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Special points of interest:

- Kids Fish-N-Fun, Saturday May 7, 2016 at Anderson Park Pond. 9:00 AM 'til Noon (Rain or Shine)
- KSFCA 1st Monthly Tournament & Fish Fry, May 15, 2016.
- Fly Tying Class Will Commence in October 2016. Class Suspended for the Summer. "Good Luck Fishing!"
- DNR Fingerlings Arrived in April at the KSFCA 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 FioRi to at 262-220-4606 for additional information and details.

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DNR surveys find Lake Michigan anglers...

DNR surveys find Lake Michigan anglers persevere, diversify catch as salmon numbers decline

From: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources [mailto:wdnr@service.govdelivery.com]

MILWAUKEE, WIS. –Lake Michigan anglers increased their efforts and reeled in greater numbers of native species including lake trout and walleye in 2015, even as the overall sport fish harvest declined due to lower catches of salmon and stocked trout.

Results from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' 2015 survey of anglers on Lake Michigan bear out projections of lower overall catches dating to 2013 when surveys indicated a decline in forage fish including the alewives favored by chinook and coho salmon. In addition to stocking reductions of 30 percent instituted at that time, unusually cold weather and water temperatures this past spring likely also reduced harvest numbers for 2015, said Brad Eggold, DNR southern Lake Michigan fisheries supervisor. "During 2015, chinook again accounted for the single largest component of the overall catch with an estimated harvest of 113,973, down from 130,698 in 2014," Eggold said. "Coho estimated catch also fell to 41,010 from 52,297 the prior year. On the flip side, lake trout catch was highest since 2002."

The 2015 Lake Michigan creel surveys indicated that anglers caught 35,715 lake trout up from 25,425 in 2014. Harvest estimates for walleye (99,302 in 2015, up from 96,193 in 2014) and northern pike (2,641, up from 814) also increased.

Catching fish during the 2015 season required greater effort at the harvest rate for salmonids declined to 0.099 fish per hour. Anglers collectively increased their time spent fishing by 3.4 percent to 2.7 million hours.

If judged by the total number of fish brought in, anglers who launched their own boats from ramps or marinas or invested in a charter trip were the most successful. The sport harvest from ramps and marinas totaled 346,536 fish, while charter captains helped clients bring in 91,255 fish.

At a meeting of Lake Michigan charter captains and interested citizens held in Cleveland, Wis., Wednesday evening, Eggold said anglers will continue to find rewards from time spent on the water but may need to be flexible when considering where to fish and which species to target.

"The Lake Michigan fishery continues to change with the variability in the forage base due to quagga mussels as well as low numbers of available forage in the lake," Eggold said. "Going forward, we will continue to work with stakeholders and partners in other states to monitor predator to prey ratios and balance stocking efforts with alewife numbers. We also will continue to look for opportunities to strengthen the diversity of the fishery."

Methodology

DNR's annual creel survey dates to 1969 and last year captured the results from more than 12,500 angler interviews at ramps, shorelines, piers and streams in the Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan stretching from Kenosha County to Green Bay. Each year, creel clerks interview anglers at established locations, measure fish and keep track of hours fished, numbers of boats and more. Results also include harvest estimates for guided charters from monthly reports that were initiated in 1976.

To learn more, visit DNR.wi.gov and search "Fishing Lake Michigan." Complete creel survey information can be found by searching "Lake Michigan management reports."

Contact: Brad Eggold, DNR southern Lake Michigan fisheries supervisor, Bradley Eggold@Wisconsin.gov. 414-382-7921

Recap of the April KSFCA Membership Meeting...

The April KSFCA general meeting was full of information, new members, veteran members, members who were veterans, and interested community members.

Speakers included Charter Captain Arnie Arredondo, Root Pike Win Executive Director Dave Giordano and Shalom Center, Executive Director Mark Modory.

Captain Arnie, shared techniques and equipment for a successful catch.

Jacks' Flies of the month...Guest Tiers of the 2015-2016 Session



Jack Springer



Scott A. Kessler



Kip Maske



Chris Commins



Patrick Schmutzer

Photos by: Dick Kessler

Recap of the April KSFCa Membership Meeting...

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Dave Giordano shared the importance of the Root Pike Basin health for fishing, recreation and the environment.

Mark Modory, thanked the KSFCa for the recent donation to the Shalom Center. He spoke about the need in the community for the under-employed. It was noted that fresh food donations including fresh caught fish filets, can be dropped off at the soup kitchen 7 days a week.



Mike watches Arnie share tips on the movement of finding fish in Lake Michigan. — with [Mike Smith](#) at [Moose Lodge #286](#).



Arnie shows off a favorite technique. — at [Moose Lodge #286](#).



Dave Gioradano, Executive Director of the Root Pike Win presents the importance of the Root Pike Win initiative. — at [Moose Lodge #286](#).



A very well attended meeting, with many new members. — at [Moose Lodge #286](#).



Shalom Center, Board Member Mark Modory shares information about the Shalom Center and how the Center enriches the community while helping the under-employed. — at [Moose Lodge #286](#).



Dick Kessler and Steve Reuter picking up the rods for the 2016 Kids Fish-N-Fun to be held on Saturday, May 7th at Anderson Park Pond.

Photo Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Cohos are starting to show along the shorelines through all of Illinois and southeast Wisconsin along with some brown trout. Shore anglers are also catching brown trout and cohos on spoons and jigs.

On the Fox Chain Crappies and Bluegills are biting very well in the channels on jigs with wax worms.



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Two Great Lakes accomplish a rare winter feat

By [Mark Torregrossa](#) [mtorregr@mlive.com] Follow on [Twitter](#) on February 18, 2016 at 2:11 PM, updated February 18, 2016 at 11:03 PM

Lake Michigan and Lake Huron did something in January 2016 that has only occurred 10 other times since 1919. The water level went up on these Great Lakes from December 2015 to January 2016.

More:

Gale warning: Powerful wind, 20-foot waves predicted for Lake Michigan

Most of the time December to January water levels decrease on the Great Lakes. Usually there is more water leaving the Great Lakes than entering in that time period.

There are only 11 years when the lake level has increased from December to January. It should be noted that Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are the same lake when it comes to lake levels. They are connected at the Straits of Mackinac.

The average move in lake levels in January over the past 98 years was a decline of 1.5”.

This January, Lakes Michigan and Huron actually rose nearly an inch. There have only been 10 other Januarys when a lake rise has occurred.

This mid-winter rise in lake levels can help the seasonal lake level high in summer be higher than last year.

If the lakes get back onto a normal water level cycle, the lakes would then end up 2.5” higher than last year.

Of course everything going forward depends on amounts of precipitation. If we have normal precipitation over the Lake Michigan-Huron drainage basin, the lakes would be 2.5” higher than last year’s high. Drier than normal weather would make the lakes not rise as much into summer, and very wet weather would send the lakes even higher.

But in an upward trend on Lake Michigan-Huron water levels, a January water rise is significant.

The rise was caused by record December rainfall over the Lake Michigan-Lake Huron drainage basin. In December 2015 almost six inches of rain fell on the drainage basin versus less than 1 inch normally.

The thought of some that warm water, no ice and high evaporation would lead to a water level decline is not happening.

In fact, it looks like Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are still in a lake level rise cycle.



A view of the Mackinac Bridge from Mackinaw City on 1-31-16. (By:Mira Delvadia)

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For More Information Please Go To:

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MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 KSFCA Club Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4	5	6	7 Kids Fish-N- Fun Event @ Anderson Park
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 First Club Tour- ney of 2016	16 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Important dates this month

- 5-02-16 - KSFCA Club Meeting at the Moose at 7:00 pm
- 5-07-16 - 2016 Kids Fish-N-Fun Event at Anderson Park Pond, 9:00 am –Noon
- 5-08-16 - Mother's Day
- 5-15-16 - 1st Club Tourney & Fish Fry of 2016
- 5-16-16 - KSFCA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

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	Lynn Davis
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	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
- 06/05/16 - 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 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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Annual Pike River Clean-up

Assist with Rearing Pond

Fly Tying clinics: oct-Mar

