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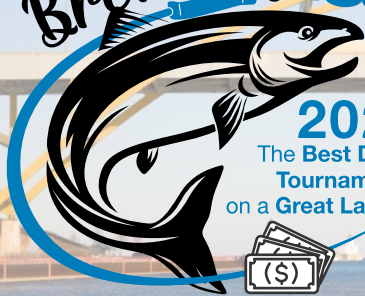
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Mark Drow, a loving husband as well as a gifted arborist, gardener, fisherman and dartball player, passed away peacefully after a three-year long battle with cancer at Aurora Zilber Family Hospice in April, 2025.

From an early age, he loved being outdoors and looked forward to the day his grandfather would take him out fishing. He had to be quiet in the boat and do exactly as his grandpa said. He learned fishing discipline early.

After graduating from Greenfield High School in 1971, Mark went on to UW-Milwaukee, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Natural Resources, while working 30 hours a week to pay tuition.

Mark started off working for the Wisconsin DNR doing creel census which he really enjoyed. He then applied for a job with Milwaukee County first as a seasonal worker and then full-time as an arborist where he stayed until retirement 2004.

Mark enjoyed the outdoors – working in the garden and on the trees in his yard, fishing and hiking. An avid angler, Mark owned a two-person

Jon boat that he would take out to the various inland lakes in southeastern Wisconsin (Phantom, Big Muskego, Little Mud, to name a few) and would fish as often as possible. He also loved fishing down at the WE Energies pier in Oak Creek. He loved the solitude that fishing provided and was source of great joy for him.

Mark asked his wife to make sure that all his fishing equipment went to youth fishing programs – to instill the love of the sport in future generations.

President's Note: On behalf of the Great Lakes Sport Fishermen, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mary for her incredibly generous donation of fishing gear in memory of her late husband. His passion for fishing and desire to support community initiatives—particularly those fostering the next generation through youth fishing clinics—resonate deeply with our club's mission and values. It is genuinely touching and inspiring when someone outside our immediate circle recognizes and supports the meaningful impact of our collective efforts.

Mary's thoughtful gesture underscores the significance and reach of our club's dedication to promoting fishing, conservation, and community involvement. Her late husband's legacy will continue through the many young anglers who will benefit from this donation, discovering joy and lifelong skills on the waters we cherish. This moment is a true testament to the positive difference we can make, and we proudly honor his memory through our continued work.

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DNR Publishes 2024 Fish Stocking Summary

Over 5 Million Fish Stocked Into Wisconsin Waters

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today released the 2024 fish stocking numbers for inland waterbodies and the Great Lakes.



The DNR raises millions of yearling and fingerling fish to stock into Wisconsin waters every year. Over 5 million fish were stocked in 2024, which helped fulfill the quotas submitted by county fisheries biologists.

Stocking helps boost natural fish populations where natural reproduction can no longer support the fishery, maintain or restore existing fisheries and support recreational fishing opportunities. Stocking is also used to evaluate management actions or fish culture techniques.

DNR biologists analyze data collected from present and past surveys to determine which species and quantity should be stocked, along with other factors such as:

- Public input received during the development of species-specific management plans
- Experimental fisheries management strategies
- Specific watershed goals to restore self-sustaining fish populations, maintain existing fisheries or create recreational ones

DNR fish crews stocked fish in inland waters, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and their tributaries across the state in 2024.

The following summaries provide total fish stocked by species in Wisconsin waters in 2024:

Inland Waters

231,685 brook trout
288,290 brown trout
10,945 lake sturgeon
86,552 lake trout
59,112 muskellunge
243,588 rainbow trout
1,195,570 walleye

Lake Michigan

50,184 brook trout
475,045 brown trout
1,361,857 chinook salmon
517,166 coho salmon
1,139 lake sturgeon
1,139 lake sturgeon
15,495 muskellunge
446,150 rainbow trout

Lake Superior

199,885 brown trout
60,732 lake trout
54,743 splake

This data does not include the stocking of newly hatched fry, fish stocked by private fish farms under a stocking permit, fish stocked by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or fish stocked by our tribal partners.

Visit the DNR's [Fish Stocking database](#) to view stocking data from previous years or specific waters.



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The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is represented by Milwaukee Chairman, Brian Haydin, and Waukesha County Chairman, Bob Wincek. Both of them sit on the Great Lakes Advisory Committee, as does Dan Luling.

Their committee meeting is scheduled for August 23rd, someplace in Wausau or Stevens Point. This is a Wisconsin Open Meeting and open to the public. If you would like to attend as a guest, please let Bob or Brian know.

The 2025 Resolutions can be found at this link: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/2025Resolutions>

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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!

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YCC DELEGATES IN ACTION



Brody, YCC delegate from Racine Co. has been busy fishing with family and friends.



Solace, YCC delegate from Waukesha Co. shows a nice bass she entered in the YCC virtual fishing contest.



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

August 2025

1- Brew City Tournament Captain's Meeting
and set-up. Volunteers needed.

2 - Brew City Tournament

23- Fish-In, Start Time 4am

September 2025

9 - GLSF Board Meeting – 5:30pm

GLSF Membership Meeting – 7pm

Program: TBD, New Berlin Ale House

October 2025

14 - GLSF Board Meeting – 5:30pm

GLSF Membership Meeting – 7pm

Program: TBD, New Berlin Ale House

November 2025

11 - GLSF Board Meeting – 5:30pm

GLSF Membership Meeting – 7pm

Program: TBD, New Berlin Ale House

December 2025

9 - GLSF Board Meeting – 5:30pm

GLSF Membership Meeting – 7pm

Program: Holiday Banquet and Awards,
New Berlin Ale House



Tommy, YCC delegate from Vilas Co. also entered this bass in the contest - hopefully they continue their friendly competition all season.



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Membership and 2025 Membership Dues

As of this newsletter, We have 150 current members, including many lifetime members.

At the December 2023 Board Meeting, the Board voted to reduce our annual dues to \$20 for all memberships. There is no practical way to update our website, so it continues to send our reminders at your original price. I found a way to offer a discount down to \$20 if I see your renewal notice, so you can renew at the \$20 price, starting in January 2024. If you renew at your original price, I will contact you and offer a partial refund, or to extend your membership appropriately. If you have questions, send me an E Mail at bob@glsfclub.com, or call me on my cell phone – 414-217-9752. You, the membership of this organization, are the life and blood that keep it alive. Please renew when notified. All new membership starting in December, are priced at \$20 per year, and that is the amount charged on-line for new members.

To renew, 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 membership option.

If you joined or renewed in October 2023, you will not see your reminders until September 2024. 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.

Why a GLSF Membership!

- 1. Supporting the sport fishery in Lake Michigan** and looking out for sport fishermen. The club works with the DNR on the fish stocking program, works with Milwaukee County Parks such as providing updates to the fish cleaning station and is very active in the advocacy arena as well.
- 2. For the community**, we facilitate many fishing clinics throughout the year, mostly geared towards kids, but also for adults.
- 3. Annually, we have a FREE fishing clinic** with recognized experts in the field, such as Keating and Woda. This free clinic is for members and anyone who has donated to the club in the last year.
- 4. An opportunity to meet and network with other fishermen in the area**, this is a great place to talk about what's working and what isn't. Learn from others who want to pass on their knowledge.
- 5. Annual fishing contest** running from spring through the fall, with an opportunity to win \$\$\$!
- 6. Monthly fishing events and our fish-ins**, with prizes awarded for the top captains and free food!
- 7. Monthly newsletter** to keep you informed on the latest news impacting us as fishermen.
- 8. Monthly meetings** to learn from experts, whether that is the DNR, Weather Service, or from expert fishermen to improve your skills and techniques.





NOAA FISHERIES

May 6, 2025

Washington State River Restoration Project to Revive Salmon Habitat, Support Local Jobs

With NOAA support, partners are restoring salmon habitat on the East Fork Lewis River—improving fish passage, reducing flood and erosion risks, and generating economic benefits for the local community.



Aerial view of the Ridgefield Pits in the foreground on the East Fork Lewis River before restoration. The Daybreak Pits can also be seen and are located adjacent to the Ridgefield Pits. The project will focus on restoring the nine Ridgefield Pits. Credit: Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership

This spring, NOAA partner the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership broke ground on a large-scale salmon habitat restoration project on the lower East Fork Lewis River in Washington State. This project will support the recovery of threatened winter and summer steelhead, fall Chinook, coho, and chum salmon on one of the few undammed rivers in the Lower Columbia River watershed. It will also inject millions into the local economy and generate hundreds local jobs in construction, heavy equipment operations, trucking, engineering, forestry, and other industries. In addition, the work will help maintain fishing opportunities that further contribute to the local economy.

Flooding Destroys Habitat

In 1996, Steve Manlow, Executive Director of the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board, watched in horror as a 500-year flood event destroyed crucial salmon and steelhead habitat on the lower East Fork Lewis River. Flood waters breached the levees around nine abandoned gravel mining pits, fundamentally shifting the river's course.

This once-braided, multi-channel river began flowing through the excavated pits. It formed a series of interconnected warm-water ponds that prevent salmon and steelhead from migrating upstream for much of the year. The river channel deepened, cutting off floodplain habitat and causing severe erosion downstream.

Undoing Decades of Damage

Now, after nearly 30 years struggling to raise the funds, Manlow and dozens of project partners and advocates will witness the rebirth of this section of the river. NOAA's Office of Habitat Conservation awarded \$7.6 million through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to support the Lower East Fork Floodplain Reclamation project.

The effort will:

- Improve fish passage to high quality upstream habitat for summer and winter steelhead
- Reconnect 300 acres of floodplain and 1.3 miles of side channel habitat
- Restore 2.5 miles of spawning and rearing habitat
- Reestablish 100 acres of floodplain forest to absorb and distribute flood waters
- Reduce flood and erosion risks to homes, businesses, a popular hiking trail, and other infrastructure
- Support the genetic diversity of a wild steelhead population

"It's a good feeling to know that through persistence and long-term dedication, it's possible to undo decades of damage," said Manlow. "By increasing the amount and variety of habitat in this key stream corridor, we can improve the survival of five salmonid runs protected under the Endangered Species Act."

Improving Habitat for Fish and People

Over the next 2 years, workers from the local, family-owned contracting company, Tapani, will:

- Fill in the gravel pits while retaining areas of cooler water
- Recontour the floodplain
- Reactivate historic channels
- Install habitat features
- Plant trees and other vegetation along the river



Washington State River Restoration Project to Revive Salmon Habitat, Support Local Jobs *continued*

Tapani, Inc. heavy machinery operators and ground crew add structure and woody stems to the Wildboy Creek as part of the NOAA-funded Kwoneesum Dam removal project with Cowlitz Indian Tribe. Credit: Cowlitz Indian Tribe



This growth of trees and plants will provide future shade and lower water temperatures, allowing cold-water-loving salmon and steelhead to migrate through this portion of the river. Filling in the pits and recreating a more natural environment will help reestablish salmon in this area.

Contractors will also excavate floodplain habitat and place up to 5,000 logs and pieces of large woody debris in the river channel. This type of habitat provides juvenile salmon with safe places to grow, hide from predators, and feed on their favorite food source: insects drifting by in a cool, flowing river.

“By filling the pits and reconstructing the river channels, salmon will be able to use the site immediately,” said NOAA Marine Habitat Resource Specialist Paul Cereghino. “After restoring the river and floodplain processes, the system can reshape itself for the rest of time.”

The work will also help support a wild steelhead “gene bank.” No hatchery-born steelhead have been introduced to the lower East Fork Lewis River since 2014. The steelhead here have been able to evolve naturally and adapt to changing conditions in the Lower East Fork Lewis River watershed.

“This is a unique native fishery—the biggest steelhead ever caught and recorded in the state of Washington came out of this river,” said Paul Kolp, Restoration Program Lead for the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership. “This river is world-famous for fly fishing, and the fishing companies are looking for those wild steelhead. Completing this project will help ensure more winter and summer steelhead can reach their natal grounds upstream and successfully reproduce.”

The entire project will improve recreational opportunities for the community and protect nearby infrastructure. Tapani is moving a public hiking trail further from the river’s edge, where severe erosion has been progressively eating away at the stream bank. Enabling this river access to its full historic floodplain habitat can also help reduce future flooding for homes and businesses up to 4 miles downstream.

Restoration Work Benefits the Local Economy

The Lower East Fork Floodplain Restoration project is boosting the economy of rural Clark County. It sustains well-paying jobs at companies like Tapani and keeps skills and equipment used in forestry and infrastructure in demand locally.

“We’re excited to contribute to a project that strengthens both the community and environment,” said Brandon Farmer, Senior Project Manager at Tapani. Farmer estimates Tapani may employ as many as 50 staff members and subcontractors to complete the project. Most workers live within a short driving distance of the project site.

“My dad started the business in 1983, and now we have third-generation employees,” said company Co-Owner Kevin Tapani. “We bring in about \$20 to \$30 million a year doing restoration work and we wish we had more of it. I love this work because it’s improving things that are natural. I grew up swimming and fishing around the Lewis River. I want that for future generations, too.”

This work is projected to support an additional 200 people, including engineers, foresters, food service providers, and skilled laborers. In total, the project is expected to generate more than \$40 million for the local economy around Southwest Washington. These economic numbers are estimates based on a study done in Oregon which found that every \$1 million spent on watershed restoration results in 16.7 new or sustained jobs (PDF, 28 pages) and \$2.2 to \$2.5 million in economic activity.

“NOAA funding helps our partners implement transformational habitat projects and take part in restoring beloved natural areas,” said NOAA Marine Habitat Resource Specialist Adrienne Grimm. “Salmon restoration projects like this one do more than bring back fish—they bring jobs, stability, and a sense of pride to local communities.”

Fishing Around the World: – Answers on page 14 (No Peeking!)

1. What is the most popular type of fishing in Japan?
2. What country is famous for ice fishing?
3. What is the main fishing industry in Alaska?
4. What continent has the most freshwater fish species?
5. Which African river is home to the massive Nile perch?
6. What type of fishing is most common in the Amazon River?
7. What is the most expensive fish sold in markets worldwide?
8. What is the largest freshwater lake used for commercial fishing?
9. What European country is known for its trout fishing?
10. Which country has the largest fishing fleet in the world?



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2025 Membership Directory

Yes, it's finally coming together. We are going to publish this for the next Membership Meeting. But if you are a member and you have not answered back and still want to be included, please contact Joelle at 414-507-5503 or plankroaddesign@gmail.com.

Great Lakes Basin Report

Federal budget proposal puts Great Lakes research at risk, raising concerns as fishing season starts

MILWAUKEE — As Wisconsin anglers enjoyed the opening of inland fishing season, researchers warn that looming federal budget cuts could jeopardize the very science that helps protect the Great Lakes.

The proposed [2026 federal budget](#) includes a 25% reduction—nearly \$1.5 billion—to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). That could gut funding for research programs monitoring water quality, weather conditions and fish populations across the region.

Lake Michigan, often viewed as a clean and stable freshwater source, is at the center of the concern.

For over two decades, Dr. Harvey Bootsma, professor and associate dean at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Freshwater Sciences, has overseen a network of buoys in Lake Michigan that track environmental conditions in real-time—from wind speed and temperature to oxygen levels and harmful algae blooms.

"This is what's called a water quality sonde," said Bootsma during a shoreline demonstration. "It measures everything from water temperature to dissolved oxygen to the amount of plankton in the water."

According to Bootsma, just one buoy off Atwater Beach is accessed more than 30,000 times a season by boaters, researchers, educators and anglers across the state.

"It supports human safety. It supports shipping. It supports sport fishing. It supports

research," he said. "If we stopped getting funding from NOAA for these buoys, a lot of people would be disappointed—and potentially put at risk."

Bootsma's lab is part of the Great Lakes Observing System, which [receives](#) nearly 95% of its \$4.2 million budget from NOAA. That funding is now under threat of being cut.

At the opposite end of the state, Deanna Erickson directs the Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve in Superior, one of only two such reserves on the Great Lakes. Last year, she said her program received nearly \$881,000 from NOAA, which covers about 70% of its operating costs.

"The work we do over many years helps protect the water quality that we drink, that supports tourism, that supports fishing and shipping," said Erickson. "It's a critical part of who we are in Wisconsin."

The potential cuts would not only impact universities like UW-Milwaukee and UW-Madison, but also the broader ecosystem and industries tied to clean water, particularly the fishing industry, as it entered one of its most important weekends of the year on Saturday.

"I mean, as soon as our buoy stops working and we pull it out of the water, we start getting calls immediately," said Bootsma. "That tells us how many people rely on the data from the buoys. If we stopped getting funding from NOAA for these buoys, a lot of people will be disappointed." ♦

Study: Noxious sea lampreys took advantage of Covid-19 pandemic

ANN ARBOR, MI—Travel restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic caused a major pause in critical work to control destructive, invasive sea lampreys in the Great Lakes, resulting in two years of reduced control in 2020 and 2021. Scientists have analyzed this unprecedented situation to determine whether the pause had a meaningful effect on sea lamprey abundances and fish wounding. Their study, published in March in the journal *Fisheries*, concluded that sea lamprey numbers—and fish wounding—skyrocketed during the pause, demonstrating that ongoing control of this invasive species is critical to protecting Great Lakes fish and the valuable fisheries they support. Great Lakes fisheries generate \$5.1 billion in economic output each year and directly support 35,000 jobs in addition to hundreds of thousands of jobs related to tourism, navigation, and more.

Sea lampreys are parasitic fish native to the Atlantic Ocean. Their populations spread into the Great Lakes in the mid-1800s and early 1900s, where they caused considerable harm to native fish, such as lake trout, whitefish, ciscoes, and walleye. Sea lampreys feed by suctioning onto fish, using their tongues to rasp a hole through the skin, and consuming the blood and juices that flow out. Each sea lamprey is capable of killing up to 40 pounds of fish during its parasitic stage. When populations peaked at nearly 2.5 million animals in the mid-1900s, sea lampreys were killing a staggering 100 million pounds of fish each year.

Science-based efforts to control Great Lakes sea lampreys began in the 1950s, eventually causing populations to plummet to only about 10% of their historic highs. Sea lamprey control is coordinated by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Fisheries and Oceans Canada, with science support from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The sea lamprey control program is considered one of the most cost-effective and successful invasive species suppression programs in the world and an essential component of protecting economically valuable Great Lakes fisheries.

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Great Lakes Basin Report

Fishery Commission Lauds Trump Commitment to Asian Carp Prevention

Trump-Whitmer-Hall Meeting Yields Renewed Optimism that Prevention Project will Proceed

ANN ARBOR — The Great Lakes Fishery Commission lauded Wednesday's Oval Office discussion among President Donald Trump, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and Michigan House Speaker Matt Hall about the need to prevent the migration of Asian carp into the Great Lakes. The Commission has been part of a determined, bipartisan effort to keep these harmful, invasive species out of the Great Lakes, and Wednesday's conversation gives renewed hope that key projects, like the one underway at the Brandon Road Lock and Dam, will be completed as planned.

"Asian carps would devastate the Great Lakes fishery if they were allowed to enter the system," said Commission Chairman Ethan Baker, who is also the Mayor of Troy, Michigan. "We must do everything we can to keep them out. The multi-billion-dollar fishery is at stake."

"Asian carp" collectively refers to three species of fish—bighead, silver, and black carp—that are native to Asia and that escaped accidentally into public waterways in the southern United States decades ago; they have been making their way towards the Great Lakes ever since, with a manmade canal system near the Chicago area being the riskiest pathway. The carps were originally raised for food and as a natural way to keep bodies of water free of algae and other aquatic vegetation. An electrical barrier exists near Romeoville, Illinois to impede the movement, and a major project, the retrofitting of the Brandon Road Lock and Dam in Joliet, is designed to be an innovative, impenetrable layer of defense.

"We have every reason to be deeply worried about Asian carp," Baker continued. "The carps have decimated the fisheries in every

waterway they have invaded already—primarily the Mississippi, Illinois, and Ohio Rivers. They eat massive quantities of food, and they reproduce prolifically. Bi-national, peer-reviewed risk assessments conducted by the Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans have demonstrated conclusively that no Great Lake would be spared and that it only takes a few males and a few females for a population to be established."

Baker concluded: "The Brandon Road project, led by the US Army Corps of Engineers, represents the best in design and innovation, which is why the project has received broad, bipartisan support. Michigan and Illinois, together, have provided more than one hundred million dollars in non-federal, matching funds for this project, for which the entire basin is grateful." ♦

Noxious sea lampreys

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But the COVID-19 pandemic threatened that success for two years. With limitations on travel due to safety concerns in place during 2020-2021 for the primarily Michigan and Ontario-based control crews, control efforts were greatly reduced, particularly at the geographic extremes of Lake Ontario and Lake Superior. What followed was a unique situation that allowed scientists to answer key questions about Great Lakes sea lamprey control. Are invasive sea lampreys still a threat to Great Lakes fisheries? Is sea lamprey control still necessary to suppress their populations?

A team of fifteen scientists from six agencies found that the answer to both questions is a resounding "yes." The research team found that reductions in lampricide applications—a pesticide highly selective to lampreys—during 2020-2021 corresponded to a rapid increase in sea lamprey abundance. In Lake Ontario, sea lamprey population sizes increased over an order of magnitude (10x).

"Like a coiled spring, sea lamprey populations bounced back quickly when control was

relaxed," said Dr. Ben Marcy-Quay, fish biologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, and lead author of the study.

"We also looked at multiple fish species in Lake Ontario, including lake trout, Chinook and coho salmon, and steelhead/rainbow trout, and found a substantially greater rate of sea lamprey wounds on fish following reduced treatment effort," continued Marcy-Quay. "Wounding on Chinook and coho salmon, specifically, increased over 10-fold. Our findings support observations by the anglers and fishery managers of fish riddled with sea lamprey wounds, some containing three or more wounds per fish."

"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade," quipped Dr. Nick Johnson, research ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, and co-author on the study. "When the COVID-19 pandemic significantly reduced sea lamprey control for two years, our research team made the most of the situation by using it as an unplanned experiment to learn valuable information—nearly impossible to obtain otherwise—about the current impact of control on sea lamprey populations."

"Ongoing, consistent sea lamprey control is critically important for preventing damage to Great

Lakes fish by invasive sea lampreys," explained the Hon. Ethan Baker, chair of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission and Mayor of the City of Troy, Michigan. "This research shows that sea lamprey control must continue each year to keep populations of this harmful invasive species in check. If we take our foot off the gas, even for a short while, sea lamprey populations will increase rapidly and cause considerable damage to fish."

Baker concluded, "Fishing is a way of life in the Great Lakes region. The health and happiness of millions of people are tied to the lakes. Sea lamprey control is critical to safeguard the prosperity of the region."

This research was conducted in collaboration by the U.S. Geological Survey, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, and Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

Read the full study, "Sea lamprey control reduction during the COVID-19 pandemic corresponds to rapid increase in sea lamprey abundance," published in the journal *Fisheries*: <https://doi.org/10.1093/fshmag/vuaf020>

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

For all the conscientious Fishermen wanting to help science in a big way for tracking our Lake Michigan Fish, the DNR in conjunction with Sea Grant has deployed an App Called the Great Lakes Angler Diary. The details on the Great Lakes Angler Diary and registration info can be found here –

<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 2025!



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Club Ongoing Fishing Contest Rules – 2025

1. All fish entered must have been caught in Lake Michigan or its connecting waters and must be registered by the angler who caught the fish. Species, weight and date caught must be verified by a witness and weighed on an official, state certified scale. While at the scale, the registrant will fill out and the witness will sign the Club's official entry form. The original copy will be deposited in the writing desk by the scale at the McKinley Marina Cleaning Station, and the carbonless copy will be kept by the member. Please keep this copy as it is your proof of catch. Altered forms will not be accepted. Fish entered in sanctioned contests (see #10) will be allowed when the member furnishes a copy of the entry form. This form must be signed by the official weighing the fish. ***It is the member's responsibility to get his or her copy to the GLSF contest chairperson or have it placed in the collection box at McKinley Marina within 48 hours of making the catch.*** (Leaving a copy at R&R Sports in April is acceptable!). All final decisions are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
2. Prior to the opening of the Cleaning station at McKinley Marina, the "Official Weigh-In Station" is R&R Sports in Cudahy. Roger has the Club's Certified scale for officially weighing fish. Roger has a supply of the new weigh-in forms, measured in pounds and tenths of a pound. (No more ounces) After the Cleaning station opens, all fish will be weighed on the certified scale at the McKinley Marina Cleaning Station and all forms must be turned in within 48 hours if catching the fish.
3. If a fish is being weighed at a sanctioned contest according to rule #10, the weigh-in form and contest verification must be turned in within 48 hours of the catch. For simplification, fish registered at a GLSF Fish In can be registered in the Ongoing Contest by filling out the additional Ongoing Form available at the Fish In weigh-in table, at the time of the weigh-in.
4. Awards will be given according to weight. In the event of a tie, the award will be given to the entrant with the earliest registration date.
5. The contest will officially run from April 1st through October 31.
6. Minimum Size limits for Individual Prizes and Fisherman of the Year:

Species	Adult	Junior
Chinook Salmon	19 pounds	12 pounds
Coho Salmon	7 pounds	5 pounds
Brown Trout	6 pounds	3 pounds
Lake Trout	10 pounds	5 pounds
Rainbow Trout	8 pounds	5 pounds

7. Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place for the adult and junior divisions. The junior division is for member's minor children, not grand-children, 17 years of age and younger. Persons 18 years and older must compete in the adult division. ***No one will be eligible for more than one award in each category.*** Awards will consist of money for Adults and trophies for Juniors.
8. The "Fisherperson of the Year" award of \$50 will be given to the person who registers the highest combined weight of the five-different species of salmon and trout. These fish can be accumulated throughout the course of the contest. ***The "Fisherperson of the Year" will not receive other individual awards.***
9. The "Grand Slam" award of \$50 will be given to the fisherperson who registers the heaviest weight of all five species that are caught and registered all on a single fishing trip and registered at the same time. There is no minimum weight requirement for this category. ***The awards winner will not receive other individual awards.***
10. The "Captain's Catch Award" of \$50 Dollars will be given to the captain who registers the highest total using the heaviest of each of the five species, registered as Captain's Catch.
 - One captain per boat will be allowed to register. The person who will register as the -Captain" should be determined at the beginning of the contest and remain so for the entire season.
 - To register for this award, place the name of the person who caught the fish on the "witness to catch" line and indicate in the proper box.
 - This registration does not prevent a member from using their personal catch for their own personal awards. A separate registration form should be used for this.
 - Charter Captains while fishing with charters are ineligible for this award.
11. Although the prize is money for the Big Fish of the Month Category, Parents can ask for an alternative prize if they are concerned with scholarship eligibility!
12. An Adult monthly award will be given for the "Fish of the Month." The Award of will be given for the largest of the species registered during the month assigned.

Fish of the Month Species	April: Brown Trout	June: Coho	August: Lake Trout	October: Chinook
	May: Brown Trout	July: Rainbow Trout	September: Chinook	

13. Sanctioned contests are tournaments held by other clubs or organizations and are open to the general public and take place on Lake Michigan and its connecting waters.
14. A fish will be considered a "Club Record Fish" if it exceeds the weight of the existing fish and was officially registered in the 'Club Fishing contest under all contest rules. The fish must have been weighed at an official weigh-in station or at a sanctioned contest, and a complete registration form, along with good picture of the fish in the hands of the fisherperson is provided to the contest chairman for publication in the 'Tightline.' All final decisions are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

The contest chairperson is Jay Mathwick, 4455 S 117 St, Greenfield, WI, 53228, H-(414) 328-0855, C-(414)702-5078, jmathwick@wi.rr.com

NOTE: Sections 7,8, and 9 are UNDER REVIEW. Your Thoughts would be appreciated on the last statement for each section.

Fishing in Pop Culture Trivia Answers

(Continued from page 9)

1. Fly fishing
2. Canada, Russia, and Finland
3. Salmon and crab fishing
4. South America
5. The Nile River
6. Net and spear fishing
7. Bluefin tuna
8. Lake Victoria
9. Scotland
10. China

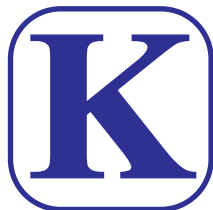


McKinley Marina Upgrade Phase 2

Is finally completed! The ramps are open and the docks are in. The Cleaning station will open Friday or Monday. The Marina officially opens on May 1st and boats will be allowed into their rented slips, if their rent for 2025 has been paid.

The ramps at South Shore are in, too. the Cleaning Station at South Shore is scheduled to open around May 1st.

If you use the River Launch, please be aware of the many vehicle break-ins that have been experienced in the area this Spring. Please be aware and do not leave items in open view for temptations.



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- **Titanium** - Is the highest level of participation of an Associate, and is bestowed upon the company, or individual, by the GLSF Board of Directors, and is reserved for Associates that contribute \$1000 or more. This would include all of the benefits of the Platinum membership plus, the ad size would be increased to at least a half page or more, at the discretion of the Executive Board, for greater donations. (\$1000+)





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GREAT LAKES MILWAUKEE CHAPTER

June 28, 2025

To: GLSF

Re: BIG FISH EVENT

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Saturday June 7th @ 5:12 AM the sun began its brilliant ascent with an array of golden colors piercing the light grey cirrostratus clouds at the eastern horizon. There was a moderate breeze that chilled the air and stirred the water beyond the new Flintstone looking bedrock break wall into wavy 2 footers and rollers. Meanwhile fishers and volunteers registered and eagerly awaited the safe transfer assistance provided by the Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Local 215 to the fishing boats and captains of various sizes below at SSYC.

"Fishing Has No Boundaries enables and empowers those who might not otherwise ever board a fishing boat or handle a rod." The 501 c3 non-profit was founded in 1988 by a Hayward Wisconsin fishing guide after he broke his leg, and now has 23 chapters thru-out the Midwest from Colorado to Cincinnati. Depending on who you reference Milwaukee has been a FHNb member chapter for 20 or 25 years so Happy Anniversary! Our chapter was formed by folks like Richee Jurgalanis and Dave Coon among others from the GLSF.

Our chapter exists thru the good graces of the GLSF and other generous fishing spirited sponsors. (See: FHNbgreatlakesMilwaukee.com). We offer safe deep-sea style fishing by seasoned captains, fish fillet service bagged and iced with your catch, a hot lunch, music, award ceremony with trophies, camaraderie, group photo and lasting memories...Free

Overview of Big Fish Event

- 131 fish were caught by 36 unstoppable, eager and happy fishing participants!
- The Big Fish Event Contest included 1st thru 3rd place winners:
 - 3rd Place - Don Wambold & Captain Brandon Parchem (Big King with 9 more fish)
 - 2nd Place - John Kilian & Captain Jay Mathwick (Big fish picture somewhere)
 - 1st Place - Daniel Backer & Captain Dominick (11+lbs Laker)

Thank you again GLSF Volunteers and Sponsors with gratitude,

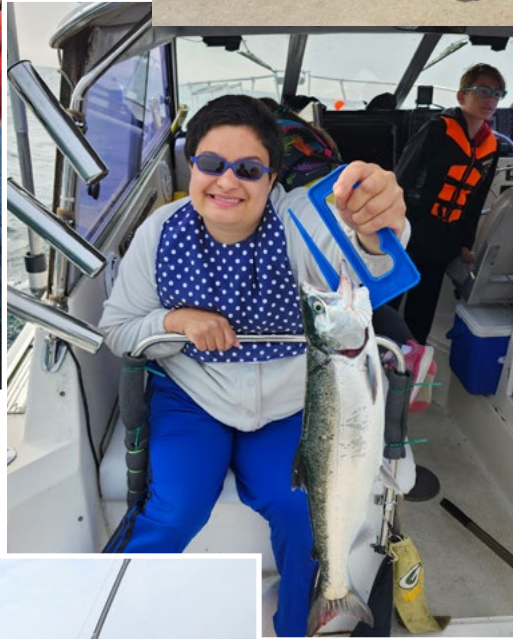
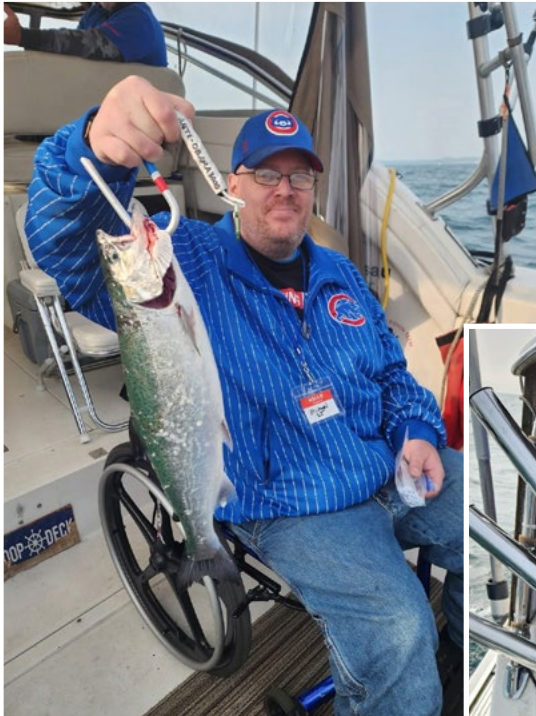
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Wear A Life Jacket, Boat Responsibly

Review Water Safety Tips Before Going In, On Wisconsin Waters

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds all residents and visitors planning water activities as part of their Memorial Day weekend to wear their life jackets whenever on water.

The DNR anticipates an increase in boating, paddling and watersport activities heading into Memorial Day weekend, possibly for the first time this year.

Before the outings and while still on land, review the safety tips. The top safety tip is to always wear your life jacket on the water, and make sure there are life jackets for all on board the vessel. Accidents happen fast, and individuals can become exhausted or weighed down by wet clothing or gear.

So far in 2025, there have been three boating fatalities in Wisconsin, and two victims were confirmed not wearing life jackets. In 2024, there were 14 boating fatalities, 10 of which involved a victim not wearing a life jacket. Operator inexperience, inattention, recklessness and speeding are the four leading causes of tragic watercraft crashes, with the leading cause of death being drowning.

The DNR does not track all drownings – only those fatalities linked to the use of a recreational activity item, such as a boat, kayak or canoe. The DNR's Boating Incident Report webpage contains information on all boating fatality reports.

Statistics show boaters who wear life jackets and take boater safety courses are most likely to stay safe on Wisconsin waters.

Today's life jacket styles and colors are far from the bulky orange vests of the past. They are much more comfortable, lightweight and stylish. There also are innovative options, such as inflatable life jackets, which allow greater mobility for fishing, paddling or hunting and are much cooler in warm weather.

Follow the safety tips below and enjoy Wisconsin's great lakes and rivers with family and friends.

- Sign up now to take an [online boater education course](#).
- Always wear a properly fitted and fastened life jacket when on or near the water. A life jacket will keep you on top of the water if you walk off an unexpected drop-off, a wave or current overpower you or you fall out of a boat.
- Enjoy the waters sober and know your limits. Alcohol blurs a person's judgment, reaction time and abilities.
- River shorelines and sandbars pose unseen dangers. Higher, fast-moving water can tax an individual's boating, paddling and swimming skills.
- Keep an eye on the weather and always tell someone where you are going.
- Create a float plan and tell people when and where you plan to depart and return before going for a float or paddle.

Be ready for the unexpected and always wear your life jacket. Learn more about watersport safety on the [DNR's Boat Safety webpage](#).





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Summer Magazine Now Available New Issue Celebrates Wisconsin State Park System

MADISON, Wis. – This year is the 125th anniversary of the Wisconsin State Park System, and the summer issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine is embracing the celebration! The latest issue, a special edition of the quarterly DNR magazine, includes all the usual features and outdoors information, plus a wealth of extra stories celebrating the park system's 125th. There's even a great pull-out poster mapping locations for all of Wisconsin's beautiful state properties!

Here's what you'll find for parks coverage in the summer issue:

Parks for the party: State parks are terrific venues to host your special event.

Take the path less traveled: Try a hidden gem to avoid the crowds.

Accessibility essentials: Find plenty of state properties with universally accessible recreation opportunities.

There for you: Friends Groups are key partners in helping to enhance the state park visitor experience.

A peek at parks: Go behind the scenes for "a day in the life" of one state parks superintendent.

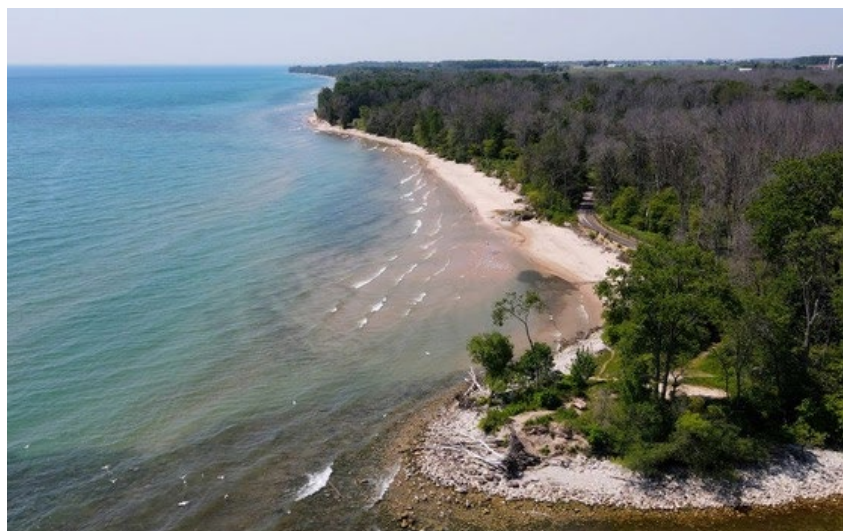
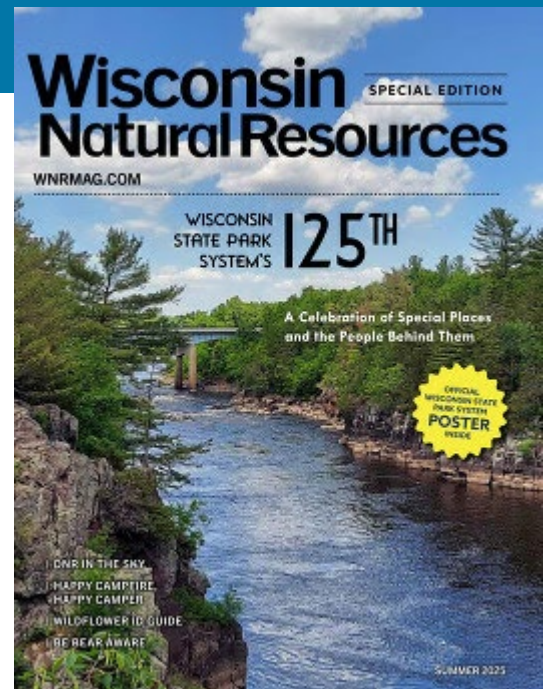
Will it hurt me? Learn about flora and fauna to watch for in the outdoors.

By the numbers: Take a look at Wisconsin's amazing state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas, one number at a time.

Brunet Island State Park: An oasis in Chippewa County.

Find the digital magazine online at wnrmag.com or subscribe to the print edition, just \$8.97 a year for four quarterly issues. Call 1-800-678-9472 or check the website to sign up, renew or give a gift today.

Bonus: The summer magazine has a look at that favorite summertime sweet treat, the s'more! Plus, there are several fun variations on the traditional graham cracker-chocolate-roasted marshmallow version. And we'd love to hear from you with others! Send your favorite special s'mores recipe to us at DNRMagazine@wisconsin.gov.





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2025 SPRING HEARING STATE- WIDE RESULTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that the 2025 Spring Hearing questions and results are now available.

Just over 9,000 people responded to the 2025 Spring Hearing questionnaire either in person on April 14 or online from April 14 to 16. Questions included topics ranging from fishing bag limit changes on individual waterbodies to building accessible cabins at state-managed properties and extending the fall turkey season in specific zones. The full list of questions and results is available on the [DNR website](#).

"We had very good participation again for this year's spring hearings. I'm happy with the input and public discussions we had in person and online," said Wisconsin Conservation Congress Chair Rob Bohmann. "It tells me the public is still interested and engaged in resource management in Wisconsin, and it is important to them."

The annual Spring Hearing is an opportunity for the public to provide input on a wide array of natural resources-related proposed rule change questions presented by the DNR and advisory questions presented by the [Conservation Congress](#). The public also has the opportunity to provide input on resolutions that members of the public previously submitted.

Public input received through this process is advisory to Natural Resources Board members, DNR staff and anyone working on these issues.

Results from the public input were considered by the Conservation Congress at their annual convention earlier this month and will be forwarded to the DNR and Natural Resources Board in June.

Hunters and Anglers

Step Up Big Time for Conservation

A record amount of \$1.09 billion dollars is being distributed to the states for conservation purposes through the Federal Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs. Under those programs, sportsmen and women pay 11% excise taxes on firearms, ammunition and fishing equipment. Wisconsin will be receiving \$32.4 million this year, \$19.6 million for wildlife restoration and \$12.8 for fish restoration efforts. That is a 10% increase in funding over the previous year. For additional information on the funds and their use. [Click Here for more....](#)

Current Dates for 2025 SW Lake Michigan Tournaments

Tournament	Port	Date
Jackpot Series	Racine	5/17, 6/7, 8/9th and 8/23
SU IL Open	Northpoint	6/21/25
Kenosha Classic	Kenosha	TBD
SU IL Pass the Passion	Northpoint	Cancelled
Salmon a Rama	Racine	07/12-20/2025
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- If you're new to this sport, please bring your gun "cased" to the line and wait for instructions from the Range Safety Officer.
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Club Fish-Ins 2025

Do you like to fish?
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Would you like a chance to fish, have a picnic and enjoy stories about what others used to catch fish?
Can you afford \$0 for a fantastic picnic lunch, with refreshments? **(Yes, it is FREE!)**

Well if you answered yes to any of the above questions, then you'll enjoy coming to 1 or more of our summer Fish Ins! **Note: Please join us, it is a lot of fun!**

2025 Fish-Ins

5/31/2025 6/21/2025 7/19/2025 8/23/2025

All the winner awards for the top 10 boats for the fish-ins will be given out at the GLSF Awards Banquet on a date yet to be determined! I hope to see you all there for the award presentation. The Trophies are handed out at each Fish In for first, second and third place for the Junior Division, only!

If you plan on fishing and staying for lunch, please remember, YOU MUST call or Text Brian Haydin at 414-704-0755, before 8 pm on Thursday, for your food reservation! He needs to know your name, your boat's name and how many crew members you'll have, including listing those 12 years old or younger.



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Prepare For ATV/UTV Riding Season By Taking A Safety Education Clas

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages off-road recreationists to earn their ATV/UTV safety certification by taking an approved course.

In 2024 alone, 40 people died in ATV/UTV crashes in Wisconsin, with most of them not wearing helmets. Simple steps can prevent fatalities, highlighting the importance of a safety course.

"The primary focus of our safety education course is preventing crashes that lead to injuries and fatalities," said Lt. Jacob Holsclaw, Wisconsin DNR off-highway vehicle administrator. "We want folks to create positive memories and have a great experience on our trails, and that only happens if everyone returns home safely at the end of the trip."

Any operator at least age 12 and born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, is required to complete a DNR-approved safety course and carry their proof of certification while riding. But the course isn't just for youngsters. Even if operators aren't required by law to complete a class, the DNR encourages all operators to brush up on their skills and knowledge.

Even operators who ride only a few times a year or at a relative's house should take the course. Inexperience is a top contributing factor in many serious crashes.

View more statistics, including the 2024 Recreational Vehicle Annual Report, on the DNR's ATV Crash Information webpage.

Visit the [DNR's website](#) to sign up for a course or learn about becoming a safety education instructor.





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🎣 Ahoy, anglers! To avoid the launch ramp rumble and keep things smooth as a school of salmon, we highly recommend those without a slip at McKinley Marina to cast their lines at another local marina. There are plenty of great spots to drop anchor:

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Fresh fish will benefit the Hunger Task Force. Last year 1800 pounds of fresh trout and salmon was donated.

Official Tournament Rules & Prize Listings are Posted on our Website.

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries and sponsorships received for the tournament.

GLSF Membership Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Name of Boat _____
 Home Phone _____
 Cell Phone _____
 Company Name _____
 Web Site URL _____
 Email Address _____
 Spouse's Name _____
 Number of people in the household _____

- ☐ New Membership
☐ Renewal Membership
☐ Change of Address

Please fill-in all
boxes that apply.

- ☐ ALL MEMBERSHIPS.....\$20.00
 _____ Family Membership
 _____ Junior Membership
 _____ Senior Membership
☐ Associate (Silver Level).....\$100.00
☐ Associate (Gold Level).....\$200.00
☐ Associate (Platinum Level).....\$500.00
☐ Associate (Titanium Level).....\$1000.00

Charter Captain ☐ Yes or ☐ No

I agree to have my name, phone number, boat name and
port of operation published in the Membership Directory.

☐ No, I do not want to be included in the Directory.

☐ Cash ☐ Check

☐ If you prefer to pay by MasterCard or Visa,
please go to www.glsfclub.com/shop/

Make Checks payable to: Great Lakes Sport Fishermen - Mail to PO Box 510332, New Berlin WI, 53151-0332

