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Leon L Martuch Passes

Leon L Martuch

We are sorry to inform you of Leon Martuch's death on July 14th at Munson Medical in Traverse City.

He turned 90 on May 30th of this year. He had slowed down considerably the past few months, but was able to get around on his own, and was comfortable. The past few weeks his health had deteriorated and he was in the hospital the last few days. He was comfortable and peaceful when he passed.

Some of you are business acquaintances and some are close friends, from just the email address we had a hard time deciphering.

If you have ongoing business please contact Mark Martuch @ mr2sh@pobox.com

This email address will be abandoned shortly.

There are no plans for a memorial service at this time.

Shirley does not use email. If you wish to contact her addresses are below.

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Full Obituary appeared on July 21, 2018 in the MDN

Snyder vetoes bill weakening ballast water standards

Gov. Rick Snyder has vetoed a bill passed by the legislature that critics say would have weakened how the Great Lakes State manages ships' release of ballast water — a critical means by which aquatic invasive species can arrive.

Ballast water is carried in special tanks to improve a ship's stability. It is added or discharged by ship operators when cargo is loaded or unloaded, or to improve stability during bad weather.

Aquatic species taken up in ballast water in one part of the world and then released elsewhere can become an ecology-disrupting invasive species in their new home. Invaders that are now ubiquitous in the Great Lakes, including quagga and zebra mussels, the round goby and the fish-killing VHS virus, are all believed to have arrived as hitchhikers in foreign ships' ballast water.

Read more:

[Bill called risky to Great Lakes hits a snag](#)

[Surprising species keeping Lake Michigan safe](#)

House Bill 5095, passed by the state House last November and by the

Senate earlier this month, states that its intent was "to help harmonize regulatory programs in Great Lakes states for preventing the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species in the Great Lakes, including ballast water management programs, and allow regulatory agencies to cooperate in developing stronger programs."

Michigan's strict ballast water rules were pushing the state's ocean-going export business to other Great Lakes states, the bill's sponsor, Rep. Dan Lauwers, R-Brockway, said as he introduced the bill last November.

Lauwers at the time said state regulations often lead to goods being transported by truck to ports outside of Michigan.

"Our current regulations were seen as environmentally friendly, but one ship can carry on average what it would take about 60 trucks to carry," Lauwers said. "While commodities are still moving, it's certainly not in an environmentally friendly or fuel-efficient fashion. We need to eliminate this over-regulation and utilize our deep water ports to bring back jobs and protect our roads."

But James Clift, policy director for the Lansing-based nonprofit Michigan Environmental Council, told the Free Press earlier this month that the bill worked to weaken ballast water standards that have been strengthened in recent years. Clift on Friday praised the governor's veto.

"HB 5095 would have created a loophole around Michigan's current law, which requires vessels to add 'active treatment' technologies approved by Michigan or the federal government that protect the Great Lakes from invasive species and was clearly a step backwards," he said.

Snyder spokesman Ari Adler said the governor "could not support something that could expose the Great Lakes to invasive species, which poses a serious threat to Michigan's waterways and economy."

"It allowed for the use of alternate management systems that may not be as protective as those currently approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality."

Contact Keith Matheny: 313-222-5021 or kmatheny@freepress.com. Follow on Twitter @keithmatheny.

TU's Open Forum Online

One of the greatest benefits of Trout Unlimited membership is the opportunity to connect with other passionate anglers, exchange fishing tips, boast about your latest catch, share ideas about conservation projects, and perhaps form a new friendship or two. You can now join the conversation in TU's Open Forum Online Community where you can see what other members are talking about or start a new discussion. We look forward to seeing you in [the Open Forum](#).

Tight lines,

Doug Agee
Online Community Manager

Report to the NLC from the Board of Trustees Meeting June 11 and 12, 2018 (From Rob Smith)

This year the June "field" meeting of the Board of Trustees took place in Hancock, NY at the West Branch Angler Resort located on the West Branch of the Delaware River. As with other meetings, the first day included morning meetings of the various Board committees. Unlike most meetings, this year the afternoon was dedicated to 'free time' and many of the Board took the opportunity to fish on the West Branch and some other local streams.

The evening dinner was hosted by Jim Asselstine, Chair, at the Dorflinger Glass Factory Museum, in White Mills PA, where Jim hosted the group and provided a fascinating tour of the museum.

The full board meeting took place the next morning back at the West Branch Angler.

At the February meeting, Grassroots Trustee Dan Plummer led a discussion about hydraulic fracturing for gas, and one outcome of that discussion was that the Board agreed at the June meeting to have the staff review our existing energy and climate change policies as a precursor to further discussion at the annual meeting in September.

The various committees made reports to the Board. The Audit Committee indicated it has some things to look into related to the upcoming change in the TU fiscal year. Budget and Finance reported that financial results through April 30 show we are in good condition. There are some issues still to be addressed related to collecting accounts receivable but there has been solid progress on that matter.

After discussion regarding the proposed change in the TU fiscal year, the Board **VOTED to approve the proposed change to a fiscal year that begins April 1 and ends March 30. To phase this in, the next fiscal**

year will end on March 30 (having run 6 months) and the new 12 month fiscal year will begin on April 1, 2019.

Staff has made the commitment to provide considerable outreach to chapters and councils to help them with the transition.

When Ken Olivier assumes the chair of the Board in September, Rob Oden will become the new chair of the Development Committee. Since the last meeting the committee has reviewed gift acceptance policies and the **Board voted to adopt the new policy** (for more information contact Rod Vogel, VP for Development)

A document entitled "Why TU" is completed. This will be a quick guide for Board members and volunteers when making the case for why someone should support TU. (**see attached**) Rod reported that it has been a good year so far in development. Rob Oden stressed the importance of our 'stories' about TU as critical to building relationships and engaging people.

The Marketing and Communications committee reported that TU guides and businesses memberships has continued to grow rapidly. There were 71 last year and now 551. The online community has seen tremendous success and are at the top of all the benchmarks except one. The online community is a member only benefit. Statistics for website and social media are all increasing. The web site rebuild is well underway. Our success online is related to excellent content. TU writers recently won 7 awards at the Outdoor Writers Association.

Risk Management provided an update on real property. A few years ago there were many properties that required review and action, and now there are only 5 properties left to address. The board was reminded that there were a few revoked chapters related to IRS filing failure. One chapter that had not been following the financial controls policy has learned of a theft issue. The insurance review has been completed, but there is an ongoing effort to

make sure that we have included all equipment in the insurance inventory. The Project Healing Waters MOU is not in place and negotiations indicate that it is unlikely to be successful. Chairman Henry Koltz reported that TU is nationally involved in 15 litigation cases, none of which include TU as a defendant. Beverly reported that 17 chapters have yet to implement the financial controls policy and have had rebates withheld.

There has been discussion about how to provide chapters and councils education on critical policies so that they are well informed and can operate appropriately.

The Nominating Committee reported that there are 6 At Large Trustee slots to be filled out of 22 at large trustees. Four nominees have been approved by the committee and one is pending. There will be one more to fill this FY and one in next FY. There has been discussion about the composition of the BOT and we are concerned about two issues: Diversity on BOT and on NLC.

Jim Walker reported for the Operational Development Committee and moved: One decharter and three new chapters: D0lores River (145) anglers is proposed for decharter and then subsequent re-charter: This was **VOTED approval by the Board.**

The following new chapters were approved:

145 Dolores River Anglers – Colorado

187 Color Country Anglers – Utah

502 Arklahoma Chapter (Arkansas/Oklahoma)

Mick McCorcle reported on recent activities of the NLC, There are now 15 work groups. The work includes, for example, a 'handbook' form the Mining Work Group. TUDARE is planning for the implementation of its \$9 million NRCS

grant). Stream Access Work Group is looking at our stream access policy; New Initiatives will be bringing forward nominees for NLC chair and secretary.

The Board expressed its thanks to Mick and Paul for their work over the past 4 years.

Finally, there was an excellent presentation by Keith Curley on Eastern Brook Trout work in the Northeast. It was a shorter version of a similar presentation he had made at the Northeast Regional Meeting in Lake Placid on the previous Saturday. (I will see if we can get it posted to the Leaders Only section of the web site)

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Doscher, NLC Secretary

Why Trout Unlimited?

The purpose of this document is to provide you with talking points to talk about TU to friends, anglers, and potential supporters. Your role as a TU Ambassador is critical to achieving our mission. Consider using these statements and supporting information alongside your own stories as an angler and conservationist to create a personal TU elevator pitch. The 2017 Annual Report has more TU facts and stories that you can use at your discretion.

Trout fishing is a pastime by millions of Americans. It connects families, as well as communities, to nature. Trout rely on cold, clean waters to survive and reproduce naturally—without the habitat, there are no fish, and without the fish, there is no fishing. Since 1959, Trout Unlimited has been focused on protecting, reconnecting, restoring, and sustaining coldwater fisheries. The organization has grown exponentially in recent years, now working with an annual budget of nearly \$50 million, and involving 300,000 members and supporters throughout the United States. There is no other organization of

this scale and reach specifically focused on the work that improves habitat vital to trout and salmon. Trout Unlimited is a science-driven organization that practices a unique form of collaborative stewardship that brings industry, state and federal agencies, and others together. And the effects of TU's work on clean water are felt thousands of miles downstream, benefitting millions of people, whether they enjoy trout fishing or not.

TU is a complete conservation organization. From on-the-ground restoration work to policy work in the halls of government, TU is unique in its approach to conservation.

TU offers uniquely-focused expertise. No other organization can claim the same level of diverse staffing and volunteer expertise, from biologists, policy experts, communicators, organizers, trustees and support staff, specifically focused on improving trout and salmon habitat.

TU is a community. We consist of staff and volunteers who work in our home waters to make lakes, streams and their watersheds healthier for everyone.

TU is non-partisan. As an organization, our focus is on protecting, reconnecting and restoring our waters, not political agendas.

TU is driven by science. Sound science applied with experience and common sense help us consistently accomplish conservation success both on the ground and in the policy arena.

TU is collaborative. We work with all stakeholders that share our goals—from industry and corporations to governmental agencies and fellow conservation groups—to accomplish conservation success.

TU is a medium to communicate. Through our media and membership, our reach is huge, and

allows us to share successes, challenges and calls to action far and wide.

TU is a good investment. With 87 percent of all funds raised going directly to conservation, we put our money to work on the ground.

Moreover, because many of TU's efforts are leveraged through its vast volunteer network, in terms of physical work accomplished, dollars invested in TU yield over eight-times return on investment.

TU is FUN. Our organization recognizes that most of its members and supporters are anglers, and come to TU because they love to fish. Fishing is our "front door," to engaging present and future generations of anglers as conservation advocates.

Mission

To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

Vision

By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

Core Values

• We are driven by our mission, and all levels of the organization—members, staff, chapters, councils, NLC, and board—work together toward a common vision. • We work to find solutions to problems rather than simply treating symptoms. • We base our decisions on sound science and share our science to help guide other partners. • We operate through collaboration and partnership. • We are innovative and entrepreneurial. • We are committed to excellence and to providing best in class service to our members, leaders, staff,

and supporters. • We are non-partisan. • We believe that educated and informed anglers make good stewards. • We are optimists and believe in a better future.

Framework

We protect the highest quality rivers and streams—the sources of cold, clean water.

□ *3 million acres protected in 2017.*

We reconnect high-quality streams to downstream areas through changes to law and policy, and by removing unneeded dams and addressing stream blockages such as perched culverts. □ 737 miles reconnected in 2017.

Reconnecting 14 miles of upstream habitat on Milligan Creek

Construction will begin this month on a project to reconnect 14 miles of upstream habitat on Milligan Creek. Milligan Creek flows north from Duby Lake until it feeds into the Upper Black River a few miles north of M-68 in Cheboygan County. A trout stream that serves as a large tributary of the Upper Black, the health of Milligan Creek is important for supporting quality habitat and stream health in the region. Some species of fish that live in the Black River and Black Lake utilize Milligan Creek, particularly those seeking colder water.

Before the creek meets the river, its natural flow is impacted by culverts that impede fish movement up and down stream. Huron Pines will replace the undersized culverts with new 35-foot wide structures. In addition to funding and support from our longstanding partners, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Cheboygan County Road Commission, this project has given us the opportunity to work with one of our newest supporters, the Walters Family Foundation.

"We are very pleased to award one of our first grants to the Milligan Creek restoration

project,” said Peter Walters, Treasurer of the Walters Family Foundation. “One of our priorities is to support the preservation and restoration of Michigan streams, rivers and lakes. Providing free movement of fish up and down Milligan Creek is in line with our priorities.”

We identify and restore areas where we see the highest return on investment for coldwater fish.

□ 361 miles restored in 2017.

We sustain this work over time by investing in kids, veterans, volunteers and the communities in which we live.

2018-2019 Chapter Officers

Josh Jenkins – President

Steve Wilkowski – Vice President

Brad Befus – Secretary

John Winchester – Treasurer

George Killat – Membership Secretary

Banquet

The Chapter's 2018 banquet netted just over \$4,000. Attendance has been steadily dropping over the last few years (66 attended in 2018).

The BOD is considering changes and needs input from our members. Some ideas discussed are: 1. Drop the banquet, 2. Change the date back to Tuesday's, 3. Have a summer event such as a barbeque or other similar event. 4. Etc.

Think it over and if you have any ideas or thoughts contact a BOD Member.

□ 734,000 volunteer hours in 2017, and over 7.1 million hours in the past 10 years □ In the past decade, Trout Unlimited volunteers accounted for \$92,524,260 to implement our mission locally, including over 11,000 unique conservation projects. □ 1,600 education projects that engaged youth in 2017, and over 15,000 in past 10 years.

This event is our only fund raising event and without the income from the event we are unable to fund chapter and TU projects in Michigan.

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.

Lane Property Update

This summer the Chapter cleared downed trees from the river to allow MITU & the MIDNR to conduct shocking to inventory the fish population in the Lane Property.

A date has not been selected for doing the inventory

If you are willing to help, contact Steve Wilkowski 989-495-7151 – swilkowski2000@yahoo.com or John VanDalen 989-631-6873 jvdfish@gmail.com

Stockwell Rd Project

Work is progressing on the road stream crossing on Stockwell and the Cedar.

Initial grading and roadbed work along with the ditch work has been completed. Still to come is final grading, roadbed hardening, ditch work and seeding of the ditches.

This is a project by the Clare Road Commission with support from WIN, USF&WS and our Chapter



Nal

Stockwell Rd Looking West



Stockwell Rd Looking West at Stream Crossing



Stockwell Rd at Stream Crossing

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September 4, 2018 at Scientific Anglers 5:30 PM

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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.flyangersonline.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.michiganttu.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.trailstotrot.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

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

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