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Special points of interest:

- Racine Salmon-A-Rama 2016 to be held July 9th 17th.
- KSFCA 2nd Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry, June 5, 2016.
- Fly Tying Class Will Commence in October 2016. Class Suspended for the Summer. "Good Luck Fishing!"
- DNR Fingerlings Arrived in April and Released in May from the KSFCA Rearing Pond Facility!
- 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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Chinooks released on May 11th...

DNR inspects rearing pond (Apr. 25th) prior to the arrival of nearly 40,000 chinook salmon fingerlings on April 27th

Photos of arrival of fingerlings & rod assembly crew by: Lynn Davis



Young chinook released into Pike River (May 11th)

Story by Terry Flores (tflores@kenoshanews.com)

About two dozen people gathered in the fog as more than 38,800 chinook fingerlings were released in Pike River Wednesday evening.

Among them was Keller Darre, 10, of Kenosha.

"I think how many fish they can (raise) in there," he said, looking at the 180,000-gallon fish-rearing pond at Seventh Avenue and Sheridan Road. "I think it would be a cool job, but I couldn't do it. I'd be afraid to step on them."

Keller was referring to the careful release of the 2-to 3-inch-long chinook king salmon that were being coaxed out of the quadrant within the pool.

Cassidy Anders, 10, of Racine, said she was fascinated with the small, fast-swimming fingerlings.

"They're really cool," she said.

About two weeks ago, the Kenosha Sport-fishing and Conservation Association received the fingerlings through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

The pond has four pools which contain waters from the Pike River that are then mixed with well water drawn from more than 1,400 feet below the surface. The water helps them to "imprint" to their breeding grounds in Kenosha so they even-

tually come back.

"They think this is their home stream now, and they're coming back... in four years," said Mark Hasenberg, co-chairman

of the rearing pond for the conservation group. "Hopefully, these fish that come back will be coming back at 18 to 25 pounds."

The group has been rearing fish in the area since 1973 under the program that has seen more than 1.6 million fish released into the lake.

"It definitely helps with tourism," he said. "Lake Michigan is one of the places that you can go and almost be guaranteed to catch (salmon)."

Salmon fishing represents an estimated \$800,000 to \$1.3 million to tourism in the Kenosha area, according to the association.

Last year was a weak year for fishing, something that has puzzled local conservation and DNR officials, Hasenberg said."But there was a shortage of alewives in the early part of last year, which may have contributed to that," he said, noting that alewives are the

prime source of food for salmon. "This year the alewives crop looks considerably better, so hopefully they will be able to eat for the next four years."



KENOSHA NEWS PHOTO BY BILL SIEL

From left, Tim Daniels, Joel Richardson and Scott Kessler pause to watch a portion of 39,500 juvenile chinook salmon swim by during release into Pike River Wednesday evening from rearing ponds at Seventh Avenue and Sheridan Road

























Photos by: Dick Kessler

Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

On Lake Michigan cohos are scattered from the beach all the way out to 300 feet of water. Dodgers and Flies on the surface are still catching a lot of fishing along with spoons down deeper. Shore anglers are catching some cohos on alewives on the bottom and spoons. The Fox Chain has been producing white bass and walleyes along with occasional muskies.

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Fingerlings finding their way

Nearly 40,000 tiny salmon move into town

By Daniel Gaitan (dgaitan@kenoshanews.com) Kenosha News, Thursday April 28, 2016, page A3

Volunteers filled Kenosha's salmon rearing pond with nearly 40,000 fragile fingerling fish Wednesday afternoon. The effort aims to help bolster area rivers and Lake Michigan with healthy and sustainable chinook salmon for fishing. The pond, at Seventh Avenue and Sheridan Road, will hold the tiny fish for a few weeks until they are mature enough to swim in the Pike River and Lake Michigan.

The Kenosha Sportfishing and Conservation Association and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources hope their efforts pay off with fully grown fish that return to Kenosha County.

Mixed with well water from the pond, the waters of the Pike are anticipated to help them to "imprint," according to Mark Hasenberg, co-chairman of the rearing pond for the conservation group.

The imprinting method, introduced here last year, has been successful in other states. It is being employed locally with the purpose of increasing the return rate of fish to the Kenosha area. The idea is that the salmon will view it as their breeding ground.

"We have a pipe from the pond that goes directly into the river," Hasenberg said. "In four years, these fish should be coming back to the mouth of the river. Fish will think this is their home spring, this is where they were born."

The fingerlings start at 1.5 to 2 inches long and grow to about 3 inches when released. While in the artificial pond, the fish are fed pellets once during the day and once at night. A mesh net covers the pond to protect the fish from predators, notably seagulls.

Lynn Davis, a member of the association, said fishing is vital to southeastern Wisconsin. "It brings in a lot of money; the economic impact is incredible," she said. "People come on charters and buy equipment here, stay in hotels and eat at our restaurants."





Thousands of chinook salmon fingerlings are delivered. The truck in the background had tanks of the juvenile fish.

Chinook salmon fingerlings are delivered to rearing ponds along Pike River Wednesday afternnn. This is a view looking into one of the tanks on board the delivery truck as the juvenile fish were being rinsed out.

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Jim Zondlak presenting Peter W. Barca his certificate from Capt. Tom - Lucky Lyle Fishing Charters LLC at the Harborside Common Grounds. Peter won the 1/2 day charter with his 5 closest friends which he won at the Kenosha Sportfishing and Conservation Association fundraiser in April. It was a pleasure for Jim to present the certificate to Peter Barca. "May your coolers come back full"!





The Longest Fish Winner!





2016 Kids Fish-N-Fun, Held May 7th @ Anderson Pond

































First Club Tournament of the year...













Jerry Costabile, Contest Chairman

Jason Reuter, 1st place

Tim Daniels, 2nd place

Steve Reuter, 3rd place

Jack Jim and Dave

First club tournament of the year was held on Sunday, May 15th. Jason Reuter's boat took first place, Tin Daniels boat took second and Steve Reuter took third.

All in attendance won with a great meal fried up by Jack Springer, Jim Hauke and Dave Gentz.

Thanks to all who donated fish, cooked and participated. See you in June!

June 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu 2 | Fri | Sat 4 KSFCA |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|-----|---------------------------------|
| | | | 1 | | 3 | Youth Tourney & Free Wknd |
| 5 2nd Club Tourney & Fish Fry | 6 KSFCA Club Meeting 7:00 pm | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 KSFCA Ladies Tour- ney |
| 19 Father's Day | 20 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

Important dates this month

- * 6-04/05-16 Free Fishing Weekend
 No licenses or stamps are needed these dates. Includes inland trout & Great Lakes salmon and trout fishing.

 dnr.wi.gov/news/features
- * 6-04-16 KSFCA Youth Tourney
- 6-05-16 2nd KSFCA Club Tourney & Fish Fry
- 6-06-16 KSFCA Club Meeting at the Moose at 7:00 pm
- 6-18-16 KSFCA Ladies Tourney
- 6-19-16 Father's Day
- 6-20-16 KSFCA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

The youth contest will be the same hours as the club tourney.

5 fish can be weighed, awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Ladies contest is the same format.

Both contest awards will be based on points for youth and ladies master anglers.

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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 (to be confirmed)
- 09/18/16 Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry
- General Club meeting are held on the first
- 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.





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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