

Pentwater Sportfishing Association, Inc. News

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Your PSA 2020 Officers and Term Endings:

How about that hot weather!

We have a volunteer to fill in for Secretary George Cornell. Thanks goes to Dave Vanderveen, boat Breakaway on a tentative basis. We hope he says 'yes'!

The PSA BIG FISH summer-long contest is in full swing. Two categories, Brown Trout and Coho Salmon are wide open, no entries. Top King is 24.75 #, top Steelhead is 14.10# and a large Lake Trout is leading that category, 11.10#. Go get 'em!

The PSA actually got started with a Mini Tournament on June 28 see page 2.

The Ladies' Classic is our next PSA event on August 1. By then, we are hoping to see the

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Check out the web for the latest information on what the PSA is up to now! There are some big fish already on the board.

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Dean Jessup — President Boat ~ Dean's Dream	2022
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Open — Secretary	2020
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Rob Bannink — Director Boat ~ Dreamin' Screammers	2021
Ph: (231) 327-0841 robdogban@aol.com	
Steve Sauser — Director Boat ~ Fish Eagle	2021
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Brad Smith — Director Boat ~ Gray Fin	2022
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Pentwater Sportfishing Association Mini Tournament

Following are results for the Mini Derby - held on Sunday, June 28. Fishing was very, very tough. Seven boats braved the odds and entered the contest. Only three boats weighed in fish.

Our new PSA interim secretary, Dave Vanderveen on Breakaway boat, took First place money, \$65, with a Big Fish weighing 22.4#. Boats can only win one prize, so he didn't need the OTHER SIX FISH in the cooler for the prize money, but I am sure they all tasted great!.

Gray Fin, with PSA Director Brad Smith at the helm caught the Most Fish prize of \$39. The Producer boat with Lyn Snider, won \$26 Mystery Weight prize. We all know the good fishing will be on the way shortly. At least PSA finally got an event in !!



FISHING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

REEL

- Okuma linecounter
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- Penn 330 GTI
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- Okuma classic XT

SET UP

- 75' copper
- 5 color leadcore
- rigger rod
- 300' copper
- 250' cooper
- 200' Copper

walleye boards

4 each

all coppers are new copper and leader

contact Bruce Koorndyk

517 202 7213



18th ANNUAL

Pentwater Sportfishing Association, Inc

LADIES' CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Weigh-in 1:00 p.m.

If we can't fish Saturday morning, fish when you can Saturday evening, Sunday morning, Weigh-in / awards are then - Sunday August 2nd - Noon

1st Place - Big Fish

2nd Place - Most Fish (Tie Determined by Heaviest Ten-Fish Weight)

3rd Place - Mystery Weight (Random weight chosen at weigh in)

*** RULES ***

1. HAVE FUN !!

2. D.N.R. Creel Limit Rules Apply. Minimum *All Fish* 18"

3. Ladies Must: Set Hooks, Fight Fish & Net the Fish

4. Entire crew may Set Lines, Change Lures, Drive Boat & Unhook Fish

5. Maximum nine - rod limit

6. Boats must leave from and return to Pentwater channel.

7. Fish must be at scales by weigh-in time: Sat. - 1 PM Weigh-in at Pentwater Village Marina Gazebo
or Sunday, Noon if not able to fish on Saturday.

8. **Catch legal limits of fish, weigh-in ten fish. (Choose your 10 before weigh-in)**

9. One prize per boat, each boat at weigh-in wins a prize.

10. No Charter boats. Boat must be a paid PSA Member to Register

11. \$15.00 registration fee.

12. BOUNDARY WATERS: North end Consumers Project (N 43-54-45), 2 miles south of Little Sable
Lighthouse (N 43-37-00) and Pentwater Lake to Longbridge Road.

Sign up with Lyn Snider (616.291.2568) at Charlie's Marina

Or any PSA Board Member

PENTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – July 18, 2020

PENTWATER VILLAGE MARINA GAZEBO

Directors Present: Dean Jessup, Rob Bannink, Steve Sauser, and David Vanderveen, with Past President Bruce Koorndyk. Excused were Brad Smith, Patsy Gettings, and Dan Gettings.

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by President Dean Jessup.

1. The Meeting Minutes from June 20, 2020 board meeting were reviewed with no questions or revisions. Moved to approve by Steve, supported by Rob. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's Report: Patsy Gettings supplied the current report. PSA has a strong checkbook balance to cover event needs for 2020. Bruce moved, supported by Steve, to accept Treasurer's Report as presented – Motion carried.
3. Membership Update. Current paid membership is building, with 57 paid members to date. A THANKS to Patsy Gettings for setting up a table on July 4th at the Fish Cleaning area to promote PSA membership.
4. Committee Reports:
 - a. Clothing – Dan Gettings – The new order for hats and XL hoodies have been received to round out inventory needs for 2020.
 - b. Channel Lights – Dan and Harold Huff are making new brackets for mounting on railing post to add a few lights for this season.
 - c. Ladies Classic – August 1. Registration has started and as reminder, must be from paid PSA Members. Contact Lyn Snider (616-291-2568) for updates.
 - d. Bannink Lines Down – Still a planned event, September 5, 2020. PSA Board approved funding of \$125 to support this event. Motion by Dean, supported by Steve. Motion carried.
 - e. Dean reported that the Annual Big Fish contest is up and running. It was noted that we need to remind everyone you must be a paid PSA Member to register a big fish.
 - f. Marine Officer Tim Simon reported that both the Water Safety Day set for July 25 and the next Boater Safety Class, set for August 6 & 7, are each canceled.
 - g. The Super Mini Tournament is still planned for August 22/23. An updated flier will be finished and distribute soon.
 - h. The PSA Annual Meeting, set for August 29, will not be held at the Friendship Center. With the Covid issues, and location problems, we will try to have a short meeting without a dinner (or a reduced type lunch), with location to be determined.
 - i. Steve Sauser reported on the Village Ramp Dock. He replaced the broken 4x4 that we just installed and added a tie-up cleat. He also noted that no light has been placed to provide needed light for night use safety. Thanks Steve. Bruce will contact PW Village Manager on these issues.

PSA minutes continued: 5. New Business – Regional Updates - Dean

- a.PSA has been invited to join the effort on the Tribal Fishing (Nets) Negotiations currently under review. This is a review of the Tribal Consent Decree, allowing net fishing. By joining the coalition, we will have our local opinion heard to protect our sportfishing in Lake Michigan, keep up on negotiations of the Decree, and help provide direction of the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources. The Class B Membership is \$250. Steve move with Rob adding a 2nd, to join the Coalition at the \$250 level. Motion Approved.
- b.PSA was invited to offer comments to the US Fish & Wildlife Service on a proposal to help States manage and / or control bird conflicts with the Double-Crested Cormorant. This will give each State local power to help control this problem bird population. PSA will offer a positive support response for this rule change.
- c.PSA received updated information on potential of increased Coast Guard focus on safety checks of fishing boats on LM – especially Charter operations. Just a reminder – keep your safety items up to date.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully recorded by Dean J.

What follows is information regarding Great Lakes Fishing. The PSA has decided to join the coalition to ensure fishing continues as is:

Court filing could end Great Lakes fishing as we know it

Contact: Nick Green, *MUCC Public Information Officer*; ngreen@mucc.org; 517-346-6486

The 2000 Great Lakes Consent Decree is set to expire in August, and a court proceeding filed last week by one Upper Peninsula tribe could end sportfishing as we know it in much of the Great Lakes.

Since 1985, a large portion of Michigan's Great Lakes fishery has been divided up under an agreement between five of Michigan's sovereign Native American tribes and the state. This agreement was handed down by a federal court in a "consent decree" that applied to what is known as the 1836 Treaty Waters. The treaty waters extend from the mouth of the Grand River in Lake Michigan to Alpena in Lake Huron and from Sault Ste. Marie to almost Marquette on Lake Superior.

Each tribe, per the consent decree, was given its home waters, where it is free to fish and other tribes are not. Other areas of the Great Lakes were reserved for sportfishing, and some areas were shared between the tribes and the sport fishery.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages the sport fishery under this decree, which includes how available stocks are measured and what methods of take may be used by fishers. The DNR also determines creel limits, fishing methods and fisheries management for recreational anglers — who pay, through license dollars and excise taxes, to manage the fishery.

Great Lakes Fishing continued: The current consent decree, and the rules that have applied for the last 35 years, is set to expire on August 8. Current negotiations to reach a new agreement are floundering and COVID-19 has limited the parties' ability to meet and wade through critical issues. It is clear that a new consent decree will not be negotiated by the deadline next month.

On June 24, four of the five tribes, the State of Michigan, and the United States asked a federal court to extend the current decree through the end of 2020.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians also filed a request with the federal court asking that the extension be granted only until November 8. The Sault Tribe asserted that after that date, however, it will be free to fish without geographical restrictions anywhere within the treaty waters even if later extensions to the consent decree are granted while negotiations continue. Though not explicitly stated, it can reasonably be assumed the Sault Tribe seeks to use any gear they deem necessary, such as gill nets, in zones that have not allowed such gear since 1985.

An amici group representing recreational anglers, of which Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) is a member of, filed a response to the requests to illustrate important history and critical issues that are preventing a successor agreement being reached.

Recreational fishing is in jeopardy

Anyone 35 years old or younger and who fishes in the treaty waters doesn't know what it was like to fish these waters without a consent decree, said Steve Schultz, an attorney for the amici group representing recreational anglers.

"Gill nets or other commercial nets have not been allowed in certain areas for over 35 years. Allowing such gear now presents risks of overfishing to the point that a stock could collapse and also presents potential conflicts between recreational fishing gear and commercial fishing nets where nets may not have existed in an area for decades," Schultz said. "It is imperative that the parties come together, as they did in 1985 and 2000, and find a way to manage this shared fishery resource for healthy populations and access for everyone."

Past experience illustrates what could happen if an agreement is not reached. In 1979, the federal court upheld the tribes' right to fish under an 1836 Treaty. Shortly thereafter, areas were opened to tribal commercial fishing for lake trout and whitefish. Within months, lake trout stocks in certain areas were depleted by 98 percent.

The lethal efficiency of gill nets and ability to place that gear wherever deemed appropriate is what worries recreational anglers, said MUCC Executive Director Amy Trotter.

"The changes that are requested by the Sault Tribe will fundamentally change the nature and scope of the fishery in the Great Lakes," Trotter said. "Recreational anglers need a strong voice in these negotiations for the health of the fishery and to maintain Michigan's robust outdoor recreation economy."

According to court documents, the Sault Tribe claims that it agreed to exclusive zones in prior decrees to give the other relatively newly-recognized tribes an opportunity to develop their fisheries. The Sault Tribe claims those newly-recognized tribes have now had an opportunity to establish their fishery, and the 1836 Treaty Waters should be open to all tribal fishers everywhere. Effectively, this means that the Sault Tribe now wants to fish in Lake Michigan from the mouth of the Grand River to the Straits of Mackinac and to the Bays de Noc.

What's next?

Federal Judge Paul Maloney is expected to rule on the recent requests to extend the current rules filed by the parties soon. That decision will likely set the stage for either negotiation or litigation for the coming months.

What can you do?

MUCC is a member of the [Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources](#), an assemblage of conservation, recreational fishing and charter boat groups interested in maintaining Michigan's recreational fisheries.

All recreational anglers should be informed, get involved and financially support the efforts of the member organizations if they want to hold onto the Great Lakes fisheries as they know it.

Other members of the coalition include the Michigan Charter Boat Association, Michigan Trout Unlimited, Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association, as well as a number of other local sportfishing and lake association groups.

Support the PSA and the PSA will support efforts to negotiate to extend the current rules.

Pentwater Sportfishing Association	
Membership Application / Renewal Form	
Fee \$10.00 Self/Boat \$15.00 Self &	Date:
Mail To: PSA, P O Box #173 Pentwater, MI 49449	
Name: _____	
Spouse. If applica- ble: _____	
Mailing Address: _____	
City, State, Zip Code: _____	
Phone Numbers: _____	
E-Mail Address: _____	
Boat Name: _____	
Membership (<u>circle one</u>) Self - \$10.00 Self / Spouse -	
Donation for PW Fish Cleaning Station	
Donation for Channel Lights	
Donation - Other	
Total Enclosed \$	
Please check box to receive your newsletter -- <u>VIA E-Mail</u>	
<u>I would be willing to assist on the following PSA Spon-</u>	
<u>sored Event</u>	
Super Mini Derby Aug 22-23	
PSA Teach A Kid Event Cancelled	
PSA Ladies Classic Derby August 1	
Bannink Lines Down Derby September 5	
Channel Lights Placement in June & Removal in October	
Willing to assist please contact - info@pentwaterpsa.org	

The membership to the Pentwater Sportfishing Association, Inc. encompasses January 1 to December 31.

Please use this Membership Renewal Form to sign up for the **2020** Calendar Year. Send the form and your check to PSA, P.O. Box #173, Pentwater, MI 49449. Do this now and when you can get out there and fish, you are already paid up!

\$10 for single membership, \$15 for you and yours.

Give us your email to receive the newsletter in your email. We don't share any membership information with anybody.

Check any boxes for the events you would like to be involved in supporting. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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Pentwater Sportfishing Association

Calendar of Events

Feb 1: Sea Grant Fisheries Workshop - Ludington

May 2: - Postponed

May 16: PSA Board Meeting—cancelled
(All Mtgs at TBD – 3 PM)

May 23: - Start Big Fish Contest

May 23 – Memorial Derby **Postponed to Aug 22-23**

July 21 – PW Water Safety Day—**Tentative**

June 20: PSA Board Meeting

June 27: PSA Mini Tourney

July 9 & 10 - Boating Safety Class—**Cancelled**

July 11 – PSA Youth 'Teach A Kid' Event—**Cancelled**

July 18: - PSA Board Meeting

Aug 6 & 7: Boating Safety Class - **Cancelled**

Aug 1: - Ladies' Classic Derby

Aug 13 - 16: Pentwater Homecoming

Aug 22–23: - PSA Super Mini Tourney

Aug 28: - End Big Fish Contest – 9pm

Aug 29: - Potluck Dinner / Annual Mtg

Sept 5: - Bannink's Lines Down Derby

Sept 19: - PSA Board Meeting

Oct 2: - Remove Channel Lights

Dec 31: 2021 PSA Membership Dues Payment Remind-
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