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Asian Carp

A new partnership of Great Lakes states and provinces has formed to fight the threat of Asian carp and support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' plan to install fish deterrents at the Brandon Road Lock & Dam in Illinois.

This plan is essential to protecting our Great Lakes. Speak up to support the plan and tell our leaders that the Great Lakes matter.

Visit the #BlockAsianCarp website to encourage Michigan leaders to take action that will protect our waters and the hundreds of thousands of jobs in the Great Lakes region that depend on tourism, recreation, fishing and boating.

Fight for the Great
Lakes at
www.BlockAsianCarp.o



Michigan Arctic grayling habitat better understood following research project funded by Consumers Energy Foundation

Last year the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and Michigan Technological University received a \$117,175 grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation to support Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative, an effort to reintroduce Arctic grayling into the state.

Recently completed work supported by this grant addressed two immediate needs for a successful Arctic grayling reintroduction. The first was to collect stream habitat and fish community data in the upper Manistee River. This data collection allowed for both the evaluation of current stream habitat conditions and the development of criteria to determine which other streams may provide suitable habitat for Arctic grayling.

Additionally, funds from the Consumers Energy Foundation grant supported collaboration among interested partners, including the development of the initiative's official action plan, which was released in July 2017. This document provides direction for all activities related to Arctic grayling reintroduction, including research, management, fish production and outreach.

"The Consumers Energy Foundation grant, and funds from other contributors, are helping us to move forward with determining how and where we can most effectively reintroduce Arctic grayling in Michigan," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "We are anxious to use the information we've gathered on habitat and fish community data to take the next appropriate steps."

Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative is a statewide partnership effort focused on restoring self-sustaining populations of this native fish and was founded by the DNR and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in June 2016. Interest in this initiative has grown rapidly since 2016, and the partnership now includes more than 40 organizations.

For more information on Michigan's Arctic Grayling Initiative, visit migrayling.org.



Additional angling opportunities created by successful fall fish-stocking season

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources today announced the totals from its 2017 fall fish-stocking efforts. The DNR stocked nine different species totaling 834,175 fish that weighed nearly 11.5 tons. Fish were stocked at 76 locations throughout the state.

"It was another outstanding fall fish-stocking season that will provide enhanced opportunities throughout Michigan," said Ed Eisch, DNR fish production manager. "When added to our successful spring and summer stocking efforts, that brings the total for 2017 to more than 26.4 million fish put into Michigan's waters."

The number and type of fish stocked varies by hatchery as each facility's ability to rear fish differs because of water supplies and temperature. In Michigan, there are six state and three cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed by fisheries managers. These fish must then be delivered at a specific time and location for stocking to ensure their success. Most fish in Michigan are stocked in

the spring.

Fall fish stocking in 2017 consisted of nine species that included brook trout, brown trout, coho salmon, lake trout, Eagle Lake and steelhead strain rainbow trout, lake sturgeon, walleye and muskellunge.

- Harrietta State Fish Hatchery (west of Cadillac) stocked 33,698 fall fingerling Wild Rose strain brown trout weighing 1,625 pounds at one location.
- Marquette State Fish Hatchery (near Marquette) stocked 65,615 fall fingerling and adult brook and lake trout that weighed a combined 4,371 pounds. These fish were stocked at a total of 52 locations.
- Oden State Fish Hatchery (near Petoskey) stocked 135,683 fall fingerling Eagle Lake rainbow trout that weighed 1,577 pounds and three Black Lake strain lake sturgeon weighing 37.5 pounds. Oden stocked four locations with these fish.
- Platte River State Fish Hatchery (west of Traverse City) stocked 134,000 fall fingerling coho salmon weighing 8,466 pounds. These salmon were stocked in Medusa Creek Imprinting Pond in Charlevoix County.
- Thompson State Fish Hatchery (near Manistique) stocked 302,442 fall fingerling steelhead that weighed 3,623 pounds. Thompson stocked six locations.
- Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (west of Kalamazoo) stocked three species of fall fingerlings in 2017. These included 150,764 fall fingerling steelhead weighing 2,047 pounds at two locations. Wolf Lake also stocked 1,365 Northern strain muskellunge fall fingerlings that weighed 155 pounds and were stocked at three sites. Lastly, 10,606 Muskegon strain fall fingerling walleye that weighed 1,004 pounds were stocked at six sites.
- Several DNR Fisheries Management Units (Northern Lake Michigan, Lake

Erie and Southern Lake Huron) also stocked fall fingerling walleye in 2017. The Northern Lake Michigan Management Unit stocked 2,929 Bay De Noc strain fall fingerling walleye weighing 232 pounds, while the Lake Erie and Southern Lake Huron management units stocked 7,250 Muskegon strain fall fingerling walleye weighing 135 pounds.

The DNR welcomes visitors to its state fish hatcheries and interpretative centers to witness firsthand the fish-rearing process and to learn about Michigan's waters. For more information, visit michigan.gov/hatcheries.

To find out if any fish were stocked in your favorite fishing spot, visit the DNR's fish stocking database at michigandnr.com/fishstock/.

Dam removal moves forward

Plans are moving ahead for a dam removal on the Middle Branch Cedar River in Clare County. Northern Michigan based J.E. Tiffany & Sons, LLC, has been hired to develop engineering designs, prepare permit applications and provide construction oversight.

Once completed, the dam removal will reconnect the entire stream and open up 9.2 miles of upstream habitat to support native brook trout and other aquatic species.

This project has been made possible thanks to grants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - National Fish Passage Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Partners for Fish & Wildlife Program, Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network, the Watershed Restoration Fund at the Bay Area Community Foundation, the Leon P. Martuch Chapter of Trout Unlimited and support from the landowner.

[Check out this article from the Midland Daily News on related restoration efforts taking place](#)

on the Cedar

River.

**DNR
five-year
for fisheries**



**releases new
strategic plan
management**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has released a new five-year strategic plan that will guide future fisheries management activities.

"Charting the Course: Fisheries Division's Framework for Managing Aquatic Resources" expands on the DNR division's 2013-2017 plan and can be found online at michigan.gov/fishing.

The 2018-2022 Fisheries Division Strategic Plan builds upon the vision and relevant activities for managing the various components of Michigan's fisheries that were outlined in the previous plan. These efforts are related to aquatic species, their habitats and anglers. It is designed to assist the division in meeting its long-standing responsibilities to protect, manage and enhance Michigan's aquatic resources for the benefit of current and future generations.

"We are excited to provide citizens with this continuation of our strategic plan," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "We've spent the last year working both internally and externally to evaluate the results of that last five-year plan and enhance it to reflect our most important priorities over the next five years. The plan will help us continue to provide world-class fisheries."

This plan again focuses on five goals: (1) Ensuring healthy aquatic ecosystems and sustainable fisheries, (2) Promoting effective communication, outreach and education, (3) Improving and building strategic resource partnerships, (4) Developing strategically focused assessment and decision support tools, and (5) Fostering efficient division operations.

LEARN TO FLY FISH

The 48th Annual Michigan Trout Unlimited Fly Fishing School will be held 8 – 10 June 2018 at Ranch Rudolph near Traverse City. This is the best buy for your money with all the instructors donating their time. The school offers three levels of instruction from basic skills through intermediate and advanced, and with the Boardman River flowing through the Ranch property we can provide a lot of in-stream time. The school starts at noon on Friday and goes until 9:00pm, and the school ends about 2:00pm on Sunday, giving you 2 ½ days of fun and instruction. Included are 2 meals Friday, 3 meals Saturday and 2 meals Sunday, two nights lodging, and the school. There is also an option to camp at the Ranch and take the school and meals. If you don't have gear we have loaner equipment available. And, this is a free fishing weekend in Michigan so you don't need a license. You can get more info at www.TUFFS.org

Film Festival

The Film festival is going to be held on March 7, 2018 at Oscar's on Main St, Midland. Get your tickets at Little Forks Outfitters

Banquet April 13, 2018

The LPM Chapter of TU will hold its 44th Annual Banquet on April 13th, 2018.

We would welcome any suggestions you have for major prizes for this banquet. This is a chance for you to have input on these major prizes and have them be of interest to you.

Just send me a reply.

Thanks for your help.
George
Membership Chair

Sign-up you're teen for TU.

Here's an opportunity to get your teenaged child interested in conservation and TU.

Contact George at

LPMChapter@martuchtut.org

TEEN MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES

A \$14 TU Teen Membership (ages 13-18) includes:

- Four issues of *TROUT* magazine quarterly
- Official TU membership card
- TU Teen sticker
- Invitations to TU Teen summer activities

A \$28 TU Teen Membership (ages 13-18) includes all the benefits listed above, plus:



Fishpond Laptop Case with TU Logo

Adam's Fly Print

We have some prints of the Adam's Fly by Beth Ward Donahue that celebrate TU's 50th Anniversary. Costs are \$120.00 and \$160.00 (remarked). Contact Ross Rosenbrock 989-662-6533, rosenbrock@live.com. Check out our website.

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L. P. Martuch BOD Meetings

March 6, 2018 at Scientific Anglers 5:30 PM

L P. Martuch Annual Meeting

March 6, 2018 at 6:30 PM at Scientific Anglers Conference Room. Elections of Board Members and other business brought forth.

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Interesting web sites

<http://www.martuchtu.org/Pages/default.aspx> Leon
P Martuch Website

<http://h2o.usgs.gov> Hydrology data for all rivers in
the US

<http://www.totalflyfishing.com> Fly Fishing Website

www.flyanglersonline.com Fly patterns, articles,
and general information.

<http://info.abrfc.noaa.gov/rfc-wfo.html> National
Weather Service river forecasts

www.tu.org Home page Trout Unlimited.

www.steelheadsites.com Steelhead information

www.fedflyfishers.org Federation of Flyfishers
Home Page.

<http://www.michigantu.org/> Michigan Council of
Trout Unlimited Home Page

www.fffglc.org Federation of Fly Fishers

www.lssu.edu Lake Superior State University. Fish
cam at the power plant at the Soo

www.trailstotrout.com Website for trout fishing

On Line Fishing Log mydailyfishinglog.com

Guide to fly fishing waters of the US –
www.kyndoutdoors.com

American Museum of Fly Fishing
www.amff.com

Membership

Anglers of the AuSable www.AuSableAnglers.org

On AOL Look under Interest, Hobbies, and Fishing

We will publish more sites, as they become known.

If you know of interesting sites let me know at

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Trout Unlimited has a membership program going. Our Chapter can greatly benefit by having you sign up a new member. Log onto www.tu.org/intro and you can get a special introductory rate of \$17.50. Be sure to enter code 250 so our Chapter will receive credit for the membership. This would make a great gift for your fishing buddy.

For membership problems, contact George Killat

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