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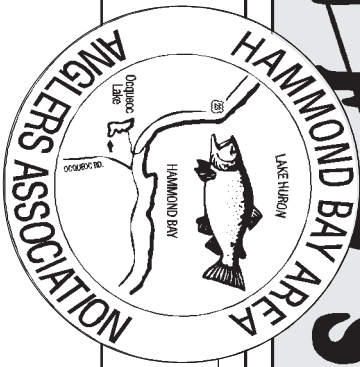
PLEASE NOTE:

The next regularly scheduled board meetings will be *December 7, 2011* and *January 4, 2012*
Members and non-members are welcome.

Please send me your email address to get up to minute HBAAA information send to colonnardc@aol.com

NEWS LETTER

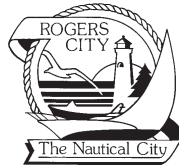
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CHAPTER MEETINGS

Regular membership meetings are held by special notice to all members. Board of Directors meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7:30 p.m. at Ocqueoc Township Hall (North Allis and Ocqueoc Road). Persons wishing to become more involved with the chapter are invited to attend the board meeting.

To have your viewpoint or concern expressed at a board meeting, please contact a board member prior to the scheduled board meeting and present your issue to him. He will see to it that your problem or concern will be placed on the agenda and brought up for discussion.

The Annual Meeting of this association shall be held at a place and time in either March, April or May, as designated by the Board of Directors. Each and every member shall be notified of time and place at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Your input into the *Tightline* is welcomed. Please submit your information, stories, pictures or editorial letters by the 15th of the month for inclusion. Please include your name, address and phone number on all submitted material. Send or drop off your article to: Rick Colonna 9 989-733-5443 or email colonnarde@aol.com.

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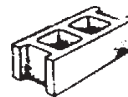
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MH-1 Lake Trout Management Update

Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Council 10/19/2011

MH-1 Regulations

State

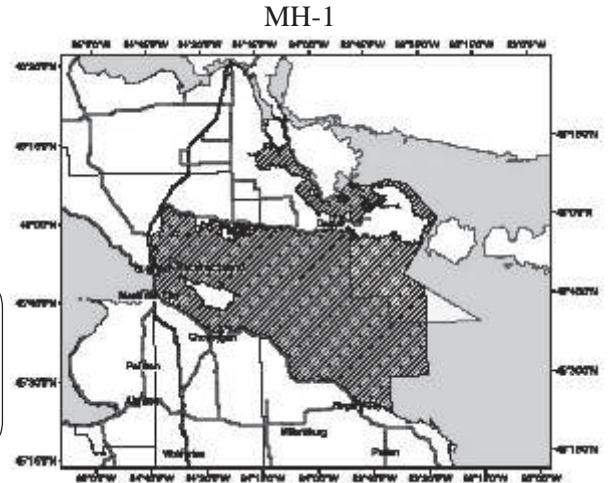
- Through 2002: 10" minimum size limit
- 2003-2005: 15"-19" harvest slot, 1 over 34"
- 2006-2009: 22" minimum size limit
- 2010: 27" maximum, 1 over 32"
- 2011: 24" maximum, 1 over 32"

Tribes

- 500 lb bag limit
- no retention in trap nets
- integrate legged gill nets

Stipulations

- 2007 – 2009; Tribes: 210,000 lbs, State: 20,000 lbs
- 2010 – 2011; Tribes 220,000 lbs, State: 25,000 lbs



MH-1 Harvest				
Year	CORA TAC	CORA Harvest	State TAC	State Harvest
2005	178,900	183,309	15,600	4,356
2006	267,000	234,380	23,200	7,023
2007	210,000	217,468	20,000	17,061
2008	210,000	203,517	20,000	19,529
2009	210,000	222,999	20,000	25,304
2010	225,304	207,495	19,696*	24,803 ^
2011	225,107	19,893*		

* Penalty applied to State harvest limit and added to CORA's

^ 8% of harvest illegal

2011 State Harvest - (19,893 lb limit)

Data type	May	June	July	August	Sept	Total
<i>Effort (hrs)</i>	5,666	12,734	58,885	50,129		127,414
<i>Creel Harvest (#s fish)</i>						
	82	431	517	737	n/a	1,768
<i>Charter harvest (#'s fish)</i>						
	65	189	266	379	13	912
<i>Charter release (#'s fish)</i>						
	73	107	68	79	4	
<i>Average weight (lb)</i>						
	6.61	3.94	3.55	4.96	4.96	
<i>Biomass (lb)</i>						
	974	2,444	2,781	5,535	64	11,799 lb

26% of current harvest is illegal, 40% by weight

- 36% of recreational catch wild
- Data not included: late charter reports, Sept. recreational harvest, expansions for Cheboygan or Hammond Bay

MH-1 Regulations for 2011

- Current Stip expired; Model estimate with data through 2010 is very high yielding an unrealistic TAC
- Issues
 - wild fish
 - slower growth
- TAC and regulation for 2012 TBD



MH-1 Allocations

Year	Triba Share	State Share
2006	92%	8%
2007	92%	8%
2008	91%	9%
2009	91%	9%
2010	90%	10%
2011	90%	10%
2012+	88%	12%

Evaluating the Small Mesh Gill Net Depth and Season Closure in Lake Huron through an Assessment Fishery

Principal Investigator: Mark Ebener, Inter-Tribal Fisheries and Assessment Program Objectives:

- Evaluate current lake trout seasonal closure: October 15 – November 15
- Evaluate 36' depth restriction
- Goal: Evaluate feasibility of a cisco fishery in the open portions of Grids 303 and 304 2000 Consent Decree Language
- Section XVI.B
- Assessment fishing may be conducted by permitted commercial fishers provided such assessment is reviewed by the

Technical Fisheries Committee

- Technical Fisheries Committee convened a conference call (10/12) to discuss the Sault Proposal Plan
- One fisher
- Compare bottom and suspended small-mesh (<3 inch) gill nets
- 4,800' daily effort limit – Four 1,200' paired nets per day
- Daily reporting
- On-board monitoring
- Harvest limit: 20,000 lb with no more than 10,000 lb per grid
- 6,000 lb lake trout limit no more than 500 lb/day or 3,000 lb per

grid Timeline

- October 15 – November 15, 2011 and 2012
- Annual report submitted to Technical Fisheries Committee by March of 2012 and 2013

Technical Fisheries Committee may not object to this Assessment, a Party may object via Consent Decree Dispute Resolution

DNR Comments

- Little time for review
- Cisco rehabilitation strategy
- Limited data
- DNR gamete collection
- Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee
- Perch
- Onboard monitoring
- Did not formally object but we are not currently supportive

Questions

- For Questions contact Mark Ebener or Tom Gorenflo @ 906-632-0072

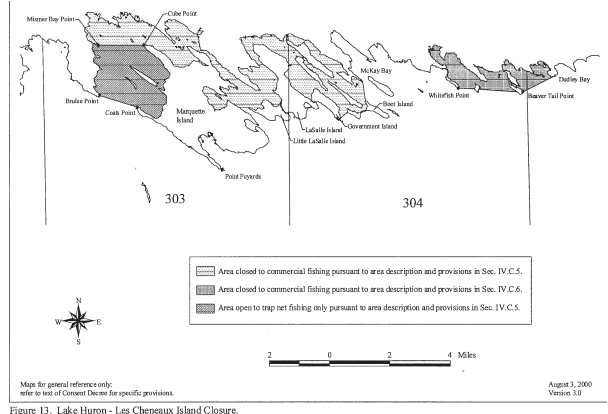
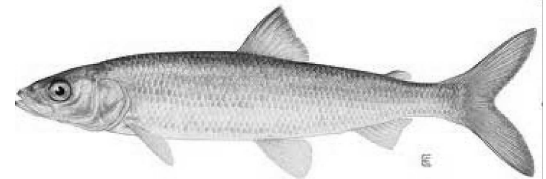


Figure 13. Lake Huron - Les Cheneaux Island Closure.



Letter from Frank Krist

Details to suspend stocking of Chinook salmon at some ports in Lake Huron. I wanted to stress all the input that was obtained before the decision was made starting with many discussions at the Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee, a review of the issue at the four Spring Sea Grant Lake Huron Workshops and three public hearings held during August. This was a major project and I want to thank all the Committee Members and others for the input and assistance in arranging the meetings and helping to educate the anglers and other members of the public. I would like to thank everyone involved from the MDNR Fisheries Division for working with us and their willingness to consider the input that has been offered to them. This decision process was accomplished in a timely manner and will be implemented this fall starting at the egg take stations.

Visit www.hbanglers.com for more information

New docks (1 installed this fall) at Ocqueoc Outdoor Center. Funding provided by HBAAA & Kiwanis of Rogers City



HBAAREGULARMEETINGMINUTES
9-7-11

R. Colonna, J. Lyon, J. Signorelli, F. Krist, W. Karsten, Mike O'Connor were present..

Aug Minutes –read and approved

TREASURER'S REPORT is read at every monthly meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Myers presented some new information in regards to replacing docks at Ocqueoc outdoor center. 2 new docks 4ft x 40ft. @ \$1500 each will be purchased. HBAAA gave Mike \$1600 for purchase of one dock. Bruce grant to work mike on docks. Board agreed to keep working with Mackinaw Outfitters and using fish pond there if requested.

Board agreed to not pay for cost of fish when using pond at any event.

Insurance on pond use was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Next year goals or events.

FRANK REPORT

Meeting with MDNR on future Salmon plants went very well. All groups south of Roger City agree that Salmon should not be planted, but should be replaced with other fish.

Rogers City north would like to see Salmon plant continue.

Julie said that she checked out 106 fish from the Fat Hog tournament and all fish were bigger than last year. .

Adjourned 9:20pm.

HBAAREGULARMEETINGMINUTES
10-5-11

R. Colonna, J. Lyon, J. Signorelli, F. Krist,

W. Karsten, Mike O'Connor Bock were present..

September Minutes –read and approved

TREASURER'S REPORT is read at every monthly meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Virgil Smith reported on walleye survey for Black Lake. Survey shows positive results for the walleye.

Mike O'Connor reported on Sturgeon forever banquet.

Joe Signorelli reported that the Brown trout will be planted November 8, 2011

OLD BUSINESS

Two docks were delivered to the outdoor center and one installed. Placer for dock donors was not installed.

No one stepped up to do the news letter after Dave Smrcek resigned. Rick Colonna will take it on and work on it to get it out for November.

NEW BUSINESS

Next years tournament was discussed, but no direction was made.

Family fun day, State park and Mackinaw outfitters fish pond for 2012 is still a go.


FRANK REPORT

State is in the process to plant 1-2 million steelhead trout and 100 to 120,000 Atlantic salmon with-in the next 2 years.

Frank Krist requested \$500 for Great Lakes coalition 2nd by Joe Signorelli passed.

MUCC is working on issues with nutrients and phosphates in Great lakes .Some areas have to much and some don't have enough.

Adjourned 9:30pm.



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Ocqueoc River and Lake Huron gets 100,000 fingerlings Steelhead on 9-14-11 from MDNR





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10/5/11 Project updates for Black Lake:

Walleye egg deposition: Luke Kaiser has finished his study, entered the data, and calculated mean egg deposition (# eggs/m²). He is currently working on calculating the area of his sample sites so that he may estimate the total egg deposition. No walleye eggs were found in the Rainy or Black Rivers; however, high water prevented checking the egg mats some weeks. He did find sucker and sturgeon eggs on the mats, suggesting that mats were capable of holding eggs during high water. This suggests that there is little spawning in these areas, although it certainly does not mean walleye do not spawn in the rivers. Walleye eggs were found in Black Lake. While only a few mats were found to contain walleye eggs, there were many eggs on each of those mats.

Larval walleye sampling: Alex Ingersoll collected larval fishes from April-July 2011. We are certain we captured some walleye, but identification of many of the larvae is proving difficult. Alex is sorting the larvae by like characteristics and we will have our identification checked by an expert in larval fish identification. Alex also will be able to report on the presence of other species in the larval community.

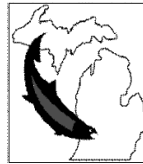
Zooplankton: Dana DePlonty collected zooplankton from April-September. She is currently processing the samples (identification and counting). Anecdotally, there were some large zooplankton that make good larval fish food early in the year. But it will take some time to process all the samples.

For all projects, the students are currently enrolled in BIOL495 – Senior Thesis Research. As such, they are expected to complete their data analysis and results section by early December. The final products (a written report and oral presentation) will be finished by spring 2012. At that time, any or all the students will be available to present their findings to the BLA and HBAAA.

Total projected budget: \$3,311.90.
Actual estimated expenditures: \$3,412.81 (mileage was underestimated)

Submitted by:

Geoffrey B. Steinhart



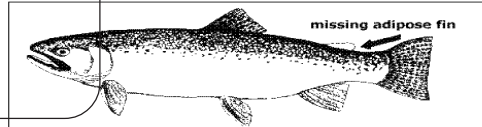
STEELHEAD NEED YOUR HELP!

The DNR and Thumb Steelheaders is evaluating steelhead stocking at Harbor Beach. The study fish are missing their adipose fins. These fish bear a coded-wire tag in their heads that will tell the DNR what method was used for stocking. Future stocking plans and strategies will be evaluated based upon the number of marked fish reported to have been harvested.

The Steelheaders and DNR need your help in sampling these marked, harvested fish. If you catch a legal-sized steelhead missing its adipose fin, please keep the fish, remove the head, and drop off the head at any drop off stations below. Two local dropoff stations are listed below. Other species of trout and salmon also sometimes have missing adipose fins and your cooperation in collecting heads from these fish would also be very helpful.

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