



# The Outrigger



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**Special points of interest:**

- Next Club Tourney scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2013
- Save the date!! September 21, 2013 for the Pike River Revival.
- Fishing has become a little more challenging but big kings are still being taken.
- If you know a business owner or individual that may be interested in becoming a supporting member of the KSFCA please contact Jon FioRito at 262-220-4606 for additional information and details.
- We need a new chairman for the annual fundraiser. Contact Lynn Davis at (630) 267-1142 if you are interested.

## The Pike River Revival is coming soon!

Mark your calendar for September 21st starting at 8:30 am

The goal for the pike river revival is to bring awareness of the Pike River to the community. The Pike River is an essential part of our ecosystem. The community should understand that Brown Trout, Steelhead, and Chinook Salmon try to spawn in this river every year. Unfortunately this is very difficult, if not impossible because this river has been clogged with debris for years. This debris

prevents the natural flow of the river and as a result the natural migration of the fish.

If you would like to learn more about this annual event organized by the Kenosha Sportfishing & Conservation Association please visit our website <http://www.kenoshasportfishing.com/> and click on the Pike River Revival tab in the main menu. If you would

like to support this clean up effort but are unable to attend, we accept donations to help offset the cost of this activity. For those individuals who would like to attend, there are a variety ways to help, from picking up trash along the river bank in the park to getting in your waders and pulling debris directly out of the river. If you are interested please contact Jim Zondlak so that he can plan and coordinate accordingly. Jim can be reached via email at [prez@kenoshasportfishing.com](mailto:prez@kenoshasportfishing.com) Let us know how many volunteers you have and how you would like to participate in the cleanup.

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**Help Us Clean Up the Pike**

The Pike River Revival is a river clean-up meant for all ages and all skill levels. If you just want to pick up trash along the river inside the park or get your waders wet and pull tires from the bottom, there will be plenty to do. Our goal is restore the Pike River and make it more enjoyable for all ... kayakers, hikers, fishermen, environmentalists, etc.

- Here's what to bring:
- Work Shoes or Boots
  - Gloves
  - Hip Boots or Waders
  - Rake or Ratchet Sticks
  - Canoes or Kayaks

Meet inside the Petrifying Springs Park at Pavilion #1 off Hwy J.R.

For more information about registrations, what to bring, and the use of heavier equipment, contact Jim Zondlak: [prez@kenoshasportfishing.com](mailto:prez@kenoshasportfishing.com)

The Pike River Revival is sponsored by the Kenosha Sportfishing & Conservation Association. Visit us on Facebook @ [kenoshasportfishing](https://www.facebook.com/kenoshasportfishing)



# Lake Michigan anglers asked to aid Chinook and Lake Trout research

*Anglers asked to save and donate heads of the Chinook and lake trout they harvest*

(Courtesy of Great Lakes Basin Report August 2013)

MILWAUKEE – Anglers fishing Lake Michigan’s open waters and tributaries for Chinook and lake trout are being asked to donate the heads of the fish they harvest to aid research critical to keeping fishing strong.

“With the help of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, more tagged fish are being stocked now than ever before,” says Cheryl Masterson, a Department of Natural Resources fisheries technician. “The tag in the fish’s snout has a number that tells us when and where the fish was stocked. To learn as much as we can about the behavior of the fish in the lake, we would like to collect heads from tagged sport-caught fish.”

Only those harvested fish missing the small back top fin, known as the adipose fin, are being sought, because the missing fin is a sign that the fish likely received a tag in its snout. For several years now, federal and state natural resource agencies have been marking hatchery-raised Chinook and trout by safely implanting a tiny

steel tag etched with a number relating to where and when the fish was hatched and stocked. Now that the fish are growing large enough to be kept by anglers, researchers are collecting Chinook salmon and trout heads to look for the steel tags.

Nick Legler, DNR fisheries biologist in Sturgeon Bay, said the information associated with the number on the tag in the fish can help answer how many fish are in Lake Michigan, how many are wild instead of raised in a hatchery, and where they are caught in relation to where they were stocked. Data also will be used to measure fish growth and age at capture and to evaluate hatchery and stocking practices.

which at 22,300 square miles is the second largest of the Great Lakes and is the largest lake within U.S. borders. Fifty-nine percent of the hundreds of wire tags recovered from Chinook caught by anglers over the summer in Wisconsin’s open waters of Lake Michigan in summer 2012 had been stocked by Michigan, Illinois or Indiana, preliminary results show.

In contrast, initial results from fish heads recovered during the fall spawning runs at DNR egg collection facilities suggest that the fish tend to return home to the water where they were first stocked to complete their spawning run.

This year, DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been collecting fish heads and biographical data from anglers during the summer fishery and will continue to collect more data into the fall, Legler says.

DNR has partnered with local businesses in most

major ports along the lakeshore where anglers can drop off fish heads, Masterson says. *(Cont. on pg.3)*



Preliminary findings from the fish that anglers provided last year suggest that during the summer months, salmon roam all over the lake,

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# Fishing Report

Courtesy of Lake Michigan Angler

Fishing remains to be fair out of Northpoint 140 to 200 feet of water have been best. Big fish upward of thirty pounds continue to be caught. Top producing spoons are Moonshine Bad Toad, Flounder Pounder, Cyclonite and Warrior Hey Babe. White Coyote Flasher with green crinkle Howie Flies have also been good on downriggers. Staging kings are also showing up at the harbor mouths. Shore fisherman are having luck at night using Rapala DT's, K.O. Wobblers and Moonshine Casting spoons.



## Research *(Cont. from pg. 2)*

Each business has been given a supply of forms for anglers to fill out and bags to use for freezing the head. Anglers should include the following information with each head: date of capture and capture location, along with the fish species, length, weight, and gender, she said.

- Kenosha - Gander Mountain, 6802 118th Ave., 262-857-3757
- Racine area - Turk's Bait, 2950 93rd St., Sturtevant, 262-886-3061
- Racine area - DNR, 9531 Rayne Road, Suite 4, Sturtevant, (Hours - Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.), 262-884-2300

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## August 2013 Club Tourney Results

August Standings	Boat owner	Tournament points June	Culmulative Standings	Boat owner	Cumulative points 2013
1st	Mike Smith	124.7	1st	Tom Zapp	389.4 pts
2nd	Dave Slayton	84.8	2nd	Mike Williams	336.8 pts
3rd	Brian & Jamie	52	3rd	Mike Smith	227.3 pts
4th	Paul	51.8	4th	Nick & Mike	119.4 pts
5th	Tom Zapp	40.5	5th	Brian & Jamie	119.2 pts
6th	Jim Zondlak	28.14	6th	Jim Hanrahan	96.0 pts
7th	Nick & Mike	DQ	7th	Dave Slayton	84.8 pts

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## WI panfish survey results available online

Will help inform future statewide panfish management plan (Courtesy of Great Lakes Basin Report August 2013)

Anglers are evenly split on whether to keep the current statewide bag limit of 25 panfish per day and differ significantly on whether they prefer catching fewer but bigger panfish or more but smaller fish, according to recent results from online and in-person surveys.

□ 38 percent of the nearly 3,500 respondents said they were satisfied with the number of panfish they caught on a typical fishing trip and 40 percent said it was adequate.

□ An equal proportion of anglers (about 47 percent) said the statewide limit of panfish should be kept at 25 per day as said the daily bag limit should "probably" or "definitely" be decreased.

□ 61 percent said they would "definitely" or "probably" prefer to catch and keep fewer but larger panfish while one-third wanted to keep

their catch and harvest as it is.

□ 36 percent of respondents were satisfied with the size of the favorite panfish species, compared to one-third who indicated they were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and 31 percent who said they were dissatisfied. To view the survey results, go to DNR's website, [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov), and search, "panfish plan."

DNR's panfish survey ran from mid-February 2013 to the end of April 2013 as part of an initial effort to get information and opinions from anglers to help develop a statewide plan to manage panfish. Respondents were able to take the survey online, fill it out at one of dozens of meetings around the state in February and March 2013, or at fishing expos, sport shows and the Conservation Congress meetings, says Joanna Griffin, the fisheries biologist

coordinating the effort.

DNR has had management plans in place for many years for game fish species such as walleye, bass, musky and northern pike. Biologists and some anglers believe such attention is necessary for panfish. There have been proposals from the Conservation Congress in recent years and again in 2013 to reduce the daily 25 fish limit on panfish on select lakes.

As a category, panfish are by far the most common fish caught by anglers in Wisconsin although anglers report walleye as their favorite target. Wisconsin anglers reported catching 88 million fish in the 2006-7 license year, of which 57.7 million were panfish, according to a statewide mail survey done that year. About 25.7 million of those panfish were kept.

## Potential state record whitefish caught in Lake Michigan off Sheboygan

By [Paul A. Smith](#) of the *Journal Sentinel*

An out-of-state angler on a Lake Michigan charter on Tuesday caught a 12 pound, 4 ounce lake whitefish.

If the application is approved and the catch is authenticated by the Department of Natural Resources, Roy Stromsness of Sioux Falls, S.D. will have his name in the Wisconsin record books. The standing whitefish record is an 11 pound, 11 ounce fish caught in 1977 in Lake Superior.

Stromsness was fishing the Lake Michigan waters off Sheboygan aboard the Dumper Dan I with captain Chuck Nelson and first mate Jake Rogers.

The fish was caught south of the Sheboygan harbor in 120 feet of water. It hit a spoon fished about 30 feet down on a lead core line.



Long a species targeted by commercial fishermen, whitefish have increasingly

been caught by sport anglers in recent years.

State fisheries biologists have documented increased whitefish populations in certain areas of Lake Michigan over the last decade, including restoration of spawning runs in some tributaries. The whitefish appears to be surviving and reproducing despite changes to the lake's food web.

Most sport action for whitefish has been through the ice in winter, but open water anglers occasionally catch them as well as evidenced in potential record fashion Thursday.

The photo below, courtesy of Dumper Dan Sportfishing Charters, shows Stromsness with the big whitefish.

# SEPTEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <small>Club Meeting @ Moose 7:00pm</small>	10	11	12	13	14
15 <small>Club Tournament</small>	16	17	18 <small>KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00pm</small>	19	20	21 <small>Pike River Revival</small>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

### Important dates this month

- 09/09/13 - Club meeting at the Moose Lodge 7:00 pm
- 09/15/13 - Club Tournament
- 09/18/13 - KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 09/21/13 - Pike River Revival 8:30am

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### 2012 Schedule of Club Events

- 02/04/13 - Board Elections
- 02/16/13 - Swap Meet
- 02/23/13 - Awards Banquet
- 04/11/13 - Annual Fundraiser Dinner
- 05/11/13 - Kids Fish-N-Fun
- 05/19/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 06/09/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 06/14/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
- 06/15/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
- 06/16/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
- 08/11/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 09/15/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 09/21/13 - Pike River Revival

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