00 PM State of Michigan and Michigan Fisheries Division Issues  
MDNR Department & Fisheries Division Issues - Kelley Smith, MDNRE Fisheries Division Chief  
Robert Garner, Chairman, Michigan Natural Resources Trust Board of Trustees
- 2:00 - 2:40 PM Office Updating the way to do CPR correctly:  
Mary T. Fischer, Instructor, American Red Cross of Northwest Michigan
- 3:00 - 4:00 PM (Optional) Guided Tour of the Maritime Academy & its Research Vessel  
Located immediately east of the Hotel.
- 6:00 - 7:00 PM Social Hour - Cash Bar
- 7:00 - 8:00 PM Dinner
- 8:00 - 9:00 PM Introductory remarks, MCBA President Richard Haslett.  
Speaker: Robert Garner - Host: Michigan Out Doors Public TV,  
1983-98, Natural Resources Commission 1999-2007,  
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board of Trustees: 2001 – 2013
- 9:00 - 9:30 PM MCBA and Pistis Awards  
Pistis Award: Robert Garner  
MCBA Award: TBA
- 9:30 PM MCBA Tackle Raffle

**Special Note:** MCBA to provide on-line help, answer questions about your website for all MCBA Hosting Customers during the conference. (provided by ad-graphic web design) 


The Hospitality Suite will re-open following the conclusion of the Tackle Raffle

## Sunday Oct. 17, 2010

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM Coffee and Deluxe Buffet Breakfast  
Deluxe Buffet Breakfast courtesy of the MCBA
- 9:00 AM Annual Membership Meeting  
Introductory Remarks & Pledge of Allegiance  
President's Report, Committee Report,  
New Business - Election of Officers

Adjournment of Annual Meeting and Conference

At the adjournment of the meeting, there will be free drawing for the Hospitality Room cooler and its contents.

(Each member present will be given one ticket for the drawing:  
You must be present to win) 





### Michigan Upper Peninsula

by Captain James Shutt

Five Great Lakes states have filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court, asking that the court order Chicago-area shipping locks to be closed in an effort to halt an influx of Asian carp.

The lawsuit pits those who are concerned about the economic and environmental impact of the carp against advocates for the tourism industry, who feel that closing the shipping locks will be more detrimental to the economic outlook of the area, and who agree with Illinois Chamber of Commerce representative Jim Farrell, who says that the carp problem is “under control.”

The states bringing the suit are Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota and Pennsylvania. In addition to temporarily closing the locks in the Calumet-Sag Channel and the Chicago River, the plaintiffs are requesting the use of nets, physical barriers and toxins to kill the fish, in order to control the movement of the invasive fish species.

The Illinois State Attorney General Lisa Madigan has filed a counter-suit with the U.S. Supreme Court, and both the American Waterways Operators and the Illinois Chamber of Commerce have also filed affidavits, contending that closing the passages between waterways would lead to the disruption of cargo shipments and, ultimately, to a loss of jobs. Illinois says that \$70 million in revenue could be lost.

It is estimated that it will take over \$30 million to prevent the carp from gaining access to the Great Lakes. Cordray and Ohio Governor Ted Strickland have asked the federal government to hold an emergency summit to discuss the carp problem.



### Northern Lake Huron

By Captain Ron Beyer

The tagging of Lake Trout fell short of the goal from [recreational caught fish], only 117 during the spring and 60 during the summer. The trap net catches were good but fell short of the goal by 15 fish, 585 Lake Trout were tagged only 30 tags have been returned about 4%. [I have not caught any tagged fish], I hope this study shows that having a slot size should end, too many fish do not survive the release.

The Lake Trout that were recaptured from the spring tagging moved long distances, they did not stay in the area where they were tagged. Alpena/Alcona area after mid June the fish moved, [my catches of Lake Trout were down this year] maybe lack of food made them move. Steelhead were higher this year which made for good fishing most of the Lake Trout I caught this season had nothing in their stomachs they must be looking for food this may be the cause of the lack of Lake Trout in the Harrisville area.

I hope everyone had a great summer. 🐟



### Southern Lake Huron

By Captain Ken Deaton

#### CPR CORRECTLY (2:00 pm 10/16/10)

Well it is time for the fall meeting all ready! The summer seems to have gone by before it got started! We are going to have a great fall meeting and I am hoping to see more of you at it this year. It is a good way to get caught up on everything that is going on, so be sure to mark your calendar.

This year we are also to have someone there to give us update classes on our CPR so you should be sure to be there if for no other reason than to get your self current on new CPR methods. **Ask your mate to join us too!** Everyone should know how to do CPR in case of an emergency on board your vessel. We will have some great speakers as well so be sure to attend, make your reservations early, looking forward to seeing more of you at this years annual meeting. 🐟



### Lake Erie & Lake St. Clair

by John Giszczak

#### Low Stocks

It's not all about a “Limit Catch” anymore. Change is coming to Lake Erie.

The 2010 Lake Erie hatch appears to be average compared with the last couple of years. In Ohio recent trawls produced 3 walleye per 2 ½ acres. In 2009 it was about 3. It was about 4 in 2008, and about 8 in 2007. The “Mega Class” of 2003 produced 43 walleye per 2 ½ acres. Ohio's preliminary July trawl results show a below average hatch. Weather did not seem to have an adverse effect during the spawning season. So what happens to the walleye? Several environmental problems could have effected this years spawning success. We had an explosion of toxic blue green alga resulting in low dissolved oxygen levels. High air temperatures caused a very warm lake. Heavy run off of phosphorus, promotes more algae growth in the warmer waters.

Dredging of the Maumee shipping channel near the mouth of the Maumee River and the First Energy's Bay Shore power plant in Maumee Bay, labeled by some, the “Fish Killingest” power plant in Ohio - both contributed to low walleye numbers. The power plant mainly kills gizzard shad, white perch and a lot of emerald shiners which our game fish feed on. It also kills some walleye and yellow perch.

A huge percentage of Lake Erie's walleye are hatched in the Maumee River. So where did all the walleye go from the 2003 class hatch? In between 2005 and 2006 stocks fell from 68 million to 46 million. Ohio anglers only harvested about

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1.9 million fish in 2006. The standing stock fell another 12 million in 2007. Natural death, age, and disease are all factors in the decline. Sport fishing has little to do with the cycle from high to low fish stocks.

The 2010 year class will not be a factor until 2012 at age two. So what about next season? Harvest data are fed into a computer that estimates the standing stock according to a model designed by the fisheries scientists. The figure that will trigger an emergency (reduced limits) is 15 million in the standing stock.

The new estimates translate to an Ohio catch quota of less than a million walleye a year.

The Ohio Division of Wildlife already has a catch limit plan written into the Ohio Administrative Code, while Michigan does not. The “code” sets hook and line daily creel limits. When the standing stock is above 15 million, where it is now, the code translates to 4 fish per day in March and April, and 6 per day the rest of the season in Ohio.

The Ohio code sets creel limits of 4 fish in March and April and 5 fish the rest of the year if the quota falls to between 850,000 and 950,000. It drops to 4 and 4 at 750,000 to 850,000. It drops again to 3 fish, year around, at 650,000 to 750,000, and finally to 2 fish per angler, year round, at 550,000 to 650,000.

This year’s quota (2010) for Ohio was set at 1.1 million walleye and the final catch figures are not in yet. Last year’s catch was 967,000 against a quota of 1.25 million.

Fish biologists don’t believe in closing spring spawning season fishing. Biologists state a female removed in April is the same as one removed in July – it’s just removed.

So what’s the answer? All of the above! It is going to be complicated, long and painful. Ohio has spent billions fixing sewage pipes, educating farmers on planting and fertilizing

practices. Farmland run off is a major contributor along with urban run off of lawn chemicals. Detroit and Toledo need to finish rebuilding their sewer systems; some dating back to the Civil War era.

Why all the concern about Ohio’s walleye stocks? Most of the fish we catch in the Michigan waters of Lake Erie come from Ohio! At the last Lake Erie / Lake St Clair Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee meeting in August we recommended Michigan follow the same plan that the Ohio Division of Wildlife has set up for creel limits and procedures for determining those limits, basically mirror what Ohio does. This would help our biologist’s determine creel limits and take some of the confusion out of limits between the two states.

It’s not all about the limits; it’s also about the health of our natural resource. Most of us struggled to “get our fish” this past season.

Remember, part of the fun and success of taking a charter fishing trip on the Great Lakes is fishing with friends and family. 🐟

## Show time is coming on quick!

By Janice Deaton

We are in need for some charters for this years shows. Give me a call at 810-542-0426 or see me at the fall meeting to sign up for your donations. We will again be taking your brochures with us to all of the shows if you donate a charter to us. You will also be able to send us the certificate in after you run the charter to receive a check for \$100 to help pay for your fuel. Anyone interested in working the shows will need to give me a call ASAP so I can get the schedule done for the workers as well. Looking forward to seeing you all at the shows. Thank you in advance for your help in making our booth a success again this year.

Ultimate Fishing Show Novi  
 ( January 13-16th, 2011)

Outdoorama Fishing Show Novi  
 ( February 24-27th, 2011)

Grand Rapids Fishing Show  
 ( March 17-20th, 2011) 🐟

**Did You Know:**  
 THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE WILL BEGIN ON FRIDAY EVENING OCT. 15TH  
 WITH A SOCIAL GATHERING IN THE MCBA HOSPITALITY ROOM.  
 6:PM - TILL ? THERE WILL BE SNACKS, PIZZA AND DRINKS.  
 THIS INFORMAL GATHERING WILL PROVIDE AN EVENING LONG OPPORTUNITY  
 TO MIX WITH MCBA OFFICERS, AND BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHER  
 CAPTAINS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE. 🐟

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## Leelanau Grand Traverse Area

by Captain Bill Winowiecki

What a summer of fishing. I swear most of the salmon in Lake Michigan were sitting off South Manitou Island, the last week of July, through the third week of August. Then the wind machine started and it hasn't stopped yet.

Changes in the Lake Trout Law(s) are moving forward. The input public meeting for MM-5 (Arcadia to Northport) was held June 28th. There was a great turnout! Captains from Leland, Glen Arbor, and Frankfort were well represented. A few of the local fisherman were also in attendance. Killing fish, weight restrictions within the Tribal decree, and sample gill netting were discussed at length. The majority of the group wanted to be conservative, and change the law to a 2 Lake Trout any size limit catch. No more fish flopping around to measure. No more bringing fish out of deep water and killing them. You can keep the Big Trout or Small Trout whatever you prefer to eat.

I spoke with Todd Kalish, DNRE Cadillac, and Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator Jim Dexter they said the Lake Trout committee had met and are proposing changes to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC). They reviewed the results from our meeting. They want to further investigate the 2 Lake Trout any size with future public input meetings down the West Coast of Lake Michigan. For now they want to keep Lake Michigan Lake Trout law more uniform, and easier for Law enforcement. They are proposing a 3 Lake Trout 20" and over change for MM-5.

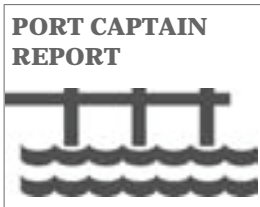
The second public input meeting for MM-4 East and West Grand Traverse Bay was held July 12th. The room was full with Captains from the Grand Traverse Area, and many local fishermen. The majority of the people were in favor of keeping some sort of slot limit, to stay in compliance with the Tribal decree. They felt that slot was working, and enjoyed catching larger Lake Trout. The DNRE Lake Trout committee is proposing to the NRC a 20" to 25" slot with 1 Lake Trout over 25" in your 3 fish catch.

A third Public input meeting was held in Charlevoix for zone MM-3 July 14th. Four people were in attendance. The weight restrictions with the Tribal decree were to close to make any changes. The 20" to 25" slot with 1 fish over 34" in your 3 fish catch will stay the same.

The Lake Trout Committee is also proposing to the NRC, a longer opportunity to fish Lake Trout on the West Coast of Lake Michigan. The season will start January 1st through September 30th.

The NRC meeting will be held October 7, 2010 in Lansing, if anybody would like to go and give public input.

It's been a busy summer. If only somehow we can calm the winds down. 🐟



## After 25 Years, Lake Michigan Refuge Fails to Nurture Wild Lake Trout

For the last 25 years, fisheries biologists have raised millions of fish in hatcheries and released them in the special lake trout refuges. However, recent study by the Great Lakes Science Center in Ann Arbor shows virtually no lake trout are breeding in northern Lake Michigan.

There are several reasons researchers think they are finding few wild lake trout, but most think the alewife is key. Alewife affect lake trout in two ways. They eat eggs and newly hatched trout. And adult lake trout also eat alewives, but when they do, the alewives pass along a deficiency in the vitamin thiamine which makes it harder for lake trout to reproduce.

Some managers have suggested stocking more lake trout in the refuges to improve the odds for survival, but the decision to increase stocking is not based solely on biology. Resource managers around the lake take into account many other factors, and some think that increasing stocks of lake trout may mess with the salmon fishery.

Salmon is the most popular sport fish in the Great lakes, and some states aren't interested in putting more lake trout into the lake. 🐟

## USFWS Announces \$3.2 Million in Funding For Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife

Midwest Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Tom Melius, recently announced more than \$3.2 million in Federal funding under the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act to support Regional Projects that will expand mass marking capabilities for lake trout and salmon, and protect important habitat surrounding state and federal wildlife refuges of southwest Lake Erie. Both projects are supported by an \$8 million allocation from the administration's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). 🐟

## Mott Foundation Gives \$500K For Anti-Carp Efforts

The Flint-based foundation says it hopes the grant will help protect the Great Lakes region's \$7 billion annual sport fishing industry. The foundation says a team led by the Great Lakes Commission and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative will seek "the best economic and environmental solutions" for keeping nonnative species from entering the Great Lakes through Chicago's canals. 🐟

## SEA LAMPREY

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is pleased to inform you about the completion of several research projects related to the Great Lakes sea lamprey and sea lamprey control. A summary of the research, and links to a complete news release, are below.

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## Synthesized Sex Pheromones Lure Lampreys Into Traps

New research supported by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission suggests sea lamprey pheromones could be a new weapon in the battle to control the destructive sea lamprey in the Great Lakes. Scientists at the U.S. Geological Survey's Hammond Bay Biological Station believe that sea lampreys emit pheromones to attract mates and to indicate suitable spawning areas. The general attributes of pheromones--naturally occurring, species-specific, effective at low concentrations, and environmental benign--make them ideal candidates for use in sea lamprey control. By applying synthetically produced pheromones to streams, sea lamprey control specialists have enhanced the effectiveness of lamprey traps and may one day be able to disrupt sea lamprey spawning patterns. Recently approved funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative will support further advances in this research.

## THE CALL OF THE CHILD: SEA LAMPREY SPAWNING BEHAVIOR FOLLOWS LARVAL ODOR

Because a migrating sea lamprey dies after spawning, it makes one final crucial decision: where should I deposit my offspring? According to new research supported by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, pheromones emitted by larval lamprey living in stream sediment reach into the lakes where adult sea lamprey feed and announce the presence of good habitat. Sea lamprey, an invasive species from the Atlantic Ocean which have become a noxious predator on the Great Lakes, spend much of their lives as tiny, blind larvae buried in a streambed. By chemically broadcasting their location to spawning adults, future generations are assured they too will be dropped off in a good neighborhood .

## IT'S BETTER TO EAT AT A CROWDED TABLE:

Critical factors affecting sea lamprey recruitment identified — Sea lamprey populations can rebound from low densities if streambed conditions are favorable for spawning, scientists at Michigan State University concluded recently in a study supported by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. The research, which helps to identify the stream characteristics important to survival of young sea lampreys, will help sea lamprey control managers effectively adjust the rate and timing of different control methods based on environmental conditions.

## Sea Lamprey Time THEIR Spawning Migration To Narrow Temperature Range

Research supported by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission is the first to test directly the effect of temperature on the migratory activities of sea lampreys, a factor that could help sea lamprey control experts time their activities to occur when the lampreys are concentrated at their highest. The sea lamprey is a noxious, invasive pest in the Great Lakes that decimates fish populations when uncontrolled. Since the 1950s, with the formation of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission,

the commission and its partners have reduced sea lamprey populations by 90% in many areas of the Great Lakes, helping the fishery recover. This research provides the commission with valuable information about the sea lamprey's behavior that can be exploited for better control. 🐟

## Harold 'Bud' Raskey

November 24, 1925 - September 7, 2010

Captain Harold "Bud" Raskey, 84, of Stronach, passed away Tuesday morning Sept. 7 at his home in the care of his loving family.



Bud was born on Nov. 24, 1925 in Stronach, the son of Reinhold and Helen (Gorski) Raschke and lived in Stronach his whole life. He attended Guardian Angels School as a youngster and married Laura R. Raatz at Guardian Angels Catholic Church in Manistee, on Nov. 8, 1942. They were married 53 years and raised six children together. Laura preceded him in death on Aug. 12, 1996.

As a young man, Bud was active in the sport of boxing, winning a Golden Gloves title in 1950. When his boys were growing up, he was very active for years as a coach for the Little League and Pony League baseball program in Manistee. But, Bud is mostly well known as a long-time fishing guide, hunter and trapper in the Manistee area. He worked as a fishing guide on many of the area inland lakes and rivers for years and was one of the original guides on Lake Michigan when the salmon were first planted here in the late 1960s. He chartered with his boat the "Michelle" for more than 30 years. The Manistee County Sports Fishing Association presented Bud with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 1994 and he was inducted as a Legendary Guide in the National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame in 2006.

Captain Bud has always been willing to answer questions from captains and fishermen from all over the state and has been ask for advice from the DNR and Fishery Biologists over the years, He has grown up with the Michigan Fisheries on all levels, this past season (2005) was his 38th year of chartering. We know of no other person who has gained the amount of knowledge and is willing to share it as Captain Bud Raskey.

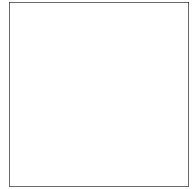
He ran his first paid trip in 1942 by rowing his clients around Manistee Lake to catch Steelhead for the hefty sum of \$15.00. He has been in the charter, guide, bait, boat rental and tackle business ever since. In 2001 he won the Manistee Sport Fishing Association Derby with the largest King Salmon that weighed 38 + pounds and in 1998 he caught the states largest Brown Trout, a 33 pound 11 ounce whopper that was just under the state record of 34#4 oz.

In 2005 Bud was honored with the Michigan Charter Boat Associations, MCBA Award. 🐟





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*Learning to Make  
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## Main Event October 16, 2010

### DNRE Fisheries Chief Kelley Smith Honored with American Fisheries Society Mentoring Award



Dr. Kelley Smith, chief of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Fisheries Division, recently received a prestigious national award from the American Fisheries Society, recognizing his commitment to increasing workplace diversity through the mentoring of students and colleagues from minority or underrepresented groups.

Smith was named the recipient of the Mentoring for Professional Diversity in Fisheries/Aquatic Sciences Award at a recent AFS annual meeting in Pittsburgh. The award honors individuals who, through professional mentoring, have challenged intellectual growth, provided networking opportunities and career development, offered professional encouragement, support and advocacy, and acted as a positive role model for students and young professionals of diverse backgrounds.

In his acceptance comments, Smith said he will continue to focus on encouraging students as they embark on their new careers and become the next generation of natural resource managers.

"My reward over the years has been watching the excited faces of those young students who have benefited from the opportunities presented by the Fenske Award and Fenske Fellowship programs, not to mention tracking the successful starts of their careers," Smith said. "I truly believe additional recog-

niton is not necessary, but I greatly appreciate this award. It is probably the best recognition I have received during my career, and I accept this on behalf of all those who have helped me make a difference in Jan's memory."

Smith earned a B.S. in Fisheries Biology and Management from Michigan State University in 1978, and received both an M.S. in Biometrics and a Ph.D. in Fisheries Biology and Management from the University of Michigan.

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