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Randy Claramunt Named New DNR Fisheries Chief

Randy Claramunt has been named the next chief of our Fisheries Division. Randy



Randy Claramunt

will assume this new role effective March 5, taking over for current Fisheries Chief Jim Dexter, who retires at the end of April. The overlap in Randy's assumption of this role and Jim's retirement will allow for a smooth transition.

Randy is well known to many of you, having served the DNR in a variety of capacities, most recently as the Lake Huron

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain John Giszczak



Please check your 2023 website listing. We try very hard to not make any mistakes while entering your application information into our database and putting up on the website, but mistakes do happen occasionally. It's up to you to verify your listing is correct.

Please check your listing carefully. There are no refunds for incorrect listings.


If you do need something changed or corrected, start on the MCBA home page, click on "Members Area" at the top right of the home page, then click on "Web Updates" in the banner on the "Members" page. Fill out the Form. Your questions, concerns, or changes will go directly to the webmaster and it may take only a matter of minutes to fix your problem. If you call the 800# for web changes or updates you will be referred to back to the web page updates. We need a digital record for updating the database. . . 

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Basin coordinator. Before that he was a research biology specialist, as well as the interim Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station manager and supervisor for the Habitat Management Unit. Prior to joining the DNR, Randy gained quality experience with the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, first as a fisheries biologist and then as interim natural resources director.

He earned a bachelor's degree in fisheries and wildlife from Michigan State University and a master's degree in aquatic ecology from the University of Illinois.

Randy's experience, approachability, energy, and passion for the resource – as well as for the people and partners who enjoy and help care for Michigan's fisheries – put him in an excellent position to lead the division through the many opportunities

and challenges ahead. I am confident that his extensive background in fisheries management within Michigan, other states and Tribal governments will ensure continued success on key initiatives, create new avenues for staff growth and engagement, and further cement Michigan's reputation for healthy, thriving fisheries and one-of-a-kind recreational opportunities. 

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Fisheries Chief Jim Dexter

One Last Cast....

By Fisheries Chief Jim Dexter

When I started with Michigan DNR as a Fisheries Biologist in Plainwell, my work was primarily inland. Lake and stream surveys, data analysis and report writing were on the menu daily. My work with Great Lakes Fisheries was limited to investigating BKD in Chinook Salmon and managing the fish ladders on the St. Joseph River and annually assessing the strengths of Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, and Steelhead Runs. It was through this work on the St. Joe that I got my first introductions to Charter Captains that plied both the river waters and the port of St. Joe. It wasn't until 2002 when I was appointed the Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator that I really got anointed in Great Lakes management and began a 20+ year stretch of working directly with the Michigan Charter Boat Association and getting to know many of the members.

Our work together on advisory committees, Great Lake Fishery Commission committees, and through the multitude of local fishing groups that I have met with easily impressed upon

me the knowledge that the Captains in the Association have for their local fisheries. That local knowledge is important to us, as DNR cannot be out on the water anywhere near as much as you are. That knowledge is an important piece of the puzzle of understanding what we cannot see but try our best to manage.

Strong partnerships are so important. Without them, in today's world, success would be fleeting. I think I attended almost all of the annual MCBA meetings over the past 20 years, several of them covering the reports for my co-Basin Coordinators. These were always the best opportunity for me to get to know new Captains and hear about their on-the-water experiences firsthand. There was never a time there wasn't an issue to pursue somewhere!

I have deeply valued my relationship and experiences with the MCBA over the course of my career. There is not another organization that I have worked with as much as MCBA. As I head into retirement, I am sure that my path will cross some of yours in the future. I am a Michigander, and I am not going anywhere, it's time for me to enjoy the fruits of what the Department works so hard for, protecting and improving our world class resources. Thank you all for your friendship, your passion, your participation in what we all love, Michigan Fisheries. 🐟



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



The U.S. Environmental Agency announced that over \$37 Million from U.S. President's Bipartisan Infrastructure law to

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From the Helm . . .



What a strange winter. Warm and then cold; cold and then warm. Very little ice on the

inland lakes in Northwest Michigan. Big Glen and Crystal Lake didn't freeze over. What's even stranger is little Glen Lake never froze over solid. There are still open spots out there. As I write this, the wind ripped the ice open on all of little Glen on February 22nd. That makes ice fishing tough. Hopefully with the warm winter, we will get a large year class of alewives in Lake Michigan.

In spite the vagaries of the weather, the important work of the Association continues to need to be done, and for sure, the elephant in the room remains the Tribal Consent Decree. The Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources filed its objections to the Decree on January 20th. I reviewed the objections and approved filing them on behalf of the Association.

It wasn't much of a holiday season with respect to the tribal issues. The core group spent hundreds of hours preparing the 164 page document, including maps, which we presented to the Court to fully explain our objections to the proposed new Consent Decree. It's a very interesting read. Please take the time you need to at the least, skim through the document to educate yourself on the proposal and our objections. The documents are on both the MCBA and Coalition websites. (<https://protectmiresources.com>)

The MDNR created what we believe is a very poor and greatly misleading response to our objections. It was titled DNR FAQ's about the Tribal Decree. This press release is full of half-truths and



lies. Everybody who bought a fishing license received this document. The Coalition and our legal team produced a response to the FAQ's document correcting the misstatements. This is also posted on the MCBA and Coalition websites. Our

response shows that what we said about millions of feet of gill net being added to the tribal ceded water in places that didn't have gill nets before is absolutely true.

I personally thought everybody understood how feet of gill net is calculated, however it seems that some do not, so for those who are not familiar with how its measured, here is an explanation: Take for instance; according to the proposed CD, in Grand Traverse Bay, 4500 ft. of gill net can be fished in East and West Bay. That equals 9000 ft. per day. If that 9000 ft. is fished for 50 days during the year, that equals 450,000 ft. of gill net fishing for that year.

In Big Bay DeNoc the new Consent decree would allow up to 24,000 ft. of gill net to be fished per day. If that proposed allowed amount of gill net were to be fished for 50 days during the year, it would equal 1.2 MILLION ft. of gill net fishing per year just in Big Bay alone.

In Lake Trout zone MM-6; the area that includes Ludington, Manistee and the Pentwater, the new Consent Decree would permit two fishing tugs fishing to fish up to 6000 ft. of gill net each per day. If that 12,000 ft. of gill net is fished an average of 50 days per year, it would amount to an additional 600,000 ft. of gill net fished per year. If that effort would be concentrated in the traditional sportfishing areas, you can imagine the

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impact. Finally, some parts of northern Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and northern Lake Huron are open to an UNLIMITED amount of gill net fishing per year. I hope that this clears up what we mean by millions of feet of added gill net fishing.

Now, try to think of the "hook and line" fishers and those in the Charter fishing Industry, having to compete against the gill net fishery. This is why we have invested our volunteered time and the Associations funds to support the Coalition and our legal team.



The Court should be receiving documents from the seven parties responding to the Coalition's objections by March 6th. Once our legal team receives these documents, the work starts again. **The Coalition has to prepare its response to the Tribes, State and Feds for hearings on May 24th and May 25th in the Federal Court in Kalamazoo. These hearings are public, and anyone can attend.**

I suspect after May hearings, the judge may render his rulings and order how the Decree will be written and finalized.

There is a lot going on. The coalition response will be very time consuming and we continue to need financial help. Please consider making a donation to the MCBA Decree fund in the members area of the MCBA website, or to the "Donate Today" link on the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources website.

The coalition negotiators need the support of all of our members. Please support them, and maybe also, wish us some luck. Our future fishery is at stake for the next 24 years. When we

started this four years ago, I never thought we would be where we may be headed today.

As I prepared to write this I learned that the Michigan DNR has selected a replacement for Fisheries Chief, Jim Dexter, who is retiring at the end of April after a 35 yearlong successful career, in the MDNR. Jim has been the Chief of fisheries for the past ten years. We have always respected the work of Chief Dexter and he has always been a friend of the Association. We wish for him the best possible retirement. The newly appointed Chief will have large shoes to fill. Having said that we want to


welcome Randy Claramunt to his new assignment as Fisheries Division Chief. Randy is an MSU grad who joined the MDNR as marine biologist in 2002. He is currently serving as the Lake Huron Basin Coordinator. Randy is well-known to the Association. We are happy for Randy and look forward to a long and productive relationship with new Chief Randy Claramunt.

In addition to the May hearings in Kalamazoo, I will be attending the Lake Michigan Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting April 11th at Jays Sporting Goods in Clare at 10:00 a.m. Like the May hearings in Kalamazoo, the LMCAC meetings are open to the public.

Here's wishing everyone a warm spring with light winds and a strong start to the 2023 charter boat fishing season.

Tight lines,

Captain Bill Winowiecki
President

Michigan Charter Boat Association 

address emerging contaminants like PFAS in Michigan drinking water. This investment, allocated to states and territories, will be made available to communities as grants through the EPA's emerging contaminants in small or disadvantaged communities grant program and will promote access to safe and clean water in small, rural, and disadvantaged communities while supporting local economies.

Per Michigan's U.S. Senator, "People in communities across Michigan have experienced the fear and frustration of finding out that contaminants like PFAS now threaten their home, community, and health of their families. This funding is critical for the clean-up of the contaminants. It will help communities who don't have the resources to address the problem on their own, clean up the contaminants so that people will have safe drinking water that we all take for granted".

EPA is also releasing the Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Implementation document. The document provides states and communities with the information necessary to use this funding to address local water infrastructure and reduce emerging contaminants in drinking water by implementing solutions such as installing water treatment systems.

Richmond elementary school's Green Club gets DNR grant to raise King Salmon. The grant covers the special training required to have the salmon in the classroom, the special permit required, the eggs, and the necessary fish food. Other necessary equipment is a 75 gallon fish tank, a water chiller, filter system, back-up air stones, chemicals for the tank, cleaning tools, and chemicals for tank testing. The initial cost of equipment was \$2,100

with the water chiller being particularly costly. The school has been raising funds through the PTO, Shepherd Auto Sales, Christine Shepherd and Linda Corby. A club fundraiser that took place before Christmas raised \$1000. There is a spring fundraiser of flower bulb sales is being planned.

This program is teaching the children the salmon life cycle, the importance of keeping the water clean, and the opportunity of giving back when the salmon are released into the Great Lakes. The students received 125 Chinook salmon eggs from a Michigan hatchery in mid-November. Students are responsible for assisting with cleaning the tank, and feeding the fish. The Green Club anticipates that the salmon will be released on April 29 at Lake St. Clair Metro park in Harrison Township.

Those interested in donating to the Chinook salmon project can call 586-727-2509 ext. 1207, or send donation to Will L. Lee Elementary School Attn: Rhonda LaGrois, 68399 S. Forest Ave, Richmond, MI 48062

Hope everyone has a great season! 🐟



Upper Peninsula

By Captain Jim LaBeske - MCBA Director

Greetings from the Keweenaw

The Baraga Village Police Department released more information on an ice rescue that took place on February 8, 2023.

The Baraga Village Police Department, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police, and the Michigan State Police received a call about a man that had fallen through the ice and had been in the water for about five minutes. The man was near Sand Point, south of the Baraga Lighthouse.

Chief Smith from the Baraga Village Police Department, Keweenaw Bay Tribal

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Officers Durwyn Chaudier, Mark Smith, and Captain Dale Goodreau arrived and saw the man submerged in the ice 300 yards north of the lighthouse.

Michigan State Police Trooper Derek Larson radioed that he could see the man from the Ojibwa Campground. Larson attempted to walk towards the man on the ice, but Larson fell through the ice just off shore.

At this time, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Commercial Fisherman James Denomie was loading his boat onto a boat trailer. Chief Smith told Denomie that an ice fisherman fell through the ice and has been in the water for 10 minutes.

Chief Smith asked Denomie if he could attempt to rescue the man. Denomie said they could try to bust through the ice with the boat.

All those responding got into Denomie's boat and when they approached the man, they realized that there were two men in the water. They were able to get both men into the boat.

Both men were in the water for approximately 35 minutes. One of the men was disorientated and not doing well.

The two men in the water were 67-year-old Michael Markham and 76-year-old James Hoke. Both were taken to Baraga County Memorial Hospital for treatment. Assisting at the scene were Bay Ambulance and Baraga Fire Department.

Another update for the Buffalo Reef Restoration. As of 8/15/2022 A \$10 million allocation to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) will begin the process of building a 2,000-foot jetty to block the relentless march of millions of tons of "stamp sands" along



the bottom of Lake Superior.

March is maintenance and preparation time. Refer to last Springs Cannonball for a to do list.

Last spring, I brought 38 assorted reels to Donnie Curran who cleans and lubes reels for \$5.00 each!

He also repairs reels and charges for parts but usually not for his labor. He also does some rod repair.

https://youtu.be/lgAUn_w4fdE (watch from the 10 minutes to the 15:35 mark)

Donnie's Reel Repair W4698 Main St, Vulcan, MI 49892 (906) 563-5502 donniesrr@norwaymi.com

I searched the Michigan DNR Fish Stocking Database for plants into Lake Superior for 2022 as I did last year. Chippewa, Luce, Marquette, and Ontonagon Counties did not get any fish.

This year, ONLY 4 Counties that border Lake Superior received a total of 85,692 fish. Alger 27,500 Splake, Baraga 22,000 Splake, Gogebic 15,000 Rainbow and Keweenaw 21192 Splake.

Again this year, onlookers of the stocking event saw them being preyed upon by Gulls and Cormorants.

I then searched the Wisconsin Database for Lake Superior for the 4 counties that border it.

There were 10 plants of which 63,963 were Splake, 82,521 Lake Trout, 119,769 Walleye and 172,740 Seeforellen Brown Trout for a total of 329,993 fish. That is 385% more fish than the embarrassing Michigan effort and it has been similar for plants for at least the last 10 years.



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www.MCBAmembers.com

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Michigan DNR really needs to consider following the wisdom of Wisconsin DNR... see the article.



Tie good knots and watch the weather. Good Luck in 2023 🐟



Southern Lake Huron

By Captain Karl Burnside - MCBA Director

As we rang in the New Year, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources enacted a new set of regulations on the Saginaw River that took effect on Jan. 1, 2023. The fishing season for walleye will now be open year-round on the lower Saginaw River in Bay and Saginaw counties from the mouth of the river, upstream to West Center Street's Douglas G. Schenk bridge.

This area used to be closed for walleye fishing March 16th and re-open on the last Saturday in April. No doubt this will bring welcome angling opportunities for those of us that enjoy fishing the Saginaw River. It is important to note the size and daily possession limits have not changed.

Can I have just one volunteer? I am still looking for port Captains. Please get in contact with me if you are interested. Among other duties, port Captains play an important role by communicating member concerns to the board, and allow the board to quickly communicate information back to our members.

I will be supporting the MDNR again this spring with the walleye tagging program on Saginaw Bay. We will be tagging walleye throughout the month of May. If anyone is interested in participating, please get in contact with me I can put you in touch with the program manager. This is a great way to give back and support a fishery we depend on. It also lets the DNR know how much we as charter captains care about the sustainability of our Lake Huron fishery.

No doubt all of us will soon be moving our equipment out of storage. It's time of year again to give priority to checking your safety equipment. One topic I will always bring up because of its importance is your last line of defense – the fire extinguisher. As I mentioned in last year's spring edition of the Cannonball, there was a major recall by Kidde a few years back. Use the link below to make sure you don't have one of these extinguishers on board. Kidde will replace the affected extinguisher for free:



Finally, I'd like to wish all MCBA members a safe, enjoyable and successful start to the 2023 charter season. If there are any questions or concerns you may have, please contact me at (810) 513-6073. 🐟



Central Lake Michigan


By Captain George Freeman
MCBA Director

Ludington is scheduled to receive 100,000 Chinook Salmon fingerlings this spring. Volunteers from the Ludington Charter Boat Association and Great Lakes; Salmon Initiative have been busy reworking the association's net pens and current deflector so they will be in good shape when the fish arrive. The pens are getting redone with hardware cloth replacing the old netting. The new material will be more durable than netting and will make it easier to release the fish when they smolt. The old current deflector is very heavy and hard to install. A new one is being made from aluminum and should be a lot easier to handle.

The Sea Grant workshop scheduled to be held February 18 in Ludington was changed to a virtual format. I virtually attended the program and found it to be informative and well run. Two of the presentations, Mass Marking Great Lakes Fish by Chuck Bronte

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and a Lake Michigan Prey Fish Update by Dave Warner, are online on Sea Grants YouTube channel .

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. 



Retiree's View over the Transom

By Captain Jim Fenner

If you read the newsletter and see my article, you know that I'm a retired Captain, and past board member. When I became a Captain in 1985, I understood it was important for me to belong to the Association, and to be a part of it for the greater good of the profession. Being a charter captain is to be a professional, and for me, being a professional meant joining and supporting the association which most nearly achieves the goal of representing me and all other captains in dealings with the state and the public in general. At that time there was no drug program, so the reasons for joining were for it's greater good, and for whatever help it could give me for finding clients. When it became possible to have a website or a Facebook page, I was always careful and proud to display the MCBA logo on my site and pages. It showed that I cared for the profession enough to join and support the profession. For me, it was a visible sign that I took my profession seriously. Recently, I examined the websites of quite a few members, looking for the MCBA logo. I only found it on the very few. **Fellow professionals,** I encourage you to show the logo. Let the public know you are member of an



important, ethical, professional association. It's easy to do, and it demonstrates a commitment to the profession. Also, by doing so you also set yourself apart from the many non-members with whom you are competing for clients. I believe showing the logo gives you an edge over those who can't.

I hope I'll see more logos on fb pages and websites in the future. I'm sure it means more clients for those who do, and it speaks to a stronger association, as well.

In the same vein; are your dock partners members of the Association? If not, why not mention to them what it means to be a part of the most important organization that speaks for them. As professionals, they too need to belong. Let's see if we can't broaden the membership. It can only make for a stronger organization.

And so the beat goes on: It seems that there has never been a greater threat to the Michigan charter boat industry than there is today with the publication of the newly proposed Consent Decree. If the decree is adopted as proposed, the greatly expanded gill net fishing that would be allowed would have the potential to eliminate much of the sport fish stocks in the Grand Traverse bays and in Lakes Michigan and Huron. Further, the thousands of feet of poorly mark nets will endanger our boats and our gear. The state DNR negotiators refused to allow the sport fishing representatives to be a part of the negotiations. It appears that the new decree was prepared primarily by only one of the states' many expert great lakes biologists. Respected retired MDNR biologists who do not have to worry about losing their jobs object to its gill net provisions strongly, but ultimately they

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have no say. There will be court hearings in May. There is still time to fix the decree. Become informed. Ask questions, Speak up. The need is great.

The coalition of sport fishing organizations have published their strong objections to the Consent Decree provisions on their website:

(<https://protectmiresources.com>). I urge all members to go to that site. Read the proposed decree, study the issues and the coalitions objections and responses. Then make your feelings known in letters, emails and phone calls to those who have the ability to correct the flaws.

I'm retired now, but I still care, and I keep informed by being a retired member of the association. If you are thinking of retiring, consider becoming a retired member. It's easy to do and not expensive. It keeps me informed about the current issues and helps me stay in touch with my friends and former colleagues in the MCBA. The retired member category is the way I do it. Keep this in mind for your own future. When it warms up a little, look for me around the docks. Hope to see you there. 🐟

News Bites

Coalition To Protect Michigan Resources' Objections to The Proposed Decree

<https://tinyurl.com/Objections-CPMR>

Feds, Michigan, Tribes Slam Fishing Group's Pact Objections

<http://shorturl.at/sAXYZ>

The Coalition has to prepare its response to the Tribes, State and Feds for hearings on May 24th and May 25th in the Federal Court in Kalamazoo. These hearings are

public, and anyone can attend. We need your SUPPORT! 🐟

Lake Michigan 2023 Tri-state Stocking Numbers

The Michigan DNR, after decades of fish stocking decreases to balance the alewife and Chinook salmon populations is now




seeing good indicators that a modest stocking increase is warranted in Lake Michigan. Starting in 2023 the Michigan DNR 2023 stocking plans for Lake Michigan are 1,000,000 Chinook salmon, 300,000 Brown trout, 650,000 yearling Steelhead and 1,580,000 Coho salmon.

The Indiana DNR will increase Chinook salmon stocked in Lake Michigan by 50,000 starting in spring 2023, per Lake Michigan Committee agreement. The change will increase the annual production target for Chinook from 225,000 to 275,000. Baitfish populations have rebounded from an all-time low in the mid-2010s after lake-wide stocking reductions made by all state agencies during the past decade.

The Wisconsin DNR announced an increase to Lake Michigan chinook stocking goal for 2023. The DNR Lake Michigan stocking goals are 1.3 million chinook salmon, up from 1.2 million in 2020-22, as well as 500,000 coho salmon, 460,000

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steelhead, 450,000 brown trout and 50,000 brook trout, the same levels as in the previous plan. 

Bass Fishing World Cup

The world cup of bass fishing swims into Bay City this summer, two tournaments expected to generate two million each to the area.

The waters near Bay City are developing a reputation for quality among bass fishermen. Two different fishing tournaments are catching the eyes of world-class bass anglers, luring them to the Saginaw River, Saginaw Bay, and Lake Huron in July and August. Each tournament is expected to generate around \$2 million for local businesses. While the fishermen are in town, the community is planning events to keep spectators entertained. The National Professional Fishing League brings its bass fishing tournament to this area on July 16-22. Then, from Aug. 1-6, Major League Fishing invites the top 80 anglers in the world to participate in a tournament in Bay County. 

Talk with Fisheries Staff at Spring 'Conversations & Coffee' Meetings.



Have questions about fishing in Michigan and 2023 fishing regulations? Check out these upcoming virtual "Conversations & Coffee" events, focusing on fisheries management around the state, to get answers and talk with Michigan Department of Natural Resources fisheries staff.

These events cover local and statewide regulation changes and other topics related to managing fisheries and aquatic natural resources on inland lakes and streams and the Great Lakes. They're also great opportunities to meet fisheries managers and biologists, provide feedback on regulation proposals, and discuss local issues and management activities. Get specific questions answered at one of the DNR Fisheries Division's "Conversations & Coffee" virtual meetings:

Lake Superior Management Unit

* Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Lake Huron Management Unit


* Tuesday, April 4, 6 to 7 p.m.

Lake Erie Management Unit

* Tuesday, April 4, 7 to 8 p.m.

S. Lake Michigan Management Unit


* Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

For detailed meeting and contact information, visit: 



Drug Program 2022 MIS Report Completed

The Michigan Charter Boat Association Drug & Alcohol Program filed your company's 2022 Management Information Systems (MIS) Report as of Friday, March 03, 2023, 1:42 PM, the status of your data is: Completed and Signed.

Confirmation email March 03, 2023 - Drug and Alcohol MIS by, Richard W. Minnich, Drug & Alcohol Program Inspector USCG Ninth District 

God bless America and our troops

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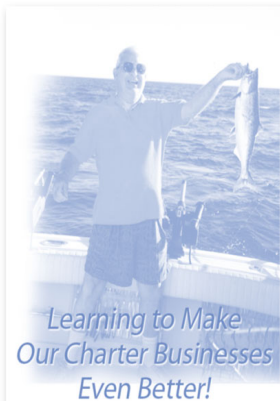
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Meeting will be held at the

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2023 FISHERIES WORKSHOPS

Spring fishery workshops offer current research and information related to the status of the Great Lakes fishery.

Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division, USGS Great Lakes Science Center, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and local fishery organizations annually offer evening regional workshops to provide valuable information for anglers, charter captains, resource professionals, and interested community members.

Workshops include information and status updates on topics such as fish populations and angler catch data, forage or prey fish surveys, offshore fisheries and open water fisheries, as well as updates on fisheries management activities, citizen science opportunities for anglers, and a variety of other topics of interest based on specific regions.

Workshops

LAKE MICHIGAN: LUDINGTON REGIONAL FISHERY WORKSHOP
February 18, 2023

LAKE HURON: OPEN WATER
April 11, 2023

LAKE ST. CLAIR AND LAKE ERIE
April 12, 2023

LAKE HURON: SAGINAW BAY
April 13, 2023

SOUTHERN LAKE MICHIGAN
April 20, 2023

LAKE HURON: LES CHENEUX AND ST MARYS RIVER
MAY 4, 2023

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Drug Program

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Make sure you contact and request a letter of compliance (LOC) from your MCBA Drug & Alcohol Program.

USCG LICENSE RENEWAL HELP:



Lt. Commander, USCG (retired) Charles "Chuck" Kakuska a Maritime Licensing Specialist, has been assisting our members for the past 15+ 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.



**Newsletter
Deadline**

The next issue of the Cannonball Gazette will be published in June. Submissions must be in by May 28, 2023

Charter Fishing Boat 4-Sale

FOR SALE: Available soon, 31-ft. TIARA (1984) Open. Very well maintained and kept in heated storage. Twin 454s. Waxed and bottom paint just before storage. Deluxe dock with electricity and water at North Port Marina. **APPOINTMENT ONLY!**

Contact: (989) 450-6365 - or email

captwalsh@gmail.com if interested

Upcoming Board Meetings

- **April 23, 2023** - Clare, MI
Doherty Hotel - 10:00 am
- **Sept 24, 2023** - Clare, MI
Doherty Hotel - 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.