



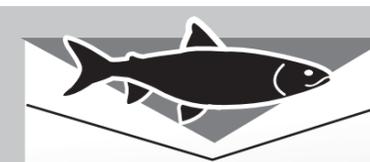
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# BLUE W Sportfishing

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



#### Board of Directors

##### Meeting:

Tues. Nov., 7th - 7:00 pm  
at McMorran

#### General Membership Meeting is moved ahead

one week due to  
deer season  
Wed., Nov. 8, 7:30 pm  
at McMorran

#### Fish Stories

Attention  
Club Members!

**We are looking for  
images and pictures of  
your fish stories to place  
in the newsletter. If you  
have a great story about  
a recent fishing trip that  
you want to brag about,  
contact Mike Rymer at  
(586)-215-3972 or at  
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**We would love to publish  
your story.**

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Mark your calendar for our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 12th. More details in next month's newsletter.

This is always a wonderful family meal and fun for all!!!

#### Cormorants in Canada

The Lake Huron Fishing Club, along with many other groups, is continuing to insist that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources take actions to control the overpopulation of Double Crested Cormorants in Ontario. The first step would be to delist them as a protected species - making them the same as a common crow. This would be coupled with a government organized egg oiling and adult cull where required.

The Ministry of Natural Resources upper management is dragging its feet in acting on the overwhelming data from its own studies which proves cormorants are devastating the fish populations of Lake Huron. The problems are even worse now that the alewife and smelt populations have collapsed in the lake. Flocks of cormorants can be seen heading inland every morning from their Chantry Island colony. These birds will be looking for whatever fish they can find in every river, stream, pond and lake within flying distance.

We would like to try and document the places these birds are removing fish from. If you come across double crested cormorants fishing in an inland water body please drop me an e-mail wilkins@bmts.com or give me a call (519-396-0764) Al Wilkins. - GLSFC

#### Wild Game Dinner Plans

**We are making plans for the wild game dinner. If you would like to help out, please call Bob Lane at 810.367.62602**

## Pecan-Crusted Mountain Trout

### With Brown Butter Sage Sauce

#### For the pecan-crusted trout

1 cup pecan halves, lightly toasted  
1 cup dry breadcrumbs, preferably Japanese-style panko\*  
4 (7 ounce) trout fillets, salt and pepper  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
2 tablespoons olive oil

#### For the brown butter sage sauce

2 tablespoons butter  
4 sage leaves, chopped  
1/2 lemon, juice of  
5 tablespoons chicken broth

1. To make trout:.
2. Combine pecans and bread crumbs in food processor and process to medium-fine consistency.
3. Season fillets with salt and pepper; brush flesh side of fillet with buttermilk.
4. Press pecan mixture on top of buttermilk coating to make thick crust.
5. Heat oil in skillet over medium heat; cook fillets, crust side down, until golden brown, about 4 to 5 minutes.
6. To make sauce:.
7. In same skillet trout was cooked in, melt butter over medium heat and allow it to foam.
8. Just as butter begins to turn brown, whisk in sage, lemon juice, and broth.
9. Pour over trout and serve.
10. \* Japanese-style panko crumbs are found in the Oriental section of supermarkets.
11. Note: If trout is unavailable, you can use any mild-flavored white fish fillet, such as snapper, halibut, or grouper.



# Proposed Coast Guard live firing in Great Lakes

Great Lakes boaters will probably soon be hearing small arms fire as part of a US Coast Guard program to hone up for military preparedness.

In an original 30 day Federal register announcement that expired on August 31 the Coast Guard is proposing 34 live-fire training zones on the Great Lakes to help guardsmen train in maritime defense – and public safety - on the lakes. Now, The Coast Guard, at the request of U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, MI has extended by 60 days the public comment period on the proposal.

Uncharacteristic of the friendly relationship the angling and boating communities have had with the Coast Guard, none of us were notified that the agency had posted an “Advanced notice of Proposed Rulemaking” in the Federal Register. Nor did the Coast Guard give adequate notice for comment, considering their original comment period was only 30 days.

The Ninth Coast Guard District re-opened the time for public comments concerning those proposed Great Lakes safety zones saying, “In an effort to have full consideration of all issues prior to finalizing these zones, the public comments time period will be extended an additional 60 days once published in the federal register.”

Basically, “the Coast Guard proposes to establish safety zones throughout the Great Lakes. These zones are intended to restrict vessels from portions of the Great Lakes during live fire gun exercises that will be conducted by Coast Guard cutters and small boats. These safety zones are necessary to protect the public from the hazards associated with the firing of weapons.”

In their announcement, the USCG says three (3) zones will be in Lake Ontario, four (4) in Lake Erie, six (6) in Lake Huron, fourteen (14) in Lake Michigan and seven (7) in Lake Superior. The Federal Register announcement also includes the coordinates of those zones.

The “Guard is proposing to establish these safety zones to conduct training essential to carrying out Coast Guard missions relating to military operations and national security. Accordingly, these proposed safety zones fall within the military function exception to the Administrative Procedure Act.”

What this little known Federal law means is the Coast Guard does NOT have to give 30 days notice or a starting date when they intend to begin their firing exercises. As part of the Department of Homeland Security, they are not required to seek comment, hold public hearings or develop an environmental impact study. The Coast Guard presently has no plans to hold hearings.

An Important factor to remember is it was our elected federal officials that approved and signed into law the “Administrative Procedure Act”. The Coast Guard is just following that law.

The announcement adds: “These safety zones will only be enforced during time the safety zone is actually in use. Furthermore, these safety zones are located in places known not to be heavily used by the boating public. Hence, this determination is based on the minimal amount of time that vessels will be restricted from the proposed zones and that the zones are located in areas which vessels can easily transit around.”

The USCG says they will give “notice to the public via a Broadcast on channel 16 to Mariners that the regulation is in effect.”

In the April 3, 2006 online Weekly News segment, the GLSFC reported that for the first time since 1817, U.S. Coast Guard vessels on the Great Lakes were being outfitted with weapons – machine-guns capable of firing 600 rounds a minute. Until then coast guard officers had been armed with handguns and rifles, but the vessels themselves hadn’t been equipped with weapons.

The War of 1812 saw violent battles on Lake Erie and Lake Huron between U.S. troops and British forces, which were largely composed of militias from Britain’s colonies in what is now Canada. After the war, the United States and Britain – and later Canada – agreed to demilitarize the Great Lakes waters. Both countries recently reinterpreted the treaty to allow more modern weapons by considering them weapons of law enforcement.

One news agency reported the guns would be .308 caliber, but we reported in April the vessels may be outfitted with machine-guns of sizes up to .50-caliber.

## Captain of the Year 2006

| Place | Captain               | Points  |
|-------|-----------------------|---------|
| 1st   | Tim Cook              | 39 pts. |
| 2nd   | Jeff Parker           | 30 pts. |
| 3rd   | Bob Roskey            | 25 pts. |
| 4th   | Preston Schroeder Jr. | 18 pts. |
| 5th   | Chris Siemen          | 9 pts.  |
| 6th   | Joel Anderson         | 8 pts.  |
| t-7th | Mike Warshefski       | 7 pts.  |
| t-7th | Paul Baker            | 7 pts.  |
| 8th   | Paul Zimmer           | 6 pts.  |

## Big Fish Contest

### Adult Division

| Brown Trout |                      |              |
|-------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1st Place   | Paul Zimmer          | 22 lbs 15 oz |
| King Salmon |                      |              |
| 1st place   | Tim Cook             | 25 lbs 1 oz  |
| 2nd place   | Dick Roskey          | 20 lbs 9 oz  |
| 3rd place   | Carole Thornsberry   | 20 lbs 2 oz  |
| Coho Salmon |                      |              |
| 1st place   | Preston Schroeder Jr | 21 lbs 15 oz |
| Steelhead   |                      |              |
| 1st place   | Jim Frazer           | 10 lbs 5 oz  |
| 2nd place   | Gail Kalisz          | 7 lbs 3 oz   |
| Lake Trout  |                      |              |
| 1st place   | Dave Rymar           | 11.66 lbs    |
| 2nd place   | Preston Schroeder Jr | 8 lbs 6 oz   |

Open Divisions are Walleye, Pink, and Atlantic.  
Junior Division  
ALL ARE OPEN