



# The Outrigger



**Special points of interest:**

- We need a Volunteer to take over Federation duties for Mark Hasenberg
- Fly Tying classes are scheduled for Tuesdays from 7:00pm—9:00pm at the Moose Lodge
- Mark your calendar, the club swap meet is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 16th from 9:00am - 12:30 pm at the Moose Lodge, 3003 30th Ave Kenosha
- Awards banquet is scheduled for Feb. 23, 2013 at the Boat-house
- We need volunteers for the Kenosha Expo booth on March 9th & 10th

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**Distribution plan set for Chinook stocking in Lake Michigan; Strawberry Creek quota reduced, commitment to revise formula for 2014**

Courtesy of : WI DNR, [http://dnr.wi.gov/news/BreakingNews\\_Lookup.asp?id=2608](http://dnr.wi.gov/news/BreakingNews_Lookup.asp?id=2608)

MADISON – The percentage of chinook salmon stocked by the state headed to each Wisconsin port would remain generally the same for 2013 and the state will work with anglers to refine the fish distribution formula for 2014 and beyond, state fisheries officials say. That approach allows Wisconsin to meet a federal timeline related to stocking in 2013 while giving state fish managers more time to work with Lake Michigan anglers to develop a distribution model that continues the fantastic fishing on Lake Michigan’s open waters but better maximizes fall fishing opportunities on Lake Michigan tributaries, says Mike Staggs, Wisconsin’s fisheries director. “We’ve listened to the public and heard their concerns that the current distribution may need to be updated to better fit what’s going on now in Lake Michigan and its tributaries,”

Staggs says. “Based on that feedback, we’ll stock fewer chinook in Strawberry Creek and spread those fish around to other ports in 2013, and we’ve committed to refining the formula for 2014 to better reflect current research and angler feedback.” DNR will stock a total of 798,231 chinook in 2013 in its Lake Michigan ports under an agreement among the states surrounding Lake Michigan to adjust lakewide stocking totals to continue the strong fishery by better balancing the number of predator fish like chinook with available prey fish. Of that total, 150,000 will be stocked at Strawberry Creek, 25,000 fewer than last year, and those fish will be spread among the ports. DNR’s main chinook egg collection station is on Strawberry Creek and that number will allow DNR to meet its egg collection needs while allowing more fish to go to other tributaries anglers can fish. (Continued on pg.2)

## Chinook Distribution plan (Cont'd)

DNR stocked 1.16 million chinook in 2012. The stocking adjustments by Wisconsin and other states surrounding the lake are needed to compensate for dramatically increasing natural reproduction of chinook salmon and a significant decline in alewives – their primary forage. Fewer stocked fish should lead to improved survival and growth of the remaining salmon, so biologists don't believe these adjustments will appreciably impact summer fishing, Staggs says. But the number of fish returning to streams in the fall could change.

For 2013 stockings, whose effects wouldn't be seen in the fall fishery until 2015 or later, quotas for each port will be reduced proportionally from those used since 2006 – the last time stock-

ing was adjusted, he says.

"We will also make sure that in 2013 and moving forward we'll equitably distribute fish if we have production shortfalls," Staggs says. In several past years hatcheries were not able to produce all of the fish on the quotas and to ensure full stocking at Strawberry Creek fish were moved there from nearby ports.

"In the future if this happens, we will distribute any cuts proportionally among all of the ports. Strawberry Creek is a statewide production facility and all ports benefit from us maintaining a strong run of spawning fish there."

The current stocking quotas have worked very well over the past decade to achieve a fair distribution, provide great fishing around the lake, and has resulted in Ke-

waunee and Algoma ranking as the top ports in terms of chinook and steelhead caught, according to Brad Eggold, fisheries supervisor for southern Lake Michigan. The model, however, has not been updated recently and it's time to incorporate better science, recent fishery information, and anglers' desires for other factors to be included in a distribution model, Eggold says.

Research has shown that all chinook in the lake – whether naturally reproduced or stocked – swim all over the lake and that anglers in Wisconsin, for example, are just as likely to catch a fish that originated in Michigan's waters during the summer.

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Preliminary analysis of coded wire tags retrieved from the

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## Chinook Dist. plan (Cont'd)

snouts of stocked chinook caught off Wisconsin harbors in 2012 indicates that 41 percent of the fish originated from Wisconsin stocking sites and 43 percent originated from Michigan DNR stocking sites.

Research underway will help DNR and partner state and federal fisheries agencies better understand what stocked fish do in the fall – how many return to the streams in which they are stocked, and how many stray and return to other streams. Anglers at public meetings on chinook stocking have expressed concern that they are seeing fewer fish during fall tributary fishing.

“We heard from anglers that they enjoy fall tributary fishing and want to make sure our stocking formula maximizes those fishing opportunities,” Eggold says. “We look forward to working with the Lake Michigan Fisheries Forum and other interested anglers to figure out what factors we should include and how much weight to give each to assure the great fishing continues during the summer open water fishery and in the fall in both harbors and tributaries.”



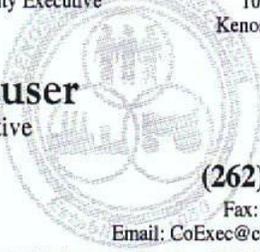
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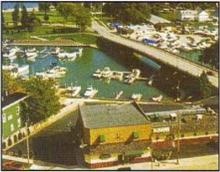
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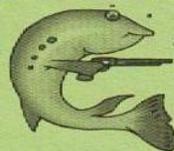


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## DEC: Lake herring now getting stocked into Lake Ontario

By David Figura, The Post-Standard on December 20, 2012

[http://blog.syracuse.com/outdoors/2012/12/dec\\_lake\\_herring\\_now\\_getting\\_s.html](http://blog.syracuse.com/outdoors/2012/12/dec_lake_herring_now_getting_s.html)

Lake herring will be stocked into Irondequoit Bay on Lake Ontario today, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and partner agencies announced today. Until the mid 1950s, Lake Ontario was home to a diverse group of whitefish that included as many as seven species that occupied varying depths of the lake.

Only three species are known to remain, the lake whitefish, round whitefish and lake herring. The abundance and distribution of these species in the lake is now greatly reduced. DEC recently announced the first re-introduction of the bloater, a deep water form of whitefish, into Lake Ontario. Lake herring occupy and spawn in shallower water relative to the bloater, and spawn earlier in winter.

"We recognize the economic and ecological importance of Lake Ontario's fisheries," said DEC Commissioner Joe Martens. "Re-establishing spawning populations of lake herring in Lake Ontario will diversify the native prey fish community and add stability to the lake's ecosystem."

Re-establishing self-sustaining populations of native whitefishes in Lake Ontario is the focus of cooperative efforts between DEC, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR), and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, with supporting research conducted by The Nature Conservancy.

Trout and salmon that feed primarily on invasive alewife can experience reproductive failure due to a vitamin B deficiency. Predators that feed on native species like lake herring and bloater are less likely to experience reproductive failure.

Michael Morencie, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Services Branch of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, said, Ontario has a strong commitment to restoring native species in Lake Ontario. This stocking event represents another pivotal benchmark in our efforts to restore native species diversity in the lake.

Lake herring were once an important prey fish in Lake Ontario, and supported important commercial fisheries that collapsed in the early 1950s largely due to over-harvest. In New York waters of Lake Ontario, lake herring historically spawned in Irondequoit Bay, Sodus Bay, the Sandy Pond, and Chaumont Bay. Ongoing research has documented current lake herring spawning only in Chaumont Bay.

The juvenile lake herring that will be stocked this week originated from eggs collected by DEC staff in Chaumont Bay during November and December 2011. Lake herring eggs were hatched and juveniles reared at the USGS Tunison Laboratory of Aquatic Sciences in Cortland, NY. Irondequoit Bay is adjacent to the Rochester Area of Concern (AOC), and is the focus of international efforts to restore habitats and human uses impacted by historic chemical contamination.

Russ Strach, Director of the USGS Great Lakes Science Center, said, "We're proud to be a partner in restoring lake herring spawning populations in Lake Ontario. It is fitting that we have selected Irondequoit Bay as our first stocking site, as we hope to re-establish a self-sustaining lake herring population associated with the Rochester AOC."

# JANUARY 2013

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| 6   | 7   | 8<br><i>Fly Tying</i>  | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  |
| 13  | 14  | 15<br><i>Fly Tying</i> | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  |
| 20  | 21  | 22<br><i>Fly Tying</i> | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  |
| 27  | 28  | 29<br><i>Fly Tying</i> | 30  | 31  |     |     |

### Important dates this month

- 01/07/13 - Club meeting at the Moose Lodge 7:00 pm
- 01/23/13 - KSFCA Board Meeting home of Tom Zapp 7:00 pm
- 01/08/13 - Fly tying 7:00pm—9:00pm at the Moose Lodge
- 01/15/13 - Fly tying 7:00pm—9:00pm at the Moose Lodge
- 01/22/13 - Fly tying 7:00pm—9:00pm at the Moose Lodge
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### 2012 Schedule of Club Events

- 02/04/13 - Board Elections
- 02/16/13 - Swap Meet
- 02/23/13 - Awards Banquet
- 03/09/13 - Kenosha Expo
- 03/10/13 - Kenosha Expo
- 04/11/13 - Annual Fundraiser Dinner
- 05/11/13 - Kids Fish-N-Fun
- 05/19/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 06/09/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 06/14/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
- 06/15/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
- 06/16/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
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