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Special points of interest:

- KSFCA 4th Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry, August 7, 2016.
- Pike River Revival, Saturday, September 17th
- KSFCA 5th Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry, September 18th
- Fly Tying classes to start in October
- If you know a business owner or individual that may be interested in becoming a supporting member of the KSFCA please contact Jon FioRi to at 262-220-4606 for additional information and details.

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What's the future for Great Lakes salmon?

Article By: Kathleen Lavey, Lansing State Journal (Con't from page 4 of July-2016 Outrigger)
Pentwater—



Capt. Ron Hill of Bite Me Charters cleans a Chinook salmon after a fishing trip on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Pentwater Municipal Marina in Pentwater, Mich. (Photo: Julia Nagy, Lansing State Journal)

By September of 1967, the first cohort of coho were feasting on alewives. They were a fat healthy sensation.

"There were thousands of boats in Platte Bay on any given weekend," Tanner said. "There were many 15-pounders; 20-pounders were not too uncommon."

The chinook followed suit. The salmon boom had begun.

"It was pandemonium," Tanner recalled. "And it was fun pandemonium."

Hill, the charter captain, remembers the first time he saw a salmon that came out of Lake Michigan. Now 59, he wasn't even 10 years old then.

"We happened to be driving by the launch ramp and this guy steps out of the boat with two of the most beautiful fish I have ever seen in my life," Hill said. "Things have never been in the same in the Hill house since."

Hatcheries play a key role

Inside the DNR's Wolf Lake hatchery, thousands of three- to four-inch chinook, most no longer than a business card is wide, wiggled and splashed in concrete troughs called races.

Hatched last fall from eggs harvested in the wild, they were about to take the ride of their lives. From this damp, industrial environment that smells distinctly of fish, they'll be transported to new homes in rivers feeding Lake Michigan near Muskegon and Grand Haven. Timing is critical, said Steve Vanderlaan, stocking biologist at Wolf Lake. The fish are about to undergo physiological change, imprinting on their environment. That imprinting guides them back to that spot when it

is time to spawn. For most chinook, that's three to four years.



Fisheries assistant Stephanie Trapp carries young Chinook salmon to another tank where they will be suctioned up into a truck to be transported to their new homes in streams that feed Lake Michigan on Thursday, April 21, 2016 at the DNR Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery in Mattawan, Mich. (Photo: Julia Nagy, Lansing State Journal)

Workers wearing waders scoop them into nets, about 20 pounds at a time, weigh them and transfer them to tanks. The delicate young fish, along with the water around the, are sucked upward through clear plastic vacuum tubes, which deposit them into temperature-controlled trucks colorfully painted with the slogan "Fish for the future." They'll be placed in net pens in the lakes for several weeks to acclimate, then released.

The Wolf Lake Hatchery put about 230,000 chinook into Lake Michigan from late March through May this year, down about half from previous years. There is no point in putting in more, as they likely wouldn't survive on available food. Other hatcheries in Michigan and other states have made similar cuts. Overall, Michigan hatcheries stocked 25 million fish at more than 1,100 locations, including seven species of salmon and trout.

Salmon are reproducing naturally in the wild, something that was uncertain in the beginning of the experiment. Hatchery-raised fish have a fin near their tail clipped to differentiate them from those hatched in the wild. Almost all salmon caught last year in Lake Superior were wild; about 75 percent of those caught in Lake Michigan were wild.

"Some people argue pretty convincingly that the numbers of chinook were so high for so long that they kind of ate themselves out of house and home," Okeef said.

But there's more to it.

Article By: Kathleen Lavey, Lansing State Journal (Con't pg 4)

KSFCA JUNE 2016 MONTHLY TOURNAMENT WINNERS

COHO

	Name	Weight
1st	Jerry Costabile	12 lb.- 1 oz.
2nd	Jeff Smith	8 lb.-14 oz.
3rd	Bonnie Jantzen	8 lb.- 0 oz.

CHINOOK

	Name	Weight
1st	Steve Reuter	22 lb.- 0 oz.
2nd	Tim Skalitsky	20 lb.- 8 oz.
3rd	Tim Skalitsky	19 lb.- 4 oz.

LAKE TROUT

	Name	Weight
1st	Jerry Costabile	16 lb.- 1 oz.
2nd	Mike Williams	8 lb.- 10 oz.
3rd	Steve Reuter	6 lb.- 10 oz.

BROWN TROUT

	Name	Weight
1st	Jerry Costabile	2 lb.- 6 oz.
2nd	-	-
3rd	-	-

RAINBOW TROUT

	Name	Weight
1st	Bonnie Jantzen	11 lb.- 4 oz.
2nd	Tim Skalitsky	9 lb.- 4 oz.
3rd	Jim Nordstrom	9 lb.- 2 oz.

KSFCA Point standings for Angler of the year

1st	Jerry Costabile	50 pts.
2nd	Mike Williams	34 pts.
3rd	Tim Daniels	30 pts.
3rd	Jon FioRito	30 pts.
4th	Dave Slayton	27 pts.
5th	Steve Reuter	25 pts.

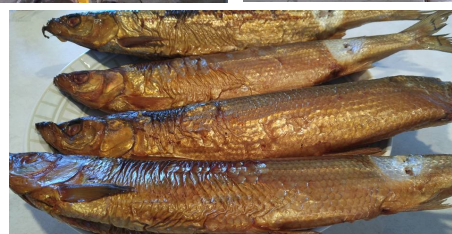
KSFCA 2016 JUNE TOURNAMENT & FISH FRY

(Article & Photos By: Lynn Davis)

The June Tournament was held after several reschedules. Weather was bad, but the boats that went out early had a catch and supplied fish for the fish fry.

The ladies caught some nice fish. No official winners.

The meal was modest, the comraderie was great. Thanks to Lynn for her home-baked pear cake.



Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Fishing on Lake Michigan is the best it's been for a few years. Big Cohos and Kings are biting from the beach out to 150 feet of water. White Hotspot Flashers and Aqua or Little Boy Blue Flies have been very good along with Stinger UV Hud Specials on leadcore.

On the Fox Chain Muskies are biting on crank baits and buck tails.



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(Con't from pg 1) By: Kathleen Lavey, Lansing State Journal 5-27-16

Any introduced species tends to boom at first, then dwindle and level off, experts say. And the lakes are in constant state of balancing and re-balancing among the creatures that live in them.

In this case the salmon –the top predator fish –has partly been taken down by an invasive mussel that is no larger than a pinky fingernail.



Atlantic salmon exit into Lake Huron at Lexington State Harbor.
(Photo: Jeffery Smith/Times Herald)

Quagga mussels carpet part of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, packed as tightly as 10,000 per square meter.

"They are filtering out all the good nutrients and algae out of the water and storing them on the bottom of the lake," said Jay Wesley, DNR fisheries manager for the Lake Michigan basin. "So the species that are doing well now are bottom-oriented species, where all the energy is."

That means less food for alewives and, therefore, fewer alewives.

"They're kind of getting pinched from both sides," O'Keefe said.

The mussels themselves have a predator, a small bottom-dwelling fish called the round goby. It was accidentally introduced from Asia in ship ballast water and has spread through the lakes since being discovered in Lake St. Clair in 1990.

Tanner says it's difficult to measure the goby population, but there may be as many of them now as there once were alewives.

"It's really almost an ideal food source," Tanner said. "They spawn three times a summer. There are lots of round gobies from tiny to eight or nine inches in size. Lake trout are doing very well, brown trout are doing very well, coho are

doing very well. So are northern pike and muskellunge."

But the chinook is different. It swims in higher waters, moving great distances, looking for silver flashes to snap up. Single-minded, like an aquatic version of the Terminator. It won't go to the bottom to seek food. It will just swim farther.

That means two things when the food supply is down: Fewer chinook survive, and fewer grow to prize-winning sizes.

"They're not the smartest fish in the world. They didn't adapt, like the lake trout," said Janice Deaton, who has been running Lake Huron fishing trips aboard their boat, J-Lyn, since 1990 from the Thumb community of Harbor Beach.

'They were starving'

Janice Deaton and her husband, Ken Deaton, have been fishing in Lake Huron, since the 1970s.

"There were lots and lots of salmon, business was very good," Janice Deaton recalled.


And the kings were big.

"In the late '70s, it was nothing to catch a 25-pound, 30-pound salmon all the time, and lots of them," she said.



Capt. Ron Hill of Bite Me Charters stands on the Sportsmen after a fishing trip on Thursday, May 19, 2016 on Pentwater Lake near the Pentwater Municipal Marina in Pentwater, Mich.
(Photo: Julia Nagy, Lansing State Journal)

(This Article "What's the future for Great Lakes salmon" will continue in the September edition of 'The Outrigger'.)




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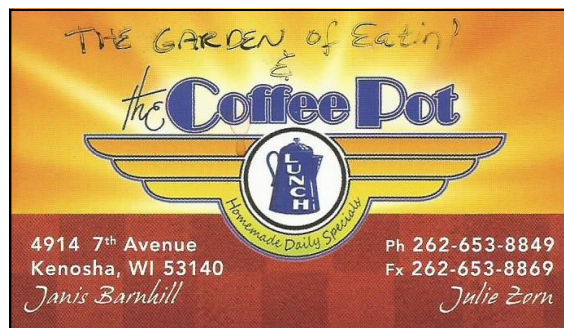
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Submitted Photo

Dennis & Bonnie Jantzen at Salmon-A-Rama with their 22.59 lb king fish



Eric Hoffman of Mount Pleasant shows off the 30.40 pound brown trout he caught on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 off the Siena Center while fishing aboard the Lula Mae III. Hoffman's catch was the grand prize winner in the 2016 Salmon-A-Rama Lake Michigan fishing contest.

Work completed on Asian carp barrier to Great Lakes

Associated Press 12:35 p.m. EDT May 11, 2016

Fort Wayne, Ind.-Environmental officials are celebrating the completion of a nearly 2-mile-long, 80-foot-wide earthen berm designed to keep Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes.

The \$4.4 million project at the Eagle Marsh Nature Preserve in Fort Wayne is designed to block floodwaters and prevent carp from crossing the Wabash River watershed into the Maumee River watershed, which empties into Lake Erie at Toledo, Ohio. The nature preserve drains into both watersheds.

"This is a great example of how a smaller investment up front can save a whole lot of money and heartache after the fact, after damage could have been created," Cameron Davis, who coordinates Great Lakes policy for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, told the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette (<http://bit.ly/10nz5VJ>).

Detroit Free Press

Feds update strategy to keep Asian carp from Great Lakes

(<http://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/2016/04/26/feds-update-strategy-keep-asian-carp-great-lakes/83554754/>)

Eagle Marsh is considered the second-most important spot, after the Chicago Area Waterway System, for stopping the voracious invasive species Asian carp could disrupt food chains and

The berm, which is 1.7 miles long and averages 7 -1/2 feet high, has been planned since 2014

"We don't want to ever get to that point, where we keep beating them back so that they never get

The federally-funded project is complete except for plantings along the berm, said Betsy Yan-kowiak, director of preserves and programs for the nonprofit Little River Wetlands Project, which manages and co-owns Eagle Marsh.

Jane Hardisty, Indiana state conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service, said the project has benefits beyond stopping the Asian carp.

"The restored wetlands reach well beyond their boundaries to improve watershed health and the local economy," she said.

Eagle Marsh, which covers more than 700 acres, is co-owned by the Little River Wetlands Project and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

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(Photo: Brian Kaufman, Detroit Free Press)

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the fish are right there at the gate. We want to stop them before they get to the Great Lakes," Davis said.

for plantings along the berm, said Betsy Yan-kowiak, director of preserves and programs for the nonprofit Little River Wetlands Project, which manages and co-owns Eagle Marsh.

AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 KSFCA Club Meeting 7:00 pm	2	3	4	5	6
7 4th Club Tourney & Fish Fry	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Important dates this month

- 8-01-16 - KSFCA Club Meeting at the Moose at 7:00 pm
- 8-07-16 - 4th KSFCA Club Tourney & Fish Fry
- 8-15-16 - KSFCA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

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Publication	* Dick Kessler Lynn Davis
Electronic Comm..	* Mike Smith Jim Zondlak Lynn Davis
Guest Speakers	* Jon FioRito Jerry Vigansky

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
- 06/12/16 - Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- 07/24/16 - Monthly Tournament (Only)
(Fish Fry was Cancelled)
- 08/07/16 - Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- 09/17/16 - Pike River Revival (to be confirmed)
- 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.



2016 Salmon-A-Rama

Group shot of the 2016 winners that were available after the Prize Ceremony



WDNR Warden John Sinclair spoke about the September to May night fishing rules. Any calls to the DNR can be anonymous. Report violators to 1-800-847-9367,

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