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Special points of interest:

- The DNR will be delivering some 38,000 salmon fingerlings to the KSFCA Fish Pond in April.
- KSFCA 2016 Benefit/Fundraiser;
 5:00 P.M. thru 9:00 PM. @ Coins
 Sports Bar; Saturday, April 23rd
 (See ad on pg# 6 of this issue).
- Fly Tying Class held Tuesdays @ 7:00pm in the Moose Lodge (lower level) thru Mid-April, 2016.
- Kids Fish-N-Fun, Saturday May 7, 2016 at Anderson Pond. 9:00 AM 'fil Noon
- If you know a business owner or individual that may be interested in becoming a supporting member of the KSFCA please contact Jon Fio-Rito at 262-220-4606 for additional information and details.

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The Silver Carp Threat!

Article submitted by: Jack Springer

Can the Silver Carp threat to the Great Lakes (specifically Lake Michigan) be contained and stopped? How can the Silver Carp be controlled and are we running out of time to do it? Is this threat real?

The Silver Carp are native to China and Eastern Siberia, and (more than any other species) are produced worldwide in aquaculture. The Silver Carp were introduced to North America in the 1970's. The purpose of their importation was to control algae growth in aquaculture and municipal wastewater treatment facilities.

Soon after their importation, the carp escaped from captivity, and spread to the Mississippi River system and its adjoining tributaries at an alarming rate. The spread of the Silver Carp is worldwide, and has been reported in at least eighty-eight (88) countries besides the United States.

It has been estimated that the Mississippi River and its tributaries there can be 4,000 carp per kilometer or eight tons per mile! This is a cold water fish, which is very adaptable to our climate and rivers. A mature female carp can lay up to five million eggs per year, at a reproduction rate rate of 10 to 1 over other game fish.

The Silver Carp reaches maturity between four to eight years of age, and in North America, as early as two years. They can live up to twenty years old. The dimensions of the average adult carp are: a length of 24 to 39 inches with a maximum of 55 inches and a maximum weight of 110 pounds.

The carp are real eating machines, but when they are not eating they are busy breeding. They do not have a stomach, and can gain from 5% to 20% of their weight per day (an astounding weight gain in a small amount of time). The carp feed on plankton and phyloplankton which are also consumed by larval fish and native mussels; in numbers the carp have the potential to cause enormous damage to native species.

The Silver Carp are filter feeders and more difficult to catch on most hook and line methods. Boats and engine vibration scare the carp and can make them jump out of the water, as high as ten feet in the air. This can be a real safety issue to water sport enthusiasts, such as fishermen, skiers, and boaters.

The Great Lakes are the largest bodies of fresh water in the entire world, and would be a perfect aquarium for carp reproduction. At the present time, carp are said to be one-hundred kilometers from Lake Michigan. The carp have been collected from the DesPlaines River, which is located north of Joliet, Illinois and downstream of the electric barriers on the Illinois River.

Biologists estimate that ten mature females and ten mature males would be the start of a possible breeding population in Lake Michigan. This could be possibly be caused by an unauthorized release (either by accident or on purpose). Several scenarios are possible. They are:

- 1. The flooding of the Illinois River by massive rains and snow run off
- 2. accidental canal breakdown

The Silver Carp..... (Con't on pg. #4

Photo by: Dick Kessler

Jacks' Flies of the month...

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Fly Tying Sessions Recap, October, 2015 thru Mid-April, 2016

The objective of a fly tying class is to demonstrate proper fly tying techniques, thread coordination and matrial management. It is essential that the participating fly tyers grasp the many and various techniques used to make the specific flies demonstrated each week.

The Tuesday night class, which is sponsored by the KSFCA is dedicated to the goal of improving the different skill levels of the fly tyers. The basics and fundamentals are incorporated each week and carry over to the next class, which demonstrates how to make another kind of fly using different materials.

The purpose of this class is educational, but we like to keep the atmosphere light, carefree, humorous, creative and fun. Students are encouraged to express their own viewpoints and ideas; this translates into a perfect learning environment and experience which brings the fly tyers back each week.

It is very gratifying to teach this class and lead this group of fly tyers, they are all winners. Enjoy the summer and use those flies to catch some fish. See you next year, starting in late October. Keep a tight line!

The session will end after the second week in April. On April 12th we will be fly casting (practicing) on the front lawn of the Moose Lodge.

Jack Springer

2016 Awards Banquet - at Boathouse Pub & Eatery





Kim Caves Trophy for Largest Rainbow



2015 Master Angler





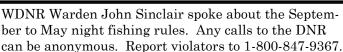
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Largest Brown







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Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Shore fishermen in Waukegan and Kenosha are catching brown trout on medium golden roaches and casting Lil' Cleos. In Racine anglers are catching good numbers of steelhead drifting tube jigs with wax worms on the Root River. Boat fishermen are catching brown trout with occasional coho trolling Brad's Thin Fish, Flickershad, and Michigan Stinger Spoons. On the Fox Chain, crappies are being caught on small jigs and minnows in the channels.

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The Silver Carp Threat

Article con't from page 1 (submitted by: Jack Springer)

- 3. baby carp slipping between barges on the Illinois River (barge traffic is in the thousands per year to keep transportation costs down)
- 4. birds of prey, eagles and osprey transporting small carp up stream
- 5. the breakdown of electrical barriers.

The electrical barriers in Romeoville, Illinois repel carp movement up the Illinois River Canal. The three barriers have proven to be a real deterrent for carp movement up the canal.

Water gun experiments and underwater pressure waves have positively repelled the carp movement. A special carp food that attracts only Silver Carp has been tried by biologists along with a carp pill designed to kill the carp.

Could these carp be used as a food source? Yes, this fish could be used as an inexpensive form of protein to feed thousands of people. The Schaefer Food Corporation of Peoria, Illinois sells carp based products (especially fish patties), which are very good tasting and budget friendly.

The Silver Carp threat to Lake Michigan is real. The threat to Lake Michigan has been arrested by the use of electric barriers on the Illinois River and other biological methods. However, other unforeseen events could occur and the Silver Carp could invade the lake. Time will only tell. We need to be very careful in the future when decisions are made to introduce different species of fish into our ecosystem.

Notes from Federation Meeting, February 20, 2016

Article By: Mark Hasenberg

Trawls on Green Bay in 2015 show that the population of yellow perch is down 50%. The commercial fisheries are planning on switching to whitefish.

Bottom trawls in acoustic studies in 2015 shows that alewife populations on Lake Michigan are at an all-time low.

Goby populations may have leveled off.

Light penetration is moving prey fish deeper. Significant amounts of prey fish have moved to 350 feet and deeper.

Brad Eggold reported that the run of mature fish in Strawberry Creek was only 1800 spawners lowest ever. The Kewaune egg taking facility was also down significantly. Racine did well at their facility for eggs. A large enough eggs to supply the needs of Indiana.





The arrival of the salmon on April 21, 2015

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 KSFCA Club Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	6	7	8	9 Pick Up Rods for Kids Fish-N-Fun
10	11	12 Fly Tying 5:30 pm 'til Dark	13	14	15	16
17	18 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20	21	22	23 KSFCA Benefit/ Fundraiser 5 pm 'til 9 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Assemble Rods for Kids Fish-N-Fun

Important dates this month

- 4-04-16 KSFCA Club Meeting at the Moose at 7:00 pm
- 4-05-16 Fly tying at the Moose Lodge 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm (Trout MRE)
- 4-09-16 Pick up rods & reels for Kids Fish-N-Fun @ Lake Michigan Angler
- 4-12-16 Fly tying at the Moose Lodge 5:30 pm 'til Dark (Fly Casting, Practice)
- 4-18-16 KSFCA Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 4-23-16 KSFCA Benefit/ Fundraiser @ Coins Sports Bar, 5:00 pm 'til 9:00 pm (Food & Beer all evening long, for a \$10.00 Donation)
- 4-30-16 Assemble Rods for Kids Fish-N-Fun

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2016 Schedule of Club Events

- 01/04/16 Board Elections
- 02/27/16 Awards Banquet
- 05/07/16 Kids Fish-N-Fun
- 05/15/16 Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- 06/05/16 Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- 08/07/16 Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- 09/17/16 Pike River Revival (at Pets, Shelter #6)
- 09/18/16 Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- General Club meeting are held on the first Monday of each month at the Moose Lodge 7:00pm (no meeting in July)
- Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm location T.B.D. (no meeting in June)

New Fish mapping tool available on line

The map is available at https://cida.usgs.gov/wdnr_fishmap/map/.



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If you would like to support these activities, please contact us by phone, mail, or email. We welcome anyone interested in becoming a member. If you are not interested in becoming a member, but would still like to support these important activities in our community, we do accept financial donations.



Big money winner!

Photo By: Lynn Davis



Tim Daniels receiving his 3rd Place winnings Photo By: Scott Kessler

1971 (45 years ago...)

On March 8, 1971

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From Kenosha News pg B7 (Local) 3-8-16



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