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Judge's Order Authorizes Consent Decree Settlement

By Nick Green, CPMR

A federal judge accepted a proposed consent decree controlling five sovereign Michigan Tribes, the federal government and the state, overruling evidence that expanded gillnetting would negatively impact the Great Lakes.

In handing down his order, Judge Paul Maloney rejected the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resource's claim that biological harm is likely to happen to the resource and there will not be proper measures in place to mitigate that harm.

Gillnetting in Michigan was banned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources during the 1970s after research concluded gillnets are non-selective and have disastrous consequences for fishery populations. The Tribes asserted their treaty right to fish with gillnets, and after several court cases and injunctions, the first Great Lakes Con-

sent Decree was adopted in 1985.

CPMR members have served as amici through every iteration of the court litigation and negotiations since the late 1970s. President Tony Radjenovich said conservationists and anglers across the state should be concerned about this decision.

"Expanded gillnetting now allowed in bays and other areas of the lakes that haven't had them for more than 40 years will cause social and biological consequences to the fishery resource," Radjenovich said. "Our groups were trying to be proactive in protecting the Great Lakes fisheries by objecting to these measures being implemented through this decree; however, now we will have to remain even more vigilant to ensure our worst-case scenarios do not come to pass."

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians did not consent to the de-

cree. They are the only party to the case not to do so. During these negotiations, CPMR has acted as an amicus or friend to the court.

CPMR will continue to focus on ensuring that the words on paper and the intent are followed through with and that all negative consequences are mitigated under the decree. Regardless of the words on paper, the Michigan DNR, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the five Tribes and stakeholders must strive to ensure no commercial activity or management decisions cause undue harm to the resource.

CPMR is comprised of The Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Charter Boat Association, the and Hammond Bay Area Anglers, accompanied by an assortment of angling and conservation supporting members.



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South Haven Steelheaders Salute to Veterans



By Jeff Dehn

On August 19 the South Haven Steelheaders hosted their 11th annual Salute to Veterans event. Seventy veterans from Operation Injured Soldier and the Battle Creek VA traveled to South Haven from throughout the state for a day of fishing on Lake Michigan.

The day began at 5 AM with coffee and donuts, and then the captains and crew of 35 Steelheaders boats welcomed the veterans on

board and headed out to the big lake. Despite 2 to 4-foot waves the vets were able to reel in a nice assortment of salmon, lake trout and steelhead.

At noon the boats gathered at the pier heads for the parade back into the harbor. Following a fly over by the Hooligans flight team, the U.S. Coast Guard and Van Buren County Marine Patrol led the boats through the piers where hundreds of people gathered to wave to them and thank them

for their service. As the South Haven High School band played patriotic songs and the American Legion sounded a 21-gun salute, veterans enjoyed the opportunity to show off their catch to the crowd.

A couple of distinguished veterans participated, including this year's grand marshal, LTC retired David Krzycki, director of Van Buren County Veterans Services, and Glenn Higgs, a disabled Vietnam Veteran and Steelheader who

inspired the event organizing many previous fishing events with veterans from the Battle Creek VA. Cam Wilson hosted Krzycki on his boat, the Terrapin, and Tom Morris hosted

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Higgs on Summer School. The event concluded with a luncheon at the South Haven Moose Lodge. This entire event would not have been possible without the support of our many sponsors and vol-

unteers. Some of the major sponsors include the Masonic Lodges of South Haven and Allegan, the Sons of the American Legion Post 49, the South Haven Moose Lodge, Bob's Processing, Dean's Taxidermy, Gull Lake Marine, American Legion Post 49, D&R Sports, and Request Foods.



South Haven Steelheaders Salute To Veterans



Get Ready To Catch Crappies

by Bob Jensen

As the summer winds down and fall begins, anglers should start thinking about some fall fishing strategies. Fishing opportunities for a wide variety of fish are abundant in the fall across North America.

In many areas, crappies are the primary target. Crappies are fun to catch and they're great on the table. If you keep a couple of ideas in mind you should be able to have outstanding crappie action until ice covers the lake.

If you want to catch crappies, you've got to go to where they live. Crappie location will change from lake to lake depending on what kind of lake you're fishing. Some lakes and reservoirs will see crappies using deep water away from structure. They'll be in the basin of the lake maybe thirty feet down. Often they'll look just like wall-

eyes on your sonar unit.

On other lakes our quarry will be just off the edge of the weedline, while on other bodies of water they'll be around brush piles or man-made cribs. It will help you find the fish faster if you do some research before you actually hit the water. Ask your fishing friends or at bait shops which areas appeal to the crappies on the lakes you'll be fishing.

If the lake you're on is a brush pile and crib lake, find those targets and fish around them. Wally Marshall is better known as Mr. Crappie. He has competed in the biggest crappie tournaments in North America with much success. He says that a Sausage Head jig with a Crappie Thunder tail is his go-to bait around brush piles and cribs, but that rig catches crappies almost anywhere, almost anytime. He likes the Sausage Head Spin jig with a Mr. Crappie Grub when the



This crappie couldn't resist the Sausage Spin/Crappie Thunder jig that came near the brush pile that was his home.

water has some stain.

If it's a weedline lake, you're going to have to look around a bit for Mr. Papermouth. Cast to the weedline, but also be aware that frequently crappies will be near the surface away from the weedline. Watch for dimples on the surface of the water. Minnows will often be out there eating plankton off the surface and the crappies will be just below eating the minnows.

On basin lakes, cruise the deep basin areas with a close eye on your depthfinder. Watch for concentrations of fish life. If you see what you think are crappies on the bottom, drop them a jig. If you see a concentration of suspected crappies suspended, back off and cast to them. Crappies near the surface can be spooky fish.

When the crappies are on the bottom, tip a jig with a Crappie Thunder tube and put it right on their nose.

They usually can't resist that presentation.

When you're casting for suspended crappies, swim that Mr. Crappie Grub mentioned previously on a sixteenth ounce jighead through the fish. Use a light or medium-light action rod spooled with four or six pound test line for the best castability and sensitivity. Here's a very important consideration. Crappies that are in deep water are often difficult to release. The change in pressure from the bottom of the lake to the surface makes bad things happen to them. Keep a few, but remember that releasing them is probably not going to be successful. If you want to catch and release, go after the shallower fish. Once you learn how much fun crappie catching can be, you're going to want to make sure that there's some left for next time.

Plenty Of Time For Fishing

By Bob Jensen

The passage of Labor Day weekend suggests to many people that the end of summer is near, and to some anglers, that means it's time to put the boat and other fishing equipment into storage. Anglers who quit fishing when summer exits are missing out on what some say is the best fishing of the year. If the thought of catching fish and having the water to yourself is appealing, here's how you can extend your fishing season.

Different bodies of water will be productive in the fall at different times. A shallow lake with dark water starts to cool earlier, so those lakes will often be better producers earlier in the fall. The deeper lakes with clear water will turn on a couple of weeks later. Rivers can provide great open water fishing after area lakes have frozen over.

As the water cools off, slower presentations will become more productive. Crankbaits can be good for walleyes and smallmouth bass early in the fall, but a jig/minnow or jig/plastic will be better as the water gets cooler. A jig/minnow has been the go-to for fall anglers for many species of fish, and that combo will still catch 'em. We've learned though that a jig/

plastic set-up will be just as productive much of the time, and will offer a lot of size, color, and action options. A Rage Swimmer on the back of a jig has put a lot of fish in the boat in recent years.

The same thing holds true with largemouth bass. They'll willingly eat a spinnerbait or buzzbait early in the autumn, but as the water cools, largemouth will be more interested in a Hack Attack jig with a Rage Craw or Rodent. The slower moving, subtle action of a jig is what the bass prefer as autumn progresses.

Another presentation that has gained in popularity in the fall is a dropshot rig. I remember sharing a boat with Mike Frisch in his home area of central Minnesota one autumn day. We had an outstanding afternoon of catching smallmouth bass on dropshot rigs. A couple of days later I was in northern Wisconsin and the dropshot presentation repeated as an outstanding producer for smallmouth, but also largemouth bass, walleyes, and crappies. A KVD Dream Shot is a good bait to start with if bass are the target, and walleyes will also accept this offering. Go to a smaller bait if you want to focus on crappies. When the fish are active, go with

a bigger bait. When they're playing hard to get, go smaller.

A fall day often starts out chilly and warms as the day goes on. Blackfish has created a line of clothing that makes layering effective. It's comfortable, quiet, and allows for easy movement when casting or setting the hook. Your time on the water will be much more enjoyable if you're comfortable.

Autumn provides lots of outdoor opportunities. Many of us have a hard time deciding what to do. After many, many memorable autumn fishing trips, I rarely have a hard time deciding what to do. The knowledge that the water is going to get hard soon in the part of the world that I live in is motivation enough to hook the boat on behind the truck and head to a lake. If you like to catch fish, you should consider doing the same.

These anglers took advantage of a nice autumn day to get in on some largemouth bass action.



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Resurgence of Sea Lamprey – An Ongoing Battle

By Jenna Tews
Supervisory Fish Biologist

Successful bi-national sea lamprey control has allowed for the rehabilitation of a healthy Great Lakes ecosystem that is now valued at more than \$7 billion annually. The suppression of sea lamprey populations across the Great Lakes is

done primarily by applying lampricide (TFM) to target larval sea lampreys in their natal tributaries. In the concentrations applied, TFM kills larvae before they migrate out to the lakes to feed on fish where one adult sea lamprey can destroy up to 40 pounds of fish. Treating numerous streams around the basin each year, the Sea

Lamprey Control Program has reduced sea lamprey populations by more than 90% from the pre-control abundance.

However, the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily halted the Program in its tracks. For the first time since the 1960s, the sea lamprey control agents of the U.S. Fish and Wild-

life Service and Fisheries and Oceans Canada did not conduct fieldwork outside of the local area. The few lampricide stream treatments conducted during the 2020 field season were within 90-120 miles of the two sea lamprey control offices located in Ludington and Marquette, Michigan. Most streams scheduled for treatment in 2020 were left untreated resulting in thousands of sea lampreys migrating from their natal streams and into the Great Lakes.

In Lake Michigan, prior to COVID-19, the index of adult sea lamprey abundance hovered around 15,000 individuals and had been lower than the target level for eight years. Agents deployed traps in index streams around Lake Michigan in the spring of 2021; trap catches more than doubled and the adult sea lamprey index skyrocketed to near 50,000 individuals in the lake. Unfortunately, this sharp increase in trap catches and abundance wasn't unique

Using a series of pumps and hoses, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service employee, Scott Bohac, applies and measures lampricide application rates during a lampricide stream treatment. Credit: Zak Allan, Great Lakes Fishery Commission



Following a lampricide stream treatment, numerous dead larval sea lampreys are collected throughout the treated area. Credit: Zak Allan, Great Lakes Fishery

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I did a TV interview with WOOD TV's Byron Tollefson on the resurgence of salmon fishing on Lake Michigan and explained how the alewife numbers have rebounded and provided a strong Chinook fishery this year. The spot aired August 1st and also publicized the Big Red Classic Tournament that was held on the following weekend. I participated in the Coldwater Steering Committee meeting in Gaylord (minutes are posted on website) on June 5th and questioned new Chief Randy Claramunt on his priorities as he begins his tenure as Chief. He is concerned about the decline in fishing license sales and is focusing on new ways to

fund the departments needs in the future. I emphasized to him the need to focus on obsolete dam removals to preserve our Coldwater fisheries and he agreed this is an important objective to focus on. I am a bit concerned with the department's use of sending out surveys to gain public input and acquire insight on the direction of regulations. I believe these surveys may have a negative influence on policy that isn't necessarily based on good science. There appears to be a bias toward sustaining wild steelhead and a deemphasis of hatchery raised steelhead. This may not be the case, but it will be a contentious if it turns out to be true.

I also attended the Lake Huron Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on August 8th in Clare, MI. The majority of the meeting focused on the walleye and perch fishery on Saginaw Bay. There are over 10 million walleye and fishing has never been better. Jeff Jolley reported on the lower Saginaw River which saw its first year-round harvest (an extra six weeks of with an eight fish limit.) Measuring success was made difficult because of poor weather conditions and higher than normal muddy water levels. There was minimal biological impact so the NRC will weigh the benefits of continuing it in the future. The perch fishery is still struggling. Recruitment of perch is not the issue; it's survival. The zero to one aged fish are not able to make it through the predation and the food web impacts from the mussels to survive in any numbers to suggest a comeback.

On August 24th a federal judge accepted a proposed consent decree controlling five sovereign Michigan Tribes, the federal government and the state, overruling evidence that expanded gillnetting would negatively impact the Great Lakes. In handing down his order, Judge Paul Maloney rejected the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resource's (CPMR's) claim that biological harm is likely to happen to the resource and there will not be proper measures in place to mitigate that harm. Gillnetting in Michigan was banned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources during the 1970s after research concluded gillnets are non-selective and have disastrous consequences for fishery populations. The Tribes asserted their treaty right to fish with gillnets, and after several court cases and injunctions, the first Great Lakes Consent Decree was adopted in 1985. CPMR is consid-

ering its next steps but the Judge's decision is a grievous setback for the sustainability of the resource and ultimately sportfishing.

The FishPass Program in Traverse City is back on the front burner now that the Michigan Supreme Court denied leave in the FishPass case, which confirms the Court of Appeals decision and allows the City of Traverse City to implement the project. I caught up with Jill Wingfield, Communications Director and Legislative Liaison – Great Lakes Fishery Commission at the American Fisheries Society Symposium in Grand Rapids, Michigan and she was thrilled with the Court's decision and cannot wait to begin construction. When completed the project will allow fish passage upstream on the Boardman River for desirable native fish species while utilizing artificial intelligence (AI) to divert undesirable species like sea lamprey to holding ar-

reas where they can be disposed of. This will be the first of its kind technology to pass fish safely without the threat of invasive species getting a foothold in systems around the globe. I expect we will see our Asian and European colleagues coming to Traverse City to get a glimpse of this leading-edge technology.

Summer fishing is in full swing and tournaments are happening up and down the coast lines in Michigan. I visited with Dan Bouchard in Alpena and his chapter is experiencing an excellent season of fishing and the Metro West Chapter (now with more than 185 members) is traveling to the Michigan's west coast for outings in Ludington, Manistee and Frankfort. Get out and enjoy some great fishing!



FishPass Construction to Commence Following Favorable Ruling by Michigan Supreme Court

By The Great Lakes Fishery Commission

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission and its partners are elated the Michigan Supreme Court ruled in favor of allowing the FishPass project on the Boardman/Ottaway River in Traverse City to move forward with construction after years of delay. It is fitting the announcement came the morning FishPass

project leaders Dr. Andrew Muir and Dr. Dan Zielinski were in Grand Rapids convening a symposium on fish passage technology at the 153rd American Fisheries Society.

Once complete, FishPass will be the capstone of a multiple-decade-long effort to restore the Boardman/Ottaway River in Traverse City; it is the final step to reconnect the Boardman River with Lake Michigan.

The project centers on replacing the deteriorating Union Street Dam with an improved barrier featuring a fish-sorting channel and nature-like river channel. Once construction is complete, various technologies and techniques below the barrier will be utilized to sort and selectively pass fish species like lake sturgeon, while preventing invasive species like sea lamprey from entering the

river. Lessons learned from FishPass will be applied to similar rivers throughout the world.

Following extensive public input to the project, the City of Traverse City, working with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and other project partners, broke ground on this important project in 2020.

However shortly afterwards, a local resident filed suit against the city, arguing incorrectly that the project disposed of park property. A circuit court ruling sided with the plaintiff, but the Michigan Court of Appeals overturned this decision in late 2022. Following the decision by the Supreme Court this month not to take up the case, the project will now move forward, with construction to start as soon

as possible.

This FishPass team continues to work closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the prime contractor, Spence Bros. of Traverse City, to renegotiate the construction contract. While the legal dispute has caused a delay, the team expects construction to start this year.

Visit www.glfrc.org/fish-pass.php for regular project updates.

Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition

by Bob Stuber

Hydropower dams are found on many of our nation's rivers, and there are 50+ hydropower projects on Michigan rivers. Hydropower accounts for 6 percent of all electricity production in the United States. It is a renewable form of energy but it does come with trade-offs. Hydropower dams can alter river flow regimes, block the migration of fish, injure or kill fish entrained in the turbines, impair downstream water quality through warming, and fragment riverine ecosystems.

So who regulates Michigan's hydropower projects? The answer is the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or FERC, created by the Federal Power Act of 1935. FERC's mission is to create efficient energy for consumers. Simply put, it is in the power business and grants licenses to dam owners (utilities) to use public waters for energy generation. The Federal Power Act does allow federal and state agencies to make recommendations to benefit fish and wildlife. In addition, these agencies can impose license conditions for protection of water quality, fish passage, and protection of federal lands for those projects occurring on such lands.



Hydropower project licenses generally run for 40 years. Thus, when a utility seeks to renew its license it presents a once in a lifetime opportunity to balance power generation with restoring healthy rivers. Enter the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition.

When Consumers Energy sought to re-license its projects on the Au Sable, Manistee, and Muskegon Rivers in the late 1980s, Trout Unlimited, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Anglers of the Au Sable, and the Fly Fishers International came together

to form the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association joined the Coalition in 2022). These organizations had the vision to see the power of advocacy through this coalition. Its mission was, and still is, to ensure that conservation, environmental and recreational concerns are given the fullest possible consideration during relicensing. From the onset, the Coalition was a grassroots advocate for Michigan conservationists. It is committed to working with state and federal agencies and the Tribes to protect and restore our rivers.

This partnership was key in reaching a landmark settlement agreement with Consumers Energy in the early 1990s. Through the settlement, FERC issued new license terms that called for run-of-river flows, water quality improvement, erosion control, mitigation for turbine fish mortality, recreation facility improvements, protection of riparian lands, and the removal of Stronach Dam, a defunct hydro project on the Pine River tributary to the Manistee River. This landmark settlement also paved the way for the ensuing Thunder Bay, Bond Falls, and Wilderness Shores relicensing settlement agreements. These agreements resulted in improved flows, water quality, recreation facilities,

and established mitigation funds that offset unavoidable impacts from the continued operation of these hydropower projects in the Thunder Bay, Ontonagon, and Menominee Rivers, respectively. The Coalition was also a key player in the Boardman River restoration, working to remove three hydro dams that were no longer economically feasible to operate.

Not content to rest on its successes, the Coalition continues to engage with other Michigan projects up for relicensing such as the Tower-Kleber Project on the Black River, the Boyne Project on the Boyne River, the Saxon Falls - Superior Falls Project on the Montreal River, and the French Landing Project on the Huron River.

The Coalition is also engaged in initiatives addressing statewide and national dam safety, brought to the forefront by the catastrophic failure of the Edenville and Sanford hydropower dams on the Tittabawassee River in 2020.

Finally, the Coalition is very much involved in Consumers Energy's current strategic planning for the long-term future of its 13 hydropower projects as it is providing a once-in-a-generation opportunity to have a say in the future of these projects. While dam removal is our ideal preference, the Coalition does recognize that Consumers'

planning is complex as their hydropower projects provide many associated community recreational and other project-related benefits, and the hydropower planning is not likely to lead to a one-size-fits-all approach. However, the Coalition remains an advocate for the decommission-dam removal option wherever possible, especially for those projects that are economically marginal.

The Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition is a coalition of grassroots organizations representing 50,000+ citizen conservationists with an interest in Michigan's rivers. It is well established as a member in the hydropower relicensing process. It has built strong relationships with members of the hydropower industry, state and federal agencies, and the Tribes. It has gained recognition by FERC which includes it as a regular participant in licensing actions. Foremost, however, the Coalition remains a passionate advocate for conservation, environmental, and recreation concerns at hydropower projects on Michigan rivers.



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to Lake Michigan and similar trends were observed across all Great Lakes.

So, with the pandemic in the rear-view mirror, what have we learned? When sea lamprey control is relaxed for even a short time, these

resilient beasts can bounce back with a vengeance and inflict major harm. Now, with control agents back in the field delivering essential control measures, we expect to see a downward trend in adult sea lamprey abundance and wounding throughout the lakes over the next couple years. Con-

tinued sea lamprey control is a critical component to fish community preservation and rehabilitation of the Great Lakes for all users to enjoy!

Fishing with the F150 Lightning EV and a 22' Four Winns Boat - Answering A Few TOWING Questions!

By Henry Nabors,
Metro-West

I frequently get questions about the towing experiences when pulling a camper and a boat with an electric vehicle. The following trip from Birmingham, Michigan to Eriau, Ontario, Canada and the trip from Birmingham to Ludington, Michigan to the cabin near Mancelona, Michigan should provide some answers.

Eriau, Ontario, Canada Fishing Trip July 12 - 19, 2023

Eriau, on Lake Erie, is 88 miles from our home in Birmingham, Mi. We have been visiting Eriau for a week for many years to fish for walleye and steelhead trout. This year we reserved a slip at Eriau Marina for the week - July 12 - 19. We towed the boat to Eriau on the 12th and back home on the 19th. We made three



The Alternative



Two nice walleyes

round trips from Eriau to home to Eriau to take fish home to stay within the possession limit in Ontario. All charging for the Lightning was done at home at \$.12 per KWH; no charging stops were required but fast charging was available at Tilbury near Eriau if

needed.

The total cost for the 707 miles of travel was \$42 for 343 kws. The Lightning gets 1.5 M/kw with the boat and 2.4 mi/kw with no boat in tow. That is approximately \$0.08 per mile (40 mpg)



Checking the Lines...

with the boat and \$0.05 (65 mpg) with no boat in tow. The cost using a Ford Expedition getting 12 mpg when pulling the boat and 19 mpg with no boat would have been \$149 at \$3.50 per gal. This was the normal routine for getting gas for this week of travel in the past. We avoided creating over 800 lbs. of carbon along the way by not burning over 43 gallons of gas.

Ludington, Michigan Fishing Trip July 25 - 30, 2023



Gary Towns, Nancy Nabors and the author

Ludington, on Lake Michigan, is 241 mile from Birmingham, Mi and Ludington is 145 miles to our cabin near Elmira, MI plus 40 miles of driving with no boat while in Ludington for a total road trip of 432 miles. We stopped at Meijer's in Bay City and charged for 24 minutes to add 45 miles of range; this was done while Nancy ordered pizza at Uno's and then we ate lunch. So that was charging with no EX-TRA time used. I did have to wait 5 minutes while GM completed charging a test Cadillac in the station I needed to accommodate having a boat attached. We then proceeded to Ludington where we stopped for 12 minutes to add 20 miles of range to be safe for launching the boat and getting back to that charging station later in the weekend. I then charged the next day for 48 minutes for 56 kws or 84 miles to get to 56% charge/173 miles of range;

I used that time on my computer calculating Thursday morning's fishing tournament results. I then charged again the next day for 48 minutes while talking on the phone and doing a little walking. On Sunday we stopped at the same Charge Point charging location in Scottville, Mi to charge for 18 minutes to add 10% to get to 90% or 165 miles of range to drive to the cabin 145 miles away. This time was used for walking.

The total cost for the 423 miles of travel was \$59 for 247 kws. Again, the Lightning gets 1.5 M/kw with the boat and 2.4 mi/kw with no boat or the equivalent of 40 mpg with the boat and 65 mpg with no boat in tow. The cost using a Ford Expedition getting 12 mpg when pulling the boat and 19 mpg with no boat would have cost \$126 at \$3.60 per gal. We avoided creating over 700 lbs of carbon along the way by not burning over 35 gallons of gas.

Yes, it took 2.4 hours of charging but we had lunch (.4), computing (.8), phone (.4) & walking .8 hrs. I walk 3 miles/one hour per day when at home. I have not spent any time at gas stations for the 4000 miles of driving on NON-ROAD TRIP adventures that are under 280 miles. I think the time charging is well spent doing things that I would do during a trip or when I get to the END OF THE TRIP!

It just takes a different way of using your time and having an impact on global warming.

PS: I drove 331 miles around upper Michigan and the drive home for \$16. How much did you spend on the last 331 miles? Create any carbon on that trip? I did too but less than an ICE vehicle.

Manistee Michigan Fishing Trip - Aug. 9 - 13, 2023

After the Ludington trip above, the boat was parked at the cabin for ten days while we were home in Birmingham, Mi. The drive from home to the cabin to pick up the boat for the Manistee trip was 215 miles and cost \$10.27 by getting 92 kws at the cabin for \$0.11 per kwh. There were no stops for charging on this leg of the trip.

With the boat in tow, we headed to Manistee via Electrify America charging station at Meijer in Cadillac, Michigan. It was a 25 minute stop for restroom and lunch while we charged to top off at 90%/118 kws for the trip to and back from Manistee 50 miles away. We spent the weekend in Manistee fishing and visiting with friends. No charging was done in Manistee; Charge Point was available but we were busy.

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On Sunday the 13th, we loaded the boat and headed home. We stopped in Cadillac again to get to 90%/117 kws. Pulling the boat the Lightning gets 1.4 miles per kw. This would not be enough to make it to Birmingham but an easy drive to Electrify America at Meijer in Bay City. It took one hour to get 88 kws in Cadillac for the next leg of the trip. Time was used for a restroom stop, eating and talking to engineer Andy O. from GM who was driving a Silverado EV test truck. Andy and his

that 3 of 4 charging stations were not working. The fourth station was busy but working at half speed. After the vehicle charged to its acceptable level, we plugged in and charged for about 45 minutes while taking a restroom stop, a bite to eat, a short walk and talking to other EV drivers that were not happy with the broken EA chargers. That included a Mustang Mach E, a Volvo and two F150 Lightnings. One Lightning was being driven by a Ford Battery engineer; we share EV truck stories. I gave several of my EV stories to share with friends at Ford. Yes,

we could have skipped this location and found other charging stations noted by the Lightning but we were comfortable with the wait. There was a Charge Point location about five miles north of us but we wanted to go SOUTH to home. Oh by the way there were eight Tesla charging stations not being used while we waited. Next spring these will be available for the Lightning and the Mustang Mach E; the same was true for the eight at Cadillac.

We arrived home with 60 miles of range remaining; that is a very comfortable number for us.

In summary, we are still happy with the EV experience. From cabin to Manistee to Birmingham was 375 miles of pulling the boat. That trip cost \$86 for 258 kws; the same trip in our Ford Expedition would have cost \$119 @ 12 mpg and \$3.80/gal gas. We save over \$30 and avoided a lot of carbon!

We are looking forward to the future of electric vehicles and more charging infrastructure!



Gary Towns with a 20lb. King

wife were headed to Leelanau Peninsula for the week and taking lots of notes on charging on his travels. I shared my Lightning experience stories. Neat that we had a common engineering friend at GM.

The trip to Bay City was uneventful. We stopped at Electrify America to get enough kws to have about 50 miles of extra range by the time we made it home. This was not an easy stop in



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2023 Battle Creek Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event	Location
October	28	Kalamazoo River Salmon Slam	Allegan Dam
November	11	Kalamazoo River Trout Quest	Allegan Dam
November	18	Kalamazoo River Memorial	Allegan Dam
November	25	St. Joe River Fall Steelhead	I-94 Boat Ramp
December	2	St. Joe River Chapter Challenge	Babe's Lounge
December	9	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

2023 Grand Haven Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event	Contact Info
September	9	Sportsman For Youth	
December	TBD	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

2023 Grand Rapids Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event	Information
September	25	Speaker: TBD	
*October	27-29	Fall Pier Fishing Contest	Spencer Kroesing
October	30	Speaker: TBD	
*November	11	Fall Fishing Partners	Contact Steve Heintzelman
November	27	Speaker: In-House Speaker	
December	11	Christmas Party - watch for details	Members & Family only

Events open to the public
 Meeting Location - Elks #48, 917 Bridge St NW, Grand Rapids
 Time: 6:00pm-7pm Social Hour with food and beverage followed by Speaker
 Board Meetings will take place after the regular Member Meeting
 Email Grand Rapids Steelheaders: fishgrsteelhead@gmail.com
 ** Fishing Outings are subject to change based on weather conditions**

2023 Great Lakes Bay Region Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event
September	9	Manistee / Frankfort TBD

Membership meetings held at: 3013 Bay City Road, Midland, MI 48642 Phone: 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 Manne Radio, Channel 72.

Weigh-in follows each outing. Picnics follows weigh-in on Saturdays only.
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2023 Holland Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event
September	11	Board Meeting
October	2	Board Meeting
November	6	Board Meeting
November	11	River Tournament
December	2	River Tournament
December	4	Board Meeting
December	7	Membership Meeting

Board meetings held at: TBD Locations
 General Membership: Bayshore Yacht Club at the Yacht Basin Marina
 Doors open at 6 pm., Dinner at 7 pm, speaker to follow

For event information, go to hollandsteelheaders.org, or call Jimmy Van Brocklin 616-240-7017 or email Brad Stephenson at brad.stephenson32@gmail.com

2023 Metro West - Livonia Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event	Chair / Location
September	5	General Membership Meeting	
September	9	Manistee River & Pier Tournaments	Adam Trenz - River, Chair: Eric Braden
September	18	Captain/Crew/River Angler 2023 Calendar Mtg	Kelley/Trenz/Nabors/Zawacki
September	23	Muskegon Lake Salmon Camp Out Kayak/SB	Keith Childs
September	30	Manistee River Tournaments & Lake Kayak/SB	Fabian Sepulveda / Eric Braden
October	3	General Membership Meeting	
October	7	SE Michigan Brown/Rainbow Trout River Event	Abdulkarim/Nabors/Somers
October	21	Ludington Pier/Beach Event	Eric Braden
November	4	Manistee River/Pier/Shore Tournaments w/ DS	Dave Zawacki/Eric Braden/Adam Trenz
November	7	General Membership Meeting	
December	2	PM River Tournament	Marc Traver/Adam Trenz
December	5	Christmas Party - Happy Holidays!	
December	9	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.orgIf you have questions, contact **MetroWest Steelheaders, PO BOX 531927, Livonia MI 48153-1927**Contact: President Bob Schulz, bobschulz7@gmail.com, 248-915-0043
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2023 South Haven Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event
September	2	Labor Day Weekend
September	21	Regular & Board meeting to prioritize & set next year's events. ID event chairs.
October	19	Regular and Board meeting to finalize next year's events and set calendar
November	1	The 2024 Pro Am Tournament Committee Kick-off meeting
November	9	Regular and Board Meeting to finalize budget and calendar
November	25	South Haven Steelheaders River Tournament
December	TBD	South Haven Steelheaders Holiday Party 2023

Note: SH Steelheaders (SHS) Chapter Events in **BOLD**
 * = Not Confirmed

Note: All Board and membership meetings are generally held the second Thursday of each month except for special circumstances such as Pro Am Captain's Meeting set up in May, Fish Boil organizational meeting in August and prior to Deer Season in November.

Meeting Location: South Haven American Legion Post 49, 129 Michigan Avenue, South Haven, MI 49090
 Board Meetings start at 5:45pm and membership meetings at 7:00pm.
 For more information email: president@southhavensteelheaders.com

2023 Southwest MI Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event	Information
			Membership meetings and board meeting are held the second Thursday of each month but please confirm online for the most updated information. www.swmsteelheaders.com www.facebook.com/southwestmichigansteelheaders
December	2	Winter Challenge Tournament	St. Joseph River / Weigh-in @ Babe's Lounge

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

2023 Thumb Chapter Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Time	Event	Location / Information
October	19	7:30pm	Regular Mtg - Speaker: TBD Election of Board/Officers	Ugly Foxhunters

Contact Scott Stanke at 989-553-0972 for inquiries.

2023 Thunderbay Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Time	Information
September	4	7:00pm	Monthly Meeting
December	5	7:00pm	Monthly Meeting

Contact Dan Bouchard at dan-bouchard@hotmail.com for inquiries.

2023 White River Steelheader's Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Time	Event information
Note: All meetings will be held at 6:30 pm at the VFW, any changes in location will be decided a couple of days before the meeting. - Any questions or to verify dates/times please call Clint Pollock at (231) 893-0210 or Terry Clark at (231) 893-6805.			
September	7	6:30	Member meeting
October	5	6:30	Member meeting
November	2	6:30	Member meeting
December	7	6:30	Member meeting

Fishn' Fever Finishes 1st in Holland Steelheaders League



By Eric Bruins

TEAM Fishin' Fever finished 1st place in the Holland Steelheaders Tuesday Night Fishing League (TNFL) for the second year in a row on August 22. Our TEAM is so excited for this season long win where we

held on to 1st place from start to finish in Holland, MI. Great work to the TEAM of Andrew Brands, Seth Viel, Wyatt Boetsma & Eric Bruins. (Pictured above)

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Please visit the Holland Steelheaders website for more information and to become a member.



Michigan Supreme Court Denies Leave To Appeal FishPass Case

By Zachariah Wheaton

On August 22, 2023, the Michigan Supreme Court denied leave to appeal in the FishPass case, which confirms the Court of Appeals decision and allows the City of Traverse City to implement the project. At issue in this lawsuit was whether the City Charter required a public vote prior to construction of the FishPass Project. The Court of Appeals unanimous ruling agreed with the City's position and held that no public vote is required.

According to the Mich-

igan Supreme Court, "The application for leave to appeal the October 20, 2022 judgment of the Court of Appeals is considered, and it is denied, because we are not persuaded that the question presented should be reviewed by this Court."

City Attorney Lauren Tribble-Laucht who argued the City's case before the Michigan Court of Appeals, indicated, "The Michigan Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Michigan Court of Appeals ruling regarding the FishPass project is indeed a positive development. This decision

affirms the City's choice to implement the project, which aims to replace the aging Union Street Dam, protecting the health and safety of downtown Traverse City, while also restoring and improving the ecological health of the waterways in the area."

The Michigan Court of Appeals decision did not address whether the property was actually parkland. Instead the Courtheld that assuming it was parkland a vote still would not be required under the City Charter. According to the Court's opinion in October 2022,

"...the Project will result in a net gain of parkland and more public use. The Property will remain a park under the Project." Furthermore, "The trial court based its decision largely on the Project's research elements, but occupying space on the Property for purposes of conducting research related to the passage of fish, which matter has been part of the operation of the Dam and a characteristic of the Property since the addition of the fish ladder in 1987, does not transform the park into something other than a park. Moreover, en-

gaging in environmental research concerning the habitat of species found in the area has a natural connection to the Property's purpose and use as a park. There is no evidence that the Project involves selling, exchanging, leasing, or alienating the Property. The City retains ownership of the Property throughout the duration of the Project. Authorizations to perform work or research on the Property do not entail the sale of the Property, an exchange of the Property, the leasing of the Property, or the alienation of the Property. At most, they convey a simple license."

FishPass is the capstone of an approximately 20 year restoration project on the Boardman/Ottaway River, Traverse City, Michigan, re-connecting the river with Lake Michigan. In 2021, a required MDEQ Dam Safety Unit inspection was performed and indicated a downgraded rating from Good to Fair/Poor condition. FishPass will replace the deteriorating Union Street Dam with a new, complete barrier to all fish that will have the ability to sort and selectively pass desirable fishes while blocking harmful invaders like sea lamprey. While fully automated selective passage is the long-term goal of the project, passage of any fish during the initial 10 years will be coordinated with fishery management agencies, limited

in number, and restricted to fishes native to the upper Great Lakes.

Traverse City Mayor, Richard I. Lewis stated, "We are committed to working closely with our partners to ensure the effective implementation of FishPass, and we are confident that this project will deliver significant benefits for years to come. We look forward to seeing the positive impact that FishPass will have on the Boardman/Ottaway River."

"FishPass is an innovative project that is set to transform the way we manage and protect our waterways. The City and its partners have worked tirelessly to bring this project to fruition, and are extremely happy about this decision. This state of the art project is designed to selectively pass fish and protect the Boardman/Ottaway River, providing a sustainable solution that benefits both the environment and the community. By creating a safe and secure passage for fish to navigate through, we are helping to provide access to the habitat that has already been restored through the Boardman/Ottaway River Restoration project. This decision is a huge step forward ensuring the health of our waters and the safety and well being of our community for future generations," said Department of Public Services Director Frank Dituri.



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