



# The Outrigger



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***Special points of interest:***

- Next issue of this newsletter will have the KSFCA Fishing Contest Winners listed.
- Jacks' Fly tying classes are on Tuesday evenings from 7:00pm 'til 9:00pm at the Moose Lodge, downstairs.
- December issue will have more pics of the Pike River Revival.
- The KSFCA Wishes Everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!
- 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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## 2015 Pike River Revival, a Huge Success!

Article and Photos By: Lynn Davis

The Pike River is much healthier now that the KSFCA along with help of many volunteers made the effort to remove debris, an ongoing annual work in progress success. Over 30 participants that included Scouts, Families, Church Groups, Kayakers and club members worked tirelessly to remove 50+ tires, road barriers, farm implements, and general trash.

The clean-up was rescheduled after severe rain caused the Pike River to be too dangerous for clean-up, the previous week-end. Safety is always first when it comes to Mother Nature.

Thank you to coordinator Jim Zondlak for his incredible organization of the annual event. Thanks to DNR Warden Jon Sinclair for sending us off with great talk on the importance of the Pike River. Thanks to all of the volunteers for the important work that was done. A BIG thank you to Meijer Store for the donation of a gift card for purchase of buns, chips, condiments, etc. Thanks to Hometown Meats for the discount on brats and hot dogs. Thanks to the Kenosha News for their coverage of this effort. Letting the community know about the Pike and the project of the KSFCA is very important.



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Jack Springer  
Photo by: Dick Kessler

# Jacks Flies of the month...

Article By: Jack Springer

- \* Nov. 3 - The Gartside Gurgler: Unsinkable, pushes a big wake of water. This top-water foam fly is easy to see and track on the surface. (Fishes best in low light conditions, mainly at sunset).
- \* Nov. 10 - Pine Squirrel Nymph: The under fur and guard hair of the pine squirrel are simply the very best combination (soft, spiky and speckled). Fishes best dead drift, on the bottom - a deadly method of fishing for a deadly fly.

## KSFCA MASTER ANGLER - MONTHLY CONTEST SEPTEMBER 2015 WINNERS

### CHINOOK

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Dave Slayton	9lb. 14oz.	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Steve Reuter	7lb. 5oz.	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	Steve Reuter	7lb. 2oz.	1.0	\$5.00

### COHO

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Steve Reuter	6lb. 4oz.	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Jerry Costabile	6lb. 0oz.	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	Steve Reuter	5lb. 12oz.	1.0	\$5.00

### RAINBOW TROUT

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Steve Reuter	12lb. 4oz.	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Jerry Costabile	10lb. 3oz.	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	Randy Smith	8lb. 10oz.	1.0	\$5.00

### BROWN TROUT

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Tim Daniels	8lb. 4oz.	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Steve Reuter	5lb. 1oz.	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	Tim Daniels	4lb. 2oz.	1.0	\$5.00

### LAKE TROUT

	Name	Weight	Points	\$
1st	Steve Reuter	22lb. 6oz.	3.0	\$15.00
2nd	Jerry Costabile	15lb. 9oz.	2.0	\$10.00
3rd	Dennis Jantzen	14lb. 6oz.	1.0	\$5.00

- Nov. 17 - Dave Whitlocks' Squirrel Nymph: A proven producer in six types of nymph patterns. Uses red squirrel belly fur and the "tweedy" barred dark fur for the thorax of the nymph. None better in your fly box.
- Nov. 24 - Gold Ribbed Gold Bead Hares' Ear: This nymph is seldom out-fished. The main components are natural hares' ears fur and guard hairs on a hares' mask. Very natural, with gold bead acting like a jig - watch out bluegills!



Photos By: Dick Kessler

First night of the 2015 - 2016 Fly Tying Session

# Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

Lake trout are biting well out from 150 to 300 feet of water when the weather allows. Big white paddles with spin-n-glos or metal dodgers with spin-n-glos dragging on the bottom have been the best baits. Walleyes and crappies have been biting well on the Fox Chain with jigs and minnows or by trolling a Flicker Shad.



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## DNR answers questions about status of Lake Michigan Fishery

Answering the most Frequently-Asked-Questions about Lake Michigan's fishery

Article courtesy of Great Lakes Basin Report, October 2015

1. What is going on with the salmon in Lake Michigan?  
The current status of salmon is that the population is down 75% from the peak in 2012. The decline can be attributed to two factors: (1) the DNR has reduced stocking rates since 1999 while maintaining higher possession limits since 2005, and (2) natural reproduction and recruitment of salmon has declined substantially since 2013 because there is less prey in the lake.
2. Why is the DNR managing for less salmon in Lake Michigan? Salmon populations are highly stressed because alewives, their primary prey, have been declining since the mid-1990s and have never stabilized since the start of the decline. Alewives are declining because they are being out-competed by zebra and quagga mussels for the same nutrients in the lake (zebra and quagga mussels invaded the Great Lakes in the mid-1990s). Also, high stocking rates by state agencies responsible for managing Lake Michigan in the early 1990s led to very high predation on an already unstable alewife population. The combination of increased salmon predation and the competition from zebra and quagga mussels squeezed the alewife population from the top and bottom and was likely the reason we saw salmon crash in Lake Huron in the mid-2000s.
3. Will Lake Michigan follow Lake Huron? DNR biologists do not want Lake Michigan to follow the same path as Lake Huron. That is why DNR fisheries staff worked with Lake Michigan anglers to reduce annual stocking levels from 7 million to 2.5 million Chinook salmon through coordinated lake wide stocking cuts in 1999, 2006 and 2013. These reduced stocking levels

have helped to decrease the predation pressure on alewife by salmon. Additionally, the DNR has maintained higher possession limits in the attempt to use angling as another method to relieve even more predation pressure on alewives.

4. Will the stocking cuts and possession limits be enough? In theory, populations are most stable when there is enough prey to feed all the predators. If predators become too abundant and prey too scarce, then predators will eat all the prey, starve and not survive. Stocking cuts and possession limits only work if they reduce predators in the lake to levels that prey can sustain. But what if prey continues to decrease no matter how few predators are out there? This is the question DNR biologists are focusing on right now. Fisheries management agencies do not have ability to directly influence the number of alewives in Lake Michigan but can only indirectly affect pressure by reducing predation. DNR can, however, apply new approaches for assessing the salmon and alewife balance through population modeling. The modeling allows us to utilize all of the available data on fish populations, produce estimates of absolute abundance of salmon and alewives, and ultimately determine the exact ratio of predator to prey. DNR biologists believe the only way to keep Lake Michigan from following Lake Huron is to manage the fisheries by balancing predator (salmon) and prey (alewife) so neither collapse.
5. What about the other predators? In addition to Chinook salmon, the Lake Michigan fishery is supplemented by stockings

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WDNR Warden Jon Sinclair addressing the KSFCA members. Any calls to the DNR can be anonymous. Report violators to 1-800-847-9367, Do not confront violators.



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of brown trout, coho salmon, steelhead, and lake trout. Although the primary prey of Chinook salmon is alewives, the other predators have a much more diverse diet. Since the introduction of zebra and quagga mussels, the round goby has established abundant populations in the Great Lakes. Round gobies are able to consume mussels and can spawn multiple times in a single season. In Lake Michigan specifically, the abundance of round gobies has skyrocketed, and they are now being eaten by almost every predator, except Chinook salmon. Therefore, reductions in stocking levels for other predators may not be as effective for reducing alewife consumption if the prey consumed is mostly gobies. In addition, we manage for a diversity of both prey and predators in the Lake Michigan fishery.

6. How abundant are the gobies in Lake Michigan? It has been suggested that they are the top prey species in Lake Michigan today and may have reached levels comparable to alewives when they were at their peak levels in the 1960s and 1970s. However, the absolute abundance of

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**YTD MASTER ANGLER STANDINGS - Points/\$ Total**

1st	Steve Reuter.....	41 Pts...	\$205.00
2nd	Jerry Vigansky.....	22 Pts...	\$110.00
3rd	Tim Daniels.....	21 Pts...	\$105.00
4th	Dave Slayton.....	15 Pts...	\$75.00
4th	Jerry Costabile.....	15 Pts...	\$75.00
5th	Jim Nordstrom.....	10 Pts...	\$50.00
6th	David Gentz.....	8 Pts...	\$40.00
7th	Mark Hasenberg.....	3 Pts...	\$15.00
7th	Bill Webber.....	3 Pts...	\$15.00
8th	Dan Kish.....	2 Pts...	\$10.00
8th	Jon FioRito.....	2 Pts...	\$10.00
9th	Jack Springer.....	1 Pt....	\$5.00
9th	Dennis Jantzen.....	1 Pt....	\$5.00
9th	Randy Smith.....	1 Pt....	\$5.00

# “Golden Crapper” Nominees Needed...



The “Golden Crapper” is awarded every year to a worthy KSFCA member.

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Past recipient’s incidents have included cell phones in the water, broken boats, computer left on roof of a car, dock altercations, etc.

The “Golden Crapper” award will be presented at the Awards Banquet in February. Any and all incidents will be considered by the Contests Committee. Deadline for submission is Friday, January 22nd. Submissions will remain anonymous.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 KSFCA Club Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Fly Tying Class @ 7:00 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Fly Tying Class @ 7:00 pm	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15	16 KSFCA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm	17 Fly Tying Class @ 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Fly Tying Class @ 7:00 pm	25	26 Thanks- giving Day	27	28
29	30					

Important dates this month	
•	11-02-15 - KSFCA Club Meeting at the Moose @ 7:00 pm
•	11-03-15 - Fly Tying Class at 7:00 pm @ Moose, downstairs
•	11-10-15 - Fly Tying Class at 7:00 pm @ Moose, downstairs
•	11-11-15 - Veterans Day
•	11-16-15 - KSFCA Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
•	11-17-15 - Fly Tying Class at 7:00 pm @ Moose, downstairs
•	11-24-15 - Fly Tying Class at 7:00 pm @ Moose, downstairs
•	11-26-15 - Thanksgiving Day

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<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/](https://cida.usgs.gov/wdnr_fishmap/map/).



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gobies is hard to estimate because of their patchy distribution (they prefer rocky habitats), their reproductive strategy (they spawn multiple times in a year), and because their mortality rates are very high (the population of gobies changes substantially throughout the year). What we do know is that they are being consumed at a high rate by most of the other predators.

The remaining Q & A's that were published will be covered in the December edition of this publication, KSFCA "The Outrigger".

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