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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

**MCBA's 50th Anniversary, Connecting  
with our partners into the future**



### New Technologies to Study Fish Populations

USGS Great Lakes Science Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan is serving as the primary investigator for a three-year study on fish populations in the Great Lakes using unmanned Sail Drones. The work is being conducted to learn how existing hydroacoustic methods can be improved to provide more accurate and precise estimates of fish populations.

The USGS and Great Lakes Fishery Commission partnered with Saildrone Inc. are using robot-like sail drones, as well as an autonomous underwater vehicle. These tools are used to monitor prey fish populations. In the past, most fishery research on the Great Lakes has been done using bottom trawls, these trawls cause disturbances when approaching schools of fish. The new drones are a good alternative to gather underwater research. 



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### Conversations & Coffee MDNR

The day starts off with Conversations and Coffee with the MDNR. Some Captains may have participated in these talks over the spring and summer. There are no formal presentations by the MDNR during this morning session, instead the room will be set up with "Lake Tables" With DNR folks at each table. Starting at 9:00 A.M. grab your breakfast and coffee and sit down for frank conversations with the DNR, led by you.



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Chief Dexter will wrap up the session and speak about the new charter fishing marketing campaign that MCBA has been strategizing with Pure Michigan and the DNR. 🐟

## Partnerships Into The Future

MCBA is celebrating its 50th anniversary in Lansing on October 15th. A half century-- think about it. How the fishery has changed, techniques, baits, electronics, and those captains that became overnight Instagram and YouTube stars! This year on Lake Michigan there were many kings well over 30 lbs., 60 from just one port alone! On Lake Huron there were some huge Brown trout. And on both lakes a mix of Steelhead, Coho, Atlantic's and even pinks. Saginaw Bay is another great success story; walleye fishing is outstanding. Captains on Lake Erie, Superior and St. Clair all reported great fishing as well. This is something to CELEBRATE. Sure, things are not perfect, but MCBA even with its ups and downs, has come a long way!

Our 50th Annual meeting committee got together shortly after last year's annual meeting when the board asked for a celebratory event. Travel Michigan and Pure Michigan gave MCBA great press during their spring kick-off events and continued through-out the year. And very soon there will be an even bigger announcement on the promotion of charter fishing. This will be discussed at the Annual meeting as well. "Partnerships Now and into the Future" is a fitting meeting theme. 50 years ago, the Michigan Charter Boat Association was a social club of a bunch of guys that got together sitting around the dock to share stories. Back then, the dues were \$5.00. The original name was the Great Lakes Charter Boat Association. But soon after, with the help of partners like Michigan Sea



Grant and Michigan Boating Industry, MCBA quickly grew its membership. Today, the Association has become a very well-respected organization which has representation at many meetings and committees and is part of the decision making process of the fishery and charter boat operations. At this year's meeting we'll hear from many of those partners about their relationships with MCBA and the ongoing research to ensure the future of this great fishery for years to come.

So, please join us in Lansing for a great meeting, dinner and champagne toast and raffle. By now, all captains should have received a numbered raffle ticket worth \$5,000 toward an "ALL inclusive travel destination package" to be drawn at the awards dinner. Use it now, 2023 and beyond, there is no expiration date.

## The 50th Committee is Looking Forward to Seeing You in Lansing

- ◆ Captain Holly Engel – Co-Chair
- ◆ Captain Denny Grinold
- ◆ Captain Dennis Blue
- ◆ Captain John Giszczak
- ◆ Captain Jim Fenner
- ◆ Captain Maxine Appleby – Co-Chair
- ◆ Captain Joe Wolfe – MCBA Historian
- ◆ Dan O'Keefe – Michigan Sea Grant
- ◆ Chuck Pistis
- Retired Michigan Sea Grant agent 🐟

**To register:** [www.mcbamembers.com/50th/](http://www.mcbamembers.com/50th/)

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### The 2022 MCBA Annual Conference and 50th Celebration

will be held the weekend of October 14, 15 and 16, 2022 at The Radisson® Hotel Lansing at the Capitol. \$109.00 a night, for reservations Call: 800-333-3333 <https://radisson.com/lansingmi> - Promotional Code: MCBA22 🐟



# 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Partnerships into the Future



## MEETING AGENDA OCTOBER 15th, 2022

9:00 A.M. Welcome MCBA President, Bill Winowiecki & Michigan Sea Grant, Dan O'Keefe Moderator

9:15-11:15 A.M. – Coffee & Conversations with the Michigan DNR. Grab a cup of coffee & breakfast and start the conversation at one of the Great Lakes tables for a frank conversation with Chief Dexter and other fisheries managers, weir biologists and, fish production managers about topics of interest by you. Conversations led by members.

11:15 A.M. MDNR Chief Dexter morning session wrap-up and update on the new potential Charter Fishing marketing campaign.

11:30 Lunch and guest Speaker Senator Jon Bumstead, ample time for questions.

1:00 P.M.- 1:45 P.M. GLERL / NOAA – Changes in weather patterns, Captains have been experiencing more and more weather cancellations, what are the future trends. Review of various weather apps.

1:45 P.M. – 2:15 P.M Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System (GLATOS) Understanding where walleye spawn in Saginaw Bay to ensure better management and habitat protection.

2:15 Break

2:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) – Sail Drones; Autonomous vehicles powered by wind and solar collecting fishery data on Lake Michigan, Huron, and most recently on Lake Superior.

3:00: P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Michigan Sea Grant – a 50 year history of the fishery and partnership with the Michigan Charter Boat Association and its members.

3:30 P.M. – 4:00 A review of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission's 2021-2025 strategic vision that explains and clarifies its role in fishery management, research, and sea lamprey control.

4:00 Wrap up – Dan O'Keefe

5:30 Cocktails

6:00 Dinner; Speaker – Bill Taylor, Bill Taylor is an internationally recognized expert in Great Lakes fisheries ecology, population dynamics, governance, and management.

Champagne Toast & 50th Desert Cake, 50th \$5K Raffle Giveaway Drawing, Award Presentations and tackle raffle to benefit Fisheries Education.



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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain John Giszczak



The season is in full swing now. We are all busy. However, sometimes issues arise that need attention. If you have a licensing, drug, or website question, check out the MCBA website first under Membership. There are also current articles on what's happening in our industry and other helpful information.

If you can't find what you are looking for after checking out the website, call the 800

number and I'll be happy to guide you in the right direction. You may get forwarded directly to voicemail because I'm probably on the lake. I promise I will return your call as soon as humanly possible.

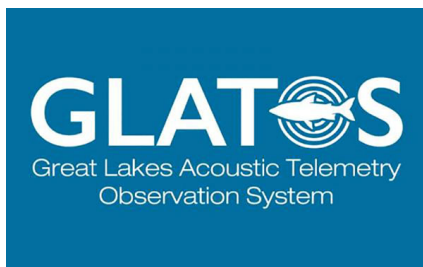
Please double check your own website listing. If you have questions or changes, there is a form under "Members" called "web updates". The form comes directly to me. Changes are usually completed within 48 hours.

Thanks for being a member of the MCBA 


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### Understanding Where Walleye Spawn on Saginaw Bay


GLATOS, led by Michigan State University will be discussing a new two year study on Saginaw Bay to identify spawning sites. The research



will indicate the relative importance of various reproductive sources and aid in decision making about future habitat protection and enhancement, whether dam removal, fish passage, or the creation of more offshore reefs.

These findings will inform how well diversified the reproductive sources are for the Walleye population and may trigger new restoration efforts in some locations. 

### Increases in Weather Cancellations?

Great Lakes weather patterns have changed. Temperatures in the region have been rising over the past several decades. Increases in Great Lake winds and extreme events has led to many weather related charter cancellations. NOAA will discuss extreme weather conditions and review the latest's apps. 



### Michigan Sea Grant, a Great Partner

From the 1972 forward the Michigan Sea Grant has been the strongest partner of MCBA and over the last 50 years is credited in moving the Association forward from the early years to



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#### "CANNONBALL GAZETTE"

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## From the Helm . . .



What a summer. High winds, a few more salmon and a very poor lake trout fishery.



The stinky part of all this is that we, the public, are paying their salaries but we have no representation looking out for us; to make sure our future fishery is based on biology and historical precedence. It all seems to boil down to politics.

Once the decree is signed and sealed by the Judge, it will be too late!

The hottest issue is the Tribal Decree. The documents will likely be finished by the end of September. The stress factor on the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources legal team and core group is taking its toll. Tempers are hot. The State Negotiation team has been a big letdown! The State negotiating team has pretty much locked us out of the negotiating process.

Our Sport Fishery and the Charter Industry is in more danger now than it has been since the early 1980's.

Sportsmen and Captains of this State, it's time to take notice! We will need to act quickly before the new decree is finalized and signed by the Judge.

Once the document is made public for review, we will have only a short time to go public with the consent decree issues, and to make constructive comments. The problem is that our time span for reviewing and making comments will probably be only days. The State, Federal Government and the Five Tribes have had three years to create this mess.

The Coalition team has been trying to fire up the sports fishermen and women of this state. It's slowly starting to catch on, but we will need much more help and support. Watch your emails and public notices. We will need your financial help and your voices to really put the heat on the State negotiating team.

On another note, the Coast Guard out of Frankfort contacted me regarding the issue of jig fishermen blocking the river channels in Frankfort, Manistee, and Ludington. Rich Haslett and Eric Anderson met with the USCG and the fishermen at a meeting on August 24th. Many strong feelings and opinions were expressed and exchanged during the meeting. More will need to be done to resolve this difficult situation. The issue of fishing by jigging while anchored has cropped up in multiple Great Lakes ports and bays recently. New procedures and understandings will need to be developed.


Coast Guard officer Nicholas Gera will be attending our MCBA Board meeting in Clare at the Doherty Hotel on September 25th at 10:00 AM to discuss the issue further.

The 50th Anniversary Committee has been planning a fantastic program and party for the MCBA 50th Anniversary. Come celebrate with us. There is a \$5000.00 grand prize for one lucky MCBA member Captain. There will be a drawing for the grand prize during the Awards Dinner. You must be present to win.

Hope to see you in Lansing on October 15th.


Captain Bill Winowiecki

President

Michigan Charter Boat Association 

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today. Michigan Sea Grant helped the Association incorporate in 1977 and helped draft the by-laws.

In 1980 Sea Grant held the first of their fisheries workshops that still 45 years later. Take a tour through the years. 

**"Collectively, the more members MCBA has the stronger our voice is when it comes to legislative and charter boat operational issues"**

**Join Today, spread the word!**

## **Strategic Vision of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission 2021 - 2025**

Today, more than fifty years after formation of the lake committees and thirty years after the first signing of the Joint Strategic Plan, all signatory agencies have remained committed to the collaborative approach prescribed under the Joint Strategic Plan. The revised Joint Strategic Plan, recognizing Pacific salmon, also enhances the strategic functions of lake committees, the Council of Lake Committees, and a newly formed Council of Great Lakes Fishery Agencies. Comprising fisheries managers from signatory provincial, state, and tribal agencies, lake committees articulate their shared vision and strategies for action through the publication of fish community objectives and fishery management. 🐟



### **SEA K'S LICENSING LORE**

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

Sure, hope everyone is having an outstanding season. Hard to believe August is gone and we are looking at fall. The positive side of fall will be the conference. Hope all of you will be able to attend. The NMC continues to struggle with consistent and timely evaluations. It shouldn't take 6-8 weeks to process a charter boat license renewal application package when we used to accomplish the same task in 24-72 hours. Their lack of quality training is becoming more apparent on a daily basis. This coupled with a lack of concern for the industry they are attempting to regulate has caused numerous mariners to sit on the beach waiting for their credentials to be issued. I encourage everyone to start their renewal process early to avoid delays which in many instances will not be your fault. 🐟

**God Bless America And Our Troops**

## **ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS**

**State Senator Jon Bumstead** is a leader in state conservation, hunting and fishing efforts for outdoor enthusiasts, hunters and fishermen.



Winner of the MCBA Pistis award in 2016, the Senator has sponsored several state bills that are of special interest to the charter industry. One such bill was the ban on open water aquaculture in Michigan waters. The senator currently chairs the Natural Resources and Environmental Quality Appropriations subcommittees and vice chair on the Senate Committee on Appropriations. 🐟

### **Bill Taylor is this Year's Dinner Speaker**

Bill serves as a Commissioner on the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in 2014. Bill is known for his ability to see "the big picture", this outlook has enabled him to create innovative, lasting partnerships among freshwater researchers. In 2021 Bill was awarded the American Fisheries Society highest award for scientific achievement. In addition, he has held a gubernatorial appointment to Michigan's Aquatic Nuisance Species Coordinating Council, and a U.S. Secretary of Interior appointment to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, which he chaired for eight years. He was also the associate director of the Michigan Sea Grant College Program. 🐟







### Southern Lake Huron

By Captain Karl Burnside  
MCBA Director



It's getting close to the end of the season here on Saginaw Bay. Looking back it was a great season. We had excellent fishing on the bay for the majority of the spring and summer. Most of this can be attributed to water temperatures which stayed in check this year to give us a good Walleye fishing clear through August. And it's still continuing now.

Reports I heard throughout the season for the open waters of SLH also indicated a good season. Many reports of Salmon being caught out on East side of the thumb. This is encouraging me to believe the Salmon comeback for Lake Huron is taking hold. This is excellent news.

While all of this is great to hear, we still have head winds which threaten our industry. Inflation is a huge concern for captains – affecting the price of fuel, consumed goods, equipment, services and seasonal dock rental prices for charters. These have no doubt affected the bottom line of our businesses, which cause trip price increases and ultimately affect charter affordability for our customers.

Then there is concern over the consent decree, which is still not resolved, but soon could be. The decree will affect our businesses for years to come. As I have said in the past, while many think this is a "Northern" lake problem, I truly believe it has the potential to affect all of the Western Great Lakes, and that is why it is so concerning. I want to thank Both MCBA president Bill Winowiecki and the senior MCBA leadership for what they have, and continue to do, to assure a fair agreement is reached for all parties. We need your continued support as members to see this to an amicable conclusion.

Please plan on attending the 50th MCBA anniversary celebration Lansing this October. It would be great to see all of our SLH MCBA member captains there. There are great guest speakers scheduled and the raffle grand

prize of \$5,000 towards your dream destination vacation is pretty hard to beat. But member captains, you have to be registered and in attendance to win. If you haven't, visit the MCBA website and get signed up today!

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable conclusion to the 2022 charter fishing season. If I may be of assistance, please give me a call at (810) 513-6073.

**We'll see you all in Lansing soon!** 🐟



### Central Lake Michigan

By Captain George Freeman  
MCBA Director

Fishing has been very good in Central Lake Michigan. Anglers are reporting big catches of King and Coho Salmon and seeing lots of bait on their sonar units. **Captain Chucks II in Ludington reported over sixty 30 plus pound King Salmon weighed in at their shop.** At the fish cleaning stations in Ludington several different year classes of Alewives are showing up in the stomach contents of the Salmon, Steelhead and Lake Trout being cleaned. This is a good sign for the future. Hopes are up for increased King Salmon plants in Central Lake Michigan next spring.

I was not happy about the forced change to online electronic reporting for our monthly charter catch reports. I used paper reporting by mail ever since catch reports were mandated by the DNR and found the process efficient and user friendly. However, with the help of Kendra Kozlauskos, who is Donna Wesander's replacement, the transition to online reporting has been easy. I encourage anyone having problems with online reporting to call Kendra at 231 330-2013. She is there to help with any problems you are having with online reporting.

Hope to see you at MCBA's Annual Fall Conference October 15th in Lansing. I am looking forward to being there!

If you are interested in providing news from your area of our region, please give me a call at 231 425-8723. 🐟

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### **Northern Lake Michigan**

By Captain Tony Radjenovich -  
MCBA Director

Well, the 2022 fishing season is coming to an end. I hope all captains were able to grow their businesses and are looking forward to the off season. I'm announcing that in 2023 I will not be the MCBA Director for Northern Lake Michigan. I hope that one of our members will step up and work with the MCBA Board and represent the captains who fish the northern part of Lake Michigan. I will still work with MCBA, but I hope the Board will allow me the position of working with the captains across the state to listen to their needs and concerns on what they want from MCBA. I hope that my efforts will retain and recruit members for MCBA. Membership in the Association are of the utmost importance. I have talked to captain members and non-members over the years. Everyone has an opinion about what they think MCBA is doing right, wrong, or indifferent. These comments and concerns are real. MCBA needs to hear them and the captains across the state need to share information. However, the point, that all captains across the state don't belong to MCBA is that their needs are not being heard at the state level. The MDNR and legislators make policy that will affect our businesses. If we don't have a strong voice these policy makers will not consider our needs when making new policy.

Being part of MCBA gives all of us strength to demand that the MDNR and legislators represent our unique business needs. Therefore, when you get your renewal application in the mail, please renew your application and request that all your dock mates and friends that are licensed captains join the MCBA. We need to be strong as an association. The future of our businesses depends on the success of MCBA. I look forward to seeing all of you at the MCBA 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting, Saturday October 15, 2022, in Lansing. 🐟



### **Retiree's View over the Transom**

By Captain Jim Fenner

### **This year MCBA is Celebrating its 50th Anniversary.**

The leaders and several committees have been working for months planning this special celebration event. This October I plan to be at our 50th Anniversary Conference. I hope to see many of my old friends and colleagues there. I hope to see you there also. The past year has been hard for me on a personal level, but as each month goes by, it gets a little easier. Losing Carolee put a hole in my heart that will never be filled, but time, old, and new friends have made life livable again, and I know Carolee's spirit will be there with me, in fact, with us all, too.

While it's been a hard year for me personally, it's been perhaps, an even tougher year for the Association. The on-going struggles with the Consent Decree have consumed the time of the officers and the board. Especially Pres. Bill Winowiecki, and director Tony Radjenovich. As leaders in the coalition, they have spent uncounted hours trying to make the Consent Decree something we can be proud of. And sadly, so far, without success. It's no secret that the negotiations have been going badly for sport and charter fishing. The coalition went to court to require the state to allow us to participate directly. In the most recent court filings, received just this week, which I obtained on September 1, Judge Paul L. Maloney rejected the coalition's motion to intervene. As a result, the coalition remains unable to bring either the biology we know and understand or the institutional history directly into the negotiations. Now it is said that the new consent decree will likely be made public by the end of September. Having been kept from participating, it is almost certain that the preliminary published consent decree will be bad for the sport fishery of the Great Lakes and will set a precedent for even worse future decisions. We will need to rise up quickly in one voice, making clear to all that the consent decree must be changed to represent good biology, good stewardship of the resources,

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and to be consistent with the institutional history of past decisions which were made to eliminate indiscriminate killing of sport fish by gill net fishing. We fought for decades to eliminate gill nets, that indiscriminately kill fish of all species. If the proposed new decree moves away from the past and toward more of this indiscriminate method of fishing, we may be witnessing the beginning of the end of charter fishing in much of the great lakes.

Please be prepared to react quickly when the comment period is here. It may be the only way we will be able to make our voices heard, and to influence the final wording of the new consent decree.

Turning my thoughts to fishing for some relief from the terrible Consent Decree news, I note that in Central Lake Michigan; the region I used to represent, the season started out moderately strong with salmon showing up in the catch more often than in the recent past. Enough to make the fishery a good mixed bag during the early season. There was enough bait this year to cause a small but noticeable die-off, and the bait remained strong in the area all summer. Soon thereafter, the salmon began to become the most important part of the catch. As the season progressed the fishing got better and better, not only in good numbers, but in size too. I have seen more 30 lb. plus fish during the past month than I can recall, at least for a decade or two.

If good fishing was our only concern it would have been a good summer, at least in my region. But I need to return to the big issues our hard-working officers continue to have to deal with. Threats to the fishery and the charter industry. Like the notoriously repeating Ground Hog Day, I repeat the news from last fall over again. The consent Decree negotiations have dragged on and on, not going well, it seems. Negotiations continue in secret, with the outcome ominously unknown but threatening. Commercial fishing issues remain but are on the side burner. They have not gone away.

Changing thoughts again: Considering retiring or taking a break, but want to keep in

touch with you MCBA friends and colleagues? Become a retired member. I am and I did. It's easy and not expensive. Look at the membership page of the website for details. If you're reading this, most likely you are already a member of the MCBA. Changing from an active member to a retired member is easy.

Either way, retired or active, I hope I will see you at our special edition, 50th anniversary Fall Conference on October 14, 15 and 16 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. In addition to having a great agenda, registered captains present will have a chance to win a \$5,000 travel destination prize. Good Luck & Tight Lines. 🚤



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*By Nick Green, Director of Communications & Marketing.*

It has become too hard to bite my tongue while management decisions impacting our natural resources become a political football.

Since early in Michigan DNR Director Daniel Eichinger's tenure, the governor who appointed him touted transparency and open processes while the department has been anything but on issues like wolves, motor boat bans, the consent decree negotiations, Proposal G, Camp Grayling and NRC processes.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs has worked hand-in-hand with the department through some of our natural resource's most trying times, including DDT reforms, rivers on fire in the late 60s, the discovery and management of multiple wildlife diseases,

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mergers and splittings of departments and divisions, baiting, the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the bottle bill and many issues in between. Each of these issues was shaped positively by the DNR and MUCC relationship.

Inevitably, this relationship requires MUCC to push back on the department and demand accountability when our membership tells us to do so.

Through all of this, though, our two organizations have been able to respectfully and amicably work together for more than 85 years to better conservation in Michigan. Past directors have had the courtesy to include MUCC in the important conversations of the day without having to be strong-armed into it — realizing the organization's value and worth.

We have championed each other's victories and shared pain in the defeats. MUCC is often the voice folks want to hear when the department says, "trust us" or "we can't do that." And often, we are the calm, reassuring friend lending credence to the department's wildlife biologists and its management decisions.

However, MUCC has been the DNR watchdog since 1937, and watchdogs sometimes bite.


When information is kept in a vacuum and important wildlife and habitat management decisions are decided quietly with no public input, we have a duty to spotlight the breakdown in process.

In order for the work of conservation to happen, the bodies pulling the levers need to be open with each other, transparent and communicating.

When MUCC is forced into corners or out of the rooms where those conversations are happening or we are simply not thought to be needed or involved, we have a duty to our membership to engage.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs will not be going anywhere. We will protect the rights of hunters, anglers, trappers, and shooters — just as we have for 85 years. We will also ensure that our natural resources are left better

than we found them, and that the next generation of stewards will be afforded the same opportunities we were. I hope MUCC and the department undertake this mission together.

I would wager a guess there has been no longer lasting partner to the Michigan DNR than Michigan United Conservation Clubs. Let's not let politics, egos, and lack of transparency stain that. 

## **MCBA, as Members of MUCC Agrees!**

# **Tribal Talks**

## **Judge Rejects Amicus Filing**


U.S. District Judge Paul L. Maloney on Aug. 31, 2022, ruled the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources (CPMR) and Bay de Noc Great Lakes Sports Fishermen did not warrant an upgrade from amici curiae to full intervenor status. The groups wanted full-party standing in the final weeks of the years-long talks to re-up a settlement over tribal treaty fishing rights in the Great Lakes. Maloney also indicated the timing of the request, the seventh such filing was suspect and said the "untimeliness of the motion is the most compelling reason" to deny them. The judge said allowing the groups to intervene at this late stage would derail the years-long process to draft a successor consent decree by the approaching end-of-September deadline. The existing parties would be "severely prejudiced" and the pending "product of intense negotiation and compromise - could vanish, causing further delays," he wrote in his order.

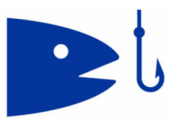
CPMR and the Bay de Noc group argued Great Lakes fishery resources are "threatened through abandonment of sound biological principles" by Michigan state officials, who they contend have also wrongfully abandoned the roughly 50-50 allocation of the fishery under the last decree.

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As published in several articles the CPMR feels the decision severely limits the voices of recreational fishers, particularly when the CPMR disagreed strongly with the MDNR on critical issues facing the fishery. However, due to the confidentiality agreement, that was required to sign in order to participate at all, the public is still not being informed.

CPMR comprises a board of directors whose members include MUCC, the Michigan Charter Boat Association, Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association, and Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association. It includes numerous other supporting groups throughout the state. 



## News Bites

### Pinooks?

#### Two state records one week apart in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan


On August 5th U.P. angler Miro Cigler's landed his first-ever Lake Michigan salmon, an 11.67-pound Pinook off Sturgeon Bay Wisconsin and broke a state record that beat the six-year-old one by more than two pounds.

But one week later, a Minnesota angler Mark Sondreal's caught a 12.46-pound Pinook off Algoma. The fish hit a hybrid Moonshine spoon 95 feet down on a rigger in about 260 feet of water.

The Great Lakes population of pinks and pink hybrids are a legacy of an accidental stocking of pink salmon in the 1950s in the Ontario waters of Lake Superior.

In 1955 pink salmon eggs from British Columbia were flown to Thunder Bay, Ontario, with the intention of raising them in a hatchery and stocking them far to the north in Hudson Bay. The hatched fingerlings were loaded onto seaplanes and transported north, however, about 20,000 of them were inadvertently left behind at the hatchery. Rather than allow them to die, attendants released them into the Current River, a tributary of Lake Superior.


The fish survived and a few years later adult pink salmon started showing up in the region's rivers. Within a decade they were observed spawning in the rapids of the St. Mary's River in eastern Lake Superior and in tributaries along the north shore of Lake Huron.

In addition to the recent pinook catches, many pink salmon have been landed in Wisconsin and Michigan waters. 



#### 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.

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