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Denny Grinold 2016 Person Of The Year

Michigan Outdoor News Awarded **Denny Grinold 2016 Person Of The Year**

Politicians respect him, but he is not a politician. Biologists listen when he speaks, but he's not a biologist.

He's a charter boat captain and an auto mechanic, but most of all he's an advocate, activist, supporter, and protector of the Great Lakes.

Capt. Dennis "Denny" Grinold, and he is the 2016 Michigan Outdoor News Person of the Year.



2016 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & BUSINESS MEETING

MCBA Annual Membership Meeting October 21, 22 & 23, 2016

Working With You For A Better Charter Industry

The 2016 Annual Michigan Charter Boat Association Business Conference will be held 2016 at The Treetops Resort in Gaylord, MI.

The Association has made arrangements with the hotel for a special room rate for upcoming holidays) to do in the area. those who wish to stay overnight for one or MCBA special rate (Inn Standard: \$79, Inn Deluxe: \$99, Lodge Business King: \$139,

Lodge Queen: \$139, Lodge Queen Deluxe: \$139) the address is 3962 Wilkinson Rd Gaylord, MI 49735

The fall conference is a great way to catch up on what's going on and to enjoy a day or over the weekend of October 21, 22 and 23, two away from the regular home routine. Bring your spouse or significant other, too. There are lots of things (shopping for the

The Annual Conference will begin on Fritwo nights. Call them; use this Group Toll day evening with a social gathering in the Free Number: 855-261-8764 to secure hospitality room (6: PM - till?). This informal your room reservation, and ask for the gathering will provide an evening long op-

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From the Helm . . .



On April 4th, Captain Rich **MCBA** Haslett



Vice President, Captain Bill Winowiecki, MCBA Northern

Lake Michigan Director, Past President Captain Denny Grinold and myself had the honor of attending a 50-year anniversary of the Platte River MDNR hatchery, located a few miles east of Honor, MI. The dedication mark the introduction of coho salmon to Lake Michigan some 50 years ago. Special guest speaker was the man who started it all, Dr. Howard Tanner. Attending were Dr. Tanner, MDNR Fisheries Chief Jim Dexter, several state congressmen, MDNR chief Bill Moritz and MCBA. As a group we performed a "symbolic dumping " of Coho salmon into the Platte River to mark this anniversary. Coming away from this dedication, I had time to reflect on the day's event and thinking about how much our association is respected to be invited to this special 50-year dedication by Michigan's DNR fisheries people. In May our association was present at the new fisheries research boat dedication named the "Tanner", which only supports that respect and team work we have with our fisheries people.

This spring, at Michigan State University, I had the honor to award our yearly MCBA scholarship to two students from the fish and wildlife studies at MSU. Each year MCBA gives out two scholarships to fisheries students. The students are Topio Knutson from Brooklyn, MI and Katie Kierczyaski from Boyne City, MI. Katie is spending her summer this year in Utah working on Cutthroat trout restoration, and Topio is spending his summer working with the Fish and Wildlife service on pheromones regarding sea lamprey in Northern Lake Huron. Both students come from a fishing background with parents in fishing related businesses and are planning on a lifelong career in fisheries management. We wish them long and successful careers in their fisheries related occupations.

Summer is here and I hope your coolers are full of fish with many happy customers. Stay safe out there. Hope to see everyone at our Annual Fall Workshop and Banquet at the Tree Tops Resort located just northeast of Gaylord, MI.

Captain Eric Andersen - President MCBA

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Lakes St. Clair and Erie Henry Walters · (586)725-3678 7103 St. Clair Ave · Fair Haven, MI 48023 portunity to mix with MCBA officers and board members; maybe some DNR personnel or Sea Grant staff, and of course, other captains from all over the state. There will be FREE snacks, pizza, pop and adult drinks.

Of course, attendance at this event is strictly optional, but it is a great way to start your weekend at the MCBA conference. And you might get a chance to talk to someone in the DNR who needs to hear your issue. However, you don't need to attend the Friday evening session to enjoy the conference main event.

The main event will begin early Saturday morning, with coffee and Complete Deluxe Buffet Breakfast (included with your registration) during registration. The program begins at 9:00 AM. Various Speakers and panels will present information about issues of interest to our captains. There are question and answer sessions at the end of each presentation. The program for this fall's conference agenda is located here.

On Saturday evening we will have a dinner at the hotel, followed by a short program including the Annual MCBA Awards and our honored dinner speaker (to be announced). After the short program, there is a spirited tackle raffle, usually raffling off some of the best current tackle from the best companies.

For those who stay over and we encourage you to do so, Sunday morning brings the official annual business meeting after coffee, juice, and BREAKFAST BUFFET (Free to all members & spouse). The meeting will cover all the current business of the Association and will end following the election of



The Treetops Resort in Gaylord, MI. Call 855-261-8764 to secure your room reservation

officers. Normally, the meeting is over by 10:30 AM or so, and folks begin to check out to travel home or take in local events.

We offer our annual business meeting as a benefit to our members for the sake of working together. We hope you will attend to learn more from your Association and what we have to offer your charter business. Why not take a little time off from your normal schedule and take in an interesting, informative and relaxing weekend for fun and camaraderie with fellow captains.



Maritime Licensing Specialist Lt. Commander USCG (retired) Charles "Chuck" Kakuska

SEA K'S LICENSING LORE

First order of business is to apologize for missing the last edition of the Cannonball. As many of you were probably plowing and shoveling snow, I was up to my nose in paperwork as mariners across the country were preparing for the upcoming shipping season. I sure hope this article finds you all having successful starts to your seasons wherever you might be fishing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain John Giszczak



We are now way past the cut off date for renewing memberships for the 2016 season without having to take a pre-renewal drug test. If you

submit a membership application at this time, you must include \$55.00 for your now required pre-renewal drug test along with your annual membership fee. If you're really in a pinch you may apply online, but you must check the appropriate membership box AND the drug test box. In this circumstance if you do not check both a membership category AND the drug test box, the

transaction will not be successfully processed.

Everyone: Please check your web listing carefully for typographical errors. I manually enter the information written on the applications and some handwritten applications are very hard to read - plus the fact I'm human and I do make mistakes.

Fishing season is now in full swing so you may see some lag time with having your application processed.

At the time of this writing, we have 357 captains and 130 mates enrolled in our MCBA membership/drug program ﴾

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As previously reported, the struggles with the "new" Coast Guard licensing program in West Virginia continue. A constant turnover of personnel has resulted in some truly outrageous evaluations which in turn have prevented many individuals from receiving their new credential in time to start their First word of advice is to make sure you only use the new Coast Guard licensing forms. The Coast Guard is no longer accepting most of the old forms and people are experiencing additional delays because they are using the outdated forms and their entire application package is being returned to them. You might notice the new forms have an expiration date of January 31, 2016. Please ignore that date and use those forms.

Another issue that has surfaced recently is proof of ownership. If you own your own boat you must include either a copy of the boat registration or documentation papers with your small boat sea service form

for the Coast Guard to give you credit. The Coast Guard has not been accepting the boat title because it does not indicate or verify your MC numbers or documentation numbers. Also, if your boat is registered under a corporate name, in addition to the above items you also need to provide a copy of your business license or articles of incorporation verifying ownership.

When completing your small boat sea service form for renewal be sure to only include days since your current credential was issued. Many individuals are listing days before their current credential was issued and when the Coast Guard subtracts those days from your total the result is less than 360 days. If you end up with less than 360 days service during the 5 years your credential is valid you will get to waste your time and money completing several open book renewal exams.

Finally, please do not wait until the last

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minute to renew your Coast Guard credential. Remember if you start the renewal process no more than 8 months early the Coast Guard will send you your new credential but it won't become effective until your current one expires. You will get your full 5 years on your renewal but you won't be caught at the 11th hour waiting for your new credential to arrive.

Hope you all have a great season and I look forward to seeing you at the conference in the fall.

LAKE HURON CITIZENS' FISHERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

By Capt. Terry R. Walsh - Past President

US DISTRICT JUDGE STOPS LETHAL CORMORANT CONTROL

A US District judge has stopped the abilities of the states to effectively manage cormorant control through lethal means. As a migratory bird, cormorants are under the jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service ((FWS). Public Resources Depredation Order (PRDO) issued by FWS had been essential in a effort to control what has become a national menace to both commercial and recreational fisheries across the United States.

The complainant in the case was a group called PEER. The FWS was the defendant. At present it is not know whether FWS will appeal the judge's order. This is another classic example of "tree hugger mentality" interfering with modern-day scientific wild-life management. If this case is not appealed and effectively overturned it will add continued energy and momentum to other groups like PEER, whose sole aim is to

stop all hunting and fishing in general.

DNR LAUNCHES NEW RESEARCH VESSEL

By Capt. Terry R. Walsh

Lake Huron's new fisheries research vessel was officially christened the R/V TANNER during ceremonies held May 23 at the Alpena Fisheries Research Station in Alpena. The vessel is named in honor of Dr. Howard A. Tanner, former Fisheries Division Chief and DNR Director.

The R/V TANNER replaces the 69-year-old R/V CHINOOK, the department's oldest research vessel, which began life as a reconverted commercial fishing boat. The R/V TANNER was designed by Seacraft Design of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin and built by Anderson Boat Works here in Saugatuck. The 57-foot long R/V TANNER is a state-of-the-art research vessel.

"This vessel was a long time coming," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "The R/V TANNER will allow the Alpena Fisheries Research Station and its staff to continue to survey fish populations in Lake Huron and the St. Marys River with greatly improved equipment that will expand their abilities to examine and monitor this world-class fishery."

The R/V TANNER is one of four research vessels used to examine and monitor Great Lakes fish and aquatic communities. The information gathered is essential in supporting the department's mission "To conserve, protect and manage the billion dollar Great Lakes fishery resource for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations."

WANTED: Fishing Reports emailreports to: Fishing@FishMCBA.com



Southern Lake Huron By Captain Ken Deaton MCBA Director



"Welcome"

Welcome back on the lake. It seemed like this season was off to a cool start weather wise, but it seems to be warming up some now. My wife and I were privileged to be at the Christening and Dedication of the new DNR Research Vessel the "TANNER" on May 20th. Dr. Tanner, his wife, and family were there to help with the christening and dedication along with many who had helped to make the building of this long awaited vessel possible. We were invited aboard the Tanner for a tour of the new state of the art equipment. It sure has some nice bells and whistles. It will make the research job they do much easier and faster now, plus the ride will be a lot easier on the body. The smiles on everyone's faces said it all. Congratulations and a big thank you to all who helped this happen. It was a long time coming and a well needed item. The research this vessel will provide will help to keep our Great Lakes fishery healthy.



Northern Lake Huron

By Captain Rick Konecke - MCBA Director

Dumping Oil in the Great Lakes is no joke

An engineer aboard a commercial ship has been charged with intentionally discharging oil into Lake Huron in 2014.

The U.S. Coast Guard says two oily sheens were spotted by air, east of Cheboygan and east of Alpena, two years



(Left to right) Capt. Terry R. Walsh - Past President, Dr. Howard A. Tanner; Captain Ken Deaton, MCBA Director

ago. Investigators were tipped by a crew member who worked in the engine room aboard the Victory.

Jeffrey Patrick, who was chief engineer on the Victory, is charged with knowingly releasing oily waste. He'll be arraigned Tuesday in Bay City federal court.

The Coast Guard says bilge waste can be discharged to a site on land or pumped overboard only after oil has been separated.



Lake Erie & Lake St. Clair by Captain Henry Walters - MCBA Director

Hello Everyone,

This is a hot issue that has come up a lot last Summer and this Spring.



Can a Michigan Charter Boat fish in Canadian waters? The answer is yes.

This is the information that was received from Mike Fummerton of the Canada Border Services.

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He had written: "So in summary, my understanding is that we have US citizens who are self-employed fishing guides who are hired by US citizens to take them fishing as part of this fishing tour they are entering Canadian waters solely in the border lakes (i.e not going into Canada to fish in lakes that are wholly contained inside the Canadian border). They will not be landing or entering rivers, creeks, or streams in Canada. The policy is based on the idea that Canadian and US immigration officials agreed that border lake issues should be dealt with in a spirit of facilitation. To that end, the intent is that this employment will be implemented based on reciprocity - US guides will fish in Canadian waters, and Canadian guides will fish in US waters.

In this case, the US guides require a work permit and are exempt from applying for an LMIA. (Labour Market Impact Assessment)

The LMIA exemption code is C20., and they may apply for a seasonal work permit at the border according to the policy. "seasonal work permits specifying day use only may be issued for guiding US residents or persons staying at a US facility". There is no definition to what "seasonal" means, so I would suggest using the common meaning and a common sense approach. There is no exemption for the work permit fee which is \$155, payable at the border when the application for the work permit is made.

http://cicintranet.ci.gc.ca/connexion/toolsoutils/temp/work-travail/unique/fishingpeche-eng.aspx

As a self-employed person, and as an employer (technically), the fishing guide must also complete the IMM 5802 online

prior to appearing at the border, and pay the employer compliance fee of \$230.

This fee must be paid online and before appearing at the border. Any questions about this process should be directed to the IRCC (former CIC) International Mobility Worker Unit.

http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/e-services/ employer-portal.asp

Finally, all of the usual admissibility criteria under RIPA must be met. Likewise, with Customs requirements for reporting and I assume they would have to have the proper fishing permits for fishing in Ontario/other Province".

If there are questions, please contact Mike Fummerton, A/Superintendent Operations Branch

(District Enforcement Team) Canada Border Services Agency.

mike.fummerton@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca (519) 257-6456 tel (519) 566-0595 cell

This is quite involved but this is what must be done to be legal. There is nothing worse than fishing with customers and getting stopped and being told to leave.

Well that's all the information I could find, I hope it helps.

Have a great summer – Good Luck! 🔙



The next issue of the Cannon-ball Gazette will be published in September. Submissions must be in by August 28, 2016 Send photos and news items to: larry@saginawbay.com



Northern Lake Michigan

By Captain Bill Winowiecki - MCBA Director

The 2016 fishing season is off and running. The lake trout

seem to be plentiful in the northwest corner of Lake Michigan. Even hearing some reports of salmon showing up. Looks to be a good summer of fishing.

There are many issues popping up that need the attention of the MCBA along with other groups. The three big issues are:

- * Aquaculture in and around our Great Lakes
- * The Enbridge pipeline up in the Straits of Mackinaw
 - * The negotiations of the Tribal Decree

Now just this past week some tree hugging group called "Peer" sued the Federal Government under the migratory birds act to shut down cormorant control and won!

Our members must understand that the Federal Government, along with the State of Michigan, and the Canadian Government have worked together to remove 40 to 60% of these birds from the Great Lakes every year. The cormorant has very few natural predators. This will have a major impact on our future fishery especially during our fish plants.

Our charter season has started, everybody is out fishing. Who's monitoring and staying on top of these issues during the fishing season? I know three very dedicated individuals who volunteer much of their time to protecting our Great Lakes.

Captain Denny Grinold by far attends more meetings in our interest for the MCBA.

Dennis Eaden, Michigan Steel Headers. Everywhere there is an issue affecting Michigan fishing he will be at that meeting.

Frank Krist, Hammond Bay Sports Anglers. Frank is an encyclopedia of knowledge on tribal issues, and willing to voice an intelligent opinion when needed.

These three individuals are more respected by our Michigan DNR and government officials than anybody I know. One problem? They are all getting up there in age. Who will replace them?

MCBA tries hard to get our DNR fishery's leadership to hold most of the meetings during the off-season. The MCBA board members sacrifice charter fishing trips every year to be in attendance of these meetings. Some issues can't wait! I personally have an extra Lake Michigan meeting June 22nd to discuss salmon plants and now cormorant control. I will be attending a Tribal Council meeting August 25th.

Most of us charter captains have full time jobs, besides running a charter boat. At times it's a bit frustrating. We get stretched pretty thin. We have a very good fishery right now. But what does the future hold? Who is in the background trying to voice your opinion to protect what we all enjoy?

Before I close, the Tribal Decree negotiations are coming up fast. Every fall until the decree is settled MCBA will be asking for donations on your fall membership renewal form. We need to raise a very large sum of money to cover the cost of our lawyers who represent the sports fishery, and the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources. Please keep in mind it's your charter fishing

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businesses future we are trying to protect.



Central Lake MichiganBy Captain George Freeman - MCBA Director

On March 30th a U S Fish and Wildlife Service truck released 39,370 immature Lake

Trout from the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery in Ludington Harbor. Each fish was six inches in length and were of the Lewis Lake Strain. April 22nd the DNR delivered approximately 56,000 Brown Trout to the car ferry docks on Pere Marquette Lake in Ludington. 28,000 of the trout were Wild Rose and the other 28,000 were Sturgeon River. Central Lake Michigan's spring brown fishing has been disappointing this year. Hopefully the DNR's efforts to keep the area stocked will help to improve next spring's Brown Trout fishery. In May volunteers led by Capt. Dave Lindberg, the Ludington Charter Boat Association's Net Pen Project coordinator, successfully released 36,000 Chinook approximately salmon smolts from net pens in the Sable River at Ludington State Park. The net pen project continues to help keep Central Lake Michigan a prime Chinook fishery.

Two tournaments are scheduled this July in Central Lake Michigan. The first will be the Muskegon Lumbertown Challenge held July 8 – 10. New for this year Friday's Woman's & Kids Tournament will be a charity event benefitting Muskegon's Every Woman's Place. For more info check out http://muskegonlumbertownchallenge.com or call Jeff at (231) 750-2042 or Don at (231) 206-0048. The Ludington Offshore

Classic Pro/Am will run July 14 – 17. The Classic will have a \$10,000 1st place Pro Division prize based on a 30 entry and boasts a 100% payout guarantee.

For more info check out www.ludingtontournament.com or call the Ludington & Scottville Chamber at (800) 542-4600.

Any captain or club in the Central Lake Michigan region (Muskegon through Ludington) that would like to provide news for the Cannonball please call me at (877) 456-3474.



Yesterday, I came home from a weekend fishing trip with my boys and checked the weather forecast for the next day... something we, as charter boat captains do at least on a daily basis, if not more often. I had a sightseeing/fishing combo charter scheduled and wanted to see what kind of winds to expect.

It didn't look so good, so I immediately called my clients to see if they could go out that evening (in other words, right now) and I was pleasantly surprised to hear, "yes, we can come now, give us about 45 minutes and we'll be there." It was a lucky break for all of us and we were soon underway.

My wife, Margaret, who does not usually go on my charters, agreed to come on this one since I needed a deckhand on short notice and my boys were worn out from camping. Previously, the clients said they wanted to get some lighthouse pictures, but would like to spend an hour or so fishing, so with the thought that fishing is better later in the evening, we cruised out to the lighthouses first and left the fishing for last.

By the time we set lines for trolling, the temperature dropped into the 50's and there was a little breeze making it feel even cooler. My wife conversed with Jon and Russ and I was so focused and intent on fishing as we hooked into a nice 10 lb lake trout that I was oblivious to the dropping temperature. We trolled some more as I watched the sonar, speed, waypoints on the GPS and the rod action.

Since we had a lull in action, I dashed down to the cuddy cabin to fetch another rod, but as I passed Margaret, she nudged me discreetly and said, "I think they're done, they're shivering." A glance at the photographers and I realized they were not dressed for the weather, nor were they diehard fishermen like yours truly.

Instead of setting another line, I asked them if they'd like to fish more or call it a day. They had a tent to set up before dark, so we pulled the lines and headed in.

The bottom line is, are you "in tune" to your clients' needs and expectations? The lesson is to pay attention to their body language, and not just for signs of cold. Do they appear bored? Are they glancing at their watches? Are they sharing a look and might be done? Do you need to create more conversation? Is there local history or shipwreck stories you can share? Is there any other way that you can possibly make

their trip more enjoyable? Keep them interested and they will be repeat clients and give you referrals.



Finally, a milder winter. What will it mean for the fishing season this year? After two very hard winters in a row, it will be interesting to see what difference a mild winter will make. While it's still very early in the season, anecdotal reports suggest some good fishing, especially for lake trout and even for some decent catches of good-sized salmon. Time will tell as the lakes warm and fishing moves from southern to northern ports.

On a side note, but maybe an important one, regarding the weather and water temperature. Scientists at GLERL in Ann Arbor recorded an unusual weather phenomenon last year with two major long-term largescale upwelling events that occurred during the fishing season. One, on the Wisconsin side, and alternately, one on the Michigan side. It may be possible to link these unusual temperature events to fishing success during those time periods. This is a weather phenomenon that bears closer scrutiny. For those of you who follow the CW lake temperature data closely, it may be something you might want to look at or watch for. It has been noted in the past that when fishing is good in Wisconsin, it is sometimes not so good in Michigan, and vice-versa. There may be a lesson in there someplace, and a way to take advantage of this new knowledge.

The catch rate for Salmonids was down in 2015, but not as much as some suggested, and perhaps surprisingly, the number of reported charters for many ports was not as bad as some have suggested.

The customers are still coming. Early reports from the DNR at Charlevoix, say that the total number of charters was nearly identical in 2015 as in 2014, maybe even up a little overall. Ludington, my old home port, reported 1391 charters down, about 5% from 2014, while reporting a pretty decent catch of 5,600 kings. Not the best ever, or even close to the 'good old days', but still respectable. Grand Haven was down only 3% at 1,590 charters, catching 5,042 Kings. Also, very respectable in my book. Meanwhile, both ports reported catching about 500 more lake trout than in 2014, with catches of 1,246 in GH, and 1,995 in Ludington: an 80% increase in GH, and a 30 % increase in Ludington. Both ports experienced significant declines in steelhead catches, which typically is related to water temperature issues. It appears that our fishing customers are adapting to the new reality of mixed bag catches. We are learning to fish for a mixed bag; maybe that's shining the best light on the new reality. A better mix: a more sustainable fishery. Overall certainly not the bad news, doom and gloom that some have suggested.

Was the weather a factor in the changes? Only time will tell us that.

Now, thinking about the future: Have you been chartering for decades? Maybe getting close to retirement age? Are you considering retiring? Keep the MCBA re-

tired membership option in your mind. The MCBA retired member category is for captains who have concluded or suspended active membership who would like to continue to be an MCBA member for a smaller membership fee. It doesn't qualify you to work as a captain or a mate. It does not cover the drug program or an internet listing, but it does allow you to maintain your connection to the MCBA. (And you can choose this category whether your license is current or not.)

I keep in touch this new way. Even though I'm retired, I get the newsletter, the emails, and the info about the annual fall conference, which I usually attend. I get to catch up with many friends from my active membership days. I know I will enjoy the weekend. Good friends, good information, good times. Maybe I will see you there. Meanwhile, keep a tight line.

Fishing News Bites

New Indiana State Record Lake Trout

Tyler Kreighbaum, owner of Tightline Fishing Charters, caught the 44-inch long, nearly 38-pound fish in Lake Michigan on Saturday June 18th, 2016. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources says the catch breaks the previous state record by about 8 pounds. The previous record was a 29-pound fish caught in Lake Michigan in 1993.

Plans to introduce Michigan's Arctic Grayling

Plans are under way to reintroduce the species of fish that hasn't swum in state's rivers in nearly 100 years.



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The Department of Natural Resources announced plans were under way for years



long effort to reintroduce the species to the Manistee River. It is а ioint beproject tween the

state, researchers at Michigan Technological University and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

But this is not the first time graylings have been stocked in Michigan waters. Grayling were raised in hatcheries in the 1980s and 1990s, and then tried to introduce them into the wild as yearlings. But the delicate 1-year-old fish didn't survive the transition. This time, the graylings will begin life in the rivers as eggs in incubators. The special containers will protect them from harm until they are big enough

to survive on their own.

The first round of fry, hatched eggs, could be in the water by 2018. But it might be as many as 10 years before adults are fully established in the Manistee River.

Michigan was one of only two in the lower 48 to ever have native grayling— Montana is now fighting to protect its dwindling wild populations.

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