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Army Corps Plans Extensive Review of Great Lakes Tunnel Plan

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said Wednesday it would conduct an extensive review of Enbridge Energy's plan to build an oil pipeline tunnel beneath a Great Lakes channel in Michigan, which could significantly delay the project.

The tunnel would house a replacement for a portion of Enbridge's Line 5 that crosses the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, a roughly 4-mile-long (6.4-kilometers-long) waterway connecting Lake Huron and Lake Michigan.

Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy has issued a permit for the \$500 million tunnel, but approval from the Army Corps also is needed. The federal agency would consider potential effects on the straits and adjacent wetlands.

The Corps could have settled for a narrowly tailored examination of needs and purposes for the tunnel before making its ruling. But it opted for an environmental impact statement, which involves a more

comprehensive study, including consideration of reasonable alternatives.

"I have concluded that an EIS is the most appropriate level of review because of the potential for impacts significantly affecting the quality of the human environment," said Jaime A. Pinkham, acting assistant secretary of the Army for civil works.

Thousands of comments from the public and indigenous tribes justified the deeper investigation, Pinkham said, adding that navigation in the busy shipping channel also was also a consideration.

Enbridge had pledged to complete the tunnel by 2024 but is "evaluating the timeline" in view of the government's decision, which will hold up construction, spokesman Ryan Duffy said.

"Placing a pipeline in a new Great Lakes tunnel will provide extra layers of safety and environmental protection and make what is currently a safe pipeline even safer, while creating Michigan jobs and securing the needed energy for con-

sumers in Michigan and the region," Enbridge said.

The Canadian company, based in Calgary, Alberta, reached a deal in 2018 with former Republican Gov. Rick Snyder to construct the tunnel. It came amid pressure from area tribes, tourist businesses and environmental groups to shut down Line 5, which carries oil and natural gas liquids between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario.

Critics contend the underwater section — two parallel pipes laid in 1953 — is vulnerable to a spill that could pollute hundreds of miles of waters and shorelines. Enbridge, backed by industry and labor groups, says it is in good condition and has never leaked.

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer ordered Line 5's underwater pipes closed by mid-May, a deadline the company ignored. A lawsuit is pending in federal court. Canada, which has described continued operation of the pipeline as

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The Rodney Dangerfield of the Great Lakes (*Cyprinus Carpio*)

By Roger Hinchcliff

The Story

Ask any fishermen what attracts them to the sport of fishing. One of the many answers and reasons you will get will be "the tug is the drug". But yet the following fish the (common Carp) "Gets No Respect" to quote Rodney Dangerfield. The Average Great Lakes Carp ranges in size from 15-32 inches and 4-31 lbs.

The Michigan state record for the common carp is 61.5 pounds. They can weigh up to 80 pounds and grow up to 5 feet in length. Average life span of a wild common carp is 20 years but in captivity they can live up to 50 years. So, in case you need me to remind you these fish can grow quite large and test any tackle.

What's the World's Number One Game Fish?

You guessed it the Carp! But in the United States this fish is considered a nuisance, trash or junk fish. However, one of the fastest growing part of our sport in the United States is Carp Fishing amongst young anglers according to the American Carp Society.

Let's be clear this species is not native to the

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In June 2020, file photo, a television screen provided by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy shows damage to anchor support EP-17-1 on the east leg of the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline within the Straits of Mackinac in Mich. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced Wednesday, June 23, 2021, plans to conduct an extensive review of a proposed tunnel to house a replacement for a portion of Enbridge's Line 5, which could significantly delay the project.
(Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy via AP, File)

Catch Fish All Summer

By Bob Jensen

We've entered the summer season. Fishing can be good, or it can be tough. If it's tough though, it generally doesn't need to be. There are some things we can do to catch more fish right now. Following are some of those things.

Many of us have a tendency to fish memories. Earlier in the year, maybe a week ago or a month ago, we were catching walleyes on jigs in shallow water. Or we were catching crappies near logs along shorelines or around docks. Or we were casting spinnerbaits for largemouth bass in the rushes. But if we continue to use those techniques or fish the same areas, the

action probably won't be as good. At least not on a consistent basis. It's not because the fish aren't biting, because they probably are. Just not in the area that was productive a short time ago. We need to adapt: We need to look for the wall-eyes and crappies and bass in different places. And we probably need to use different baits.

Weather can be a factor. I remember a year or two ago when some friends and I were in northern Minnesota fishing for largemouth bass. A severe weather front had gone through. Air temperatures dropped twenty degrees overnight, the skies were clear, and the bass didn't want to eat. However, northern

pike were very willing to smash our spinnerbaits. They weren't real big pike, but they were fun to catch. When weather conditions change, if we want to be successful, we need to switch species or switch techniques, or maybe even switch to a different body of water. Oftentimes, river fish won't be as affected by weather conditions as lake fish.

When fishing conditions are good, meaning the

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A good number of MSSFA angler members are people who are part of the multi-generational ethos of dividing their time between working to make a living and spending their recreational time on the sports and hobbies that interest them. How many times in the past have you or someone you know said, “I need to work less and fish more”? I’m sure many times. Now it seems our society has moved towards the opposite end where time needs to be taken out of the recreational schedule in order to work. In either of these scenarios for the angler, the primary sport of interest is sport fishing. Whether angling is a small amount or a large amount of time in your recreational leisure activity schedule, one thing is for certain, in order to maintain a viable

fishery, the MSSFA must be supported because it is your watchdog of the resource and continually works towards enhancing sport fishing in our rivers, streams, inland lakes and the Great Lakes. The MSSFA works closely with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and constantly strives to be the front-runner at all levels of the legislature and in courtrooms. As many of you remember, when salmon were successfully introduced to the Great Lakes, the MSSFA skyrocketed in both number of chapters and membership numbers. However, as time has gone by and the uniqueness of the Great Lakes salmon fishery began to fade into the collective consciousness of status quo, so too did the abundance of chapters and number of members. The

MSSFA’s mission has not changed and we still face the same challenges over and over again as our same adversaries are always thinking of new ways to divvy up the resource even more in their favor. It is unfortunate that many MSSFA chapters went defunct or went completely independent of the MSSFA umbrella. I’ve heard the stories and justifications time and again, but, in the end, I would conclude those actions ultimately were not beneficial to the overall mission of protecting and enhancing the resource. For the chapters and members that remain, you are the bulwark

of the MSSFA, you are the venerated obstacle our adversaries have to grapple with to achieve their self-serving ends. Remain vigilant! Being vigilant comes in many ways for the MSSFA. It’s not only with the legislative hurdles and legal proceedings that confront our sport fishery. Oh, no. It’s also about things closer to home like net pens to rear young salmon smolts that will replenish the fishery. Spring of 2021 saw the Southwest Michigan, Grand Rapids and Grand Haven chapters tend the pens. Congratulations to Grand Haven chapter president Paul Zelenka and his



Tim Stegeman, President
Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen’s Association

members along with Bob Streck and the Grand Rapids members for a great showing on Michigan Out of Doors TV on the May 13, 2021 episode. Thank you to all the volunteers that tended the pens. This is one fantastic example of how the MSSFA enhances the sport fishery. It is also a reason to be a MSSFA member so you have opportunities like this to be

hands-on and directly involved. Along with some relaxing of pandemic mandates, we have seen many of the chapters being able to conduct their tournaments again. Southwest and South Haven chapters had good showings for their big lake tournaments out the spring gate and hopefully that will continue to translate to all the events for all the chapters for the rest of the year. Thunder Bay has also had a few tournaments with more to come for northern Lake Huron. In the next several weeks (weather permitting), Great Lakes Bay, Thumb and Metro West will be having some events and from what I have heard, the walleye fishing is picking up. Be sure to get out and support chapter events this summer no matter what river, lake or coast! Consider visiting another chapter’s event, after all, you have time because these days we are in a society of leisure...

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Above: Grand Haven chapter president Paul Zelenka was interviewed for Michigan Out Of Doors TV.
Left: Southwest Michigan, Grand Rapids and Grand Haven chapters tend the pens.

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The Tribal Negotiations team participated in a hearing with Judge Maloney on June 4, 2021. The meeting is protected by the confidentiality agreement among the parties so I cannot report on what transpired beyond letting you know that the Judge extended the current decree until December 31, 2021 and set a September 10, 2021 date for a status review. Our coalition partners who are on the negotiating team exited the meeting upbeat which makes me believe the Judge must have had some impact on the parties to get this done by the December 31, 2021 deadline.

The big lake fishing outing with legislators on July 26th out of Grand Haven, MI. is still on for this year. It provides a mean-

ingful opportunity to explain to lawmakers why it so important to protect our fisheries from overharvest, from the infestation of invasive species like quagga mussels and to demonstrate how much fun sport fishing can be. Rep. Jim Lilly (R) Park Township, MI will be our host and we expect as many as twenty representatives to participate. The Michigan Legislative Sportsman Caucus Advisory Council sponsors the event annually with the help of sponsors like the Michigan Soft Drink Association, McAlvey Merchant & Associates, MUCC, and MSSFA.

No new movement regarding the House commercial fishing bills has occurred, though we do expect Rep. Lilly to reintroduce the bills that passed

in the House last year with some amendments. Sen. McBroom introduced SB 251, a bill to restrict the MDNR director's authority to issue rules without the oversight of the Natural Resources Commission. The bill was voted out of committee and passed in the Senate on June 21, 2021. It goes to the House now for consideration and a vote. I have read the final version of the bill and it definitely makes the director seek the concurrence of the Natural Resources Commission before he institutes changes in the rules. It also changes the depth restriction for placing commercial nets from 80 feet to 150 feet of depth which has been the custom for some years. There is nothing that would seriously impact sport fishing interests in the bill as it was passed in the Senate, but we will stay vigilant as it moves to the floor of the House.

Chapters have really stepped up and have gotten members to renew their memberships. Congratula-

tions on a job well done by all the membership chairmen. Let's not stop efforts however, there are 50.1 million anglers actively engaged in fishing for the first time in twelve years nationwide and we need to reach out to as many Michigan anglers as we can to keep our association strong.

Covid protocols have been sent to each chapter president as a result of board of directors passing the recommended steps to comply with accepted standards being used to hold events safely. Please use these guide lines when planning tournaments or events.

Finally, I made a presentation to the Michigan House Natural Resources Committee on April 29th and provided the committee (and its two new members) with an understanding and overview of MSSFA and how it advocates for the sport fishery. It went well and the Q&A was enlightening. We made our points and I believe we were heard. I encourage you all to stay engaged until we are free of the pandemic restrictions. We cannot give up on recruiting new members as this is the life blood of our association.

Tight Lines!



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SAVING A BLOW DAY

By Jim Bedford

You are finally able to schedule a late summer fishing day on Lake Michigan but the weather has other ideas, the much feared “blow day”. You can save the day if you have waders, county maps, and a stream thermometer.

A thermometer is an important tool for Michigan river anglers, especially those that chase trout and salmon. It is put to use during all four seasons as we try to find water temperatures best suited to our quarry and the time of year. In the winter and spring we are usually looking for warmer water while in the summer and early fall the reverse is true. There is no season or species where knowing the water temperature is more important than when you are after summer steelhead.

A number of years ago a friend told me about encountering a summer steelhead in a very small trout stream in southern Allegan

County. We returned to explore the stream that the trout brook emptied into, the Middle Branch of the Black River. On an August afternoon with the air temperature in the low 80s we found the Middle Branch to be a cool 65 degrees. We eagerly split up to fish adjacent sections from bridge to bridge. A mix of summer steelhead and large northern pike hammered our lures and we had a great time even though we landed less than half the fish we hooked.

No summer steelhead have ever been planted in this Black River or in the South Haven harbor where it joins Lake Michigan. Water temperature may have been one of the reasons they show up in this stream periodically. Indiana plants a large numbers of summer steelhead in the St. Joseph River because it is the state’s only large tributary to Lake Michigan. The fact that for much of the summer this river is too warm for steelhead

and the characteristic that Skamania strain steelhead don’t seem to home in on their planted stream as well as other steelhead explains why these summer runs stray into other streams.

When the water temperature in the St. Joseph stays in the 60s you can have good success fishing below each of the dams. Berrien Springs usually provides the best fishing but you can also have good success below the Niles and Buchanan dams as well. At normal low summer water levels you can wade below each of the dams. However, launching a boat will always give you access to water you can’t reach in your waders.

With the inevitable rise in the water temperature the steelhead that have run the St. Joe in July or August will seek cooler water. Tributary streams provide these respites. If the feeder creek is small often the steelhead will hold off the mouth of the creek or just enter the first pool or two

if there is sufficient depth. Love, Lemon, and Farmer’s Creeks and Big Meadow Drain are examples of the small cool inflows below Berrien Springs.

There are two cold tributaries that join the St. Joseph below Berrien Springs that are large enough to draw steelhead well upstream into them. Hickory Creek joins the St. Joe from the south just few miles upstream from Lake Michigan and Pipestone Creek, which joins the St. Joe about three river miles up from I-94 are both designated trout streams with resident browns present. Summer steelhead will remain in the lower reaches of these creeks until the weather cools in September. Fishing in the St. Joseph off the mouths of these streams can also be very productive.

The Dowagiac River is a good sized trout stream that joins the St. Joe in Niles. A dam about two miles north of Niles still blocks the fish from moving further upstream. There is plenty of



Author with a summer steelhead

room for all styles of fishing here.

Nearby cool rivers also receive summer steelhead that stray from their stocked river. The Galien River joins Lake Michigan in New Buffalo, about 25 miles south of the St. Joe. The mainstream of this riv-

er is not a lot colder than the St. Joe but its south branch definitely is cooler. Resident brown trout are present in the South Branch of the Galien and most of the summer steelhead that enter the Galien make a right turn at the forks. About the same distance to the north the aforementioned Black River flows into Lake Michigan at South Haven. This river also branches a short distance upstream from its mouth and the Middle Branch attracts most of the steelhead.

The same cool weather that results in a run in the St. Joseph will also trigger smaller runs in the Kalamazoo and Grand Rivers. Like the St. Joe these are large warm water rivers that will be too warm for summer steelhead most of the time from late June to early September. Swan Creek is a cool tributary to the Kalamazoo and will attract steelhead when the weather warms up the main river. It flows in from the south about two river miles downstream from the Allegan Dam.

Even though there is a ladder at the Sixth Street Dam this is the most likely spot to find some stray summer steelhead in the Grand River. Buck Creek is a brown trout stream that joins the Grand downstream from the dam and will attract summer steelhead when conditions are right. When a cool spell is prolonged the summer runs will ascend the ladder and be attracted to the Rogue River. I’ve caught them as far upstream as Prairie Creek but this is not something you can count on.

Michigan plants all of its summer steelhead in the Manistee River. This river also gets too warm in the summer below Tippy Dam. Pine Creek is always cold when it joins the Manistee and attracts summer runs at its mouth in the Udell Rollways campground. Bear Creek may draw fish but often it is as warm as the big river at their confluence.

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Egg Collection on the Little Manistee River

Have you ever wondered where those salmon and trout the Michigan Department of Natural Resources stocks in the Great Lakes and tributaries come from? Before they hatch into fry (very young fish), before they grow to stocking size and before they leave the stocking truck, the eggs of these fish must be collected by DNR Fisheries Division personnel.

The Little Manistee River Weir and Egg Collection Facility, located on the

beautiful Little Manistee River just outside of Manistee in Manistee County, is the place where this story originates.

For over 50 years, workers at the Little Manistee facility have collected eggs from Chinook salmon and steelhead, two very important and popular gamefish species.

The egg-take facility was constructed in 1967 and began operations in 1968 to meet the growing interest in fishing for salmon and steel-

head—two non-native species introduced previously to the Great Lakes. This site on the Little Manistee River was chosen based on its proximity to Lake Michigan and its ideal spawning habitat that already supported natural reproduction of steelhead (lake or ocean-going rainbow trout).

In the late 60s and early 70s, the introduction of coho and Chinook salmon revitalized Great Lakes fisheries that were depleted by invasive sea lamprey and



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alewife, commercial fishing and habitat degradation that had occurred over time.

Beginning in 1968 and continuing through today, the Little Manistee egg-take facility has operated as the primary source for Chinook salmon eggs, and the sole source for steelhead eggs, for these two fish-stocking programs. The facility operates from about mid-March to May to collect eggs from steelhead that spawn in the river each spring. Mid-September through October, the facility staff collects eggs from Chinook salmon that spawn in the fall.

In 2019, the facility got much-needed upgrades, including replacing most of its mechanical and concrete infrastructure and adding efficiencies such as LED lighting and pump improvements.

Over the last 50 years, there has been only one time the facility and staff were unable to fulfill the egg quota for the steelhead program. In the spring of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic was still in its early stages, and the many unknowns at the time resulted in the painful decision to suspend spring egg-take

operations out of an abundance of caution.

For the fall Chinook salmon operations, return-to-work protocols were in place, facility workstations were modified to create distancing, plastic barriers were added, and the work crew size was reduced to only local unit staff.

These same protocols were in place for the 2021 spring steelhead operation, allowing staff to meet the needs of this important program while safely working together.

Process

The Little Manistee Weir and Egg Collection Facility and grounds includes several important components that provide a way to capture and hold fish and allow staff to collect and fertilize eggs and to release or harvest fish.

The process begins with the weir structure itself. The weir is basically a temporary dam that blocks fish from migrating upstream but does not impound water in the way a traditional dam would.

The other major compo-

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spinners is a very effective technique for summer steelhead and is my favorite. The stream size and clarity and the brightness of the day influence my choice of spinners. Real silver is the choice on dark days and when the water clarity is low while tarnished brass and black are at the other end of the spectrum when the creek is low and clear and the sun is out. Fluorescent orange tape will always be on the back of the blade and often I will use a spinner with a fluorescent orange painted blade. A spinner with a polished copper blade has become a very good summer steelhead spinner for me in recent years. Its effectiveness may be due to the reddish orange component of its flash.

Minnow plugs also work well for summer runs. Those that dive to a moderate depth like the Kinchou Minnow and Wally Diver

seem to be ideal when fishing small streams for steelhead. They get down to the fish on upstream casts but don't dive so deep as to get hung up.

Summer steelhead orient to cover just like their cousins running in the cooler seasons. Retrieving your lure close to logs, overhanging brush, undercut banks, and big rocks is a key to success. These steelhead also have a strong affinity to deep riffles and you should fish this type of water hard when you find it. The choppy water surface keeps them from view just like more solid cover. Summer steelhead will hit right away when they are in the mood so it pays to move right along and cover lots of water.

Hope some cool weather accompanies the blow day and keep your stream thermometer handy. Summer steelhead are aggressive strikers when the water temperature drops to the low to mid sixties.

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United States. They were introduced here in the Mid 1800’s to be used as food and for the Fish markets. By the 1880’s the US Fish Commission were stocking them everywhere from a stock from Germany to rural America as a food source.

Let’s not confuse the common Carp with some species we do not want in the Great Lakes. These include Bighead, Black and Silver carp. We must continue our fight to keep the Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes. The Common Carp is found in every state but Alaska with the heaviest concentration in the Great Lakes Basin and in Large Impoundments throughout the South and West.

The common carp can be identified by the light gold to dark brown color. They have very large scales covering entire body with fins that are often reddish and even orange. Now that we have established these fish come with a large population, grow very large and are powerful. Like them or not they are here to stay and why not have some fun. Let’s talk about why you should give the hard fighting carp a chance and how to catch them.

Locating Fish and Bait to Use

Due to the abundance of these fish an angler doesn’t



have to drive far from home to find a resident population somewhere. To Find carp look for Large Inland Lakes, Reservoirs, Ponds, Canals, Swamps, Drainage Ditches, Large or Small Rivers, etc. They prefer shallow muddy bottoms, with aquatic vegetation. So, they are readily available everywhere in the Great Lakes. So bottom-line travel expenses are at a minimum. You can even come home and sleep in your own bed at night. Where as some species you may have to drive a long way to target or even stay in a hotel.

To locate carp go looking for them early in the morning just as the sun is rising and also in the evening before sunset. We commonly refer to the jumping as the crash out. As they splash about and feed these fish give away their locations. Look for reed beds, weed edges and lilies they love to feed around those locations. Wear polarized sun glasses and look for the silhouette of a fish. The best scenario you can see is a tail sticking out of the water. Head down and tail up means feeding fish. Or if you see bubbles com-



Carp Gear

When it comes to tackle its suggested to have gear that’s more suited to medium heavy. Like a 9–10-foot rod rated 10-20lbs will work just fine. Not to say you can’t catch them on Ultralight tackle or even on a Fly Rod 7-8 Weight. In Europe an average Carp rod is 9-12 foot or even longer and they use a different rating system than us. A test Curve of 2.75lbs – 3.5lbs is a common Carp rod rating there. The easiest way I can explain test curve it’s the amount of weight needed to bring the rod tip to 90 degrees of the butt section.

ing up in a pond or lake are also signs of feeding carp on the bottom. These fish are very wary so avoid being spotted.

You can find these fish fairly shallow and as deep as thirty feet but most are caught in 2 to 15 ft of water. Look for shallow water that drops off into deeper water or the River and Lake inlets.

Think these fish are easy to catch? Think again, the carp is very intelligent and wary. They have great eye sight, sense of smell and the longest memory span of any fresh water fish

species. These fish can give you a run for your money on hook and line. Proper rigging and baits will help your success. What are popular baits to use? They eat a variety of foods, including plants, Insects, crustaceans and other benthic species. But a trip to the dollar store will do just fine. One of the most common baits used for Carp fishing is a can of sweet corn or just rolled up dough balls. Talk about cheap fishing it’s hard to beat that, right? Carp have a diverse diet but pretty much will eat anything.

Common line used for carp fishing is anywhere from 12lb – 25lb in either braid or monofilament. Not to say you can’t catch them on lighter leaders. However, most carp are hooked in the bottom lip so when they take a run after being hooked that line is dragging

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across the bottom. So, a line that is abrasion resistant will pay dividends.
These fish can be caught year-round so if you’re fishing in the winter, the braid can freeze under certain cir-


cumstances and may not be the best option. I personally use mono for my main line and braid for my hair rig.
A spinning reel is most commonly used in sizes 3000-6000. A larger spool is recommended that holds lots of line. Hook a Big carp and you will see why.

Many like to use a bait runner spinning reel. This is a reel that allows you to put the reel in free spool mode. This reel allows the fish to pick up the bait and swim off without feeling much tension. This is also used when the carp takes off it doesn’t take your whole rod



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Author Roger Hinchcliff with huge bugle mouth.

and reel in the water. Trust me this has happened to many people including myself as a child as I watched a rod and reel take off in the water and head down stream.
If you don’t own a reel like this or you’re on a tight

budget simply open the bail or loosen the top drag knob very loose to allow the fish to run and hook itself. Next pick up the rod and just lift. Fish ON!
Rigging
The Common Carp is the smartest Freshwater

Fish we have, they spook very easily and are extremely wary. A soft presentation is key to your success. They take a bait very gently and methodically. When you see the carp take off like a bat out of hell its and your drag is singing it’s because it felt that hook and they basically hook themselves when running off. In my opinion this is to our advantage when they panic and spook.
The Best Carp rig to use in my opinion is the hair rig. The Europeans have developed so many rigs through the years to catch these fish that it can become daunting when researching. But if you master the hair rig that’s all you need to catch lots of carp. Please don’t get me wrong you can catch carp with bait put right on your hook. But you will catch so many more if the bait is located below the hook point.
This rig is so easy to tie with many videos on YouTube to show you how to do it. This rig does require a few tools to complete but really is worth researching



Kernel corn is one of the best baits for carp fishing.

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to learn. Next a Carolina rig with a sliding egg sinker or a stationary weight is all you need. Most Carp anglers use weights from

2-4 Oz’s depending on conditions and how far they need to cast from shore to reach the fish. Please make sure your rod has a weight rating that high when casting heavy leads. If not, you can snap your rod tip very

easily.

Conclusion

Many folks don’t like the carp for many reasons. I get it, if carp is not your thing or your forte. Its not for everybody. However, the common carp is going

nowhere after 140 years and they are here to stay whether we like them or not. They provide a great local fishery to many folks young and old. This fun can be had by all in very close proximity

to almost everyone here in the Great Lakes. Some even keep a few for fertilizer for the garden. No matter what your take is I urge you to try “Ole Bugle Mouth” or “The Poor Man’s Bone Fish.” In my opinion Carp

may be considered as a Trash Fish but if you’re not Careful they will Trash your Reels Drag, just sayin. Tight Lines!

Roger Hinchcliff
Steelhead Manifesto

Steelhead Trip Turns Up A Unicorn

Great friends and an epic battle with a monster fish make for an unforgettable day

This blog article is by Mercury Pro Team member Rob Endsley, an Alaska charter captain (princeof-walessportfishing.com), former river guide and host of the "Outdoor Line" radio show in Seattle, Washington.

Some fishing stories are too good not to share. Like what I experienced on a recent trip for steelhead trout on Washington's famed Skagit River with my best friend and fishing partner, Chris Senyohl, of Intrepid Angler Guide Service, and former national champion mountain bike racer Luke Strobel.

In spring 2021, the river had just enough steelhead returning to it to allow for a four-day-a-week catch-and-release season. Though the runs have been returning well below forecast, the Skagit still has incredible trophy potential. It's the kind of place where one cast can change everything. The Skagit is also the birthplace of steelhead fishing in the Pacific Northwest, with a long and heralded history among steelhead anglers everywhere.

My 18-foot river sled is set up perfectly for this fishery. It's powered by a Mercury Jet outboard outfitted with the slick new tiller handle, plus a set of 10-foot oars that allow me to slowly drift the boat downstream and into position so my fishing partners can cast into pockets and runs along the way.

On this particular morning, Chris and Luke jumped in the sled with me at first light, and I already had the heated tiller handle warmed up for the five-mile ride. We raced upriver to a spot where we've had success in the past, taking in all the glory of the North Cascades as we went. We glided across shallow bars and tailouts until we reached the first run.

I jumped on the oars, controlling our drift downstream as the guys went to work casting soft-plastic worms into holding areas. There was some brief excitement when Luke hooked a mountain whitefish, but otherwise we hit the runs repeatedly and tried a number of techniques with nothing to show for it.

Eventually, we decided to stick with the big ol' rubber worms since we all knew how well they work for these aggressive wild steelhead.

Just before noon I carefully idled the sled into about 6 inches of water in a tailout that led into one of the Skagit's many side channels. These side channels have produced so many fish for me over the years, mainly because folks won't take their boats into them, but with the jet, I can slip in without a problem. Luke and Chris immedi-



Photos: Chris Senyohl of Intrepid Angler Guide Service

ately began casting into the most likely holding areas as we fished down through the small channel. At the end of the channel, where it meets the main river, Chris placed a precise cast right next to a downed tree in a pile of timber. The 5-inch-long rubber worm no sooner than hit the bottom when our day changed.

A heavy-shouldered steelhead picked up the worm, rolled a few times, then zipped back up the side channel. By then, the boat had drifted back into the fast current of the Skagit, so there wasn't much I could do to slow us down with the oars as the fish dragged line off Chris' reel. He held on helplessly as the fish ran at least a hundred yards up the side channel, tangled in some lumber and broke the line.

All we could do was laugh. It was an amazing hookup, but there was nothing we could've done to stop that fish.

I detected a little shakiness in Chris' hands as he retied. He knew what we all knew: Fish like that are exactly why we came to the Skagit.

We turned back to the river, drifted downstream, lost some more tackle to a tree, ate smoked salmon and told some stories – and

on down the river we went. I'd row the guys through the Skagit's most productive runs, and they would drift rubber worms and an occasional bead or yarnie in case the fish wanted something different. Some of these runs are big. It takes a few passes to cover them entirely. Between passes, I'd fire up the Mercury Jet and run back to the top of the run so the guys could cover every bit.

Just after noon, we approached a run with a heavy tongue of water flowing down the center of the river. Deep, steelhead-holding water flowed over gravel bars flanking the main flow. I rowed hard in the main current so Luke and Chris could cast into the slower-holding water on the right-hand bar.

Chris fired a cast, and his rod buried the second his gear hit the bottom, almost like it had snagged on a rock. And it stayed there, rock solid for a few seconds, before we saw a flash of chrome. Just like the last hookup, we were drifting downriver at a good clip, and this big steelhead had no interest in leaving his holding spot. It gyrated and rolled and eventually came launching out of the water like steelhead do.

Instantly, we realized

he'd hooked a unicorn. In steelheading, that's what we call a giant fish like this – the caliber of fish that most anglers will go their entire lives without seeing.

Chris shot me a look

of disbelief, but all I could say was, "Good luck." The fish launched out of the water again and gave us a break by heading for faster current. There was simply no give as the trophy steelhead ripped around the run. Even with a tight drag, any line that Chris gained quickly evaporated. The fish jumped again, and this time it landed on the line, a move that usually ends up in a lost fish. Somehow, the barbless hook held as the fight raced on downstream.

Eventually, I maneuvered the boat over another rocky bar. Chris was able to work the fish into some softer water as I readied the catch-and-release net. On the fish's next pass near the boat, I scooped up the bright chrome buck.

What a thrill. We immediately started cheering and high fiving. I swear, it never gets old!

We admired the fish's white belly and bumper-chrome sides, its rosy red cheeks and spotted, steel-grey back. If you looked closely at the big wild steelhead buck's jawline, downturned eyes and face, it looked mean. This fish was all of that.

Chris quickly measured his steelhead as it rested in the water, still safely in the

net. He taped it at 38 1/2 inches long with a massive 21-inch girth. Using a fish-weight formula – length times girth squared divided by 775 – we estimated that this fish weighed 21.6 pounds. It was an incredible fish, and the kind that keeps us coming back.

After a few pics, we all thanked the big buck and let it swim back into the Skagit. Chris and I high fived again.

We all laughed and talked about the experience of catching that fish as the day went on. When we'd set out on the river that morning, we figured we'd get a shot or two at a steelhead, and that's exactly what we ended up with. For us, though, the numbers simply don't matter. The scenery of the Skagit Valley, the tradition of steelhead fishing and the fact that we all got to experience an amazing catch together is all we could ever ask for.

On the way home, Chris, Luke and I made a pact to fish together again. Only Luke didn't go home ... he drove back upriver and went bank fishing in hopes of finding another steelhead. That level of addiction is why I know we'll uphold our pact in the future.

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nent of the facility is a fish ladder leading to a raceway that connects to several ponds. The ponds, raceway and fish ladder are all flooded using large pumps that pump water from the river channel that circulates

throughout the facility and down the fish ladder. The flow of water through the facility attracts fish congregated below the weir up the fish ladder and into holding ponds. Chinook salmon and steelhead on their spawning run instinctively move upstream to seek out spawning habi-

tat. This instinct leads them into the facility. Once a significant number of fish have been collected in ponds, egg-take operations can begin. A typical day of egg take begins with a significant amount of planning and preparation. First, the quota of eggs to meet the stocking re-

quests of the program, including enough surplus stock to allow for changes in stocking numbers and losses during the rearing process, must be determined. This gives staffers an idea of how many days the operation will take and the staffing level necessary to complete the work.

There is also a detailed protocol created and revised annually that describes the process required to fertilize, disinfect and prepare the eggs for the trip from the weir to the hatchery. Once these steps are determined, it is time to bring in the fish. Fish are moved

from the large holding ponds by opening the pond doors and using a machine called a crowder to slowly push them into the main raceway. From there, the fish are slowly pushed into the spawning building and lifted by a basket into a tank where fish are anesthetized for handling. The fish are then taken out of the basket and put onto a sorting table where ripeness can be checked, and males and females are separated.

The ripe males are gently squeezed so milt, or sperm, can be collected in a small receptacle. Eggs are removed from ripe females by adding compressed air into the body cavity with a small needle.

In the steelhead egg collection process, spawned fish are moved to a recovery tank outside the building before being released upstream. Steelhead do not necessarily die after spawning and can spawn more than once in their life cycle.

In contrast, Chinook salmon only spawn once during their life cycle and then die, so fish that have been spawned are then harvested and sold by a state contractor.

During both egg collection operations, males and females are put in individual buckets for fertilization. Eggs are then combined in large egg buckets to finish preparation for transport.

When the buckets of fertilized eggs leave the Little Manistee River Weir facility, they go to a DNR fish hatchery, where they are counted and placed in incubators. This begins the fish’s journey through the hatching and early rearing process.

The fish are kept in the hatcheries until they begin the visible smolting process, when physiological changes occur as these migratory fish begin homing in on their surroundings, which will determine where they return to spawn.

The clearly visible part of the smolting process is the shedding of the camouflaged (with parr marks) scales that help conceal the fish while in rivers and streams. These scales are replaced with bright silvery scales as they migrate down rivers to the Great Lakes.

This occurs after only six months for Chinook salmon, while steelhead are in the hatchery for about one year. Stocking fish during the smolting process assists biologists in predicting where the fish may return to spawn.

Public outreach

The Little Manistee River Weir facility and grounds is also a great place to visit. Egg-take operations are usually open to the public (apart from recent COVID-19 restrictions) and allow visitors to see these amazing fish and the process of harvesting their eggs up close.

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Weir tours, combined with education and outreach efforts, bring hundreds of students to the Little Manistee Weir every year to learn about the life cycle of fish, invasive species,

the history of salmon in the Great Lakes and the DNR programs that manage and sustain these prized fisheries.

In 2012, the DNR partnered with the Manistee Explore the Shores Program to add universally accessible amenities at the

site, including paved pathways around the grounds that offer a self-guided tour with informational signage, a large observation deck below the weir structure, handicap parking spaces and Americans with Dis-

abilities Act-compliant pit toilets. This work was made possible by a grant from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

If you would like to visit the weir, check out dates of operation and more at

Michigan.gov/Hatcheries.

For more information on DNR fish stocking, fishing for steelhead and salmon, and many other fish-related subjects, visit Michigan.gov/Fishing.

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Earl Fisk caught this smallmouth bass on a jig tipped with a Coffee Tube type bait in a Wisconsin river shortly after a cold front had gone through the area.

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weather has been stable for a few days, a faster presentation will often be productive. A faster presentation enables an angler to cover water quickly, so you can show your bait to more fish. Summer fish are often hungry, so the more fish you show your bait to, the more bites you'll get. Usually. Not always, but usually.

Baitfish populations are high in the summer, so the predators have lots of choices of what to eat. Some anglers go with the "match-the-hatch" idea: Use baits that resemble the baitfish that are abundant. Sometimes that's a good idea. However, there are a good number of anglers who like to show the fish something completely different. It's kind of like people: When we eat cheeseburgers for several days, eventually a piece of pizza looks pretty good. A walleye that's been eating perch for the past few weeks might prefer something that looks completely different. Sometimes a bait that looks very unnatural in a particular lake or river can be very productive.

In many bodies of water, a variety of fish will live in the deeper water in the summer. There will still be shallow fish, but the depths will hold the numbers of fish. Many anglers that are fishing deep water won't even put a bait in the water until they see fish on their sonar. Today's sonar units draw an amazing picture of what's below the surface of

the water. They show baitfish, big fish, vegetation, whatever is down there will be revealed. We don't always catch them on the first trip to the location, but we know they're there, so we keep coming back during the day to see if we can make them bite, and usually, eventually a couple will open their mouth and take our bait.

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2021 Battle Creek Steelheader’s Calendar of Events			
Month	Date	Event	Location
July	17	Portage Lake Panfish/Family Picnic	Portage Lake
August	7	Lake Michigan Memorial	South Haven
August	21	Veterans Outing	South Haven
October	30	Kalamazoo River Salmon Slam	Allegan Dam
November	13	Kalamazoo Trout Quest	Allegan Dam
November	20	Kalamazoo River Memorial	Allegan Dam
November	27	St. Joe River Fall Steelhead	I-94 Boat Ram
December	4	St. River Chapter Challenge	Babes Lounge
December	11	Christmas Party	Kalamazoo Eagles
Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month. 6:00 pm Social, 7:00 pm Meeting Meeting Location: Travelers Cafe and Pub, 5225 Portage Rd. Exit 78 off I-94. FOR MORE INFORMATION: River Tournament - Joe Foy at 269-303-1894 / Lake Tournament - Dan Foster at 269-370-3693 battlecreeksteelheaders.com			

2021 Grand Haven Steelheader’s Calendar of Events			
Month	Date	Event	Contact Info
June	3-6	Grand Haven Offshore Challenge	
July	31	GH / GR Silver Spoon Event	
August	12	Summer Picnic	
December	2	Christmas Party	
Other Events TBD For information on these events and other information on the Grand Haven Steelheaders contact GHS President and State Director Paul Zelenka at pbzfarm@gmail.com www.ghsteelheaders.com			

2021 Grand Rapids Steelheader’s Calendar of Events			
Month	Date	Event	Information
July	12	Chapter Family Picnic	6:00pm at Johnson Park Shelter House **
July	13	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm STC
August	7	Fall Big Lake	STC
August	10	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm STC
August	30	Membership Meeting	Social Hour 6:00pm, Meeting 7:00pm
September	14	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm STC
September	27	Membership Meeting	Social Hour 6:00pm, Meeting 7:00pm
October	1	Chapter Sponsored Buck Contest Begins	**
October	12	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm STC
October	24	Fall River Contest	STC
October	25	Membership Meeting	Social Hour 6:00pm, Meeting 7:00pm
November	6	Fishing Partners Manistee Contest	STC
November	9	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm STC
November	22	Membership Meeting	Social Hour 6:00pm, Meeting 7:00pm
December	6	Chapter Family Christmas Party	6:00pm - Diamond Hall **
December	14	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm STC
STC* = Date subject to change ** = Members and Family Only. (All other events open to the public)			

2021 Great Lakes Bay Region Steelheader’s Calendar of Events			
Month	Date	Event	Location / Time
July	6	Board Meeting	VFW Hall 7:00pm
July	10	Manistee Salmon	6:00am – 1:00pm
July	24	Ludington Salmon	6:00am – 1:00pm
August	14-15	Ludington Salmon (2 day)	6:00am – 1:00pm/12:00pm
August	28-29	Manistee Salmon (2 day)	6:00am – 1:00pm/12:00pm
September	7	Board Meeting	VFW Hall 7:00pm
September	11	Frankfort/Manistee TBD	6:00am – 1:00pm
October	5	Board Meeting	VFW Hall 7:00pm
November	6	Big/Lil Man. Bear Creek	Daylight – 1:00pm
November	9	Board Meeting	VFW Hall 7:00pm
December	4	Big Man., Bear, Betsie, P.N.	Daylight – 1:00pm
December	7	Board Meeting	VFW Hall 7:00pm
December	11	Annual Christmas Banquet	Cocktails 5:00pm/Dinner 6:00pm K of C Garfield Rd. Auburn, MI
Membership meetings held at: 3013 Bay City Road, Midland, MI 48642 989-496-3410 Board meetings begin at 7:00pm Please call the Port Chairman no later than Monday prior to the outing whether you plan on attending or not attending. On the day of the outing, call in on Marine Radio, Channel 72. Weigh-in follows each outing. Picnics follows weigh-in on Saturdays only. Outings: All Steelheader members pay \$5.00. All non-Steelheaders pay \$10.00 to participate. Children 16 and Under are free. Picnic is \$5.00 for everyone. If interested in fishing with us please contact: Gary Decker at 989-859-7472 Visit our web page www.steel-headers.com			

2021 Holland Steelheader’s Calendar of Events		
Month	Date	Event
July	10	Fishing with Veterans
July	12	Board Meeting
July	22	Membership Meeting
July	24	Summer Challenge
July	30-31	Big Red Classic Fishing Tournament
August	1	Big Red Classic Fishing Tournamennt
August	2	Board Meeting
August	14	Ladies Tournament
September	7	Fishing League Final Night
September	13	Board Meeting
October	4	Board Meeting
November	1	Board Meeting
November	6	River Tournament
December	2	Membership Meeting
December	4	River Tournament
December	6	Board Meeting
Board meetings held at: Turks of Holland, 977 Butternut Dr., Holland MI 49424 7:00 PM General Membership: Bayshore Yacht Club, 1862 Ottawa Beach Rd, Holland MI 49424. Doors open at 6 pm., Dinner at 7 pm, speaker to follow For event information, go to hollandsteelheaders.org, or call Jeremy Erdman 616-510-9405, or email Steve Weatherwax at Waxer1221@Yahoo.com		

2021 Metro West - Livonia Steelheader’s Calendar of Events			
Month	Date	Event	Chair / Location
July	6	Club Summer Picnic	Jim Robertson/Dave Zawacki
July	10	Flint River Kayak	Jason Jones
July	15	Erieau Tournament – Thur. Erieau, Canada	Clyde Schoen
July	17	Erieau Tournament – Sat. Erieau, Canada	Ron Bellemore/Henry Nabors
July	17	Huron River Kayak (Hudson Mills to Dehli)	Catherine Withrow
July	24	Manistee River Cleanup Day @ High Bridge	Roger Hinchcliff
July	29	Ludington Salmon Tournament – Thu	Gale Frazee/Tom Abdelnour
July	30	Ludington Salmon Tournament – Fri	Marc Traver/Dave Hutton
July	31	Ludington Salmon Tournament – Sat	Dave Zawacki
August	1	Ludington Salmon Tournament – Sun	Dennis Kelley
August	3	General Membership Meeting	
August	7	Independence Lake Kayak/Small Boat	Chuck Davis
August	7	Clinton River Cleanup Day	Jay Labban
August	14	Salmon Tournament – Manistee – Sat	Henry Nabors/Dave Hutton
August	15	Salmon Tournament – Manistee – Sun	Marc Traver/Kirk Traver
August	21	Lake Tournament – Frankfort	Robert Grech
August	22	Salmon Tournament – Frankfort	Bill Dodge
September	7	General Membership Meeting	
September	11	Frankfort River/Kayak/SB	Phil Bustos/Keith Childs
September	18	Muskegon Kayak Salmon	Eric Braden
September	18	Manistee River & Pier Tournaments	Jordan Pontoni/Eric Braden
September	20	Captain/Crew/River Angler 2021 Calendar Mtg	Kelley/P. Bustos/Nabors/Zawacki
October	2	Manistee Lake/River (Steelhead) Tournaments	Dodge/Hutton/Sepulveda
October	5	General Membership Meeting	
November	2	General Membership Meeting	
November	6	Manistee River/Pier/Shore Tournaments w DS	Dave Zawacki/Eric Braden/Adam Trenz
November	20	PM River or Betsie River Tournament	Phil Bustos
December	7	CHRISTMAS PARTY - HAPPY HOLIDAYS	
December	11	Huron River Tournament	Hinchcliff/Brown
** ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** 7:00 PM at The New Livonia Seniors Center at the Southeast Corner of Farmington Road and Five Mile Road WEB Site: Go to www.metroweststeelheaders.org If you have questions, contact Henry Nabors - HHNabors@gmail.com or call 248-225 4964. Contact: <i>President</i> Eric Braden, esbraden630@gmail.com, 419-344-2541 <i>Membership Director</i> Henry Nabors 248-225-4964			

2021 South Haven Steelheader’s Calendar of Events		
Month	Date	Event
July	15	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
August	14	SHS Fish Boil (Blueberry Festival August 12th -15th)
August	19	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
August	21	SHS Operation Injured Soldier/SH Salute to Veterans
August	28	SHS Merle Morris Tournament
September	16	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
October	21	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
November	3	Pro Am Tournament Committee Kick-off meeting
November	18	Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
November	27	SHS River Tournament Invitational (must be a member to participate)
December	11	SHS Holiday Party 2021
December		no regular meeting due to Holiday Party
Membership Meetings Held at 7 pm at: South Haven Moose Lodge, 1025 East Wells Street, South Haven, MI 49040 For more information email: president@southhavensteelheaders.com		

2021 Southwest MI Steelheader’s Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event	Information
Due to uncertainty of public meetings as a result of CV19 please check online for the latest information. www.swmisteelheaders.com www.facebook.com/southwestmichigansteelheaders			
July	8	Membership Meeting	Check online for latest information (see above)
August	12	Membership Meeting	Check online for latest information (see above)
September	9	Membership Meeting	Check online for latest information (see above)
October	14	Membership Meeting	Check online for latest information (see above)
November	11	Membership Meeting	Check online for latest information (see above)
December	4	Winter Challenge Tournament	St. Joseph River
Membership Meetings Held at: St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Elks 541, 601 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor MI 49022 Board Meeting 5:30 - 6:30 PM, Social 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 - 8:30 PM Contact: Jim Marohn 269-208-2784			

2021 TCAS Steelheader’s Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event
All events are TBD		
TCAS meets the first Wednesday of each month except July (Cherry Festival) and December (Christmas Party) Meetings begin at 7 pm at the Traverse City Senior Center, 801 Front St., next door to the Maritime Academy.		

2021 Thumb Chapter Steelheader’s Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Time	Event	Location / Information
July	15	7:30pm	Regular Meeting	Ubyl Foxhunters
August	19	7:30pm	Regular Meeting	Ubyl Foxhunters
September	16	7:30pm	Regular Meeting	Ubyl Foxhunters
October	21	7:30pm	Regular Meeting - Election of Board/Officers	Ubyl Foxhunters
November			TBD	
December			TBD	
Contact Scott Stanke at 989-553-0972 for inquiries.				

2021 Thunderbay Steelheader’s Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Time	Information
July	5	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting
August	9	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting
August	28	6:00 am	Rogers City Tournament
September	13	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting
October	4	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting
November	1	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting
December	6	7:00 pm	Monthly Meeting
Contact Dan Bouchard at dan-bouchard@hotmail.com for inquiries.			

2021 White River Steelheader’s Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Time	Event information	Location
All events are TBD				
Note: Meeting dates and times are subject to change – Any questions or to verify dates/times please call Clint Pollock at (231) 893-0210 or Terry Clark at (231) 893-6805.				

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“non-negotiable,” is pushing the Biden administration to intervene. The proposed tunnel is a separate regulatory matter. In addition to the Army Corps, Enbridge also awaits approval from the Michigan Public Service Commission. “We are encouraged to see that the Army Corps of Engineers heeded our call to undertake a more rigorous

analysis” of the project, said Whitney Gravelle, chairwoman of the Bay Mills Indian Community. The tribe, which has treaty-guaranteed fishing rights in the straits, “is very concerned that the pipeline threatens our way of life,” she said. Drilling through bedrock and soils beneath the straits would violate numerous environmental protection laws, said David Holtz of Oil and Water Don’t Mix, an anti-Line 5

coalition. “It is difficult to imagine how Enbridge’s tunnel project can survive the kind of thorough, independent evaluation that is now possible with today’s Army Corps decision,” Holtz said. Enbridge said it would continue working with the Corps on its review of company’s application “and towards a successful conclusion to this process.”

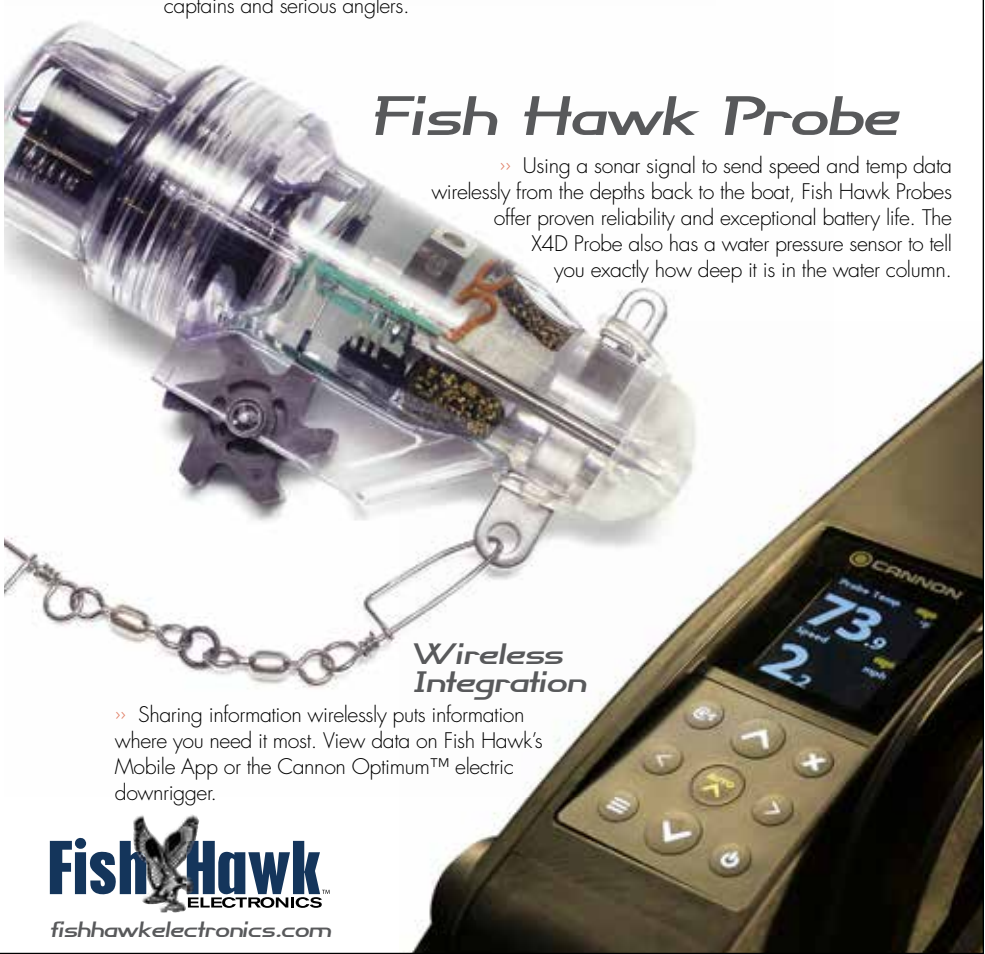


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