



Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,
AUGUST 2, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - CLUB PICNIC
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10 AT
PORT HURON TWP. PARK #2**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All are welcome to come join us at our annual picnic on August 10. It is located at Port Huron Twp. Park #2, which is on Water St. just west of I-94. We would like any volunteer helpers, fish donators, and dessert donators to please contact Debbie Packard at 810-987-4029 or 586-739-9162. We need a lot of fish to be donated. The dinner will be a fish boil and will be served from 6:30-7:00. There will be games set up for the children to play, so bring the whole family.

Also, we are looking for one club member to volunteer to bring their boat down to the picnic. We would like to put on a mini-fishing clinic with some rods, reels, and riggers. If you are interested in doing this, again, please contact Debbie.



BIG FISH CONTEST

We made a slight change to the Big Fish Contest entry form. We added a weight line for a digital scale. This way you can either enter the fish in pounds and ounces or the digital weight in pounds. The entry form is mailed to each member as part of the newsletter in the insert. Bob Roskey is our Big Fish Chairmen. He reports the standings on the back page and they are accurate to July 5th. If you have any questions about the standings, Bob's phone number is listed in the Board of Directors list.

'GOBS' OF FISH CAUGHT AT GOBY ASSAULT PARTY

Steve Frantz signed up for Muskegon's first Goby Assault Party to kill a few of the small, bug-eyed fish imported to the Great Lakes a decade ago in the ballast water of transoceanic freighters.

Frantz and his 10-year-old son Shaun, walked away with one of the top prizes for catching "Goby Dick," the biggest goby of the day. Their fish, which earned the Frantzes \$500, was 8 inches long and weighed just over a quarter-pound, Steve Frantz said.

The Frantzes also took fifth place out of 215 teams, which earned the them another \$100 in prize money. They caught 12 pounds of goby while fishing from a boat in the Muskegon Lake channel, or about 200 of the small but aggressive fish that displace perch, bass and other native species. "I was hoping to catch more goby," Steve Frantz said. "I lost a lot of tackle on zebra mussels."

Frantz and his son were among some 400 people who took to Muskegon Lake Saturday morning for the unusual fishing tournament. Anglers pulled 420 pounds of goby out of the lake, roughly 5,000 fish in just five hours of fishing.

Steve and Gary Lamberts won the top prize, \$1,065, for hauling in the most goby, by weight: 22.4 pounds.

The tournament was the brainchild of Tom Matych, a local angler determined to reduce the goby population in Muskegon Lake. "Everyone had a blast," he said. "We had over 200 teams for our first try and that's not bad at all."

Steve Frantz said he and his son had a great time, even though it meant fishing for a species of fish that doesn't make good table fare and has little redeeming biological value for lake ecosystem.

In addition to \$600, Shaun Frantz won a drawing for a new fishing rod and reel. "He had a great day," his father said.

from Muskegon CHRONICLE



JUNE 25 PORT SANILAC TWILIGHT CLUB TOURNAMENT

Place	Boat	Captain/Angler	Weight
1st (\$100)	Tech Rally	Keith Hieber	17.8 lbs.
2nd (\$50)	No I.D.	Paul Baker	11.6 lbs.
3rd (\$30)	L & M	Mark Hodge	11.0 lbs.
4th	Wave Breaker	Dale Phipps	4.3 lbs.
5th	Eveready	Preston Schroeder	3.3 lbs.
6th	In The Net	Joel Anderson	3.2 lbs.
7th	Lil Minnow	Don VanSickle	2.3 lbs.

Big Fish (\$50)
L & M Mark Hodge 5.6 lbs Lake Trout

Total Boats – 11
Total Anglers – 35
Total # of Fish Weighed-In – 14
Conditions – Clear/Calm
Picnic – Scott Terrello & Tim Cook



Second Place Winners



First Place Winners



Third Place Winners

WORLD'S LARGEST FISH CAUGHT IN THAILAND

A Mekong giant catfish believed to be the world's largest freshwater fish has been caught in Chiang Khong, northern Thailand by local fishermen, says a WWF scientist studying giant freshwater fish in the Mekong River Basin. But with the fishing record comes a warning that Southeast Asia's largest and rarest fish is critically endangered and disappearing fast.

The largest Mekong giant catfish, *Pangasianodon gigas*, in the record since 1981, the 292 kilogram (644 pound) fish was caught on May 1.

A century ago the Mekong giant catfish was found along the entire length of the river from Vietnam to southern China. Today, the population is in decline, scientists estimate the number has decreased by about 90 % in the past 20 years.

Until recently, large individuals of this species were caught often in Thailand, particularly at Chiang Khong near

their reported spawning grounds. At this traditional fishing spot, 30 of the enormous fish were caught in 1995, but only seven in 1997, and just two in 1998. Although a few of the giant fish have been caught in the last two seasons, none were captured there in the preceding three years.

from Great Lakes Sportfishing Council





JULY 17 HARBOR BEACH CLUB TOURNAMENT

Place	Boat	Captain/Angler	Weight
1st (\$100)	No I.D.	Paul Baker	32.2 lbs.
2nd (\$50)	Tech Rally	Keith Hieber	30.7 lbs.
3rd (\$30)	Wave Breaker	Dale Phipps	29.9 lbs.
4th	L & M	Mark Hodge	29.2 lbs.
5th	Cuttin Fool	Bob Roskey	27.7 lbs.
6th	Big Johnson	Jim Laba	27.0 lbs.
7th	Lil Minnow	Don VanSickle	23.3 lbs.
8th	Eveready	Preston Schroeder	16.3 lbs.

Big Fish (\$50)
 Wave Breaker Dale Phipps 9.0 lbs King

Total Boats – 8
 Total Anglers – 25
 Total # of Fish Weighed-In – 38
 Conditions – Cloudy



Second Place Winners



First Place Winners



Third Place Winners

MODEL QUANTIFIES ROUND GOBY FEEDING AND GROWTH

Since their first sighting in the Great Lakes basin in 1990, scientists have worked to understand the potential impacts of these fish. Basic questions that remain unanswered are how much food will round gobies eat, and will their feeding behaviour affect contaminant accumulation in other fishes? Questions such as these are best answered with bioenergetic models - relationships that account for the gains and losses of materials - food energy, contaminants, and nutrients. Researchers with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources have developed such a model for round gobies.

“With this model we are able to determine how much food a round goby must eat in order to grow an observed amount” says Victoria Lee, a fisheries technician with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) Lake Erie Fisheries Station in Wheatley, Ontario.

“Through a series of carefully controlled laboratory experiments we have determined how food consumption and metabolic rate are affected by body size and water temperature,” Lee notes. “By knowing the number of calories in the round

goby and their food, we can determine the total amount of food consumed. In turn, if we know the contaminant or nutrient concentration of round gobies and their prey, we can also estimate how much of these materials are moved into the food web by round gobies.”

The present study describes the development of this model and tests it using existing data from both the Great Lakes and the native range of the round goby in Europe. The generic format of the model will allow other researchers to easily apply the model or aspects of the individual laboratory studies into their own research.

Lee and fellow researcher Dr. Tim Johnson, an OMNR research scientist, have been examining different aspects of round goby ecology in the Great Lakes, including population size, feeding preferences, migratory behaviour, age and growth, and response of native fishes to the round goby. The bioenergetic model will use findings from these and other studies to provide quantifiable estimates of the impact of round gobies on aquatic ecosystems.



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CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

LATEST STANDINGS AFTER 7/17 TOURNAMENT

Place	Captain	Boat	Points
1st	Paul Baker	No I.D.	74
2nd	Jim Laba	Big Johnson	73
3rd	Keith Hieber	Tech Rally	72
4th	Wave Breaker	Dale Phipps	58
5th	Preston Schroeder	Eveready	55

FISHING HOTLINE

The club's fishing hotline is available with current reports. The number for it is 810-987-FISH. Joel Anderson from Anderson's Pro Bait is keeping it up-to-date with current reports.

LAKEPORT STATE PARK IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED

Campers visiting Lakeport State Park will find two new toilet/shower buildings and a revamped campsite layout in the north campground which is now open for reservations, state parks and recreation officials announced.

The new structures replaced 1950s-era buildings, meet Americans with Disabilities Accessibility Act Guidelines, and will serve up to 200 campers. Along with the new structures, water and sewer lines were replaced and universally accessible water spigots were installed. A. Z. Shmina served as general contractor for the \$1.6 million project.

"These new facilities will provide a better camping experience for our visitors," Lakeport State Park Manager Mark Sine said.

Campsites were renumbered and many sites expanded to accommodate larger camping units. Roads have been reconfigured using one-way directions to minimize

congestion and increase safety. Split-rail fencing was added to highlight the trail to the beach.

Approximately 21 campsites will not be available until later in July as vegetation is reestablished and very few sites were available for the July 4th holiday weekend, Sine said.

Located on Lake Huron, Lakeport State Park has two distinct units separated by the village of Lakeport. All sites have a picnic table, fire circle and electricity. The day-use area, one mile south of the campground, also is adjacent to Lake Huron. Visitors can enjoy the beach, and there are many areas for secluded picnics, bird watching, or just relaxing. Recreation amenities include picnic tables and barbecue grills plus horseshoe pits and volleyball nets. Highway US-25 runs through the park and divides the day-use area into two areas, but a pedestrian overpass provides safe passage to both areas.

from MIDNR Press Release