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## ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP MCBA HONORS TROTTER, BENNETT AND ANDERSEN

### MCBA ANNUAL PISTIS AWARD

Presented yearly to honor persons and/or organizations outside the charter boat industry for their assistance, support and contribution to the improvement and well being of the Michigan Charter Boat Association, the charter industry and sport fishing in general.

This year Michigan United Conservation Club Director, Amy Trotter, sat with her family at the awards banquet and listened as MCBA president Bill read a resume of the MCBA Pistis Award winner. After a few minutes Amy finally realized "oh wait that's me"! Thank you Amy for everything you do to protect the fishing and hunting rights for the sportsman & women, as well as the legislative support for everyone in Michigan. You are a well-deserved recipient of this year's award. 🐟

### 2020 MCBA ANNUAL AWARD

Captain Jim (Jimmy) Bennett

The MCBA award is an award given each year to an individual for their contributions to Michigan fishing industry. This year's award went to retired Captain Jim Bennett. Ask anyone on the Big Manistee about Captain Jim Bennett and you will get a true testament of the spirit of sport fishing. For over 50 years, Jim chartered on the lake and guided on the river for salmon and trout. Known as Jimmy to many on the river, Captain Jim's dedication and willingness to share his knowledge of the sport of fishing along with techniques for catching fish to anyone who asks, makes him the perfect recipient of 2020 MCBA ANNUAL AWARD.



(picture R - L) MCBA President Captain Bill Winowiecki, Past President Captain Eric Andersen, MUCC Executive Director Amy Trotter, and Captain Jim Bennett

Congratulation, Captain Jimmy! 🐟

### 2021 MCBA ANNUAL AWARD

Captain Eric Andersen

Soon after becoming an MCBA member, Eric was approached by Captain Frank English, our past president, and asked if he would be interested or willing to become a board director for Northern Lake Michigan. Eric accepted and held this position for the next several years until he moved into the Vice President roll in the organi-

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zation. After his stay as Vice President, Eric accepted the position of President of the MCBA. During his tenure as President, he led the MCBA through the major salmon plant cuts. Our membership was quite upset with these cuts and we could have lost membership if not handled properly. He made some tough decisions our board was not fully in support of and pulled us through. Eric still remains an alternate for the MCBA on the Citizen's Advisory Committee and attends all of their meetings.

In addition to running Anderson Charter Service, Eric is one of the few Master Plumbers in the State of Michigan and has been running his business for over 40 years.

Congratulation, Captain Eric! 🚤



#### SEA K'S LICENSING LORE

Lt. Commander USCG (retired)  
Charles "Chuck" Kakuska

As another fishing season comes to a close, I am hoping you all had a successful year.

The maritime licensing program continues to challenge me and many mariners throughout the country. Inconsistency in the evaluation process is still the major hurdle facing the National Maritime Center. Couple inconsistency with a lack of knowledge or concern and you are facing a deadly combination when your livelihood is at stake. I often ask myself how the "evaluator" would react if they were not able to work or receive their paycheck. I also wonder how we used to process a 6-pack renewal in 24-48 hours and now it takes 2-3 months. If centralization of the maritime licensing program was supposed to make the process more efficient and timely, what happened? If you are up for license renewal within the next 6 months, I would recommend you get started. The evaluation process historically slows down over the winter months due to increased workload and holiday closures.

I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season! 🚤

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## Covid-19 Economic Relief for Charter Captains

### Update from Chief Dexter DNR Fisheries Chief



The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division has been recently allocated over \$6 million from the Federal Government, through the National Oceanographic and Air Administration (NOAA) to provide Covid relief grants to eligible charter captains, commercial fishers, fish wholesalers and processors, private aquaculture and Great Lakes bait catchers. The relief program covers financial losses between March 24, 2020 and December 31 2021.

Eligible recipients must be able to show a 35% loss in gross revenue for a minimum of 4 continuous weeks during that period, as compared to the average revenue of the same period from 2015-2019.

Grants that are awarded cannot make an applicant more than whole for the reporting period. That means an applicant couldn't have supplanted their income in some way over and above their annual income in some way.

Staff have been working since February 2021 with NOAA to develop our grant program. Our grant program has now been approved and we are preparing to execute it beginning in December.

Every licensed captain should expect to receive a certified letter in the mail from DNR Fisheries in December. The letter will explain the program in its entirety and include an application and certification form and a Frequently asked Questions list.

#### Some additional details:

- A captain in business for as little as 2 years (between 2017 and 2019) would qualify.
- Must be 18 years or older and a Michigan Resident
- Applicants will be able to choose relief for

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the period March 24, 2020-December 31, 2020 and/or all of 2021.

- Application period will close January 31, 2022
- DNR reviews and notifies applicants in February
- March is reserved for any appeals of denial
- Direct payments to successful applicants start in April. Checks are cut from the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and recipients will also receive a 1099 form at the end of the year.

Applicants must attest that they have documentation qualifying them for the program and retain that documentation for three years as audits should be expected. 🐟



**Lake Erie &  
Lake St. Clair**

Captain Henry Walters  
MCBA Director



Well another year has come and gone. With Covid-19 it sure was different than in past years.

Not being able to fish Canadian waters for most of the year was trying for captains. Thankfully this has changed and let's hope it doesn't revert back to square one.

As the season started, I was fishing for the Atlantic salmon, hoping that they would be plentiful as in 2018 and 2019. Back then it was no problem to get a limit of Walleye and then switch over to the Atlantics. In a couple of hours, we could catch three to eight and finish off the trip.

In the last two years there were so few Atlantic Salmon around, it didn't make it worthwhile to fish for them. It seems to me that they are going somewhere else in the Spring instead of the lower end of the North Channel.

All in all, the fishing season was good for me and hopefully for you also.

We had a pretty good turnout at the annual conference. There were a lot of great presentations by Jim Dexter- DNR chief of fishery, and all the basin coordinators which made it very interesting. Thank you to all.

This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the MCBA. Be sure to mark your calendars for Fall's annual conference in Lansing, make plans to attend. You won't regret it.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and very Happy New Year. 🐟



**Southern Lake Huron**

By Captain Karl Burnside - MCBA Director

In the spring edition of Cannonball, I commented that I hoped it would be a better charter season than 2020, and the 2021 season proved just that. While we faced challenges early and late in the season, thanks to weather and water temperatures, overall the season proved to be a very good run for us on Saginaw Bay. I look with optimism to 2022 for a similar, if not better charter fishing season.

But with that optimism, comes acknowledgment of reality. Challenges do exist surrounding the economic conditions we will operate with next season. The primary threat is inflation we have all seen across the board in all sectors of the economy this year.

Our business has already been notified by the marina's we operate in that our seasonal dock fees are increasing significantly, thanks to a renewed interest in boating and a demand for seasonal boat slips that has not been seen since before the 2008 market crash. If the cost of marina fuel at the end of the season in September is any indication, we might be in for slightly traumatic bump in 2022 fuel prices. I can only hope that cost of commercial charter insurance does not see an increase as well.

These concerns have us carefully reviewing our business plan, and making changes where we can to be more efficient and prevent excess expense. Inflation is creating pressure to increase charter prices, and while that may be inevitable, we are trying our best to mitigate

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## From the Helm . . .



As 2021 comes to a close, I am reflecting on the MCBA's past year and that of the charter fishing industry in general.



The fishery was generally excellent with many charter businesses reporting increases in business, and with good to great fishing much of the year.

Covid seems to have had very little effect on the number of charters this season. It possibly may have had a positive effect as people wanted to get outside and do different things.

There was a new Great Lakes States record king salmon caught off Ludington by a customer on an MCBA Captain's charter boat. It's good to have the record back in Michigan.

The Michigan Charter Boat Association had a highly successful fall conference in Bay City. A special thank-you goes out to the board; all the guest speakers and those who attended. 2022 will be the 50th Anniversary of the Michigan Charter Boat Association. Fifty years of service to the industry is a significant achievement that deserves Celebrating. The Association is planning the Celebration activities as I write.

One of the main reasons the MCBA exists is to confront the challenges that our fishery and the industry face in the state of Michigan. Many of our members are on 'The Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee'. The committee met several times this year and encouraged the MDNR to increase the king salmon plant. Michigan fishermen had accepted the recent big hits in the salmon plants. Jay Wesley, the Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator, was supportive of the plan. The committee members agreed to the biology and the predator prey ratio data. Unfortunately, the MDNR's plan was not agreed to when the whole combined Lake Michigan Committee (Michigan, Illinois, Indiana & Wisconsin) met. The plans for a larger plant were postponed until the outcome of this

year's plant can be evaluated. It was also the opinion of the Lake Committee that changing the plants this year could also make reaching a new Consent Decree more difficult. The MCBA is very disappointed in the Lake Committee's decision, but we appreciate the efforts of the MDNR to promote the bigger plants. It is planning to, hopefully, make the larger plants next year. We understand the requirement for planning lake wide even though it sometimes seems to thwart our own unique Michigan goals.

The Tribal decree negotiations are dragging. Due to the confidentiality agreements between the parties; sadly, I cannot detail the reasons why. Frustration is starting to set in for the core groups in the 'Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources'. However, we are all still here five to seven days a week resolutely plugging away, struggling to resolve all the issues, and reach an acceptable Consent Decree. It's been very hard work, to say the least.

Our goals haven't changed. We have to maintain a shared resource. We have to figure out how to rehabilitate white fish. We have to rehabilitate lake trout, and we have to rehabilitate salmon. We have to prevent gear that is incompatible with sport fishing.

The Federal District court Judge John Maloney is monitoring the negotiations more closely with more status conferences. There is a mediator in place to attempt to resolve the differences between the Tribes, the Federal government, and the State of Michigan. The Judges has just extended the existing decree for a third time until June 30, 2022.

The MCBA still needs your financial support to keep our team in place until we reach an agreement. Please consider putting in a few bucks in the Tribal fund when you renew your membership.

The state licensed commercial industry has been rather quiet at the present time. I suspect it will stay this way until after the elections in the fall.

All and all 2021 has been a lot of work for

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain John Giszczak



It is time to renew your membership application before it expires on Dec. 31, 2021. Once the deadline is missed, you may be required to pay to be reinstated in the drug program. We have had a number of captains who did not check their internet listing until November and found either they were not listed or listed improperly. There is nothing we can do at this late date to remedy the problem. It

is your responsibility to check your website listing. 2022 listings will be posted to the MCBA website towards the beginning of February.

If your 6"x8" MCBA "state inspected" boat placards are worn out and you would like another set - please contact me Secretary John (fishstraycat@gmail.com) If you need help or have questions, please call 800-622-2971.

*Merry Christmas* 🎅



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the MCBA and the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources, whose main goal is to preserve and protect our fishery.

Hopefully in 2022 we can wrap up the Tribal negotiations with an agreement we can all live with. None of us wants to go back to the

chaos that occurred in the early 80's.

I wish all of our members a happy and safe Holiday season.

Captain Bill Winowiecki  
President

Michigan Charter Boat Association 🎅

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that increase. No fishing charter wants to reach a threshold where a customer considers other recreational activities over concern for reasons of affordability. One thing I am certain of is the next few years will create new challenges in this arena, and it's up to us as small business owners in a specialized industry to get creative to keep customers on our decks.

We had a great fall conference in Bay City. Many informative presentations were provided by the Michigan DNR, Sea Grant program and MUCC. I had a chance to talk with a good number of fellow MCBA members and put names with

faces. It was a truly enjoyable conference, and I encourage all of you if you haven't attended the annual conference in the past, to please do so in 2022 for the 50th anniversary of the MCBA.

As I have done in past Cannonball issues, I'd like to stress to our SLH members how important the ongoing Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiations are. I know some may say this is a northern lakes issue which does not affect the SLH district, but the truth in the matter is, it affects all of us in the charter industry. The negotiations are ongoing and need your support. I encourage all of you to please donate if you can.

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You can find the link to donate on the MCBA's website member's area.

Late this fall I was contacted by a group of Michigan DNR scientists needing help in 2022 to conduct tagging of Walleye on Saginaw Bay. This program is a bit different than other tagging programs that have been done in the past, as it will use telemetry to track the movement of the Walleye. The interest is to tag fish in Saginaw Bay and follow their movements over the season in the bay and the connecting rivers. I have volunteered my services to the Michigan DNR for the tagging program. I am looking for fellow Captains in the Saginaw Bay area who would also like to participate. Please give me a call I can give you some background on what will be required. If interested, I will get you in touch with my contact at the Michigan DNR to get you enrolled for the program. More importantly, this is a great way to show the Michigan DNR how much we as MCBA members care about our Lake Huron fishery, so I look forward to hearing from you.

Finally, I wish all MCBA members the very best for a safe and enjoyable holiday season, and wish you all the very best as we ring in the New Year. My door is always open to MCBA members. If I can be of help to you with a question or concern, please give me a call at (810) 513-6073 or email me at thumbsupcharter@yahoo.com 🐟



### Upper Peninsula

By Captain Jim LaBeske - MCBA Director

As you approach Franklin Square in downtown Houghton, at the Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Center there's a sign that reads "Welcome to the Copper Country, You are now breathing the purest most vitalizing air on Earth!" Copper Country air is the most vitalizing because the Keweenaw Peninsula is a hook-like promontory which juts into Lake Superior.

As a result it is washed by the unsullied air

of the Big Blue Lake Superior where atmospheric dust is virtually nonexistent. This is true most of the time... however the smoke from the forest fires in Canada and Isle Royale this past year temporarily tainted our pure air.

The wind and weather and other unforeseen events play a big part in our day to day outdoor activities, this is especially true for fishing. One day fish are easy to find and eager to bite, and the next can be a different story. The waters on and around the Keweenaw Peninsula are not immune to the roller coaster patterns. Early-season walleyes are fickle, but as the waters warm they actively feed for seasoned anglers that adjust tactics and techniques. On the Keweenaw Waterway, the Walleye bite very good from early June until mid August when they start following the Baitfish out into Lake Superior. Smallmouth fishing is very consistent and lots of fish, which is a good thing if you're targeting them, or a frustration if you are trying to catch walleye. For the mixed bag of Salmon and Trout, it is just the opposite as the waters warm the fish seek cooler water far offshore.

Repeat clients of mine from North Carolina caught a 10 fish limit of Coho, Steelhead and Lake Trout while fishing 3 miles off of the Upper North Entry Near McLain State Park in 120 feet of water. One Laker was tagged on April 17, 2016, 6 miles northwest of Bear Island (Apostle Islands region), and measured in at 21.7 inches. Captured during a Wisconsin annual spring survey assessing lake trout abundance and lamprey marking. This trout was Mackinaw strain of native origin and approximately 12 years old when we landed it. When I cleaned the fish, I examined the contents of its stomach. It contained Smelt and what appeared to be Sculpin as well as an irregularly shaped ROCK that was a little smaller than the size of a golf ball!

Interesting articles for you to read and pass on to others

"Avoid the Trap: What Anglers Should Know about Commercial Fishing Nets"

<https://youtu.be/8OKxHK0JfxY>

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## "The History of Fishing on the Great Lakes"

<https://www.michiganseagrant.org/>

FYI>>>>>> MCBA has 3,000+ likes on Facebook, Michigan United Conservation Clubs 44,000+ FB Likes

Captains for Clean Water 114,000+ Facebook likes and nearly 2,000 Active Annual Members.

Consider joining MUCC and Captains for Clean Water... as we are all in this together.

The more voices we have the better our chance to have MCBA issues heard and supported.

Great NEWS for water quality announced

<https://abc-7.com/news/environment/2021/11/16/new-losom-plan-reduces-harmful-releases-from-lake-okeechobee-into-swfl-waters/>

Then go to... Captains For Clean Water  
<https://captainsforcleanwater.org/>

For the whole Story

Tammy & I took a couple days before and after the Annual Conference to Hunt Birds over Heuver at several Michigan DNR GEMS areas and break up the 455 mile trips.

All of the speakers gave excellent and informative presentations. Refer to page 4 of the Fall 2021 cannonball Gazette for a list those 14 speakers and the organization's that they represent.

I looked forward to meeting my fellow U.P. Captains at the Annual Conference but none attended. I urge you to plan to attend the 50th Anniversary next October.



Please email me any concerns, issues, or items of interest which I will pass along to the Board.

Tight lines and a half-foot chop, be safe on the Water and Afield. 🐟

*Merry Christmas*



### Northern Lake Michigan

By Captain Tony Radjenovich - MCBA Director

Happy Holidays captains! I hope the spirit of the season is with all of you and your families. As the 2021 fishing season has ended and we are looking to spend time with family and friends there are always a few things we need to make sure we get done. 1st make sure you have renewed your MCBA membership. The 2022 membership applications are due 12/31/21. Other possible item will be to review your insurance needs, check your renewal date of your USCG license, and create the list of boat and gear maintenance and needed upgrades. I also want to ask you to invite your fellow captains from your port or around the lake to join the MCBA. The MCBA is celebrating 50 years of Achievement, Professionalism and Leadership. All captains benefit from the advocacy of MCBA. Secondly, we need port captains for northern Lake Michigan. The northern Lake Michigan district represents captains from the ports of Arcadia north to Bay Harbor. We have 10 ports that MCBA captains operate from in this district. We need port captains from all 10 ports. If you are interested, please contact me to discuss the duties of the position, 231-866-0053



### Central Lake Michigan

By Captain George Freeman  
MCBA Director

The Annual Fall MCBA Business Conference was held at The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City – Riverfront. The accommodations and food were excellent. The hospitality room was the best I've seen since I've been attending the conference. Thank you to Captain John Giszczak and new Southern Lake Huron Director Captain Karl Burnside for procuring the snacks and drinks and thank you to Captains Bill Winowiecki and Larry Lienczewski for the work they put in to make the conference a success. The program was a good one. Basin Coordinators from Lake Michigan and

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Lake Huron were among the speakers. Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator Jay Wesley gave the disappointing news that the proposed increased Chinook Salmon plants for 2022 will not take place due to the Lake Michigan Committee not having a consensus to move ahead with the increase. It would be interesting to know who the dissenters were but that information was not provided. Thankfully Central Lake Michigan is scheduled to receive another Coho plant in the Sable River at Ludington's State Park this spring.

The Ludington Regional Fishery Workshop will not be held this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. A virtual zoom workshop is scheduled for April 21, 2022. More info will be available after the first of the year.

I am interested in reporting news of interest to the readers of the Cannonball from Captains or Clubs in the Central Lake Michigan region. (From Muskegon thru Ludington) If you would like to provide news for the Cannonball from your part of our region, please give me a call (877-456-3474). Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. George Freeman, MCBA Director, Central Lake Michigan. 🐟

## Southern Lake Michigan

I would like to welcome Holly Engel from Best Chance Charters to the MCBA Board of Directors. She and her husband Hunter will be taking on Southern Lake Michigan Directors.

Thank you so much for stepping up and help us out.

Captain Bill Winowiecki  
President

Michigan Charter Boat Association 🐟



### A View from over the Transom

By Captain Jim Fenner

The Association is celebrating 50 years as an organization. I was not there for the inaugural year, but I am glad those early Captains had the vision and energy to create this organization. Fifty years of continuous service to the charter boat industry. I would like to take a opportunity to



review much that has transpired in the 36 years since I personally became a member.

When I got my license in 1985, the MCBA was already thirteen years old. I knew from attending several sea grant conferences that if I were to become a true fully professional charter fisherman I should become a member of the leading organization that represented professionals in the charter industry. I joined that year and attended my first annual conference in Lansing that spring. I knew how to fish, and was confident in that regard, but I knew there was more than that to operate a successful business. That meeting and many more over the years helped me to become a more successful charter operator. I met the current officers at the time, Pres. Joe Wolff, Vice-Pres. Denny Grinold, Secretary/Treasurer Ted Powis. I also met Pres. Ex-officio Ken Whitney, and all the other six members of the board of directors. All of them impressed me.

I still have my first newsletter, dated May 1985. It did not yet have the "Cannonball Gazette" name. It was three typed pages. Interestingly, the issues then were not that much different from the issues now. On page one the issue was – this is true-- Tribal Treaty Negotiations. Judge Enslin had just ruled that agreement would go into effect, over the objections of one of the tribes. Seems almost that some things never change. It was noted that the Association had spent \$13,000 for representation

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during the negotiations. Other important issues were the 'new' charter boat inspection law. The Association was seeking to change the inspections from every year to every two years, and to lower the cost. Legislation was pending. The MCBA had struck a deal with Longman insurance, which was expected to save members up to \$50 per year. The Association was also planning for the next annual conference to be held in Lansing in March of 1986. One of the persons I met at that first meeting was Charles Pistis, who was instrumental in the development of the by-laws of the Association, and for whom the new "Pistis Award" had been created. Over the next many years, Chuck and I would collaborate with others to create the Ludington Charter Boat Association, and later would share in the creation of Michigan Sea Grant Coastwatch program and its subsequent website, which is widely in use by Captains and many other users still today.

Unfortunately, while I was present for all of the next annual meetings, the next newsletter I retained was from 1988. It now had the 'Cannonball Gazette' name and was being edited by Past-President Joe Wolff. It was now 6 pages long, including the printing of the minutes of the most recent Board of Directors meeting. Denny Grinold was the new President. Dave Ristow was the new VP. Ted Powis continued as Secretary/Treasurer. The big issue of the day in the Cannonball Gazette was how the Association was responding to the public charges that the charter boat fleet was catching too many fish causing the catch by private fishers to decline. In addition, there was large concern about customers using drugs and our liability. Initial proposals for requiring CB operators to be in a drug plan were being considered. There was a membership list from that year showing about 450 members. Over the next several years, the Association dealt with many issues from the BKD issue to the cut plants and more Consent Decree negotiations.

In 1997, the Association created a new board of director's position to represent the considerable number of Captains in Central Lake Michigan region. I was elected to that position and served on the board for that region until I was

elected Secretary of the MCBA in 2008. I served in that capacity until my retirement from Charter fishing in 2012. I enjoyed being part of the MCBA leadership, and was very proud of the work being done on behalf of our members and the larger Michigan fishing population. During all those years and including up to today, the MCBA has always represented its members with honesty and integrity. We have confronted and solved many issues. I am now an 'active' retired member, and continue to be proud of my membership in the MCBA for the past 36 years. Much has changed over all those years, but still much remains the same. Issues arise, and we find a way to resolve them. I wish the Association smooth sailing and more success during the next 50 years, and more. 🚤



## **News Bites**

### **Governors jointly request federal funding to stop invasive carp from entering Great Lakes**

LANSING, Michigan's Governor, in union with the Council of Great Lakes Governors, is requesting federal monetary resources to fund the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in an effort to curb the presence of invasive carp species.

"Guarding the Great Lakes against the ravages of invasive carp is one of the most urgent tasks for those charged with protecting and managing Michigan's natural resources," says Michigan Department of Natural Resources Director Dan Eichinger. "This proposed funding will help secure a better future for the Great Lakes and for all those who cherish and depend upon them." 🚤

### **100 Years of Sea Lamprey in the Great Lakes**

DULUTH -- November 2021 marks the 100th anniversary of an infamous event in the history of Great Lakes fishing: the date when sea lamprey, native to the Atlantic ocean, first moved into Lake Erie from the Welland Canal. Sea Lamprey decimated Great Lakes fish populations, which reached rock-bottom in the mid-20th century until scientists and fisheries man-

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**2021 MCBA Annual Conference and Business Meeting. . . Another Success!**

**Save this date ! MCBA will be Celebrating "50 years of charter fishing in Michigan"** the weekend of Oct. 14, 15 & 16, 2022. The 50th committee is in the process of developing a celebratory event. Special rooms have been set aside for MCBA at the Radisson® Hotel Lansing at the Capitol. \$109.00 a night, 800-333-3333 Promotional Code: MCBA22

More details to follow. 🐟

#### **Scheduled Board Meetings for 2022:**

- Jan 16, 2022 - Zoom Meeting 10:00 am.
- April 24, 2022 - Clare, MI  
Doherty Hotel - 10:00 am
- Sept 25, 2022 - Clare, MI  
Doherty Hotel - 10:00 am
- Oct. 16, 2022 - Lansing, MI  
Radisson Hotel Lansing - 10:00 am.

All board meetings are open to all MCBA members who would like to attend. Doherty Hotel address: 604 N McEwan St, Clare, MI 48617

Please let us know in advance if you plan on attending so we have enough materials on hand to pass out. Contact any board member or call: 800-MCBA-971. 🐟



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agers figured out how to kill lamprey in the streams where they spawn. Since the control effort began, headed by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission in the U.S. and Canada, sea lamprey numbers have been kept in check. Their numbers are down 90% across the Great Lakes, but only with ongoing chemical applications and a \$25 million annual expense. 🐟

### Great Lakes are warming, with Lake Superior warming the fastest

The Great Lakes temperatures have been higher than the long-term average since the summer and some even longer. Lake Superior for instance has been warmer than average for most of the year. From 1951 to 2020, the annual average air temperatures have increased by 2.3°F in the U.S. Great Lakes region.



A study by the Environmental Law & Policy Center suggests that, on average, the Great Lakes basin has warmed faster than the rest of the U.S. Wisconsin recorded its third-hottest June in history. New York had one of its hottest summers. Lake Huron set a record when it reached nearly 74 F (22 C) in late August.



(L - R) Former President Captain Frank English, MCBA Web Developer Maxine Appleby and NLM Director Captain Tony Radjenovich selling raffle tickets at Annual Membership Dinner Raffle to support the Fisheries Education Fund. 🐟

With warmer water temperatures, expect more lake effect snow. But snow slows with the arrival of ice, which itself is delayed by warmer water. Ice can diminish the damage of coastal erosion. And warmer water, even at depths found in the Great Lakes, poses challenges by welcoming invasive species and generating harmful algae blooms. 🐟

### USCG LICENSE RENEWAL HELP:

Lt. Commander, USCG (retired) Charles "Chuck" Kakuska a Maritime Licensing Specialist, has been assisting our members for the past 10+ years. We recommend him and appreciate his continued services to our association. Give him a call at (734)847-1723 - SEAKsLic@aol.com for help with your USCG renewal. 🐟



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