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January's Guest Speaker will be Ryan Sanders of Screamin' Drags Tackle



At our upcoming January GLSF Membership meeting on January 10th at the New Berlin Ale House, we have a special speaker. Ryan Sanders of Screamin' Drags Tackle will be there to talk about proper fishing tackle maintenance. He will also be showing some of his (proven to catch fish) equipment that he will have for sale.

The meeting will be in the North Hall and will start at 7pm. After some introductions, Ryan will start his program. It promises to be another educational and entertaining evening! We look forward to seeing you there!

There will be a brief meeting after the program as we have some items to cover like the upcoming Ice Fishing Clinic in February at Greenfield Park. Following the meeting we will have another one of Dave Bowe's great raffles!



We took a collection for a donation to Children's Hospital Foundation and with the matching 50% from our Foundation, we have a check for \$1500 we are donating this year! **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated, as this is a very fitting Christmas donation!

*All Meetings are the
second Tuesday of the Month.*
New Berlin Ale House
16000 W. Cleveland Ave,
New Berlin

Next Membership Meeting
Tuesday, January 10th
7 pm
at New Berlin Ale House
GLSF Monthly Meeting,
Guest Speaker –
Ryan Sanders from
Screamin' Drags Tackle.
All followed by one of Dave
Bowe's raffles!

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and Updates at

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Upcoming Meetings

♥ February 14th ♥

March 14th 🍀

April 11th ☔

May 9th 🌻



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Notes from your President



Brian Haydin

December Greetings GLSF Club Members and Associates,

Happy New Year to everyone! Last month the board elected me as the new President, following in the very large footprints left by Bob Wincek (who will remain on the board as Vice-President). It's an honor that I don't take lightly and I'm very grateful for the trust the club has put in me. I also would be remiss without acknowledging the mentorship (and leadership) of Bob over the last several years that has made this transition something to look forward to.

I joined the club in 2016 after learning about the club (from Bill Koch) at the Sport Show. A few months later, I joined the board and by 2018 I began serving as secretary and later took on the duties of vice-president. This makes me one of the newest members of the club and at a sprite 49 years of age, maybe one of the younger ones too!

I'm sure that this point most of you know me from the club meetings, the fish-ins, Brew City, or maybe even the Salmon-a-Rama weigh-ins. But for those of you that don't know me, here is a little bit about me. I am married, have 2 wonderful children (7 and 14) and have been fishing on Lake Michigan for a little over 10 years. In addition to fishing on the big pond, I also am an avid hunter and spend a good deal of time foraging as well. I'm the chair of the Milwaukee County Wisconsin Conservation Congress and also on the CDAC for Milwaukee. In short, I love spending time in the outdoors with my friends and family.

Over the years, I've met a lot of wonderful people in the club and have learned so much from so many of you which was why I joined the club years ago. This community has delivered, and then some! Our membership has been treading water over the years and I would love to engage with the local fishing community to help anglers, new and old, enjoy what we all know so much about.

I would love to hear from each you about what we can do better to serve your needs, keep you as a member, and more importantly create an atmosphere to attract new anglers. Please don't hesitate to call me, meet me for a morning coffee or afternoon beer, or talk to me at one of the club meetings. I will also accept invitations to fish with you on your boat or mine (or a frozen lake). Thanks again and Tight Lines!

See you Tuesday, January 10th at 7pm
– New Berlin Ale House for our GLSF Meeting

Let's Keep Great Lakes Sport Fishing Alive and Productive!

I really hope to see you very soon.....



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Wisconsin Conservation Congress



The 2023 Spring Hearings will be held on sometime, hopefully, on April 10th. They have not been finalized at this time. However, if there is something you'd like address in the form of a proposed resolution, now is the time to be discussing it with your elected Conservation Congress representative. Feel free to reach out to Bob for Waukesha County or Brian Haydin for Milwaukee County if you have any ideas.

Bob Wincek is one of the Waukesha County Conservation Congress Representatives. He is also a Vice-Chair of the Great Lakes Advisory Committee.

Brian Haydin is one of the Milwaukee County Conservation Congress Representatives. Both are the Chairpersons for their County and a member of the Bear Committee.

How many members are aware that there is a Youth component to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress called the Youth Conservation Congress?

Their Charter is the same as the WCC and their members are mentored by members of the WCC.

To learn more, click the link below and read their newsletter. You might be amazed!

https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/YCC/2022_YCC_December.pdf



Shawn, YCC delegate from Racine Co. harvested his buck during bow season.



McKenna, YCC delegate from Racine Co. was successful during the gun deer season.



CALENDAR CORNER

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Membership Meetings are normally held at the **New Berlin Ale House** – And Open to the Public
16000 W. Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin at 7pm

January 2023

3 - GLSF Board Meeting – New Berlin Ale House, 6pm

10 - GLSF Membership Meeting –

New Berlin Ale House, 7pm,

Program: Your Fishing Gear Maintenance presented by Ryan Sanders, the Owner of Screaming Drags Tackle!

February 2023

7 - GLSF Board Meeting – New Berlin Ale House, 6pm

11 - Kid's Ice Fishing Clinic at Greenfield Park

– 8:30am to 4pm

14 - GLSF Membership Meeting –

New Berlin Ale House, 7pm, Program: Rebecca Hansen, NOAA – US Weather Service

March 2023

7 - GLSF Board Meeting – New Berlin Ale House, 6pm

14 - GLSF Membership Meeting –

New Berlin Ale House, 7pm, Program: TBD

25 - 3rd Annual FREE GLSF Sponsored Salmon School

– New Berlin Ale House, 9am to 3:30pm

Featured speakers are Dan Keating and Dan Small!

April 2023

4 - GLSF Board Meeting – New Berlin Ale House, 6pm

11 - GLSF SWAP Meet –

4pm to 7pm (Ale House North Hall) Followed by Monthly meeting at 7pm –Program – TBD

18 - Kid's Spring Fishing Clinic – Greenfield Park,
8am – 4pm

For updated information please visit our club website at
www.glsfclub.com

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Waukesha County Conservation Alliance

Banquet & Raffles

Friday, February 3, 2023 Doors open 5:30 PM. Dinner at 7:00 PM.

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Table with 8 Tickets: ___ x \$450 = \$ _____
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Membership and 2023 Membership Dues

As of this newsletter, we are at 108 Regular members and 46 Senior Members on our roster. In December we had 151 members and this month, we have 154 members. We do need to continue to grow our membership! We have lost many members in the last 2 years who have not renewed their dues. Unless they notify me, I keep them on the mailing list in hopes they will become motivated to renew their dues. Please take the time to renew when you get the reminder messages. Over the next few months, many of you will be receiving these notices. It helps the club and helps support the Lake Michigan Fishery as well. If you have questions, please call Bob at 414-217-9752 or send him an e-mail at bob@glsfclub.com. You, the membership of this organization, are the life and blood that keep it alive! Please renew when notified. If there is something you would like addressed or changed, please see any board member, or better yet, consider volunteering for a future Board position.

To renew, you also have several options. You can continue to use the form on the back of the Tightline and send in, or hand in your check or cash at our meetings, pay with a credit card at our meetings, or renew on-line by logging in with your personal login and select the new membership option for either a Regular or Senior Membership. The website already knows it is you when you are logged in, so all you will need to do is confirm your membership data and input your credit card payment on our secure server connection.

I get notification of all transactions and verify that they are recorded correctly in the membership application to guarantee no errors are committed. When you do your renewal in this manner, 12 months gets automatically added to whatever date your membership was set to expire. This allows us to treat everyone the same. If you joined or renewed in October 2021, you will not see your reminders until September 2022. If you get a reminder that seems too soon to you, please contact Bob (bob@glsfclub.com) and let him know so he can investigate. There are a few known bugs in our membership program which we hope will be resolved soon. There have been some inconsistencies with our membership module on our website, so if you believe our data is incorrect, contact me, I can give you your exact expiration date. I do keep a manual spreadsheet to track all memberships, because I too, do not trust our membership module. Just send me an e-mail at bob@glsfclub.com or text message at 414-217-9752 and I will fix the error.

Now is not the time to drop your GLSF Membership!

Our environment lives on and in some cases needs our support. The good news for us is that our DNR is working, and they can now have face-to-face interactions. This is good news, after almost 2 years of quarantine.

There was an NRB Meeting on August 9-10. I was unable to attend due to my son's wedding in Florida. I guess all of the folks supporting the Sportfishing population must have been on vacation as well. The Commercial Fishing Board was on the agenda to make a presentation and I heard it was a good one. They are asking for a commercial quota of the Lake Michigan Lake Trout. According to the agenda, there was no one at the meeting or online with any counter views.

This is a slippery slope as currently Lake Trout are listed as a Wisconsin Game Fish and according to the 2022 Wisconsin Fishing Regulations, Game Fish can only be harvested in Wisconsin by hook and line. How it's allowed on Lake Superior, I do not know, but there is a Lake Trout commercial harvest limit for Lake Superior, as well as a Tribal Harvest Limit. There are some Sport Fishermen who do not like or appreciate Lake Trout and they have been advocating that Commercial Fishing for Lake Trout should be allowed. If it is legally allowed, what happens when they start asking for Coho or Chinook Salmon, Rainbow Trout or Brown Trout? These are species stocked using our Great Lakes Sport Fishing Stamp funds. Without Sport Fishermen support, this is certainly a possibility.

At a recent virtual Wisconsin Conservation Great Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting this past Saturday, August 27th, we learned that the recent Whitefish rules and limits for Lower Green Bay were made permanent. Electronic reporting for guides as well as Commercial Harvest has been implemented. This will help the DNR monitor Whitefish harvest throughout the year. Additionally, Trap Net locations now must be reported to the DNR so that people can be made aware of potential navigation issues.

Your membership helps us support and work with the DNR to ensure that stocking of Lake Michigan Salmon and Trout will continue at levels high enough to maintain the current levels of harvest and the current size of the healthy fish being harvested. Please consider renewing and bringing along a friend as a new member, too.



Great Lakes Basin Report

Practice Ice Safety on all Waterbodies this Winter Navigation Channels May Cause Unique, Changing Conditions

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin DNR urges the public to practice ice safety on all of Wisconsin's waterbodies and remember that no ice is safe ice as they venture outdoors this winter.

Recent water rescues serve as chilly reminders that early-season ice on any Wisconsin waterbody is thin, weak and potentially life-threatening to anyone looking to get a jump on winter fun. None of the early-season breakthrough rescues were fatal incidents.

"Temperature swings, strong winds, currents, underground springs feeding lakes and rivers vary widely across Wisconsin," said Major April Dombrowski, DNR Recreational Safety and Outdoor Skills Section Chief. "These factors are why no ice is ever considered safe, especially not this early in the season."

Get Ice Status from Local Sources

The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. If your plans include access to or use of an ice-covered waterbody, contact your local fishing clubs, bait shops or outfitters for ice conditions.

"These places routinely check ice conditions and can give you the best and most current conditions," said Dombrowski. "If you can plan your outing without any travel over ice, do it. And if you are going to be on some ice, let someone know your plans and follow them."

Conditions Vary On Waterbodies

A waterbody can have its own characteristics. Check if the lake has inlets and outlets. Know whether its narrows are spring-fed or have currents like rivers, both of which can thin the ice. Some smaller lakes can have aerators that are run throughout the winter, either covering a large area

towards the center of the lake or may have smaller aerators placed by private property landowners adjacent to their shore and piers.

It is equally as important to stay alert for pressure ridges or ice heaves. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and resulting open water. They are often created, move or grow with changes in temperatures and high winds. Pressure ridges and ice heaves can happen on Wisconsin's largest lake, Lake Winnebago, a popular home to sturgeon spearers, and the Bay of Green Bay.

Practice Ice Safety

Winds, Navigation Channel Are Recipe for Flowing Icebergs on Bay Of Green Bay

Anyone using the Bay of Green Bay for any reason this winter should be especially cautious.

The Bay of Green Bay is about 120 miles long and 10 to 20 miles wide. According to DNR Marine Warden Team Supervisor Lt. Ryan Propson, navigation channels serving as ship highways cause the huge water body to only completely freeze over occasionally. Users must pay extra attention to changing weather conditions, including high winds, and be knowledgeable of the maintenance of the navigation channel to avoid becoming stranded on free-floating icebergs.

During any time of the winter, but especially when the shipping channel is being maintained, any high wind can create waves under the ice. The force of the waves causes the cracks to form, leading to large sections of ice breaking off and floating away. Similar situations can occur due to cracking with large or sudden temperature changes.

Ice Safety Basics

Here are a few basic ice safety tips to remember:

- Carry a cell phone, and let people know where you are going and when you'll return home.
- Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or a float coat, to help you stay afloat and to help maintain body heat.
- Wear ice creepers attached to boots to prevent slipping on clear ice.
- Carry a spud bar to check the ice while walking to new areas.
- Carry a few spikes and a length of light rope in an easily accessible pocket to help pull yourself – or others – out of the ice.
- If you fall in, remain as calm as possible. While attempting to get out of the water, call for help. Anyone who attempts to rescue you should use a rope or something similar to avoid falling through themselves.
- Do not travel in unfamiliar areas or at night.

Have a plan in place noting where you will be and when you plan to return. Along with leaving a written note of your plans, keeping a charged cell phone is also recommended. [Check out the DNR's Ice Safety webpage](#) for more information on staying safe on the ice, including tips for creating ice claws and what to do if you fall through ice.

Great Lakes Basin Report

Lake Trout Season for Lake Superior opened

Bayfield, Wis. – The Wisconsin DNR reminds anglers that the [Lake Superior's lake trout season](#) opened **December 1**. The season runs until September 30, 2023 or until the harvest cap is met.

Anyone looking to harvest lake trout must purchase a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp in addition to their fishing license. Both the stamp and fishing license can be purchased online through the [GoWild system](#) or at any [license location](#). All regulations apply.

Lake trout are managed in Lake Superior using a quota system with different allocations for different user groups. The Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior are divided into two management units. WI-1 encompasses all waters from Superior to Bark Point (known as the Western Arm), and WI-2 includes waters from Bark Point to the Michigan border (known as the Apostle Islands region).

Each of these management units has its own harvest quota based on their respective lake trout populations, and recreational harvest is monitored through sport fishing surveys. The Western Arm has a bag limit of three lake trout, and the Apostle Islands region has a bag limit of two lake trout. Both areas employ a 15-inch minimum size limit and only one fish over 25 inches. The Apostle Islands region experiences more fishing pressure and therefore has a trigger in place to close the season prior to September 30, 2023 if 75% of the 12,670 recreational lake trout quota has been reached.

This 2023 season will be the last season under the current lake trout quota for the Apostle Islands region. Using data from 2020-2022, a new quota for the 2024 season is currently being developed and will go through the rule making process next fall.

Recent [surveys of Lake Superior fisheries](#) can be found on the DNR's website. Learn more about [fishing for lake trout on Lake Superior](#).

Become an Angler Education Instructor!

Pass on your love of fishing by becoming an Angler Education Instructor, certified through the Wisconsin DNR. – Fishing club members, youth leaders, classroom teachers, community center staff and civic leaders are encouraged to attend as a team or form a team at the workshop. This training will certify you as an Angler Education Instructor or Fishing Coach and provide you with tips and materials to lead fishing programs. We'll even do some practice teaching. Successful program models include kids' clinics, community and family fishing outings, after-school fishing clubs, summer enrichment classes, camps, scouts merit badge clinics, meet-ups for your adults and adult education.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2023, 6–9 p.m., A light dinner will be served starting at 5:45 p.m.

Greenfield Park Pavilion, 2028 S. 124St, West Allis, WI 53227

This workshop is free. Your registration confirms your attendance. If you must cancel, please contact us immediately. Registration Deadline: Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023

The registration process consists of: [Angler Education Instructor Workshop Registration Form, Participant Agreement and Photo Release Form, and Mentor Background Check](#). We look forward to hearing from you, Theresa Stabo, Angler Outreach Program Specialist, theresa.stabo@wisconsin.gov, 608-577-6332, or

Cal Sinclair, Program Assistant, calvin.sinclair@wisconsin.gov, 608-419-2078

Late Season Deer Hunting Opportunities in Wisconsin

While the main gun deer season is over, there is still time to fill the freezer. Avid hunters can enjoy additional hunting opportunities into the start of the new year:

Now to Jan. 8, 2023: Remaining archery and crossbow seasons

Jan. 9-31, 2023: Extended archery and crossbow seasons in select Farmland Zone counties

Hunters should check their licenses and tags to ensure they know the number of harvests still available to them and which zone, county and land type they can be used on. For many counties, bonus antlerless harvest authorizations are available for purchase. More info is available on the DNR website.



Notes from Your Outgoing President –

As president of any organization, you are always cognizant that position will not last forever. I have been the President of this fine organization for over 10 years. I look back on all the memories and realize what an impact being your president has had on me. We've weathered the years and shared a lot of experiences. That said, I felt it was time for me to move on with new experiences. I feel confident that Brian Haydin will do a great job taking us forward. He has a great Board of Directors and a lot of support from the membership.

I remain as our Club's Vice President, in addition to the President of the Wisconsin Federation of Great Lakes Sport Fishing Clubs, President of the Waukesha County Conservation Alliance, Waukesha County CDAC Chair, Vice Chair of the Conservation Congress Great Lakes Committee, Chairman of the Conservation Congress Waukesha County Delegation, and a representative to the District Leadership committee of the Conservation Congress. Suffice it to say, I am deeply passionate for supporting all Sport Fishing activities in Wisconsin, and I plan on continuing those efforts.

Please continue to show your complete support for Brian as he takes us forward!

Thank for all the great memories,

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January Trivia – Fun Facts About Atlantic Salmon Answers on page 14 (No Peeking!)

1. What's the difference between Atlantic and Pacific Salmon?
2. Where do Atlantic salmon live?
3. Why do salmon go to sea?
4. When do Atlantic salmon migrate to the ocean?
5. How old are Atlantic salmon when they migrate from freshwater to the ocean?
6. What do Atlantic salmon eat?
7. How large do salmon get?
8. What is the oldest known age of Atlantic salmon?
9. Do salmon return to spawn in freshwater areas where they were born?
10. How many eggs do Atlantic salmon have?



Milwaukee Boat Launching Facilities Updates

According to Eric Lesch, McKinley Marina Manager, There have been NO construction meetings, contract contacts or news from the County Parks Board. That means they are remaining open until some type of notice is given. This is the same information posted on the GLSF Website.

If anyone living in Milwaukee County has an Alderman or a County Supervisor, or a County Parks Supervisor that they know, perhaps we could start a dialogue to see when the Boat Launches might get attention.

With no current connection or dialogue, we hope and pray than Marina construction does not get scheduled for July 2023, interrupting the County Air Show and our 23rd Annual GLSF Brew City Salmon Tournament scheduled for July 28-28, 2023, sponsored by Pratt Gears!

Kid's Ice Fishing Clinic VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

On Saturday, February 15th, we are hosing a kid's Ice Fishing Clinic from 8am to 4pm at Greenfield Park off of 124th Street. **WE NEED HELP!** Please consider volunteering and contacting Brandon Witt at 1-262-370-4295 or Ryan Flohr at 1-414-349-2016. You can call and leave a message, or just send them a text message. We need your help and I hope to see you there!

On behalf of Brandon and Ryan,

Thank You,

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Our Condolence

One of the past presidents from the Club, **Paul Jagielski**, passed away on December 26, 2022. Paul was president for 1997 and 1998. He was a very active and an instrumental member of the club back in it's early days. Paul had retired as a professor at UW-Milwaukee to his farm in Buffalo county.



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A Reminder from our Great Lake Fisheries Manager of Southern Lake Michigan – Cheryl Masterson

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<https://www.michiganseagrant.org/topics/fisheries-and-aquaculture/angler-citizen-science/great-lakes-angler-diary/>

Your Help is needed and appreciated as a volunteer to accurately fill out this Diary for every Lake Michigan Trip you take! It easy, fast, and free and helps the Sport Fishermen! Think about this for 2022!



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December 21, 2022

Fish Lines

Fish Lines monthly publication that highlights the recent news and work conducted by USFWS Midwest Region Fisheries personnel and their partners and friends. For questions or for more information contact the editor, email: tim_smitgalski@fws.gov

Did You Know?

The Thanksgiving Carp

By Wes Bouska, La Crosse Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office

The Upper Mississippi River Invasive Carp Team (UMRICT), an ad hoc group of the Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee, is a group of state and federal partners that work together to address invasive carp issues within the Upper Mississippi River (UMR). The group collaborates on research and management projects, decision making, and information sharing. Right before Thanksgiving, an ecologist with the Illinois Natural History Survey who works on contracted carp removals in the UMR, contacted the UMRICT about an exceedingly large Bighead Carp that had been caught by an independent commercial fisherman in Pool 13.

The Bighead Carp reportedly weighed in at 95 pounds! News of the catch spread through the close-knit UMR commercial fishing community, and to the Illinois Natural History Survey. The Natural History Survey utilized their network of commercial fishing contacts, and were able to track down the fisherman, the fish market where the fish was taken to, and the name of the lady that purchased the fish. Apparently, the woman who purchased the fish is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa and had bought the fish to serve for Thanksgiving dinner.



The question posed to the UMRICT was, do we need any biological information from this fish? Should we attempt to contact her and try to collect otoliths for aging, or gather any other data? Other less scientific questions included: Does she normally cook giant fish for the holidays? How will she prepare it? How many guests are expected, and do they know what's on the menu? Did she just show up at the fish market and impulse buy a 100-pound Bighead Carp? How did she get it home and how is she storing it until the big day? Can we come over for dinner too? After some enthusiastic emailing back and forth, the group collectively determined that there would be relatively little scientific value in trying to retrieve the fish (or parts thereof) in relation to the inconvenience of depriving a family of their Thanksgiving Feast.

We all have much to be thankful for, including the wonderful cooperation within the UMRICT partnership. This year the UMRICT can also be thankful for culinary pioneers who are brave enough to eschew the traditional Thanksgiving dinner to instead serve invasive carp. We all hope the fish was delicious!

Above: A commercial fisherman on Pool 13 of the Mississippi River hoists a 95-pound Bighead Carp that was later prepared for Thanksgiving Dinner in Iowa. Image Courtesy of Wes Bouska/USFWS - La Crosse FWCO.

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January Trivia – (Continued from page 9)

1. The Atlantic salmon is actually one species within the genus *Salmo*. There are seven different species of Pacific salmon, which belong to the genus *Oncorhynchus*. Atlantic salmon generally don't live long after spawning but are capable of surviving and spawning again. Most Pacific salmon die shortly after spawning, with the exception of steelhead.
2. Atlantic salmon used to be found from Long Island Sound to New England, but those populations no longer exist in these rivers. Currently U.S. Atlantic salmon are only found in a handful of rivers in Maine.
3. Atlantic salmon go to sea to grow. The energy content and abundance of food in the ocean is much higher than in freshwater, so fish are able to grow very big, very quickly. This is important because larger fish are less likely to be eaten and the females have more eggs. A lot of eggs are needed to produce enough juveniles that will grow to maturity and return to spawn and sustain the population.
4. Young Atlantic salmon (called "smolts") migrate to sea every year in the spring. The "smolt run" in the Gulf of Maine begins in the middle of April and is over by the beginning of June. Due to regional climate impacts, the smolt run is starting earlier than in the past. The run begins later at northern latitudes.
5. Atlantic salmon smolt are usually 2-3 years old when they begin their migration in U.S. waters, but migrating smolt are often older at higher latitudes.
6. In fresh water, young salmon mostly eat small insects such as mayflies, stoneflies, caddisflies, blackflies, and riffle beetles. Sometimes they eat small amphibians and fish. When they're in the ocean, young and adult salmon eat a wide variety of prey, including: Fish such as capelin, Atlantic herring, sand lance, barracudina and lanternfish. Crustaceans such as amphipods and euphausiids or "krill." Cephalopods like squid and octopus. Polychaete worms. Just before adults migrate to estuaries to begin the spawning migration, they stop eating altogether.)
7. The largest Atlantic salmon was 105 pounds and 60 inches. However, depending on how long they are at sea, adults returning to the Gulf of Maine rivers typically weigh approximately 7-12 lbs and are 28-32 inches long after 2 years at sea.
8. The maximum recorded age was 13 years old, but most Atlantic salmon that survive to reproduce live 5 to 8 years (1-7 years in fresh water, 1-6 years in the marine environment).
9. Almost always. While some straying has been documented, most spawning salmon return to the river in which they were born and sometimes they even home to the very stream of their birth.
10. Generally from 2,500 to 7,000 depending on the size of the female (larger females have more eggs), or about 600-800 eggs per pound of body weight.



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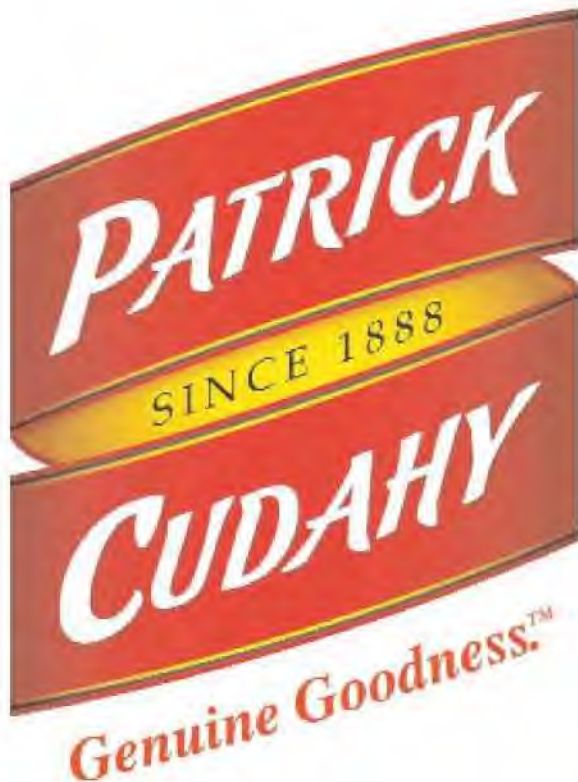
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Nearly \$105 Million in Fish Passage Funding Recommended under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Including Significant Funding for Tribes

December 14, 2022

West Coast National

NOAA is recommending nearly \$105 million in funding for 36 fish passage projects this year and \$61 million in future funding under the Biden-Harris Administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. With this historic level of funding, our partners will reopen migratory pathways and restore access to healthy habitat for fish across the country.

Fifteen of these projects—more than \$26.3 million in funding—will be led by tribal applicants for fish passage and to build tribal organizational capacity. In addition, nearly two-thirds of the remaining projects will directly involve tribes and are aligned with tribal priorities. Tribes will play key roles in decision-making and build capacity to help recover tribally-important migratory fish. The projects will also provide community and economic benefits such as jobs and training opportunities.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides a once-in-a-generation opportunity for NOAA to continue making an impact for fisheries, protected resources, and coastal communities. These projects will help recover endangered migratory fish and support the sustainability of commercial, recreational, and tribal fisheries. They will also support coastal communities by removing derelict and unsafe dams, removing contaminated sediments, improving opportunities for recreation, and adapting to climate change by reducing flooding and improving threatened infrastructure.

[View fish passage projects recommended for funding](#)



Dam removal on the Penobscot River in Maine. Credit: Penobscot River Restoration Trust.

NOAA Fisheries Strategic Plan for 2022–2025

December 20, 2022

We are pleased to introduce [NOAA Fisheries Strategic Plan for 2022–2025](#). The plan tiers from the Department of Commerce Strategic Plan, which has one overarching vision: helping the American economy grow. It sets out NOAA Fisheries' strategic goals and key strategies and informs the public about our important work.

The goals of this plan are focused on key statutes and the priorities of this Administration, including:

- Building a climate-ready nation, including resilient fisheries and coastal communities
- Ensuring the sustainability and competitiveness of U.S. fishing and seafood industries
- Recovering and protecting marine species
- Continuing to build a mission-oriented, diverse workforce and to promote equity and environmental justice

More specifically, at NOAA Fisheries, we are focused on:

- Confronting climate change, expanding our science capabilities, supporting conservation initiatives, including America the Beautiful
- Protecting and conserving our marine resources
- Advancing equity and environmental justice



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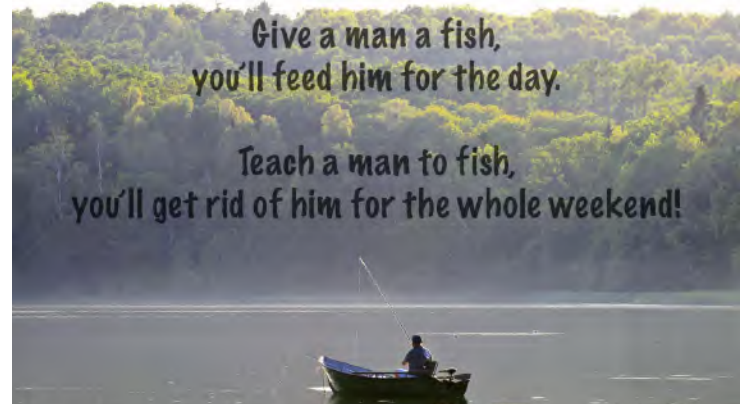
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Current Dates for 2023 SW Lake Michigan Tournaments

Tournament	Port	Date
SU WI Open	Racine	TBD
Kenosha Classic	Kenosha	TBD
SU IL Pass the Passion	Northpoint	TBD
Salmon a Rama	Racine	July 15 thru 23, 2023
Super Sweepstakes	Racine	July 15, 2023
Two in a Boat	Racine	July 16, 2023
Brew City		
Powder Puff – Warm Up	Milwaukee	July 28
Pro Division	Milwaukee	July 28 & 29
Brew City Pro/Am	Milwaukee	July 29
SU IL Open	Northpoint	TBD

Holiday Banquet and Awards held on Monday, December 12, 2022

For the Banquet page, you can do a couple generalizations like it was a fun night that was well attended by about 100 people who enjoyed a good meal with cake and coffee. The Margaret Berendt Award was awarded to two people not married to each other, Brandon Witt and Ryan Flohr. Congratulations to all the Award winners! There was a great raffle by Dave Bowe, and thank everyone again, for their generous donation to Children's Hospital Foundation that allowed us to make the outstanding \$1500 donation with our Foundation's matching funds.



GLSF 2022 Final Results Fishing Contest

Junior Division

Brown Trout over 3 lb

1st	Kamm Reyna	18.8
2nd	Ethan Flohr	12.8
3rd	Quintin Witt	8.34

Coho over 5 lb

1st	Jacob Federighe	9.94
2nd	Ciara Reyna	8.0
3rd	Quintin Witt	6.1

Lake Trout over 5 lb

1st	Hamm Reyna	20.6
2nd	Ethan Flohr	18.1

Chinook over 12 lb

1st	Jacob Federighe	9.94
2nd	Ciara Reyna	8.0

Rainbow over 5 lb

1st	Nick Kaari	12.42
2nd	Kaci Korducki	8.8
3rd	Jacob Federighe	7.64

Adult Division

Brown Trout over 6 lb

1st	Ken Hunt	18.6
2nd	Jay Mathwick	15.0
3rd	Ryan Flohr	11.2

Coho over 7 lb

1st	Roger Droukas	13.2
2nd	Jerry Kozar	11.7
3rd	Dave Halter	11.6

Lake Trout over 10 lb

1st	Ted Foti	24.68
2nd	Dominic Federighe	22.55
3rd	Jim Jankowski	19.4

Chinook over 19 lb

1st	Dave Bowe	26.9
2nd	Dominic Federighe	26.88
3rd	Jay Mathwick	25.2

Rainbow over 8 lb

1st	John Wierzba	15.2
2nd	Christine Droukas	9.0
3rd	Kevin Kaari	8.9

Fish of the Month/Biggest Fish of the Month

April	FOTM (Brown)	Jay Mathwick, 15.0
	Biggest Fish	No Big Fish
May	FOTM (Brown)	None Caught
	Biggest Fish, Chinook	Kevin Kaari, 19.2
June	FOTM (Coho)	Roger Droukas, 13.2
	Biggest Fish, Chinook	Brandon Witt, 21.7
July	FOTM (Rainbow)	John Wierzba, 15.2
	Biggest Fish	Jacob Federighe, 32.24
August	FOTM (Lake Trout)	Jay Mathwick, 13.4
	Biggest Fish	Dave Bowe, 26.9
September	FOTM (Chinook)	None Caught
	Biggest Fish	Dominic Federighe, 22.55
October	FOTM (Chinook)	Dave Bowe, 14.3
	Biggest Fish	Jerry Kozar, 16.8

2022 GLSF FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR

Jay Mathwick, 72.3 lbs

Brown	15
Chinook	25.2
Lake Trout	15.3
Coho	8.0
Rainbow	8.8

CAPTAINS CATCH

Jay Mathwick, 83.5 lbs

Brown	15
Chinook	26.9
Lake Trout	19.4
Coho	13.4
Rainbow	8.8

Honorable Mention: Brandon Witt, 71.8



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Subject: Milwaukee River Remediation project

Dear Property Owner:

Along with our contractors GEI and J.F. Brennan, We Energies soon will begin sediment remediation work in the Milwaukee River. Remediation will occur in phases, with crews generally working from upstream to downstream.

In November, we will start the first phase, just west of the North Water Street Bridge, near the confluence of the Milwaukee and Menomonee rivers. This portion of our work will last approximately eight weeks. We will pause our work during the cold winter months, and then resume the second phase in spring 2023. We expect to complete the project by December 2023.

Please see the enclosed materials to learn more about our Milwaukee River Remediation project.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions about this project, call us at 877-380-0522 or email thirdwardproject@we-energies.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Kenny".

Patrick Kenny
Project Manager

Milwaukee River remediation project



Fall 2022 update

We are partnering with local, state and federal agencies to clean up portions of the Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern (AOC). We committed to remediating sediment within a 0.6-mile stretch of the Milwaukee River. This project is part of a larger effort to restore the health of the Milwaukee Estuary AOC through improved water quality, wildlife habitat and fisheries.

We received all the necessary permits and approvals to begin our work to remediate approximately 46,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment associated with the operation of the former Third Ward Manufactured Gas Plant. Remediation will include the installation of steel sheet piles, dredging of contaminated sediments and installation of a cap. Removed sediments will be disposed of at Port Milwaukee's existing Dredged Material Disposal Facility (DMDF).

Work will take place in two areas of the Milwaukee River:

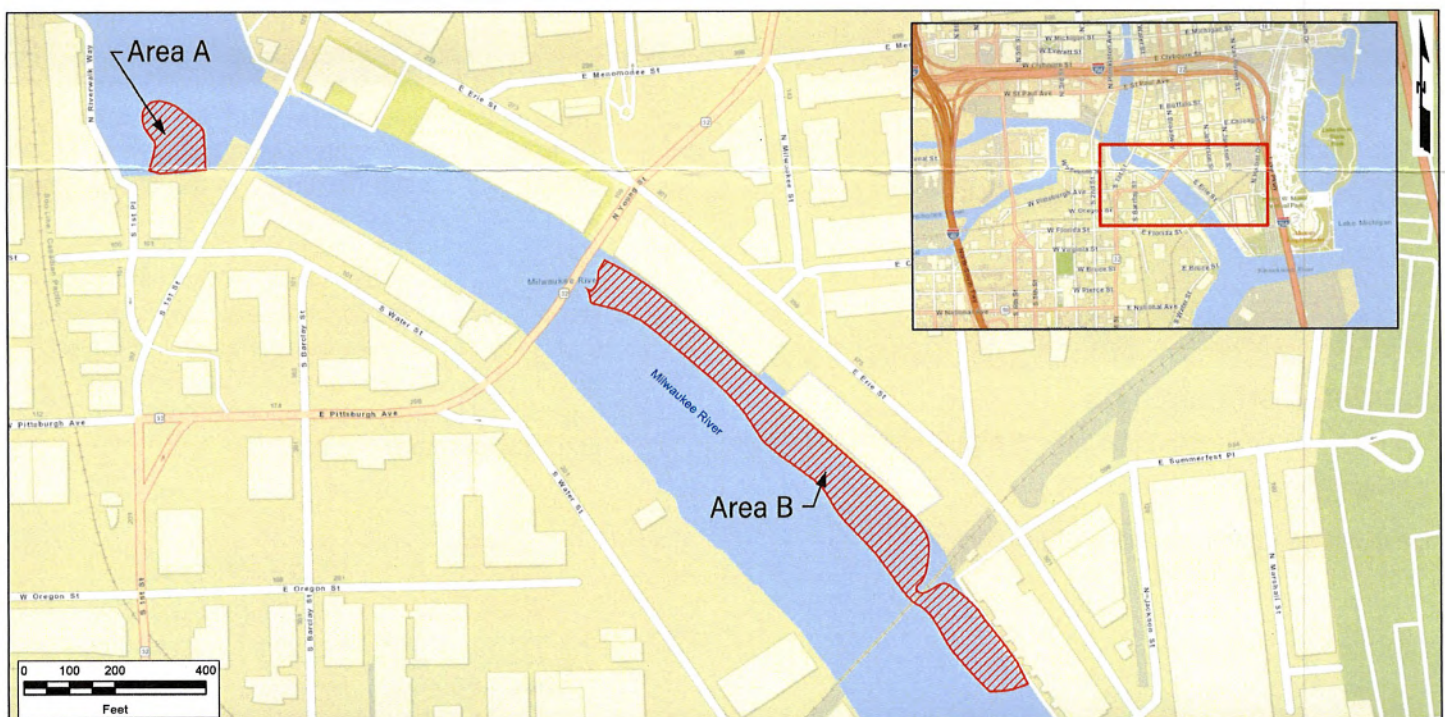
- **Area A:** a small zone west of the North Water Street Bridge, near the confluence of the Milwaukee and Menomonee rivers.
- **Area B:** a linear section southeast of the North Young Street Bridge on the northeast side of the Milwaukee River, adjacent to East Erie Street.

Area A work to start in November

Starting in November, we will construct a new steel sheet pile shoreline wall at Area A in preparation for sediment dredging that will take place next year. Heavy equipment, including a large crane, will be on-site for the shoreline wall reconstruction. Temporary fencing has been put up around the site, and sections of sidewalk will be periodically closed for public safety. We plan to be finished with the improved shoreline wall by the end of this year.

The public may experience noise from equipment that vibrates sheet piling into the ground. Unlike a pile driver, which pounds posts and sheet piling into the ground with intermittent loud banging sounds, vibration equipment emits a consistent humming sound. Area residents also may experience an increase in truck traffic and other equipment sounds. These activities are temporary, however, and will be performed within the hours allowed under Milwaukee ordinances, so as to minimize disruptions to area residents.

Data collection through air, noise and vibration monitoring, and structural condition assessments of the surrounding buildings, will be ongoing throughout the project.



2023 remediation work

Next year's remediation work will include installation of a sheet pile wall along Area B and hydraulic dredging (similar to an underwater vacuum) to remove contaminated sediment from the riverbed in Area A and Area B. Contaminated sediment not removed will be covered and secured in place under a cap.

Detailed planning for 2023 is still underway, but construction work is anticipated to start in the spring. We expect to complete remediation work within the river by December 2023. Many of the same activities described for Area A are anticipated for Area B.

We will provide more details on the 2023 timeline early next year.

Project benefits

By addressing contaminated sediment in the Milwaukee River, water quality will improve, resulting in safer use of the waterway, and improved wildlife habitat and fisheries in this area.

Our company's commitment to fund this project is expected to unlock matching federal funds under the Great Lakes Legacy Act for additional cleanup projects in other areas of the Milwaukee Estuary AOC.

By addressing contaminated sediment, we are one step closer to removing the U.S. and Canadian federal governments' AOC designation for the benefit of the Milwaukee metropolitan area and Lake Michigan.



Comments or questions

If you have questions about this project, please reach out to us.

Call: 877-380-0522

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Milwaukee Estuary AOC

An AOC is an area on the Great Lakes that has significant environmental degradation, preventing people and wildlife from fully using or enjoying the local waterways. The Milwaukee Estuary includes the three major rivers in Milwaukee — Milwaukee, Menomonee and Kinnickinnic — and Lake Michigan. The Milwaukee Estuary became an AOC in 1987 because of historical contamination that endangered fish consumption, water quality and wildlife habitat.

Waterway Restoration Partnership

The Waterway Restoration Partnership is a robust group of long-standing, trusted partners in the community that have been working together for years to improve water quality in the area. With a once-in-a-generation opportunity on the horizon, these organizations have formalized their partnership and strengthened their commitment to work together to clean up our waterways so the Milwaukee Estuary AOC is no longer on the Environmental Protection Agency's list of Great Lakes Areas of Concern.

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