



# The Outrigger



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## Special points of interest:

- Happy 4th of July to KSFCA Members & Families!!!
- KSFCA 3rd Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry, July 24, 2016.
- No General KSFCA Membership Meeting in July.
- Racine, WI - "Salmon-A-Rama 2016" July 9th thru the 17th!
- 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?

Pentwater— Shortly after noon on a cool sunny Thursday, the 33-foot charter boat Sportsmen came back into the Pentwater village marina carrying four happy fishermen and coolers full of still flopping fish.

Most of their catch were plump, pink-tinged lake trout, pale bellies glistening in the bright May sun.

But after they had gotten near their quota of lake trout, Bud Perry and his friends asked Captain Brent Daggett to take them in search of chinook.

The chinook-also known as king salmon-has been the lynchpin of Lake Michigan sport fishing almost since the moment it was introduced in the 1960s. It's big, it's aggressive and it's good eating.

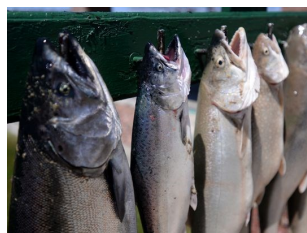
"When you've got a bigger fish that fights harder, you definitely get excited about it," said Perry of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, after he clambered off Daggett's boat. "The lake trout come right up to the surface. They don't fight near as hard as kings do. The kings? They don't want any part of it."

But after a spectacular five-decade arc, Lake Michigan's salmon fishery appears to be in decline. Anglers are catching fewer fish, and the ones they're getting are nowhere near the 30-pounders longtime fishermen recall from decades past.

Some fear the collapse will be as hard as the one that hit Lake Huron a dozen years ago, forcing some charter operators to move to Lake Michigan or forcing many others to go out of business. Overall, sport fishing in the Great Lakes is a \$4 billion-a-year industry.

### How bad is it?

In 2003, charter fishing clients in Lake Huron were catching an average of three chinook per boat, according to a study sponsored by Michigan Sea Grant. By 2005, that had dropped to 1.2 per boat. In 2010, it was 0.8. The number of charter operators fell by half.



Two chinook salmon hang next to lake trout on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Pentwater Municipal Marina in Pentwater, Mich. After a Sportsmen Sportfishing Charters fishing trip. (Photo: Julia Nagy, Lansing State Journal)

It hasn't been that bad on Lake Michigan— at least not yet.

In 2010 Lake Michigan charters averaged about 6 chinook per trip. That actually went up to 7.4 per trip in 2012 "which is just crazy high" said Daniel. But that figure is an anomaly. In 2015, Lake Michigan charters averaged 2.2 chinook per trip. "It sounds like a terrible drop, and it is," O'Keefe said.

Fisheries managers are working to figure out how to strike a new balance among the complex web of native, invasive and introduced species in the Great Lakes, from tiny plankton to the vast proliferation of quagga mussels to lake trout and the mighty salmon. Those who fish for fun so far keep casting their lines as they wait to see how it plays out.

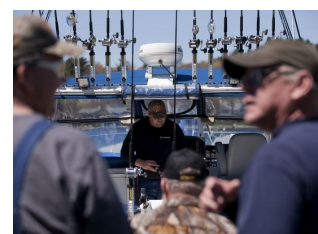
"The salmon experiment, if you want to call it that, is very unique," said O'Keefe said. "Hopefully a few years from now it will still wind up being classified as a success but with just a better balance."

### 1960s: Awash in alewives

In the mid 1960s, lakes Michigan and Huron were literally full of alewives, sort of a cousin of the herring that migrated through the Welland Canal in the 1940s to the Great Lakes, quickly becoming the predominant species. They'd die in masse each spring, filling beaches with stinking, silvery carcasses.

\* LoveLaning podcast Ep 5: The fate of salmon in the Great Lakes  
([/story/news/local/2016/05/27/lovelansing-podcast-ep-5-what-can-do-with-dollar/84985696/](http://story/news/local/2016/05/27/lovelansing-podcast-ep-5-what-can-do-with-dollar/84985696/))

"The joke on the lakefront then was, "There's a pile of them. It's 6 inches deep, 6 feet wide and 300 miles long," said Ron Hill, who grew up in South Haven and now captains a 31-foot charter fishing boat called "Bite Me" out of Pentwater.



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

## KSFCA MAY 2016 MONTHLY TOURNAMENT WINNERS

### CHINOOK

|     | Name            | Weight       | Date    |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| 1st | Mike Williams   | 17 lb. 6 oz. | -       |
| 2nd | Jerry Costabile | 13 lb. 6 oz. | 5/8/16  |
| 3rd | Tim Daniels     | 13 lb. 6 oz. | 5/28/16 |

### COHO

|     | Name            | Weight       | Date    |
|-----|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| 1st | Mike Williams   | 4 lb. 15 oz. | -       |
| 2nd | Hank Martinelli | 4 lb. 8 oz.  | 5/19/16 |
| 3rd | Tim Daniels     | 4 lb. 8 oz.  | 5/28/16 |

### RAINBOW TROUT

|     | Name         | Weight      | Date |
|-----|--------------|-------------|------|
| 1st | Randy Smith  | 6 lb. 2 oz. | -    |
| 2nd | Dave Slayton | 5 lb. 2 oz. | -    |
| 3rd | Steve Reuter | 5 lb. 0 oz. | -    |

### BROWN TROUT

|     | Name        | Weight      | Date |
|-----|-------------|-------------|------|
| 1st | Randy Smith | 5 lb. 0 oz. | -    |
| 2nd | N/A         | -           | -    |
| 3rd | N/A         | -           | -    |

### LAKE TROUT

|     | Name            | Weight      | Date |
|-----|-----------------|-------------|------|
| 1st | Jerry Costabile | 7 lb. 4 oz. | -    |
| 2nd | N/A             | -           | -    |
| 3rd | N/A             | -           | -    |

## KSFCA Contest Point Standings - 2016

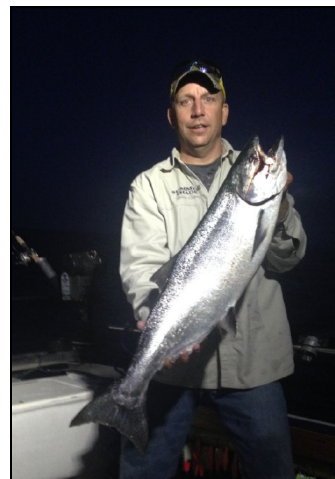
Jon FioRito -21  
Jerry Costabile -20  
Mike Williams -19  
Tim Daniels -15  
Randy Smith -12  
Dave Slayton -12  
Dave Gentz -9

Mark Hasenberg -9  
Steve Rueter -5  
Bill Weber -5  
Hank Martinelli -5

There were 28 total fish registered.

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## 2016 - Harry Rash Tournament Winner Declared



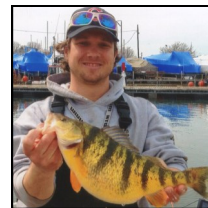
I am pleased to announce that the winner of the Harry Rash Tournament, which is held every Memorial Day Weekend was KSFCA member Tim Daniels.

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.

The winning fish was a 13 lb. 6 oz. Chinook salmon.

## Pennsylvania Yellow Perch Record

Courtesy of: Great Lakes Basin Report (May 2016) page 10



A Yellow Perch caught in Erie's Presque Isle Bay has been named by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) as the new state record for the species.

Brian Clark, of Edinboro, Erie County, was fishing in about 20 feet of water in the bay at 11:30 a.m. on March 30 when he hooked the record fish. The catch measured 15 15/16 inches and weighed 2 pounds, 14 ounces.

The weight of the fish surpassed the previous record by 3 ounces. That fish was caught in Presque Isle Bay in March 2010 by Erie resident Jeffery Matts.



# Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Boaters are still catching nice cohos on dodgers and flies, or spoons. The fish are very scattered from the beach all the way out to 200 feet of water. A few kings are also showing up. Most have been on the edge of the hill and caught on spoons. On the Fox Chain some muskies are starting to bite while trolling crank baits.



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

Capt. Brent Daggett of Sportsmen Sportfishing Charters, center, cleans the Sportsmen after a fishing trip on Lake Michigan on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Pentwater Municipal Marina in Pentwater, Mich., while his clients, Greenville, Ohio resident David Furtong, left, and Gettysburg, Ohio resident Jay Adams chat. (Photo: Julia Nagy, Lansing State Journal)

Alewives weren't the only problem. Lake trout populations had nearly collapsed in the late 1940s due to the invasive sea lamprey, an ugly, eel-like fish with a mouth like a suction cup full of teeth. It latches onto the side of a trout, salmon or other prey and literally sucks the life out of it.

Sport fishing wasn't all that much fun, and it didn't look like lakes Michigan and Huron could support their share of the state's 1,500 commercial fishing boats for much longer.

Then, Howard Tanner came back from Colorado.

Tanner, a Michigan State University grad in fisheries biology who had been working in Colorado for a dozen years, returned to his home state to head the DNR's fisheries division.



Hatchery biologist Matt Hughes 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)

"I was given pretty much a blank check," he recalled. "We had 1,500 commercial fishermen with nothing to catch. The sea lamprey had decimated the lake trout. We had thousands of dead alewives on the beach. My director said, 'Do something.'"

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources routinely manages the numbers of fish in the Great Lakes as well as inland lakes, working to assure a workable mix of predator and prey as well as spread-

ing popular sport fish around.

Tanner had thought about the possibility of planting coho and chinook salmon from the Pacific Northwest into the lakes, but eggs had consistently been in short supply at hatcheries in Oregon and Washington.

That changed as hatchery practices improved. When Tanner found out coho eggs were available, he was stunned.



Young Chinook salmon swim while being 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)

"It was not only a perfect biological fit of food, temperature, spawning streams, but it was time to end commercial fishing or put aside commercial fishing and allocate the fishery potential of the Great Lakes to sport fishing," Tanner said.

What happened next was an effort to get three states and the federal government on board as quickly as possible. Federal authorities initially objected, preferring to support commercial rather than sport fishing. The state of Washington bowed out. Michigan and Oregon made it happen. Other U.S. states and Ontario also have a say in what goes in the lakes, and also stock fish.

Eggs arrived from Oregon in December of 1964, and young fish stayed in the Platte River Hatchery for a year and a half. More than 659,000 of them were placed into the Platte River and Bear Creek, which feed Lake Michigan, in June of 1966. Chinook followed in 1967.

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

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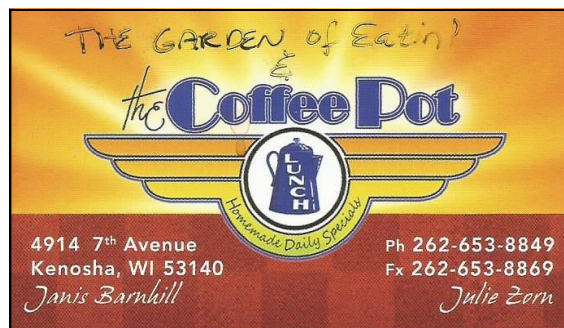
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### KSFCA June General Meeting with speaker Patrick Schmutzer of Fire Flies, LLC

Photos & Article By: Lynn Davis

Patrick Schmutzer, the owner of Fire Flies LLC and Tournament fisherman for pro team "Jawzon" spoke at our June meeting. "Jawzon" took 1st Place in the Salmon Unlimited opener. He presented all that is hot this year from Chicago to Kewaunee and the tactics they are using.

### Officials urge anglers to watch bait supplies for Asian carp

Article & Photo By: Brian Kaufman (Detroit Free Press)

If you go fishing this summer, check twice to make sure juvenile Asian carp haven't slipped into your bait pail.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and other agencies are battling to keep the invasive carp from reaching the Great Lakes. They're easy to recognize as adults—especially silver carp, which jump from the water.

But when be confused bait fish such as and various ers.



young, they can with common gizzard shad types of shin-

Bait often is across state from areas with breeding populations of Asian carp. So it's possible for juvenile carp to get into the bait supply.

transported lines, including

A video that helps identify juvenile Asian carp is available online at <http://www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies> (<http://www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies>). Among tell-tale characteristics are body color, scale pattern, mouth shape and size.

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| Sun                                       | Mon                                       | Tue                     | Wed                     | Thu                     | Fri                     | Sat                     |
|---|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
|   |   |                         |                         |                         | 1                       | 2                       |
| 3   | 4 <i>Independence Day (No KSFCA Mtg.)</i> | 5                       | 6                       | 7                       | 8                       | 9 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>  |
| 10 <i>Salmon-A-Rama</i>                   | 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>KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm</i>     | 19                      | 20                      | 21                      | 22                      | 23                      |
| 24 <i>3rd Club Tourney &amp; Fish Fry</i> | 25  | 26                      | 27                      | 28                      | 29                      | 30                      |
| 31  |   |                         |                         |                         |                         |                         |

## Important dates this month

- 7-04-16 - Independence Day
- 7-04-16 - KSFCA No General Membership Meeting
- 7-09-16 / 7 - 17-16 - Salmon-A-Rama
- 7-18-16 - KSFCA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 7-24-16 - 3rd KSFCA Club Tourney & Fish Fry

## Officers and Board members

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| <u>Committee</u>             | <u>* Chairmen</u>   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Fish-N-Fun</b>            | * Lynn Davis<br>Dick Kessler                                      |
| <b>Contest's Fundraiser</b>  | * Jerry Costablie   |
| <b>Sunshine</b>              | * Open  |
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| <b>Pike River</b>            | * Jim Zondlak   |
| <b>Fly Tying</b>             | * Jack Springer<br>Scott Kessler<br>Dick Kessler<br>Matt Hetchler |
| <b>Publication</b>           | * Dick Kessler<br>Lynn Davis                                      |
| <b>Electronic Comm..</b>     | * Mike Smith<br>Jim Zondlak<br>Lynn Davis                         |
| <b>Guest Speakers</b>        | * Jon FioRito<br>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 & Fish Fry
- 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/](https://cida.usgs.gov/wdnr_fishmap/map/).



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