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Special points of interest:

- Salmon-A-Rama, Racine, WI, July 11th thru 19th
- KSFCA Master Angler, May results listed
- KSFCA Third Monthly Club Tourney of 2015, on Sunday August 9th.
- Jacks' Fly Tying Class suspended for summer months. Will start again in the 3rd week of October. "Have a great summer"!!!
- If you know a business owner or individual that may be interested in becoming a supporting member of the KSFCA please contact Jon FioRito at 262-220-4606 for additional information and details.

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Wisconsin stocked Chinook Salmon outperform Lake Michigan average

Article compliments of: Inland Seas Angler, Great Lakes Basin Report, April 2015

Madison— Chinook salmon stocked by the Wisconsin DNR survive very well and contribute substantially to the state's strong Lake Michigan fishery, new research from the USFWS and DNR shows.

As the lake's top predator, it's common for both stocked and wild Chinook to travel hundreds of miles to feed as they mature and at any given time during the summer, state anglers may catch Chinook stocked by Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois or Indiana. However, the ongoing three year cooperative research project shows Wisconsin-stocked fish have an above average likelihood of surviving to harvest and are being caught in comparatively large numbers in an area stretching from Door to Kenosha counties.

At the same time, state anglers are benefiting from natural reproduction of wild fish from Michigan streams and tributaries to Lake Huron. "Wisconsin offers a world class recreational fishery and DNR's Lake Michigan stocking efforts continue to play a key role on sustaining this resource and its multimillion dollar economic impact," said DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp. "This study reinforces the importance of our high quality hatchery efforts while supporting the value of ongoing investments in our fisheries operations."

Dave Boyarski, DNR fisheries supervisor for northern Lake Michigan, said the department has been working closely with the Fish and Wildlife Service's Fish Tag and Recovery Lab near Green Bay to tag Chinook fingerlings as well as collect and analyze the tags from the heads of recovered fish. Chinook salmon tagging for the recent multistate project began in 2011 and the analysis involved some 46,000 tags.

The coded wire tags resemble tiny pieces of pencil lead and are inserted through a mechanized process that has proven more efficient and less stressful to the fish than previously used hand-held methods. During 2014 alone, state fisheries managers in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan tagged and released more than 2.9 million Chinook salmon bound for the waters of lakes Michigan and Huron. Wisconsin DNR's Wild Rose and Kettle Moraine Springs hatcheries contributed about 824,000 of that total.

Illustrating the excellent returns of fish stocked by Wisconsin's hatcheries, from 2011 to 2013 Wisconsin provided 38 percent of all the Chinooks that were stocked in Lake Michigan. Yet from 2012 to 2014, Wisconsin stocked fish accounted for some 49 percent of stocked fish harvested throughout the lake and 57 percent of the stocked fish taken in Wisconsin waters.

The results of the analysis show the fish stocked by Wisconsin DNR appear to survive at better than average rates and account for a relatively large percentage of the stocked Chinook salmon harvested throughout Lake Michigan, Boyarski said. In addition, anglers are benefiting from strong reproduction among wild Chinook, which accounted for about 60 percent of the total harvest throughout Lake Michigan in 2014.

Brad Eggold, DNR fisheries supervisor for southern Lake Michigan, said the study

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KSFCA MASTER ANGLER - MONTHLY CONTEST MAY 2015 WINNERS

CHINOOK

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Jim Nordstrom	7.10	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Tim Daniels	5.14	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	Tim Daniels	2.4	1.0	\$5.00

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	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Tim Daniels	5.4	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Tim Daniels	2.11	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	Dan Kish	2.5	1.0	\$5.00

RAINBOW TROUT

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Dave Slayton	6.0	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Dave Slayton	5.0	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	N/A	-	-	-

BROWN TROUT

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Dave Slayton	2.12	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	N/A	-	-	-
3rd	N/A	-	-	-

LAKE TROUT

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Tim Daniels	6.2	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Dave Slayton	5.12	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	Dave Slayton	4.4	1.0	\$5.00

Wisconsin stocked Chinook... (Con't from pg 1)

demonstrates the benefits of Wisconsin's investment in the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery where the majority of Wisconsin Chinook salmon are reared. The results also reinforce the importance of multistate cooperation and the involvement of anglers throughout the region.

Charles Bronte, senior fisheries biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the multistate effort was initiated in an attempt to understand the growth and survival of Chinook in response to a changing base of forage fish.

"If we we're going to find the answers, we need this kind of coordinated research among all the states in the region that stock Chinook

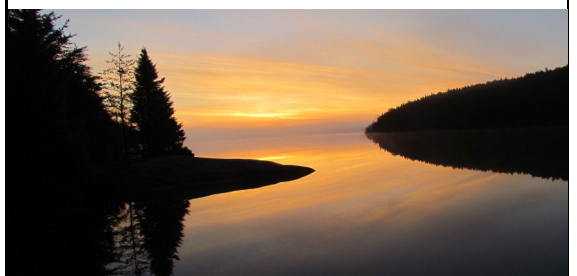
because the fish don't stay in one place," Bronte said. "What we learn from this work will help guide best practices for producing healthy fish throughout the region, maximize returns and provide further insight into the conditions essential for these fish to thrive."

Other important insights gleaned from the work include the fact that natural reproduction now accounts for some 60 percent of the Chinook population from the combined year classes 2011, 2012 and 2013. However, lower the lake levels and stream flows during 2012 and the subsequent harsh winter contributed to a reduction in successful natural spawning and survival for the 2013 year class of Chinook, which was only 37 percent wild fish.

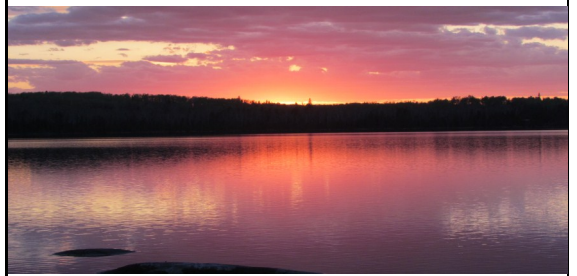
The team of experts said more work and more time will be needed to assess whether natural reproduction will rebound following the difficult 2013 cycle. Disruption in the lake's food web caused by invasive mussels and other species also bear further monitoring and will influence future management decisions.

"The study reinforces the importance of science-based management efforts and provided a wealth of information that we intend to share with our stakeholders," Boyarski said. "In the months ahead, we'll use what we are learning to examine our own management practices and implement strategies that increase the return on our stocking and management efforts going forward."

To learn more about the research and the Lake Michigan fishery, search the DNR website dnr.wi.gov and search "[Fishing Lake Michigan](#)" and "[chinook salmon research](#)."



Good Morning!!!



Good Evening...

Photos By: Dick Kessler

Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Perch season opened June 15th in IL and WI. Fishing out of North Point is very good. Kings are biting Dreamweaver Double UV Super Slims and RV Moonshine spoons along with Pro Troll Flashers with Aqua Howie Flies. Cohos and steelhead are biting well on Stinger Steelie Stompers, Yellow Wigglers, and Red October Spoons. Lake trout are biting green and chrome Spin-n-gloves. Depths are changing daily but 60 to 110 feet is very good. On the fox chain walleyes are biting fire tiger and perch flicker shad.



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Racine's Salmon-A-Rama, July 11th-19th

This year, Salmon-A-Rama celebrates 40 years as one of the largest freshwater fishing tournament in the world. Running for nine days, from Saturday, July 11th – Sunday, July 19th, thousands of anglers around Lake Michigan will take part in the contest that could 'net' them a grand prize of \$20,000. There are nine weigh-in locations around the great lake, which makes it even easier to enter the contest. The tournament offers boat, kayak, shore and youth divisions. There are six species divisions to potentially win cash prizes in: Chinook, Coho, Brown, Laker, Rainbow & Perch. All fish must be caught with hook and line by a registered participant. There are many great things to do and see at the Tournament Head-quarter site at the Reef Point Marina in Racine, Wisconsin, including live entertainment from: Still

KSFCA June Membership Meeting...



KSFCA members observing and listening to Caleb Zorn and Nick Kruse during their presentation at the clubs June General Meeting.



Captain Caleb Zorn and Captain Nick Kruse present fishing techniques that they use aboard the "Coastal Express", at the KSFCA June General Meeting.

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	Name	Points		\$	
		YTD	Month	YTD	Month
1st	Tim Daniels	11.0	11.0	\$55.00	\$55.00
1st	David Slayton	11.0	11.0	\$55.00	\$55.00
2nd	Jim Nordstrom	3.0	3.0	\$15.00	\$15.00
3rd	Dan Kish	1.0	1.0	\$5.00	\$5.00

2015 - Harry Rash Tournament Winner Declared



I am pleased to announce that the winner of the Harry Rash Tournament, which is held every Memorial Day Weekend was KSFCA member Dan Kish.

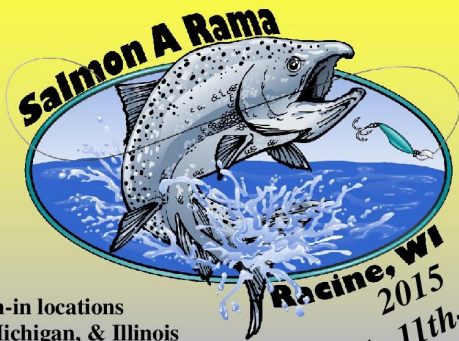
This contest is for the biggest fish of any species caught over the holiday weekend, that is weighed and registered at the Kenosha fish cleaning station.

With bad weather and boating conditions not being prime, we had extremely few entries. The winning fish was a Coho that weighed in at 2 lbs 6 ozs.

Pictured is member Dennis Jantzen (L) and Dan Kish (R) taken on Dennis' boat.

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**2015 Salmon-A-Rama
July 11th-19th**



Captain Nick Kruse was presented with his 2014 KSFCA award for the largest Laker registered at the June KSFCA Mtg.

Photo By: Lynn Davis

JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>
5	6 <i>KSFCA No Meeting</i>	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>
12 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>	13 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>	14 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>	15 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>	16 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>	17 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>	18 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>
19 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>	20 <i>KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- ### Important dates this month
- 7-04-15 - Independence Day
 - 7-06-15 - No Regular Membership Meeting in July
 - 7-11-15/ 7-19-15 - Salmon-A-Rama
 - 7-20-15 - KSFCA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

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<i>Sunshine</i>	* Open
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<i>Electronic Comm..</i>	* Mike Smith Jim Zondlak Lynn Davis
<i>Guest Speakers</i>	* Jon FioRito Jerry Vigansky

- ### 2015 Schedule of Club Events
- 01/05/15 - Board Elections
 - 02/28/15 - Awards Banquet
 - 05/09/15 - Kids Fish-N-Fun
 - 05/17/15 - Monthly Tournament
 - 06/07/15 - Monthly Tournament
 - 08/09/15 - Monthly Tournament
 - 09/19/15 - Pike River Revival (to be confirmed)
 - 09/20/15 - Monthly Tournament
 - 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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