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By Captain Terry R. Walsh

Three hundred thirty-seven anglers/citizens attended the five Lake Huron spring Michigan Sea Grant Workshops held at the ports of Port Huron, Uby, Tawas, Alpena and Cedarville. The workshops produced the following, interesting data tabulated by Brandon Schroeder, Michigan Sea Grant, and Frank Krist, MDNRE.



Nearly 60 percent of the attendees indicated they had fished Michigan waters 20 or more times in the last 12 months. Roughly 20 percent of those anglers fished the state's streams and rivers and inland lakes. The majority said they fished Lake Huron. Walleye were the preferred catch (25 percent) while yellow perch (20 percent) and chinook salmon (20 percent) rounded out the top three categories. Since 2005, however, lake trout have replaced the mighty kings as the targeted (not necessarily preferred) offshore species.

Roughly 70 percent of those surveyed strongly agreed a diverse, open-water Lake Huron fishery was desired. Over 40 percent of the responders felt increased steelhead plants should be introduced to the open-water fishery, 65 percent said the goal for lake trout should be toward a self-sustaining fishery (no more stocking) and the DNRE should experiment with different strategies to improve survival rates of trout and salmon (63 percent). Nearly 80 percent of attendees also felt native forage fish (lake herring and cisco, ect.) should be a DNRE priority in reestablishing the open water forage base.

Anglers are strongly questioning the continued stocking of chinook salmon as "not enough bang for the bucks". At a cost of over \$400,000 just to stock 1.5 million salmon in Lake Huron, 70 percent of those surveyed felt their license dollars could be better spent, while 20 percent opted to stay the course with current salmon stocking strategies. Ten percent of those attending had no opinion.

Attendees from all ports listed invasive species as the most

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Great Lakes Fishery Commission Commissioner Bill Taylor (left) presents Captain Denny Grinold with the C.D. Buzz Besadny Award for Fostering Great Lakes Partnerships. The award was presented to Captain Grinold on June 2, 2010, during the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's annual meeting, held in Sault St. Marie, Ontario.

GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION HONORS CAPTAIN DENNY GRINOLD FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARTNERSHIPS

SAULT STE. MARIE, ON —The Great Lakes Fishery Commission today presented Captain Denny Grinold, Chair of the Committee of Advisors of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and past president of the Michigan Charter Boat Association, with the C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Award for fostering Great Lakes partnerships. The award, which the commission presents annually, recognized Captain Grinold for his tireless commitment to protecting and enhancing Great Lakes' resources through determined participation in, and cultivation of, partnerships between anglers, the charter boat industry, Michigan DNRE, and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Mr. Grinold, foremost a charter boat captain on Lake Michigan out of Grand Haven, Michigan has made extraordinary efforts to bring a diverse group of stakeholders on the Great Lakes together to solve many of its most pressing problems,

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From the Helm . . .



Ahoy Everyone,


As I sit here writing this article I am sure everyone has started their charter season.

I would like to take a moment to stress the importance of safety. There were six drowning deaths over this Memorial weekend. Most people don't think this can happen to them BUT it can and it does. Please take the time to go over the emergency check list with your customers and make sure that all safety equip-

ment is ready and available if and when needed.

I know its early to be talking about our fall meeting but I would like to have everyone to mark their calendars for Oct. 15-17. We will be holding the meeting at the Holiday Inn Traverse City. This is a great time to see old friends and meet new ones. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

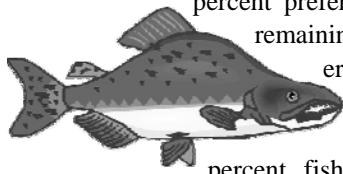
I know this is a busy time of the year so I will keep this article short and wish everyone a safe and prosperous season. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have a problems or concerns.


Captain Rich Haslett President - MCBA 

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serious threat to Lake Huron, and nearly 100 percent worry about the potential impact of the Asian carp. Other concerns included lake levels, climate change and it's impact on the Great Lakes, fish disease outbreaks, water pollution, and habitat degradation.

When asked the type of fishing preferred the most, just over 30 percent of attendees said they were off-shore boaters, 20 percent preferred shoreline fishing, with the remaining fishing inland lakes and rivers. The majority of boating anglers fish from boats under 24-feet in length, while only 20 percent fish from boats over 24 feet in length.



Finally, roughly 55 percent of those surveyed have "hope for the Lake Huron fishery, but it needs help." Twenty percent still regard it as a "great fishery", while the remaining 25 percent see the fishery in "serious trouble." 

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including the Asian carp issue and investigating the potential for wind energy. Captain Grinold is currently serving, by appointment from Governor Granholm, on the Michigan Great Lakes Wind Council.

"In a unique relationship with the Great Lakes, Denny spends his time on the waters of Lake Michigan observing the changes that take place every season—be it the water quality, the status of fish populations, or invasive species," said Commissioner Bill Taylor of the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University. "Many of us often times only get the chance to hear about the health of the Great Lakes; Denny lives it, monitors it, and enhances it!"

Captain Grinold currently serves as the Officer of State Governmental Affairs for the Michigan Charter Boat Association, is the chairman of the Lake Michigan Task Force, was

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MCBA CENTRAL

By Captain Ron Dubsky



2010 MEMBERSHIP

As of July 19th our Association membership stands at 608 members. 411 Captains and 197 professional first mates. Many new Captains have joined and are receiving their first issue of the Cannonball.

WELCOME.

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.

FISHING REPORTS

Fishing reports are needed. We can now add your photos. It is a great advertising tool for you business so get them to me at rdubsky04@comcast.net Our web site receives MEGA hits weekly so lets use it.

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 this March, Captain Brad Hardy out of Frankfort .. His mother Betty Hardy has the boat and all the gear for sale and wishes if anyone is interested to call her at (231)946-5792. A monetary donation has been made to our scholarship fund in Captains Brad's memory.

Have a safe season. 🐟

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representative to the Tribal Fishing Consent Decree, and has taken leadership roles in advocating uniform Great Lakes fish consumption advisories and assisted with the creation of the Sea Grant "Coast Watch Program".

"Denny has worked on many projects over the years that facilitate the health and well-being of the Great Lakes," Taylor continued. "He has been available when called upon by his peers, Great Lakes organizations, and the government to help solve some of our greatest ecosystem health problems. His commitment to the Great Lakes has never wavered nor has he ever backed away from the concerns for this region. He is always available to serve the Great Lakes, improving its ecological and social value."

Captain Grinold has served on more than 20 boards and commissions since 1983. Most notably, he has been chosen as Michigan's gubernatorial choice to serve as advisor on the

U.S. Committee of Advisors to the Great Lakes Fishery Commission; he currently serves as the chair.

"The commission is very pleased to recognize Denny's exceptional contributions and commitment to partnerships in the Great Lakes basin," Taylor concluded. "Thanks to Denny, stakeholders around the region are working together for the healthy future of the Great Lakes fisheries resource and a higher quality of life for the citizens of the basin."

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission is an international organization established by the United States and Canada through the 1954 Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries. The commission has the responsibility to coordinate fisheries research, control sea lampreys, and facilitate implementation of the Joint Strategic Plan for Management of Great Lakes Fisheries. For more information about the commission and its programs, visit www.glf.org. 🐟

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain Jim Fenner



At a recent meeting of the Ludington Area Charterboat Association one member described being stopped by the transportation police while towing his wide load Charterboat across the state. He had all the right answers and escaped being fined. Others have not been so well prepared. Recent years have been tough on Michigan Captains. Documentation and PML requirements placed a strain on many Captains. New TWIC card & USCG licensing requirements are now in place. The State Police Department of Transportation Division began to rigorously enforce DOT registration and transportation regulations for those who tow their own wide load boats. If you tow your Charterboat, and have a DNR sticker and even your own name, or a phone number or any other type of advertising on it, or your vehicle, you are a commercial hauler and must abide by DOT regulations. The new enforcement of these towing rules is still somewhat controversial and not completely clear. One thing does seem clear. You will need a DOT number, and will need to meet certain DOT requirements. You can download a "Truck Drivers Guide Book" at <http://www.truckingsafety.org/PDF/Guidebook/Guidebook12.pdf>. The DOT licensing regulations and a DOT application can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/motorcarrier>.

Even now, some of these DOT issues are not fully settled as it applies to moving Charterboat. Several members have made one thing clear. Failure to be in compliance has led to very large fines, and in some cases confiscation of the boat until all the issues for that incident were settled.

All of these issues have increased the cost and complications of being a fully qualified Charter Captain. Hopefully we will see fewer changes in the years to come. If you need help with any of these issues, please give me a call.

At the April 26 joint citizens advisory meeting

the DNR reacted to inquiries about extending the Lake Trout season. The DNR has proposed several possible lake trout season changes for Lake Michigan. All proposals would be lake-wide, a goal of the NRC. All of them would lead to longer seasons for most of the lake. Especially during the main charter season.


Proposal one would be January 1 through September 30. Proposal two would be January one through October 31st. Proposal three would be April 1 through October 31st. Proposal four would be open all year. Every proposal but number three extends the season for everyone. The DNR is planning to open a website to take comments on the proposals. Most likely one of the four will be adopted for the 2011 season.

Participation by MCBA members on DNR citizens advisory committees is an important way to successfully influence the DNR. It would be helpful if more members of the MCBA would join these important committees.

The early planning for the Fall MCBA conference in Traverse City at the West Bay Holiday Inn is beginning. Ideas have been gathered from the membership by survey, and from the Board. We are planning an interesting and informative program. The conference will be a week earlier this year in response to our member survey. It will be held in Traverse City: Friday Evening, October 15; All Day Saturday, October 16; Sunday morning, October 17. The main conference program will be during the day on Saturday. It's all at the Traverse City West Bay Holiday Inn: 615 East Front Street, Traverse City, MI 49686 (231) 947-3700. Plan your fall around this important conference for your charter business.

Share your knowledge and experience with Captains from all over the state.

It's a great hotel, in an interesting city, with things to do and see for your spouse or family in the city and in the area. It's a good time to meet with, and ask questions of the DNR top decision makers. Book your plans now to attend the fall Conference in Traverse City the weekend of October 15th.

See you there. 



Upper Peninsula
By Captain James Shutt



Most captains in the upper peninsula are in the water and

fishing, finally. This spring has been mixed up with our weather from the beginning. Way above normal in April, and had snow on the 3rd of May. Imagine what the fish are thinking. But hey, the spring fishing has been very good in some areas. The lower St Mary's River between DeTour Village and Drummond Island has been extremely good for the Atlantic salmon, Steelhead trout, and Lake trout. Even some small Kings have already been caught. Almost anything with orange on it will stir action from the Steelhead and Atlantics. Mostly dodger and fly rigs have been better producers on my boat.

Hopefully, every ones boats are running well. This is a good time to change pump impellers and belts, before the busy season of July gets into full swing. Also, many captains and general boaters like to change their engine oil in the spring. I prefer changing in the fall before winter storage. Storing your engine with used oil in the crankcase is simply bad for the engine. Clean engine oil is the cheapest insurance you will ever buy. Also, don't forget the lower unit gear oil on those boats that run stern drives. Remove the prop, and check for any fishing line that may have been wound up against the seals as well. Lets all have a safe and prosperous 2010 season. Anyone having questions or issues that need to be addressed by our board of directors, I may be reached toll free at 888-634-3419, or my e-mail is dreamseaker@northernmi.net Take care, and lets catch lots of fish! 🐟



North Lake Huron
By Captain Ron Beyer

Lake Trout Hooking Mortality Study

The DNRE Alpena Fishery Research Station is seeking volunteers to participate in a study of survival of lake trout released after being caught on hook and line. The study area is from Alpena to Greenbush. The study began in the spring of 2010 and will continue through 2012.

The goal of the study is assess the effects on survival of regulations that require release of lake trout [for example, length limits]. They are asking select skilled lake trout anglers to help catch, tag and release lake trout during the 2010-2012 open water fishing seasons in the Thunder Bay/Greenbush area. There will be a small monetary compensation [\$5.00] for each fish tagged by participants to help defray some of our costs. There will be a \$10.00 reward for any tagged-and-

released lake trout subsequently caught [recaptured] .Also if we catch a tagged lake trout remove the tag and retag the fish this is a \$15.00 fish. To provide a “ control “ sample of lake trout tagged, but not stressed by recreational angling, the Alpena Fishery Station will tag lake trout caught in trap nets. A total of 600 recreational-caught and 600 trap net-caught lake trout must be tagged in the Alpena to Greenbush area of Lake Huron in each of the three years, half during the spring[May-June] and half during late summer [July-September].

Anglers catching lake trout with these reward tags are asked to remove the tag, call the [Alpena Great Lakes Fishery Station 989-356-3232] given on the tag, and report the tag number and date of capture. If an angler catches a tagged lake trout and releases it, we urge that they first remove the tag. The reward will be paid whether the lake trout is released or kept, but the must tag must be removed from the fish. 🐟



Central Lake Michigan
By Captain George Freeman

On April 15th , the MDNRE planted 56,000 good sized Brown Trout at the mouth of the Municipal Marina in Ludington. This Plant is more than twice as large as the usual Ludington plant. Half the plant was the Wild Rose strain, which is one of the strains we have received for years. Half was a new strain called the Sturgeon River strain. Regional biologist Mark Tonello said the DNR is trying this new strain to attempt to restore our once very strong Brown Trout fishery. The Sturgeon River strain fish all have a left ventral fin clip.

On Monday May 17th, 2010 the Ludington Area Charterboat Association received 120,000 tiny Chinook salmon from the MDNRE for their net pen project. Capt. Bill Lowrie, long time net pen coordinator, retired. Capt. Dave Lindberg headed up this years project with special help from Capt. Dick Underwood and Capt. Pat Thiel. The fish were released on May 24th.

They were examined by DNR biologists and found to be frisky and fat! This was LACA's 21st successful net penning operation. The net pen project continues to help keep Central Lake Michigan a prime Chinook fishery.

The Port of Muskegon will once again host its Salmon Shoot-Out July 8-11, 2010. For information and registration, visit www.muskegonsportfishing.org or call Joel at (231) 206-7691.

The Ludington Offshore Classic co-sponsored by Big Jon Sports and Great Lakes Ford will be held July 15-18 this year. The Tournament kicks off with the Dreamweaver Lures Ruboy Thursday Memorial event on the 15th. Part of the proceeds from this event is donated to the Ludington Area Charterboat

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Association for its net pen project. Friday holds the Westshore Bank Youth Classic and the Bud Light Ladies Pro/Am. Saturday and Sunday holds the Pro/Am with three divisions: Big Fish only, Pro, and Am. For complete details go to www.ludingtontournament.com or call the Ludington & Scottville Chamber at (800) 542-4600.

Any Captain or Club in the Central Lake Michigan region (Muskegon thru Ludington) that would like to provide news for the Cannonball please call me at (877) 456-3474. 🐟



South Lake Michigan

By Captain Ron Westrate

Another season is well underway and, at least in our port, the charters and inquiries are slower than last year. The fishing also has been slower and inconsistent, however the fish appear to be good size and healthy.

On a more upbeat note, the Saugatuck/Holland Charter Boat Association along with the Huntington Big Lake Classic Fishing Tournament Committee, hosted the first annual Salmon in the Classroom outing on May 18. Douglas elementary 5th graders have been participating in the Salmon in the Classroom program for the last couple years and this program is currently funded by the Saugatuck/Holland Charter Boat Association, donations and fishing tournament fundraisers.

As a reward for this their dedication to this environmental project and study, the charter boat association decided to take the students fishing.

On Tuesday in May the Saugatuck/Holland Charter Boat Association captains and associate fishing members took the 73 5th grade students on a big lake salmon fishing excursion. On boats, operated by eight charter boat members and twelve associate members, the students survived strong cold winds and rough water and caught over 150 Coho salmon Chinook salmon and Lake Trout.

Along with the 73 students there were teachers, school administrators, the DNR and its video crew, MUCC and its video crew and a host of media representatives ranging from newspaper and magazine writers to local television stations. The day of fishing began at about 7 AM at Tower Marina in Douglas, Mi. and all boats returned to Tower Marina at 12 noon where pictures were taken and the fish cleaned.

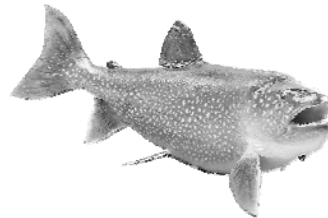
The Tournament Fishing Committee then furnished all guests with a fresh fish dinner at the marina. Many thanks to the captains and associate captains and mates who donated their time and gas to expose our future fisherpersons to Great Lakes sport fishing. 🐟

Lake Michigan Citizen's Advisory Committee

By Captain Bill Winowiecki

Lake Michigan Lake Trout Law

5 years after the tribal consent decree was been enacted. Our Sport fishing Lake Trout Laws in Lake Michigan are up for review.



Fisheries Chief Kelly Smith and Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator Jim Dexter are willing to make some adjustments in fishing zones MM5 (Arcadia to Northport) and MM4 East and West Grand Traverse Bay, and MM3 Elk Rapids to Mackinaw.

The 23" under and the 20"-25" slot limit has many fishermen concerned about killing fish, and catching Lake Trout in these slots. The 34" high size limit has pretty much been impossible to catch a fish large enough to keep.

Todd Kalish MDNRE Cadillac offices along with myself are in the process of organizing public input meetings for our area. The first will be held Monday, June 28, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Glen Arbor Town Hall, with hopes of drawing Frankfort and Leland Fisherman.

The second meeting will be held on Monday July 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Room 204 at the University Center on Cass Street in Traverse City to draw fisherman from the Grand Traverse Bay Area.

The third meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the DNRE office in Charlevoix

These meetings are concerning the Lake Trout Law and other concerns about our Lake Michigan fishery.

We hope for a large turn out. Please come and voice your opinion. 🐟

Merged State Agency Under Fire

Critics say funding issues imperil mission of Dept. of Natural Resources and Environment.

06/21/10 Jim Lynch / The Detroit New

When Gov. Jennifer Granholm merged Michigan's two conservation-oriented agencies into a single entity as the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (MDNRE), it was done with the promise of improved stewardship of land, water and wildlife.

But as negotiations for the new agency's first budget get under way, critics say the merger has done little to stem the state's declining ability to protect its natural resources. At a time when natural resources may be the state's best selling point and means of attracting tourism and industry, many conservationists feel Michigan's government may be giving those assets short shrift.

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"It's unfortunately a combination of two underfunded agencies into one bigger underfunded agency," said James Clift, policy director for the Michigan Environmental Council. "So we're continuing to see the erosion of their ability to fulfill their basic mission."

The fallout is everywhere: State campgrounds have closed. The number of deer check stations has been reduced. Funding for cleaning up abandoned industrial sites is gone, and funding for addressing underground storage tanks is going fast. It's taking longer for the department to process environmental permits for businesses and fewer personnel mean a reduced ability to oversee those businesses.

The merger of the departments earlier this year appears to continue the downward trend, say conservationists. As of mid-April, the combined agencies have lost 14 percent of their full-time work force in the last 13 years. And while the gross budgets for both have stayed relatively consistent in recent years, the makeup of the funding has changed dramatically.

Funding for the departments comes from three areas:

- Revenues generated through user fees, which can be used only for specific purposes
- Federal funds that often require the state to provide a match and are earmarked for specific purposes
- General fund dollars that department administrators have control over

Without declining general fund dollars, the departments have made up revenue by increasing fees in many cases -- a move that can make parks and other state services too pricey for some residents.

"There are number of programs in the past where we didn't charge fees at all," said Bob McCann, and MDNRE spokesman "There is a direct impact on taxpayers from having to go to a fee-based funding program like that."

And without the discretionary spending, things such as deer check stations wind up closing down. And that's bad news say members of the hunting and conservation communities.

Ted Rutkowski, a Hamtramck resident and avid hunter and fisherman, said: "You're not going to get a real decent count of the deer being taken and their health." State officials utilize the data collected at those stations to help set their strategies for managing the deer populations.

In 2002, the Michigan Legislature allocated a combined \$153 million in general fund spending to DEQ and DNR. The proposed general fund allocation for 2010, the first year of the MDNRE, is \$42.1 million. That includes roughly \$7 million that is earmarked for operating the state's Department of History, Arts and Libraries -- a department Granholm dismantled in 2009.

"We've also had a significant decline in staff," said James

Kasprzak, chief of the MDNRE financial and business services division. "In our air quality program, just in this current fiscal year, we've dropped 14 positions in permitting and inspection."

Combined, the DEQ and DNR had 3,137.5 filled positions in 1997. As of April 17, the new combined agency has 2,697.5 filled positions.

Rachel Kuntzsch, executive director of Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy, has monitored Michigan's declining financial commitment to green issues in recent years. In 2008, her organization published a study that showed what emphasis Michigan placed on preserving its natural resources.

"Michigan is among the national leaders in terms of the amount and diversity of natural resources, land cover ... ," the report says. "However, Michigan is at the bottom in terms of how much it spends to protect those resources."

To Kuntzsch, the rerouting of conservation spending is equivalent to Michigan shooting itself in the foot.

"In Michigan, we've shifted the balance to where we're so heavily funding things like corrections, that we've made huge dramatic cuts on education and conservation and natural resources," she said. "If you look at what's going to attract the next generation of workers to this state, it's not what we're funding." ➤



Salmon and Steelhead Tourneys Quad Challenge

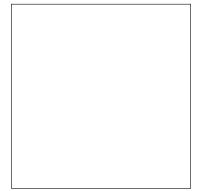
Fundraiser tournament to you big fish anglers. It is in Benton Harbor. The first 2 tournaments had 41 and 36 boats so we do need more boats and prizes. It has raised about 1500.00 for Project FISH at the first two so we are hoping for more the next two August 14 and Sept. 3.

<http://www.projectfish.org/Quad%20Challenge%20Poster%20010.pdf>

Thanks. We are trying to keep Project FISH going we have tons of work but the money is not quite there. MCBA could help by fishing ... **It's for the kids.** ➤



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How Do You Write A Fishing Report

Below is a sample of the type of reports that are wanted. (pictures are welcome) Have your captains email them to me at rdbusky04@comcast.net


We had another good week of fishing with catches ranging for 8-15 fish a trip. There is a definite early bite with most of the catch coming in the first 3 hours. Chinook salmon and lake trout made up the greatest part of the catch, with a few steelhead and Coho mixed in.

The best water was 90-110 FOW, but fish were taken from 80-180 FOW. During the beginning of the week the water was a little warmer and fish were caught 50-100 feet down. The water cooled off on Thursday and fish were taken 30-80 feet down.

Pro Chip flashers and Rapture flies were at most productive presentation. The best combinations were: blue wiggle flasher w/ a blue bubble fly, green wiggle flasher w/ a wild fern fly, green slick glow flasher w/ a hypnotist fly, and a chrome green flasher w/ a last supper fly. Fish were caught on Sting Ray spoon on the copper lines throughout the week. Silver orange tip, coyote, glow wonder bread, and the blue coral spoons were all productive. The dolphin and pearl black dot Ace Hi plugs on copper also produced some action over the weekend.

Perch fishing was slow out of Saugatuck and Holland, however it was red hot in South Haven with limit catches being reported.

With a warm weather forecast in sight we expect the fish to continue to congregate in the 90-150 FOW during the upcoming week.

For information or charter reservations, email me at: email@youremailaddress.com 

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