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# 2009 Brew City Salmon Tournament

IBEW LOCAL 494 Milwaukee Proud Sponsors of the 2009 Brew City Salmon Tournament

GLSF, Milwaukee increased the boat entries from 100 boats to 125 in 2008. We had a great response to the addition of the 25 boats in 2008 and ended the tournament with 345 anglers and 116 boats entered. The tournament ended with 645 fish caught for a total of 4,799 pounds of fish caught in 8 hours. We have also added a second place for Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon (new for 2009), Lake Trout, Brown Trout, and Rainbow Trout. Every year the tournament is well sponsored and well attended. Brew City Salmon Tournament is the biggest one-day Trout and Salmon tournament on Lake Michigan.

What a great tournament we had in 2008! There were over 500 people in attendance, and many more that came down to enjoy the tournament atmosphere. It was a splendid day!

The date is set for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Brew City Salmon Tournament. Mark your calendars for **Saturday**, **August 8**, **2009** (rain date is the 9th) at the McKinley Marina.

The captain's meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday**, **August 7**<sup>th</sup>. This event is held at McKinley Marina, 1750 N. McKinley Memorial Drive, Milwaukee.

**\$4000.00 - First Place** 

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### **September thru May:**

GLSF MEETINGS are on the Second Tuesday of every month. Sept. to May at 7 pm Ray and Dot's Tap —East Hall 6351 W. Grange Ave., Greendale

Membership Meeting May 14th,

Last Meeting until September

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&

Jay Torke
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August 8th
Rules & Entry
Form Inside

## Milwaukee GLSF Fish-In Dates

- May 31
- June 21
- July 26
- Aug. 30 Club Picnic

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# **From The President**





First off, I would like to thank John Hanson for all his hard work on setting up the Vendor Night. I would also like to say thank you to all the vendors that came to the club meeting. There was a great deal of information on colors, speed and presentation.

I know we all wait until the last minute to do things that need to be done. I just want to say that the last minute has passed. Those of you that didn't renew your membership will no longer receive the Tight Line. So get your pen out and fill out the form in this Tight Line and get it in the mail

I would like to see postings on our new Web site this summer. If you haven't checked it out yet, give it a look. www.glsfclub.net Jim Slawney & Bob Wincek work very hard on updates. There is just so much information that we can use to help all of us catch more fish.

Let's not forget **Brew City** this summer. We have a new sponsor, IBEW Local 494. There are plenty of prizes to win. There are also some great raffles. So get your boat registered and join the fun, August 9, 2008. See you there! We are going to need some help running this event, so sign up at the May meeting.

The May speakers will be Russell Gahagan and Jay Torke. They will be talking about how to be successful in fishing tournaments.

Well, this is the last Tight Line for the spring. Now is the time to go out and use all the information you got at the club member meetings to catch fish.

I pray that we all have a great time fishing and a safe summer.

Steve Franke

# **Congratulation to the Winners**

The Winners of the 2009 Gun Raffle drawn 8pm on April 14, 2009

1st Place - Glen Kennow - 30.06 Cal. Rifle

2nd Place - Tracev Raditz - 12 Ga. Over & Under Shotgun

3rd Place - Jon Kozak - .17 Cal. Rifle

# Sport Show Tackle Box Winner Brian Glovinsky

Thank You to all that purchased tickets and to those who helped selling them.

Brian Klobucnik



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# Calendar Corner

www.glsfclub.net/pages/calendar-of-events.php

Membership and Board meetings are held at Ray & Dots, 6531 W. Grange Ave., Greenfield WI 53129

## May 2009 - \*Last Meeting until September\*

- 05 Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- 12 Membership Meeting 7:00 pm presentation by Russell Gahagan and Jay Torke on the Successful Things to Do While Tournament Fishing.
- 31 Fish-In Milwaukee

### June

- 6 Cash on The Line Tourney Racine
- 13-14 Sheboygan GLSF Salmon Cup Sheboygan
- 19-21 Morris Invitational Waukegan
- 21 Fish-In Milwaukee
- 25-27 Bob Uecker- Make a Wish Tourney Racine

## July

- 3-5 GLSF Salmon Derby Manitowoc
- tbd Sponsor Appreciation Day
- 11-19 Big Fish Bash Racine

(Previously Salmon- A-Rama)

- 12 2 In a Boat Tourney Racine
- 13 Super Sweepstakes Tourney Racine
- 26 Summer Fish-In

### August

- 8 2009 BREW CITY Tournament
- 15 GL Angler Silver Challenge Tourney Racine
- 22 Salmon Unlimited of IL Open Winthrop Harbor
- tbd Fish-In Ozaukee vs. Milwaukee at Port Washington
- 30 Fish-In Annual Club Picnic

# September

- 01 Board Meeting at 6:00PM
- 08 Membership Meeting at 7:00PM

### In Remembrance

### Leonard "County Man" "Lenny" Fehr

Fehr, Leonard "Lenny" "County Man" went on his final voyage on the big lake in the sky on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the age of 74. Beloved husband of Grace. Loving father of Jeffery (Karen) Fehr and Cindy (Lee) Johnson. Proud Army Veteran. Member of American Legion in Plummer, MN, Lake-ridge Fishing Club, 1400 Fishing & Hunting Club, Great Lakes Fishing Club, and the South Milwaukee Yacht Club.

"Fish On"

Full obituary published in Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on 4/26/2009

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### **Unwanted Fish May Be Advancing**

OSHKOSH – Exotic, prolific, potentially dangerous silver carp were found in Wisconsin waters for the first time in 2008 — in the Mississippi River. Where in the state will they appear this year, next year and the years after? "We need to make sure we have our eyes on the back door as well as the front door," said Robin McLennan, northeast region supervisor for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. While national attention has riveted on preventing silver carp from migrating up the Chicago shipping canal into Lake Michigan, fisheries biologists in central Wisconsin are concerned the exotic fish is ready to move into the Lower Wisconsin River.

## 2009 GLSF Spring Banquet

I wish to thank everyone who came and those who helped make this year's banquet a huge success. The number of people attending was down slightly from previous years, but those of us who were there enjoyed some fine Meyer's Restaurant food on March 28th.

The raffle by Jerry Kozar and John Hanson, as well as the table favors by Bob and Joann Wittkopp added to the evening of camaraderie. Hope to see you all out fishing and please remember to register your catch.

> Thanks again, Dick Hanson



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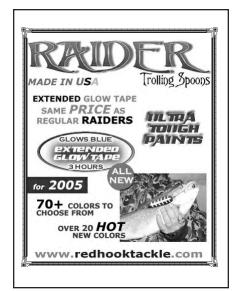
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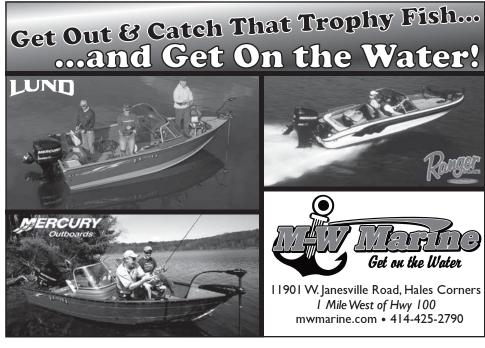
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# Highlights of the Annual Lake Committee Meetings Great Lakes Fishery Commission proceedings held in Ypsilanti, MI

Reprinted from Great Lakes Basin, Special Report on Lake Michigan dated April, 2009, www.great-lakes.org

#### Status of Lake Michigan Salmon

- Michigan DNR Weir returns dropped to 16,907 fish; the second lowest return in the time series
- Weight of age-3 Chinooks increased at Strawberry Creek weir and from creel samples from 2007 levels
- Recruitment of naturally-produced Chinook salmon smolts has increased to 53%
- Alewife biomass from the bottom trawl was the lowest value (8.1 kt) in the time series (1985-2008
- In contrast, alewife biomass from acoustic surveys was the highest value (58.8 kt) in the time series (2001 2008;
- Results indicate that the abundance of young alewives is very high.
- Bottom trawl survey indicates the biomass of large alewife has declined substantially
- However recruitment and survival of young alewife appeared to be above expectations
- Less than 0.5% of the weir-returning Chinook salmon showed any sign of disease in 2008
- Alewife bottom trawl survey biomass estimated at record low, and a record high based on the acoustic survey Harvest of Fishes from Lake Michigan
- 9.2 % of the salmon harvest was lake trout, due to continued availability of the other salmon species
- The '02, '03, and '04 Yellow Perch year classes made up bulk of YP fishery in 2008, w/some '95 still present

### Stocking Summary, Lake Michigan

- Nearly twelve million trout and salmon were stocked in Lake Michigan in 2008
- Guide for the Rehabilitation of Lake Trout outlines future direction for lake trout restoration in Lake Michigan,
- Has not been ratified by all four states (Wisconsin)
- 2.7 million Chinook salmon were stocked in 2008
- 2.4 million lake trout were stocked in 2008

#### **Status of Yellow Perch**

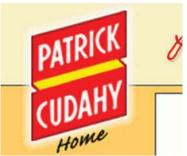
- The 2005 year-class of yellow perch was the largest ever recorded
- Since the mid 1990s, there has been a general upward trend in the frequency of females

### **Technical Committee Report to Lake Michigan Committee**

- The total biomass of fish harvested during 2008 is estimated at 13.3 million lbs
- The peak harvest for the survey period (1985 to present) was 56.6 million lbs during 1985

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**Casting Off** - Gavin Steele, 8, of Bay View makes one of a hundred casts into the Greenfield Park pond after he completed a kids' fishing clinic hosted by the Milwaukee Great Lakes Sports Fishermen and the Milwaukee Casting Club on April 18. The event drew more than 60 children.

"Photo courtesy of West Allis NOW"

### **Highlights** - Continued from page 5

### Status and Trends of Lake Michigan Prey Fish Populations

- Alewife biomass estimated at 8.27 kt; smallest biomass estimate in time series and 29% lower than '07 estimate
- Bloater biomass estimated at 3.33 kt; lowest estimate since '77 and 38% lower than '07 estimate
- Smelt biomass equaled 0.89 kt, the lowest estimate in the time series (1973)
- Deepwater Sculpin biomass equaled 5.23 kt, 2nd smallest in time series, & 39 % lower than '07 estimate
- Slimy sculpin biomass remained relatively high (2.75 kt), increasing 25% over '07
- Ninespine stickleback biomass equaled only 0.50 kt, 79% lower than the '07 estimate
- Goby increased two orders of magnitude from '07; from 0.02 to 4.65 kt.; represent 18% of the prey fish biomass
- Acoustic surveys, which more accurately estimate densities of age- 2 and younger alewives
- Smelt biomass was at record low level of 0.09 kg per ha, a 62% decline from '07, the previous record low

### Strategy for Rehabilitation of Lake Trout

- Lake trout rehab efforts have been occurring on Lake Michigan since the early 1960s
- Great emphasis has been placed on rehabilitation of lake trout by all management agencies and the Feds
- Rehab of lake trout in Lake Michigan will continue to be a challenging undertaking
- Lake Trout Strategy prescribes 3.31 million yearlings and 550,000 fall fingerlings to meet rehabilitation needs

### Sea Lamprey management in Lake Michigan

- Lake Michigan has 511 tributaries;
- 121 tributaries have historical records of sea lamprey production
- Sea lamprey numbers were estimated to be 104,823, a significant decrease from 2007
- Twenty six streams were treated in 2008
- 33 tributaries are treated on a regular cycle
- Low water was a pervasive problem in 2008
- Larval assessment surveys were conducted on 76 tributaries and offshore of 28 more

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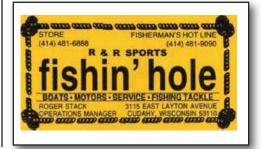
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