



DEC Announces Record-Breaking Fishing in Lake Ontario

Survey reveals catch of Chinook salmon double the five-year average during Spring & Early Summer 2018

New York announced that fishing for trout and salmon in Lake Ontario has set records this year, with veteran anglers reporting some of the best fishing in decades.

"The New York waters of Lake Ontario provide a world-famous recreational fishery for trout and salmon, and fishing has been exceptional this summer," Commissioner Seggos said. "Preliminary results from the Lake Ontario Fishing Boat Survey indicate that fishing for Chinook salmon has been outstanding along the entire New York shoreline."

Fishing success is measured by "catch rate," which is the number of fish caught per boat trip. The catch rate for Chinook salmon during April to June 2018 set a record that was 227 percent above the previous five-year

average. The catch rate for all trout and salmon species combined also surpassed the previous record high, more than 37 percent above the previous five-year average. Fishing for brown trout and coho salmon has also been excellent in 2018, with catch rates 38 and 21 percent higher than their respective, previous five-year averages. Atlantic salmon represent a relatively small portion of the Lake Ontario fishery but catch rates for Atlantic salmon were 73 percent above the previous five-year average.

Chuck Parker, President of the New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC), said, "This is the second year in a row that the take of Chinook has been above average at Oswego, as reported by Council members. There are so many

variables that can and do affect the quality of the fishing opportunities we have. We at the NYSCC recognize that the science-based management practices of the DEC's Bureau of Fisheries are an integral force in sustaining the New York's world class Lake Ontario fishery."

One charter Captain opined "It's the best Chinook fishing I've seen since 1989."

The fishing out of Wilson Harbor to the Niagara River has been spectacular, with many Chinook and coho salmon hitting as well as the occasional lake trout mixed in. Fishing for Chinook salmon and brown trout has also been great in Eastern Lake Ontario with large numbers of fish caught all along the

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Lake sturgeon hook and line season open

Anglers get the opportunity to catch a fish as big as they are

MADISON – The hook and line season for lake sturgeon opened September 1 and runs through September 30 on several major river stretches, giving anglers a chance to catch the fish of a lifetime.

Lake sturgeon can grow to more than 6 feet long and exceed 150 pounds, and the state record sturgeon taken by hook and line was a 170-pound, 10-ounce fish pulled from Yellow Lake in Burnett County in 1979.

All anglers fishing for lake sturgeon must have a valid Wisconsin hook and line fishing license, along with a sturgeon hook and line harvest tag if they intend to keep a sturgeon. The harvest tag is available throughout the season and costs \$20 for residents and \$50 for nonresidents.

Licenses and harvest tags are available for purchase online through GoWild.WI.gov and at any one of over 1,000 sales locations.



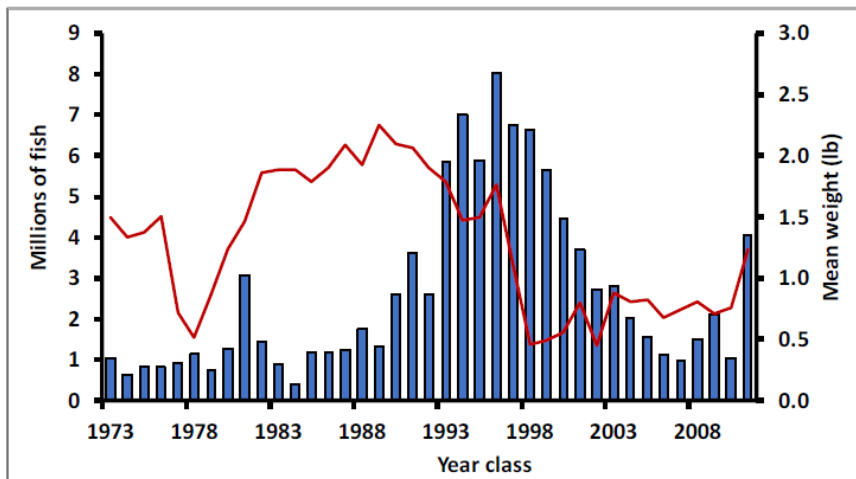
Find a list of harvest waters, harvest registration stations and instructions for properly tagging a harvested fish on the Lake Sturgeon Hook and Line Season web pages. Anglers also will find a list of other waters where catch and release seasons are underway, including on sections of the Mississippi, St. Croix, and St. Louis rivers. ✧

Developing Research Priorities for Lake Whitefish in Upper Great Lakes

Results of a workshop sponsored by Great Lakes Fishery Trust and Great Lakes Fishery Commission

Lake Whitefish stocks have declined dramatically in northern Lakes Huron and Michigan, resulting in commercial catch rates and yield that are some of the lowest in the past three decades. The exact cause(s) for these declines is uncertain, but prolonged poor recruitment seems to be a primary driver of the observed decreases in stock size.

Fishery management agencies are struggling to understand why recruitment has been so poor, while also recognizing that management actions are needed. In the short term, a synthesis of existing data that explores possible mechanisms explaining observed trends in Lake Whitefish recruitment and where the recruitment bottleneck may be occurring is needed because some management decisions are expected to be made before new research is completed. These data are largely comprised of state, provincial, tribal, and federal agency fishery-dependent and fishery independent assessments that provide information about Lake Whitefish stock dynamics and are currently used to inform catch-at-age models.



Millions of age-3 lake whitefish recruits (bar) and their average weight (line) for the 1973-2011 year classes estimated through statistical catch-at-age analysis for the Big Bay de Noc spawning stock in northern Green Bay, Lake Michigan

The single largest question managers have right now focuses on identifying those conditions that were historically favorable for Lake Whitefish recruitment in the mid-1990s and understanding what role invasive species and disease, most notably dreissenid mussels, round goby, and VHS, coupled with ongoing nutrient reductions, have played in declining recruitment and year-class strength since the mid-2000s. Workshop participants identified a series of potential management risks, management options, and information gaps that could be considered for future research to inform management, with a discussion culminating in the development of a list of short- and long-term research needs.

For full report: <http://www.glfsc.org/pubs/clc/whitefish/2018%20Whitefish%20Workshop%20Proceedings.pdf> ✧



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Illinois Fall Trout Season opens **Oct 20**

Fall Catch-and-Release Fly Fishing Season opens **Oct 6** *

The 2018 Illinois Fall Trout Fishing Season opens on Saturday, **October 20**, at 57 ponds, lakes, and streams throughout the state.

The Fall Catch-and-Release Fly Fishing Season will be available at nine sites beginning on **October 6** at locations marked with an asterisk (*) in the list below. Fly fishing anglers can use fly fishing gear to catch and release trout beginning October 6 at the nine sites. No trout may be kept during the fly fishing period, but all anglers can keep trout after the opening of the regular fall trout season on October 20.

The IDNR has added four new sites for Fall Trout Fishing in 2018, raising the stocking of rainbow trout to 67,000 fish in the fall season, and approximately that same number for the spring season. The new 2018 Fall Trout Fishing sites are Bauman Lake in Cherry Valley, Casey Park Pond in Casey, Weldon Springs State Park Lake near Clinton, and Belk Park Pond in Edwardsville. No trout may be taken from any of the stocked sites from October 1 until the fall trout season opens at 5 a.m. on October 20. Anyone attempting to take (harvest) trout before the legal harvest season opening will be issued citations.

All anglers must have a valid fishing license and an Inland Trout Stamp, unless they are under the age of 16, blind or disabled, or are an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. The daily catch limit for each angler is five trout.

Illinois fishing licenses and Inland Trout Stamps are available <http://dnr.illinois.gov/DNRDirectMonitor/VendorListing.aspx>

Fishing licenses and trout stamps can also be purchased by using a credit card through DNR Direct online via the IDNR website at www.dnr.illinois.gov. The 57 locations are listed here: [Illinois Fall Trout Season Opens October 20](#) (*).

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Using sounds to deter invasive bighead carp

A research study from the USGS and the U. of Minnesota has assessed the potential for using sounds to deter invasive bighead carp. Results from the study indicate that captive bighead carp swim away from certain sounds. This finding suggests that sound barriers may prove an effective deterrent to bighead carp.

The range of bigheaded carps continues to expand within the Mississippi River watershed with established populations in the Illinois, Mississippi, Missouri, and Ohio Rivers. Several deterrent technologies are being tested with the goal of inhibiting bigheaded carps from moving upstream or into sensitive aquatic areas, including the Great Lakes. Systems which limit movement of bigheaded carps without impacting navigation are of specific interest. The use of sound or noise is one such deterrent.

Knowing that bigheaded carps are sensitive to boat motors and other noises in the field, it is plausible that sound might provide a low cost alternative or complement to other barrier or deterrent techniques. Results from pond and laboratory studies have indicated that both Silver Carp and Bighead Carp consistently respond to broadband, complex sounds, while many native fishes ignore or do not react to the acoustic stimuli. If effective, locations where sound might be deployed include lock chambers to deter upstream movement or boat-mounted speakers to “herd” fish into traps for removal. This study will assess the feasibility and efficacy of sound to alter the behavior of carps in laboratory tanks, research ponds, and in a backwater of the Illinois River (in a controlled area with dimensions approximating the size of a typical lock approach channel) using sonar and telemetry. The goals are to determine how effective sound is as a behavioral deterrent and to better understand how sound affects the behavior of carps and of other native and non-native fishes. ◇

Sportfishing industry applauds introduction of bill to help enhance habitat conservation

Alexandria, Va. – The recreational fishing industry expressed its appreciation to Rep. Rob Wittman (R-Va.) for introducing H.R. 6660, the National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act. This legislation will authorize a national program to conserve, restore and enhance fish habitat across the country.

“America’s 49 million recreational anglers and the 800,000 jobs supported by recreational fishing depend on healthy fisheries resources,” said Mike Leonard, Conservation director for the [American Sportfishing Association](#). “This legislation will authorize and improve upon a successful partnership-based program that unites anglers, industry, state and federal agencies and other partners to help restore fish habitat in Virginia and throughout the nation.”

The foundation for the National Fish Habitat Conservation Through Partnerships Act is the [National Fish Habitat Partnership](#), a voluntary, non-regulatory and locally-driven program housed within the USFWS.

The National Fish Habitat Partnership program is currently comprised of 20 individual [Fish Habitat Partnerships](#) that focus on specific regions or habitat types. These partnerships include representatives of federal, state and local agencies, conservation and sportsmen’s organizations, private landowners and the business sector. To date, more than 600 successful conservation projects have been carried out through these partnerships, benefitting fish habitat and anglers throughout the country.

Companion legislation to H.R. 6660 was [introduced in the U.S. Senate](#) last year by Sens. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and Ben Cardin (D-Md.), and is included in S. 1514, the [HELP for Wildlife Act](#). ◇

PFBC to sponsor two “Fall into Fishing” giveaways

HARRISBURG, Pa. – The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has partnered with “[The Rest of PA](#),” a consortia of local tourism entities, “[VisitErie](#)” and [Bass Pro Shops](#) in Harrisburg, Pa., to sponsor two fall fishing giveaways during the months when many anglers are getting ready for the superb fishing that is about to occur in many Commonwealth waterways.

“Fall into Fishing” Rest of PA Giveaway:

The first prize in this giveaway is a weekend get-away package from one of the four regional locations sponsoring this prize: Columbia Montour Visitors Bureau, Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau, Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau and Visit Potter-Tioga.

The getaway package includes accommodations for up to four people plus meals, and local fishing.

The second-place prize is an Ascend 10T Sit-on-Top fishing kayak

donated by Bass Pro Shops. This sit-on-top model is ideal to target a variety of species on Commonwealth waters.

The public can enter this giveaway by visiting [www.GoneFishingPA.com](#) from **August 31 through November 26** or by entering in person at the PFBC table at the at Penn State Football’s Fan Festival outside Beaver Stadium, University Park, PA during all home Penn State University Football games in 2018.

“Fall into Fishing” Erie Giveaway:

The first prize in this giveaway is a weekend get-away package from VisitErie.

The getaway package includes accommodations for up to four people plus meals, and local fishing.

The second-place prize is an Ascend FS10 Sit-in model fishing kayak donated by Bass Pro Shops.

The public can enter this giveaway by visiting [www.GoneFishingPA.com](#) from **August 31**

through November 26 or by entering in person on selected dates that coincide with PFBC appearances at the PITT home sporting events.

“This is an opportunity for us to partner with a host of diverse groups to promote fishing and boating opportunities to outdoor enthusiasts,” said PFBC Bureau of Outreach, Education and Marketing Director Steve Kralik. “We particularly want to thank the sponsors for donating the prizes. Four lucky individuals are going to win some really fun prizes that showcase some of the best entertainment the state has to offer.”

The winners will be notified after December 19. A date, time and location for the winner to pick up the kayak will be determined in the weeks after the winner is notified, and the other prizes will be mailed after they’ve been awarded. No purchase is required and only one entry per qualifying adult will be accepted. ✧

DNR seeking input on Leech Lake proposed walleye regulation change

A proposed walleye regulation change on Leech Lake would allow anglers more opportunities to keep walleye beginning when the 2019 open water fishing season opens.

The Minnesota DNR is seeking input on the change at an open house from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24**, at the Walker Area Community Center.

The current walleye regulation on Leech Lake is four fish, requiring the immediate release of any walleye that are within a 20- to 26-inch protected slot limit. Only one fish over 26 inches allowed in possession. The four-fish walleye possession limit on Leech Lake has been in effect since 2005.

“The regulation was initially put in place to help protect spawning fish,” said Doug Schultz, DNR Walker area fisheries supervisor. “Regulation goals have been exceeded, prompting the DNR to

propose increased harvest opportunity at this time.”

The proposed regulation change would remove the 20- to 26-inch protected slot and replace it with a regulation similar to the statewide regulation, but with a four-fish walleye limit, only one of which can be over 20 inches.

Carl Pedersen, the DNR large lake specialist on Leech Lake, said the walleye population is in excellent condition at this time and can afford some additional harvest. “We have an abundant population of spawning-age fish with a wide distribution of sizes, and multiple year classes of smaller fish entering the fishery,” Pedersen said. “Protective fishing regulations combined with very consistent production of year classes over the past 10 years have put us in a very good position.”

When future fisheries assessments indicate harvest should be reduced, the DNR anticipates

revisiting the protected slot limit at that time.

At the meeting, there will not be a formal presentation but DNR staff will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the proposed regulation with individuals who attend. Following the meeting, comments will be accepted through **October 5**. Those unable to attend the meeting can provide comments by calling the Walker area fisheries office at 218-547-1683 or by emailing walker.fisheries@state.mn.us.

Anglers who can’t make the meeting in Walker can attend an open house about that and other regulation proposals from **8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26**, at DNR headquarters in St. Paul, 500 Lafayette Road. No formal presentations will be made at the open house.

More information on fishing regulations can be found on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/fishing. ✧

SAF sues Pa Township, Official over Gun Range Dispute

BELLEVUE, WA – The Second Amendment Foundation has filed a lawsuit in federal court on behalf of the owner of a local gun club in western Pennsylvania against Robinson Township and its zoning officer, alleging violations of Second and Fourteenth Amendment rights “by subverting the club’s operation.”

SAF is joined by William Drummond, owner of property on which the Greater Pittsburgh Gun Club is located, and has been since 1967. The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. The case is *Drummond v. Robinson Township*.

Legal troubles between the range operation and Robinson Township date back to 1993, when the township brought a nuisance action against the range, then known as the Greater Pittsburgh Trap and Skeet Club. The club prevailed. A second action mounted two years ago also failed.

But now the operation, under Drummond’s management since December 2017 via a lease, is having trouble again. New zoning restrictions have been adopted and the lawsuit says that the defendants, under color of law, have deprived the plaintiffs, their members and their customers, of their right to keep and bear arms in violation of the Second and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

“This amounts to a local government attempting to drive a legal operation out of business through the use of zoning restrictions,” said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. “There have been meetings about which Mr. Drummond was not informed, and we believe this has been done in order to close down the historic range operation.

“We’re seeking a permanent injunction against the defendants,” he added, “and a court order for the Township to issue all the necessary permits for operation.” ✧

Reports on hunting and wildlife-associated recreation expenditures

A series of reports released last week by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, American Sportfishing Association and the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation show expenditures made for hunting, target shooting and sportfishing gear and services in 2016 supported 1.6 million jobs and provided \$72 billion in salaries and wages. These monies also generated nearly \$20 billion in local, state and federal taxes, much of which benefits vital conservation and educational programs that improve areas for everyone who enjoys the outdoors.

“Outdoor recreation is one of our nation’s largest economic engines and benefits vital conservation and education programs that benefit all Americans,” stated Virgil Moore, President of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and Director of Idaho Fish and Game. “Hunting, fishing and wildlife watching are part of our national heritage and continue to be powerful forces in our nation’s economy.”

Key highlights of the reports include:

- Each year, 35.8 million people 16 years and older take to America’s waters to fish.
- More than 28 million people over 16 years old took to our nation’s forests and gun ranges to hunt and target shoot in 2016.
- The number of people who participate in sportfishing, hunting and target shooting represents 16.5 percent of the total U.S. population.
- When factoring in multiplier effects, spending by sportsmen created economic activity in excess of \$220 billion.
- Hunting, fishing and shooting adds \$119 billion of overall value to our nation’s gross domestic product and generates \$17.6 billion in federal taxes and \$12.2 billion in state and local taxes.

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ODNR partners with NWTf to provide hunting opportunity to high school students

A group of 10 young adult hunters experienced the thrill of turkey hunting during the spring’s Ohio Partnership Hunt, which was put on by the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The ODNR partnered with Ohio’s NWTf and passionate volunteers to provide this opportunity for young people to hunt wild turkey.

All 10 hunters were winners of the Dr. James Earl Kennamer Academic Scholarship, which is open to graduating high school seniors who are members of NWTf and plan on pursuing higher education. The annual hunt rewards the scholarship recipients with a unique hunting opportunity in addition to financial assistance to help in the pursuit of a college degree.

The young hunters included: MaeKayle Robinson, Coshocton; Danielle George, Milford Center; Matthew Goddard, Urbana; Wyatt Grimm, Okeana; Adam Crock, Zanesville; J. D. Stickley, Urbana; Josie Pucel, Windsor; Griffin Howell, Warren; Joyce Barr, Cadiz; and Rachel Hampp, Zanesville.

Numerous volunteers assisted with the hunt, and 20 mentors donated their time and expertise for the event. Each scholarship winner was provided with all the gear he needed for the hunt – camouflage clothing, decoys, calls, a shotgun, and a guide and mentor.

Matt Goddard, a scholarship recipient from Urbana, called the hunt “one of the best and most unique experiences” of his high school career. “Being welcomed and having the opportunity to talk and even hunt with so many kind, skilled people was a great time I won’t soon forget,” Goddard said.

The Ohio Partnership Hunt is centered on rewarding the conservation-minded youth of Ohio, and hopes to encourage more participation in hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation among young people. To learn more about the hunt and scholarship opportunities, visit nwtf.org. ✧

State pheasant index up 19% from last year

The 2018 roadside survey for pheasants showed a 19% increase in the overall pheasant index from 2017. While the index is similar to the 10-year average, it is still 52% below the long-term average.

“Given the April snowstorms and heavy rains across a good portion of the pheasant range this year, it was surprising to see increases in the pheasant indices across so many regions,” said Lindsey Messinger, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist who coordinated this year’s survey. “It appears hens may have delayed nesting and chicks were able to tolerate the rain in most areas.”

Weather and habitat are the two main factors that drive Minnesota’s pheasant population trends. Weather causes annual fluctuations in pheasant numbers. In the south-central region of the pheasant range, late-season snowstorms and heavy rain this past spring and summer has been tough.

Habitat can help mitigate the impacts of weather and the availability of quality nesting habitat is more important for long-term pheasant population trends. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres play a large role in providing habitat for pheasants in Minnesota. The program pays farmers to remove environmentally-sensitive land from agricultural production and restore vegetation that will reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and provide habitat for wildlife and pollinators.

Roadside survey data

The DNR’s August roadside survey for pheasants showed a 19% increase in the overall pheasant index from 2017. This year’s statewide pheasant index was 45.5 birds per 100 miles of roads driven. The pheasant index increased in all regions except the south-central region, which decreased by 36% from 2017. The best hunting should be in the west-central, south-west and central regions. Minnesota’s 2018 pheasant season is open **October 13**, through January 1. ✧

Minnesota requires permits to get rid of "floating bogs"

Following heavy rains this past spring, more lakeshore property owners were asking the Minn. DNR about an unexpected visitor – floating bogs dislodged by the high water and coming to rest against docks, water outlets and boat landings.

“This has been a unique summer. Typically we issue around 50 permits a year for property owners to move nuisance floating bogs and we hit that mark in mid-July,” said Jon Hansen, aquatic plant management coordinator with the DNR.

If a property owner or associated group chooses to remove or relocate a floating bog, they must acquire a permit from the DNR. The property owner or group also is responsible for moving the bog. But the DNR can provide advice as part of the permitting process.

Floating bogs are mostly emergent aquatic or wetland vegetation such as cattails. Most that end up along people’s docks are anywhere from 10 square feet to several acres in size.

“Oftentimes people need help making sure any nuisance bog material finds a home that won’t bother others,” Hansen said. “We are not responsible for moving bogs and usually focus on sharing information. Although DNR staff were on site as crews of volunteers tried to move a large nuisance floating bog on North Long Lake by Legionville that was the size of five football fields this summer, that was a rare event.”

The DNR considers the ecological value of bogs in the permitting process and prefers that floating bogs are returned to where they came from because of their ecological value. The removal or destruction of rooted bogs is not allowed. Property owners who want to move a floating bog that washes ashore are advised to act quickly before it becomes rooted.

More information about aquatic plant management permits can be found at mndnr.gov/apm. ✧

Improvements underway at DEC’s Cayuga Lake Mud Lock boat launch site

New York announced upgrades to the Mud Lock boat launch located at the north end of Cayuga Lake in the town of Aurelius, Cayuga County. Site improvements include a new concrete launch ramp, floating boarding docks, paved launch access, and parking area. The construction will result in an improved boat ramp and dock system that will allow launching under lower lake levels. In addition, the boat preparation area and parking lot will be modified to allow for more efficient launching and parking.

The site closed for renovation September 4, and is expected to remain closed through October. Boaters looking to access the north end of the lake during this period can use the boat launch at Cayuga Lake State Park, 2678 Lower Lake Road, Seneca Falls. Alternate public launching opportunities are also available at Frontenac Park, village of Union Springs on the east side of the lake. Boaters should contact these facilities for additional information. For more info: fwboat@dec.ny.gov. ✧

New Executive to Serve Members

The Ontario Conservation Officers Association is introducing new executive members for 2018-2020. Elections were held during the association’s annual general meeting July 26-28, 2018. The role of the executive is to manage the affairs of the association. The new executives began their term September 1, 2018.

The following is a list of executive members and their e-mails:

President – Sean Cronsberry,

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Bluewater Anglers Hatchery Report

Lake Huron's Blue Water Anglers report they have all the brown trout (approx. 20,000) and rainbow trout (approx. 40,000) that were started earlier in the year in the hatchery. They have progressed nicely over the summer. They will need to be fin clipped, graded and some stocked out during the next couple of months.

Then it is time for the preparation for and collection of our quota of 110,000 salmon eggs. We always go into this part of the season with very high expectations for a big run of salmon at the Owen Sound Mill Dam. Some years it is great while others it just turns out to be a lot of hard work with little return. But we keep at it as this is our prized fish, **we want salmon**. Salmon egg collection usually takes place around the beginning of October.

The approximately 20,000 brown trout will be fin-clipped on **September 19th**. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and should be done by noon. There will be signup sheets at the **September 11th** General Membership Meeting. To read the full report and review other club activities: <http://www.bluewateranglers.com/>. ✧

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Lake Huron Fishing Club hatchery report

The Lake Huron Fishing Club's Chinook Hatchery was built in 1985 using only volunteer labor as are virtually all of the past and present LHFC projects. It continues to function under the watchful eye of club members who volunteer to staff the hatchery during its season of operation from September to May of each year.

At present the Chinook Hatchery returns some 250,000 Chinook smolts back into the Lake Huron area. As there is no Canadian government restocking of salmon into Lake Huron, this task has been assumed by the four club hatcheries that operate on the Canadian side of the Lake. The Trout Hatchery produces two species of sport fish, 60,000 brown trout and rainbow trout are raised annually from eggs obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources. 60,000 rainbow trout are raised annually from eggs obtained from wild fish on the Saugeen River. These fish are raised to 10 months of age when they will be 10 to 18 cm. in length and weigh 25 to 75 grams. These fish are all released into the Saugeen River. 120,000 yearling trout are released annually into Lake Huron and tributaries. All operations at the hatchery are by volunteers from the Kincardine community.

Fish feeding is done by homemade feeders, powered by DC BBQ rotisserie motors. A sophisticated homemade timer circuit allows feed delivery however desired.

To read the full report and review other club activities: <http://www.lakehuronfishingclub.com/>. ✧

AsianCarp.us has a fresh look and feel!

Explore the updated website, which can now be accessed via phones, tablets, and other mobile devices. With more intuitive navigation and organization, learning about the fight against invasive Asian carp is easier than ever. ✧

No changes to Saginaw Bay current regulations for 2019

The Saginaw Bay walleye regulations were reviewed in February, 2018, and provided a recommendation to keep the regulations the same for this current fishing season (2018). There was concern about retaining the liberal regulations through 2019, but because the 2018 winter harvest data were not yet available, no formal recommendation was finalized at that time. Once the recent harvest information was available, we recorded a record harvest and when added to the stock assessment models it resulted in a higher stock size.

Management's view was that a modest reduction in the bag limit would alleviate some social concerns of excessive harvest during certain times of the year (i.e., ice fishery) and represents a very modest reduction in angler opportunity. However, the stock assessment models provided by the research section had a strong influence on the committee's vote, which was strongly in favor of maintaining the existing regulations. After consultation with research section on the confidence of the stock assessment models and based on the recommendation from the LHCFAC, there will be no proposed changes to the walleye regulations for the 2019 fishing season. ✧

NY Map and Compass Class Oct 20

Everyone should know how to use a compass, read a map, and put them both together to navigate safely through the outdoors. Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) instructors and NYS Outdoor Guides Sheila and Sonny Young are offering a Fundamental Map and Compass class on **October 20, 2018** from 10 a.m. until about 3 p.m. in Tupper Lake (Adirondacks). The cost is \$85 per person which includes instruction, materials and lunch. Attendees are required to pre-register by calling 518.359.8194. ✧

Ohio's Utica Shale 2nd Quarter Production Totals

COLUMBUS, OH – During the second quarter of 2018, Ohio's horizontal shale well produced 4,488,104 barrels of oil and 554,306,916 Mcf (545 billion cubic feet) of natural gas, according to figures released recently by the Ohio DNR. Natural gas production from the second quarter of 2018 showed a 42.25 percent increase over the second quarter of 2017, while oil production increased 10.98 percent for the same period.

	'17 Qtr 2 (Shale)	'18 Qtr 2 (Shale)	% Change
Oil Bbls	4,044,072 bbl	4,488,104 bbl	10.98%
Mcf Nat Gas	389,662,485 Mcf	554,306,916 Mcf	42.25%

The ODNR quarterly report lists 2,035 horizontal shale wells, 2,002 of which reported oil and natural gas production during the quarter. Of the wells reporting oil and natural gas results:

- The average amount of oil produced was 2,242 barrels.
- The average amount of natural gas produced was 276,877 Mcf.
- The average number of second quarter days in production was 85.

All horizontal production reports can be accessed at oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/production.

Ohio law does not require the separate reporting of Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs) or condensate. Oil and gas reporting totals listed on the report include NGLs and condensate. ✧

Non-toxic Shot in effect at additional Illinois Hunting Sites

SPRINGFIELD, IL – As they head to the field this fall, the IDNR reminds hunters of new requirements for use of non-toxic shot at a number of IDNR sites for dove, controlled pheasant, and upland game hunting, effective for the 2018-19 season.

Many IDNR sites have required use of non-toxic shot in recent years. Lead shot has been banned for waterfowl hunting by the USFWS since 1991. Non-toxic shot is required for use at all IDNR sites for hunting waterfowl, coots, snipe, and rail.

The 2018-19 Illinois Dove Hunting Season opened **September 1**.

IDNR reminds hunters to check Hunter Fact Sheets posted on the IDNR website for site-specific hunting season information and regulations, as other sites require non-toxic shot: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/FactSheets/Pages/default.aspx>

Additional info on hunting regulations in Illinois can be found in the Illinois Digest of Hunting/Trapping Regs 2018-2019: <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/HuntingTrappingDigests.aspx>.

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New Archery Range Open at Maumee Bay State Park

COLUMBUS, OH – A new archery range is now open at Maumee Bay State Park, according to the Ohio DNR. The new range is on the grounds of Maumee Bay State Park, located at 1400 State Park Road, Oregon. The entrance is just past the park office on Park Road 1.

On the range, archers will find seven shooting lanes with a combination of static bag targets and 3D targets. Use of the range is free, and the hours of operation are sunrise to sunset, seven days a week. Shooters are reminded that only field points are allowed, no broadheads.

The construction of this range was completed through a partnership between the ODNR Division of Wildlife and the ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft.

For more information on Ohio's shooting sports opportunities, or to find a range near you, visit wildohio.gov. Click on the "Hunting, Trapping and Shooting Sports" tab, then click on "Shooting Ranges."

To learn more about Ohio's state parks and facility amenities, visit parks.ohiodnr.gov. ✧

Free Youth Hunting Days

The free Indiana youth hunting days for 2018 are **September 8 and 9**, and **November 24 and 25**. Youth free hunting days are traditionally set as the first full weekend after September 1 when dove and squirrel season are open, as well as the weekend after Thanksgiving when deer, rabbit, squirrel, and other gamebird and furbearer seasons are open.

Youth Waterfowl Season

Youth waterfowl season dates are **October 13-14, 2018** (North Zone), **October 20-21, 2018** (Central Zone), and **October 27-28, 2018** (South Zone). To hunt waterfowl, a federal duck stamp is required for all persons 16 years of age or older. A State migratory waterfowl stamp and Harvest Information Program (HIP) number are not required to hunt waterfowl or other migratory birds for resident youth hunting or nonresident youth hunting license holders.

Youth Deer Season

Youth deer season is **September 29-30, 2018**. Youth age 17 or younger on the date of the hunt can participate but must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age. For more info: <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/9323.htm>. ✧

BOW steelhead fishing workshop Oct 26-28

The Michigan DNR Becoming an Outdoors-Woman Program is offering a Beyond BOW steelhead fishing workshop for women. This event is designed to introduce or further enhance steelhead fishing skills in a wild, remote river setting. Beginners are welcome, but some sort of prior basic fishing experience is preferred.

Steelhead are rainbow trout that spend a few years growing in Lake Superior before returning to streams, like the Two-Hearted River, to spawn. The river was made famous in the fishing tales of Ernest Hemingway. "There are new skills to be learned, great fun to be had, all amongst the beautiful outdoors of Michigan's Upper Peninsula," said Michelle Zellar, event coordinator.

The workshop is October 26-28, 2018 and is open to 12 participants.

Overnight accommodations will be provided at the Rainbow Lodge's Two Hearted Cabins, which are situated at the mouth of the Two Hearted River in Luce County.

Instruction will start promptly at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in the beautiful Chapel of the Two Hearted River, located near the river mouth. "We will cover history, identification, equipment set-up, regulations, casting practice and first-hand experience of fishing for steelhead on the Two Hearted River with our passionate and experienced instructors," Zellar said.

Saturday, while spending the day fishing along the river, we will also cook lunch over an open fire at the Two Hearted State Forest Campground. S'mores included.

Participants must be 18 or older and responsible for their own Recreation Passport, which is required for entry into state parks and recreation areas, as well as a Michigan fishing license.

The registration deadline is September 24, when a random lottery selection will be held to determine class participants.

Workshop information and registration materials are available online at michigan.gov/bow. This will be a rain, shine or snow event.

DNR finalizes Lake Vermilion management plan

A plan that covers how fish populations will be managed in Lake Vermilion through 2022 has been finalized by the Minnesota DNR.

Public input resulted in slight changes to the final plan including new stocking guidelines for muskie, a planned evaluation of the current northern pike special regulation and adjustments to fish survey methods including the timing of fish sampling. The plan retains the walleye regulation implemented in May 2017 and is more specific than the previous plan about management goals, objectives and activities for individual fish species.

"Lake Vermilion is well loved by anglers, visitors and area residents," said Edie Evarts, Tower area fisheries supervisor. "Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and input to the management plan for this popular, multi-species fishery."

The plan was developed in partnership with the Lake Vermilion Fisheries Input Group comprised of a diverse group of people interested in Lake Vermilion fish management representing local, statewide and tribal perspectives. The group worked with the DNR from early stages of plan development to reviewing its final version.

The planned evaluation of the current northern pike special regulation is underway, including a proposal to simplify pike regulations by bringing them in line with the new statewide zone regulation starting in May 2019. A public open house on that topic occurred August 22. Questions or comments may be directed to the Tower area fisheries office, 650 Highway 169, Tower, MN 55790, by calling 218-300-7803, or emailing edie.evarts@state.mn.us, through September 26. The plan and more information are available at mndnr.gov/lakevermilion. ✧

DNR announces fall land sale Oct 26 & Nov 1 & 8

The Minnesota DNR will offer 16 parcels at three public oral bid auctions in October and November. The auctions will be held in Grand Rapids, Wadena and St. Paul. The properties include unimproved recreational land in Beltrami, Benton, Big Stone, Fillmore, Hennepin, Houston, Itasca, Kanabec, Lake, Mille Lacs, and Wadena counties. More information about the parcels and can be found on the MNDNR's Land Sale webpage. Public auction details, parcel information and the latest updates will be posted online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/landsale/. You can also call 651-259-5432, 888-646-6367 or email min.landsale@state.mn.us for information. ✧

Smoking Linked to Higher Dementia Risk

In an *Annals of Clinical and Translational Neurology* analysis of nationwide health claims from Korea, men who smoked had an elevated risk of dementia.

Compared with continual smokers, long-term quitters and never smokers had 14% and 19% lower risks for dementia, respectively. Never smokers had an 18% decreased risk of Alzheimer's disease compared with continual smokers. Also, long-term quitters and never smokers had 32% and 29% decreased risks of vascular dementia compared with continual smokers.

The study included 46,140 men aged 60 years or older from a Korean health screening program in 2002 to 2013.

"Smoking cessation was clearly linked with a reduced dementia risk in the long term, indicating that smokers should be encouraged to quit in order to benefit from this decreased risk," said senior author Dr. Sang Min Park, of Seoul National University, in Korea. ✧

Greener neighborhoods may be good for children's brains

Children living in urban greener neighborhoods may have better spatial working memory, according to a *British Journal of Educational Psychology* study. Spatial working memory is responsible for recording information about one's environment and spatial orientation, and it is strongly inter-related with attentional control. In the study of 4,758 11-year-olds living in urban areas in England, lower quantity of neighborhood greenspace was related to poorer spatial working memory, and this relationship held in both deprived and non-deprived neighborhoods.

"Our findings suggest a positive role of greenspace in cognitive functioning. Spatial working memory is an important cognitive ability that is strongly related with academic achievement in children, particularly mathematics performance," said corresponding author Dr. Eirini Flouri, of University College London. "If the association we established between neighborhood greenspace and children's spatial working memory is causal, then our findings can be used to inform decisions about both education and urban planning." ✧

Youth Waterfowl and regular season Canada goose hunts set to open

MADISON – Regular season Canada goose hunting opens **September 16**, along with the Youth Waterfowl Hunt **September 15-16**. Normal season bag limits apply, but all license and stamp requirements are waived for the youth hunt. However, participants still need to be HIP registered (free of charge) and possess both an early and a regular season goose permit if they wish to hunt geese during both days. Licensed adults may also hunt geese since the early and Exterior seasons are open during these dates. ✧

IDNR announces 2018-19 waterfowl hunting season dates

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois DNR announced waterfowl season dates and bag limits for the 2018-19 seasons. The seasons include 60-day duck seasons in each of the state's four waterfowl hunting zones, along with 107 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the North and Central zones (15 days in September, two days of youth hunting and 90 days of "regular" goose season), 100 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Central Zone, and 88 days of Canada goose hunting opportunity in the South Zone.

The 2018-19 Illinois season dates are the third year of a five-year plan that was developed in 2015. This year, Illinois will open the regular duck, Canada goose, and snow goose seasons on October 20 in the North Zone, October 27 in the Central Zone, November 10 in the South Central Zone, and November 22 in the South Zone.

For more info: [IDNR 2018-19 Waterfowl Hunting Season Dates - 8/29/2018](#). ✧

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shoreline. Oswego produced a 28.1-pound Chinook salmon that won the grand prize in the Spring Lake Ontario Counties (LOC) Trout and Salmon Derby.

Lake Ontario is consistently ranked among the top fishing destinations in the country by national publications. Lake Ontario and its embayments and tributaries comprise more than 2.7 million acres and support thriving populations of fish, including a variety of trout, salmon, bass, walleye, yellow perch, and panfish.

A recent statewide angler survey estimated that more than 2.6 million angler days were spent on Lake Ontario and major tributaries. The estimated value of these fisheries exceeded \$112 million annually to local economies. ✧

PFBC launches search for Executive Director

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission began a nationwide search for a new Executive Director.

The job serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, an independent governmental agency established in 1866. The ED is appointed by and reports to a ten-member Commission appointed by the Governor. The agency is empowered, by law, to protect and manage the fish and aquatic habitat of the Commonwealth, to regulate recreational boating on Commonwealth waters and to protect reptiles, amphibians, and certain endangered and threatened species. Interested individuals should apply electronically no later than **September 17, 2018** at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pabureau/jobs/2188868/executive-director-pa-fish-and-boat-commission?sort=PostingDate%7CDescending&page=2&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>. ✧

National Hunting and Fishing Day Sept 22

National Hunting and Fishing Day is observed each year on the fourth Saturday in September. National Hunting and Fishing Day celebrates and recognizes hunters and anglers for their contributions to fish and wildlife conservation. This day was created as a day to enjoy the sports of hunting and fishing, and is meant to recognize that most hunters and fishermen are responsible and enthusiastic naturalists. ✧

Corrections to printed 2018-19 Hunting & Trapping Guide

Indiana hunters and trappers should note the following errors, corrections and clarifications in the print version of the 2018-19 Hunting & Trapping Guide. All have been corrected in the online version, which can be viewed at Hunting.IN.gov. ✧

Public invited to comment on special fishing regulations

During a series of public meetings, anglers and others can give their opinions about fishing regulations that are in place or are newly proposed for 15 lakes and one trout stream, according to the Minnesota DNR

The DNR has scheduled 13 meetings across the state in coming weeks to review regulations that apply to individual waters, and the DNR also is accepting written and verbal public comments on the regulations before and 10 days after each meeting.

Highlights of topics being covered include proposals to modify existing special walleye regulations on Leech Lake, walleye and sauger regulations on Lake of the Woods and Rainy River, northern pike regulations on Lake Vermilion; and a review of experimental walleye regulations on Kabetogama, Namakan, Crane and Little Vermilion lakes.

“Anglers and the public should know they have an important role to play in shaping fishing regulations, and we value their opinions,” said Al Stevens, DNR fisheries regulations consultant. “In the end we all want to make sure anglers continue to have quality fishing in Minnesota.”

In many places statewide regulations, such as bag limits, do an adequate job in providing opportunities to catch quality-sized fish; however, special regulations are a more specific tool that fish managers can use to ensure there are local opportunities for quality fishing. Special or experimental regulations are found in their own section of the 2018 Minnesota Fishing Regulations handbook (pages 38 to 54).

Meeting details

- **Cass County (Walker area fisheries):** Review special walleye regulations on Leech Lake, 6-8 p.m. Monday, **Sept. 24**, Walker Community Center, Walker.
- **Fillmore County (Lanesboro area fisheries):** Review a proposal for special trout regulations on Rush Creek within the city of Rushford, 4-6 p.m. Thursday, **Sept. 20**, Rushford City Hall, 101 N. Mill St., Rushford.
- **Lake of the Woods and Koochiching counties (Baudette area fisheries):** Review of the special walleye and sauger regulations on Lake of the Woods and Rainy River, 6-9 p.m. Monday, **Oct. 8**, Lake of the Woods High School, Baudette.
- **Meeker County (Hutchinson area fisheries):** Review of the special northern pike regulation on Minnie-Belle Lake, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, **Sept. 18**, Meeker County Courthouse, 325 N. Sibley Ave., Litchfield.
- **Pine County (Hinckley area fisheries):** Review of the special northern pike regulation on Sturgeon Lake, 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 9**, YMCA Camp Miller in Mitchell Lodge, 89382 E. Frontage Road, Sturgeon Lake.
- **St. Louis County (International Falls area fisheries):** Review of the special walleye regulations on Namkan Reservoir (Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, Crane and Little Vermilion lakes), 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 2**, Kabetogama Community Center, 9707 Gamma Road, Kabetogama. Also, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, **Oct. 4**, Crane Lake Fire Hall, 7400 Handberg Road, Crane Lake.
- **South Dakota border waters (Ortonville area fisheries):** Hendricks Lake in Lincoln County, Big Stone Lake in Big Stone County, Traverse Lake in Traverse County, Bois de Sioux River to the North Dakota Border in Traverse County and Mustinka River from its mouth to the State Highway 117 Bridge; discuss removing an unneeded, duplicate special regulation governing taking of walleye, crappie and sunfish on the Minnesota-South Dakota border waters and clarifying the one-over-20 inch rule for possession of walleye; 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, **Sept. 11**, DNR fisheries office, 890 Pine Ave., Ortonville.
- **Stearns County (Sauk Rapids fisheries area):** Review of the experimental northern pike regulation on Pearl Lake and the special regulation for northern pike on Big Fish Lake. Pearl Lake meeting is 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, **Oct. 9**, Holy Cross Catholic School, 10672 County Road 8, Kimball; Big Fish Lake meeting is 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, **Sept. 26**, Colledgeville Township Hall, 27724 County Road 50, Cold Spring.
- **Wright County (Sauk Rapids area fisheries):** Review of the experimental northern pike regulations on East and West Sylvia lakes, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, **Oct. 4**, Southside Township Hall, 8209 County Road 3, Annandale.

Call or write to local fisheries offices to comment about regulations proposals. Phone numbers of local fisheries offices can be found online at mndnr.gov/areas/fisheries, or on page 87 of the fishing regulations handbook. The offices will accept written or verbal comments up to 10 days following a local meeting.

Anyone who cannot attend a local meeting can attend an open house about the regulation proposals that will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, **Sept. 26**, at the DNR headquarters in St. Paul, 500 Lafayette Road. No formal presentations will be made at the open house. Additionally, staff will accept comments on any proposal through Monday, **Oct. 8** email to al.stevens@state.mn.us or by calling him at 651-259-5239. ✧

Study examines changing demographics of Great Lakes Angling Community Fishing as a stereotypical “dad sport” is no longer accurate

ANN ARBOR, MI—Recent research shows the stereotype that fishing is a “dad sport” is no longer accurate. Building on earlier research that found the number of people who fish has been steadily declining, a new study conducted by researchers at Michigan Technological University (MTU) and funded by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (Commission), sought to evaluate the shifting demographics within the angling community and determine how the changing composition may impact fishery management decisions. Among the major findings is that female fishers make up a growing proportion of anglers in the Great Lakes region as younger generations of women are more likely to fish than were their mothers and grandmothers. The increasing number of female anglers in the younger angling community, however, is not sufficient to reverse the overall decline in anglers.

Each year, approximately 1.8 million recreational anglers fish the Great Lakes. Millions more fish inland lakes and streams across the Upper Great Lakes region. Anglers play a critical role affecting the region’s fisheries, their related ecosystems, and fisheries management practices and policies. Dr. Richelle Winkler, the principal investigator for the study, and PhD student Erin Burkett, examined changes to the angling population by looking at the recent trends in anglers through various demographical lenses such as gender, age, time period, and birth cohort. The researchers looked broadly at the total population of all anglers in the upper Great Lakes states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), as well as a subset of those anglers in who specifically fish salmon and trout in the Great Lakes.

One of the key findings of this study was that while the stereotype that most of the people who fish are older (born before 1965) is true, the stereotype that fishing is a man’s

sport, does not hold true in younger generations. On the contrary, the research found that in the younger angler community (those born after 1980), males are less likely to fish than their predecessors and females are more likely to fish than prior generations.

“If these patterns of change in composition of the Great Lakes angling community continue, they could have significant implications for agency funding, habitat programs, and development and implementation of fisheries management strategies,” explains Dr. Winkler. Previous research by Winkler projected more dramatic declines in the population of hunters in Wisconsin and Michigan. Winkler emphasized the importance of conducting population projections for these two groups: “Because hunters and anglers together provide the majority of state fish and wildlife funding programs and represent the most active stakeholder groups, the combined impact of hunter and angler decline and cohort replacement could be substantial for state fish and wildlife agencies.”

Winkler added: “As the angler population becomes increasingly female, managers and policy-makers will have to consider how to engage female anglers more actively as constituents and decision-makers. Recruitment, retention, and reactivation programs, known as “R3,” might focus on retaining the relatively large number of currently young women who are now fishing through their adulthood, for example through a targeted marketing program or by facilitating opportunities for women to continue to participate as they take on careers and become mothers. Women tend to put their own recreational interests on the backburner when family and work demands increase, so it will be important to find ways to help women manage that burden if they are to continue to fish through their life. Moreover, further research should focus on ways to engage stakeholders,

beyond the anglers, in fisheries as the number of future anglers is likely to decline.”

In looking at salmon and trout anglers of the Upper Great Lakes, the study did not investigate differences in gender composition within this subset of the angling community, but did conclude there were analogous generational trends to the broader community in two of the three Great Lakes studied. Older generations of salmon and trout anglers were significantly more likely to participate than newer generations in both Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. In Lake Superior, however, there was no clear distinction between generations. Looking towards the future, the salmon and trout angler populations are projected to decline in Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, while Lake Superior populations are expected to remain stable. This trend could be indicative of the quality of the fishery, which has declined in recent years due to decreasing alewife populations, or it may be more related to the past condition of the fishery whereby Lake Huron and Lake Michigan provided abundant salmon fishing opportunities at the time when the Baby Boomers came of age and started fishing. This opportunity might have come at just the right time to create a stronger cohort effect in these lakes than what we see in Lake Superior, which didn’t experience the proliferation of Pacific salmon.

Research, such as this study, is critical to informing the development and implementation of policies and strategies that are meant to maximize the value of the fishery and people’s ability to use it.”

More information about this project, including reports and maps for each state and lake, as well as access to all demographic data collected as part of this study, can be found here:

<https://www.mtu.edu/greatlakes/fishery/index.html>. ✧

DEC Canada Goose Season open

Canada goose hunting season opened September 1, in most of the state. The current population estimate is more than 200,000 birds. The September seasons include liberal bag limits (15 birds/day), extended shooting hours, and other special regulations to maximize hunter success. Additional details on [waterfowl hunting regulations, season dates, hunting area boundaries, and bag limits](#) ✧

National Park Service joins effort to Promote Fishing and Boating

The National Park Service (NPS) has joined several federal agencies and private organizations, including NMMA, on an unprecedented memorandum of understanding (MOU) – which calls for the development and expansion of cooperation on planning and implementing mutually-beneficial projects and activities to promote recreational fishing and boating conducted on public lands and waterways. ✧

DEC early bear hunting seasons open soon

New York announced the start of early bear hunting seasons in New York State, beginning Saturday, **September 8**. In southeastern New York, the early bear season runs from September 8 to September 23 in Wildlife Management Units. For more info: [DEC Early Bear Hunting Seasons Open Soon](#). ✧

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With experts warning that invasive grass carp will become established in Lake Huron in 10 years, opinions are strongly divided on the best ways to deal with the threat and the tactics agencies are using to manage these fish that belong to the Asian carp family

[Evanston says Skokie has 'no fundamental right to Lake Michigan water,' moves to dismiss federal lawsuit](#)

In the latest round of the ongoing legal battle in Illinois between Evanston and Skokie over water rates, Evanston filed a motion Tuesday seeking to have the federal lawsuit filed by Skokie earlier this summer dismissed

[Trump nominates Corwin to head Great Lakes agency](#)

Jane Corwin, a former New York State Assembly member, was nominated by President Trump Tuesday to chair the International Joint Commission, the binational agency governing Great Lakes issues

[Action needed for Lake Erie](#)

Ohio's Lake Erie charter boat industry has suffered major losses because of harmful algal blooms and charter boat captains want action, not further studies, according to the president of the Lake Erie Charter Boat Association

[Aquatic invasive species workshop looks at sea lamprey, Asian carp](#)

The Invasive Species Centre convened an aquatic species workshop to highlight invasive species issues in Ontario. The workshop focused on sea lamprey control and Asian carp concerns

[Fish Ohio Day puts focus on Lake Erie](#)

Last week, Ohio celebrated the annual Governor's Fish Ohio Day, which began as a promotion to plug Lake Erie's fishing after the troubled lake was declared "dead" by national media in the 1960s.

[Acting U.S. EPA administrator wants to keep Great Lakes restoration program](#)

The \$300 million-a-year Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is one Obama-era program that will survive the Trump Administration if the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's new acting administrator, Andrew Wheeler, gets his way.

[EDITORIAL: Full Great Lakes funding a triumph of problem-solving over politicking](#)

Congress's decision to fully fund the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative shows the benefits of bipartisan legislating.

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