



# The Outrigger



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## Special points of interest:

- The Kids Fish-N-Fun is May 11th, mark you calendar
- Kenosha Coho Classic is coming in June, keep your eye on The Outrigger for additional details in upcoming issues
- Lake Michigan water levels have risen by approximately 2 feet since Mid-January as measured in Milwaukee
- May 6th the DNR will deliver 80,000 Chinook to Milwaukee, if you would like to help with setting up net pens on May 5th please contact Jim Wolfe at [jim@qlsfclub.com](mailto:jim@qlsfclub.com)

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## Report: Asian Carp may have reached Great Lakes

Study posted in *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences*

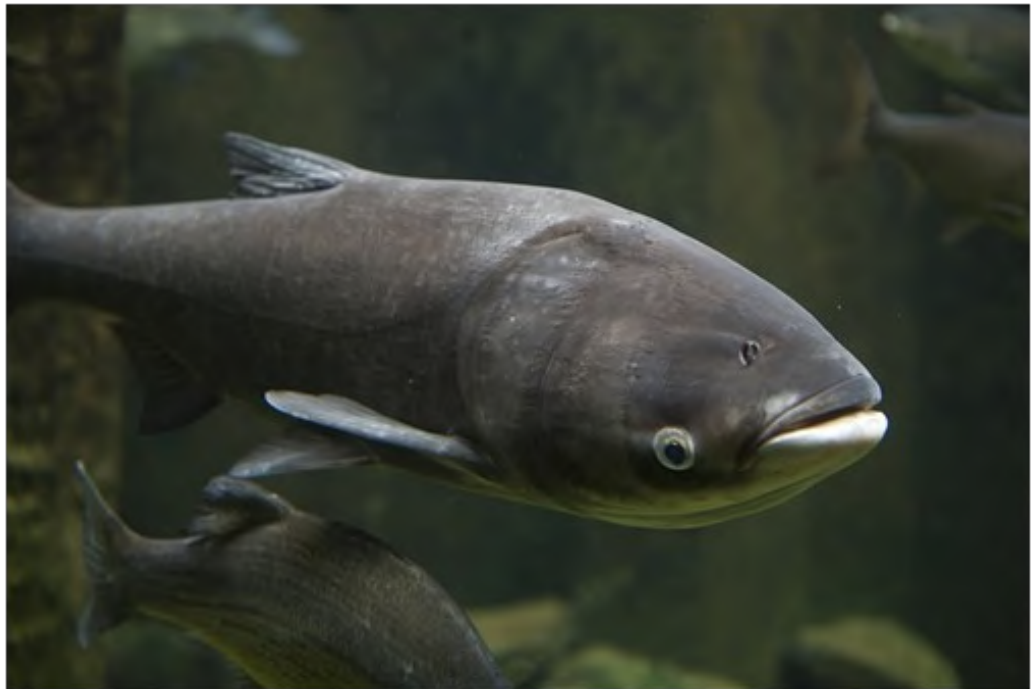
Courtesy of the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council

CHICAGO (AP) – At least some Asian carp probably have found their way into the Great Lakes, but there's still time to stop the dreaded invaders from becoming established and unraveling food chains that support a \$7 billion fishing industry and sensitive ecosystems, according to a scientific report released April 4.

Written by experts who pioneered use of genetic data to search for the aggressive fish,

carp out there," Christopher Jerde of the University of Notre Dame, the lead author, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We can be cautiously optimistic ... that we're not at the point where they'll start reproducing, spreading further and doing serious damage."

The paper summarizes findings by Jerde and other scientists from Notre Dame, The Nature Conservancy and Central Michigan Uni-



the paper disagrees with government scientists who say many of the positive Asian carp DNA hits recorded in or near the lakes in recent years could have come from other sources, such as excrement from birds that fed on carp in distant rivers. "The most plausible explanation is still that there are some

versity during two years of searching the Great Lakes basin for Asian carp. The fish have migrated northward in the Mississippi River and many tributaries since escaping from Deep South ponds in the 1970s. Scientists fear they will out-compete prized sport and commercial species.

# GREAT LAKES BASIN REPORT –Lake Michigan

(Summary excerpt of prey fish report)

Courtesy of <http://great-lakes.org/>

Total prey fish biomass in 2012 was the lowest since our bottom trawl survey began in 1973, and follows five years of sustained, record low biomass estimates. These low prey fish biomass estimates for 2007- 2012

were probably due to a suite of factors. We can clearly identify two of these factors as: (1) a

prolonged period of poor bloater recruitment since 1992 and (2) intensified predation on alewives by Chinook salmon during the 2000s. Adult alewife density has been maintained at a relatively low level over the last nine years and the age distribution of the adult alewife population has become especially truncated in recent years. As recent as 2007, alewives as old as age 9 were sampled in this survey whereas the oldest alewife sampled in 2012 was age 4. Whether or not the alewife population in Lake Michigan will undergo a collapse in coming years (similar to what

occurred in Lake Huron) will depend on several factors. Primarily, the extent to which predation by salmonines influences the survival of the large 2010

year-class is critical. In addition, alewife sustainability will depend on the success of 2010 year-class in producing another strong year-class in the next few years, which will at least partially depend on appropriate environmental factors being met.

Scientists and managers continue to ask critical questions regarding the importance of “bottom-up”

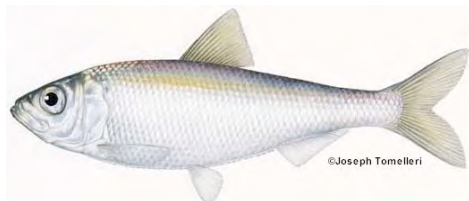
effects on prey fish biomass in Lake Michigan. For example, to what extent do 1) ongoing declines in total phosphorus, 2) the proliferation in dreissenid mussels, and 3) the resultant diminishment of the

spring phytoplankton bloom reduce the capacity of Lake Michigan to produce the biomass of prey fish that was observed only two decades ago? We point out that Lake Michigan has already demon-

strated its capacity to produce a strong year-class of alewives in 2010 despite the changes described above. Nonetheless, having a complete understanding of the answers to these questions will

require additional years of surveillance, across-lake comparisons, and food-web analyses.

The GLFC Fish Community Objective for planktivores is not being achieved according to the bottom trawl survey results. The Objective calls for a lake-wide biomass of 500-800 kt, and the total prey fish biomass estimated by the bottom trawl survey was only 15 kt. The Objective also calls for a diversity of prey species. The diversity in 2012 was



far less than that measured in recent years, and we note that native prey fishes comprised only 18% of total prey fish biomass. In fact, native bloater, deepwater sculpin, and ninespine stickleback were at record-low levels in 2012 and native slimy sculpin has been trending downward since 2009. In 2013, we plan to add deeper depths (out to 128 m at as many as three ports) to our survey to evaluate the extent to which some of these native species inhabit depths beyond 110 m.



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# Fishing Report

Courtesy of Lake Michigan Angler

The winter of 2012/13 still is having an impact. Fishing has been tough as of late.

The Coho have not made much progress in our direction. The occasional scout can get picked off here and there, but no significant run up the coast.

Perch have not really set up in Waukegan as of the end of April.

Brown trout are the hot bit and can be caught along the shorelines with the occasional Coho. Orange spoons and natural colored body baits have been the best.

Stay tuned folks the run should begin very soon!!



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## 2013 Wisconsin Fishing Report now available

The 2013 Wisconsin Fishing Report is now available and ready to help you catch your fancy. The annual 16-page compilation of fishing forecasts is organized by species. The forecasts, submitted by DNR biologists, share information about fish they found during population surveys on a wide range of waters across the state.

The 2013 Fishing Report is also available in print at DNR Service Centers and is inserted into the April issue of *Wisconsin Natural Resources* magazine. Subscribe to the magazine any time in the next six weeks to get that issue and the report delivered to your mailbox. The magazine is \$8.97 for one year; and the new hook and line and trout fishing regulations booklets are now available online on the fishing regulations page of the DNR website.

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## KSFCA monthly tournament rules

- ☐ Sign up will be at Harbor Side or contact Tom Zapp 262-220-0476
- ☐ Start time 5:30 am, boats can fish until 11:00 am (No boats will leave Kenosha Harbor before 5:30am)
- ☐ Check in time is 5:15 am to 5:30 am, you must be checked in by 5:30 am (check in with Committee Boat on channel 8). At 5:30 am the contest is locked and closed. No late entries allowed.
- ☐ Entry fees are collected at weigh in station. (If you commit to being in the contest you must pay if you weigh in fish or not).
- ☐ Cost is \$35.00 per boat (that includes big fish). The big fish contest is per boat not per person.
- ☐ All boats must have cooler of fish in line for weigh in at the cleaning station by 11:45 am.

**Scoring:** Each fish is worth 10 points; each pound is worth 1 point. Weigh in biggest 10 fish only out of the total catch. (Boats can catch legal limit of total persons on board).

An additional 10 point bonus will be awarded to a boat with a new member or a member without a boat (only 10 points per boat not per new member or member without a boat, and is available only once per person) A new member is defined as someone who has joined the club in the past 12 months.

Payout will be for the top 3 weight totals and one award for big fish in each contest.

Points from each monthly contest will accumulate for a season long Master Sunday Boat Contest. Prizes for this season long contest will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

**Note:** All boats must comply with WI and/or IL laws / rules set forth by the respective states DNR and Coast Guard. Charter boats are welcome, but will not be eligible for the 10 point new member bonus. Any change in start times as the season progresses will be communicated to the membership prior to sign up.

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## A Blast from the Past (A look back at the club and an excerpt from "The Outrigger")

by Lynn Davis

As the KSFCA's new Vice President A carton of minutes, newsletters, rearing pond records and other assorted flyers, news clippings and details was given to me for safe keeping. With an interest in all things historical and hysterical, I have recently organized the KSFCA records received. I learned much about the workings of our association's past activities.

- Early 1980's--A list of CB and FM "handles" undated that included such monikers as; Long Tom, Irish Spring, and Satchmo to name a few.
- The 1987 newsletters included such dates as the birthdays of: Herman Melville-Aug. 1; Jane Russell-June 21; Harry Truman-May 8; and other literary and historical notables.
- The Harry Rash Tournament was originally Labor Day weekend and awarded prizes for the three biggest fish of five categories.
- In 1987, the 14<sup>th</sup> year of Fly Tying was marked with a thank you to Al Ruffalo and Chet Frye for all of their efforts.
- Annually a picnic for all members, supporting members and families was held in Kennedy Park.
- The May 1987 General Meeting had a "Smelt Fry" scheduled, with all members bringing in their catch.
- In the For Sale column from 1987- "Waldo Berger, aka Old Fud, Beefie, our longest continuously standing (or sitting) member from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has confessed a personal dilemma. He said he'd like to smoke fish, but doesn't know which end to light."

A sample of a recurring column "Ask Dann Slanders" is below:

*Dear Dann,*

*A friend of mine recently pronounced that "fishermen do not have a sense of humor. This bothered me, because I'd certainly like to think I've not a sense of humor. I always thought I could appreciate a joke just as well as the next guy. What do you think?"*

*Always Wondering*

*Dear Al Won,*

*Stop wondering. Of course fishermen have a sense of humor, and I'm prepared to knock the block off the next person who says they don't! How about that?*

*Actually, everyone has a sense of humor. It's the same as "quality," it needs to be modified. You'll hear someone say, for example, "He's a quality person." High quality? Low quality? Good quality? Poor quality?*

*Yes, Al Won, fishermen do have a sense of humor. -It's just that some have a better sense than others.*

*Your truly,*

*Dann*

*P.S. Best wishes for a productive outing in your forthcoming "challenge" contest with Salmon Unlimited.*

*If you should win again, you might suggest a change in name to "Salmon, Ltd." Provided, of course, your Racine neighbors have a sense of humor.*

*G' luk!*

# MAY 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5 Club Meeting at the Moose 7:00pm 6 7 8 9 10 11 Kids Fish-N-Fun event at Anderson park

12 13 14 15 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm 16 17 18

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## Important dates this month

- 05/06/13 - Club meeting at the Moose Lodge 7:00 pm
- 05/11/13 - Kids Fish-N-Fun at Anderson Park 9:00 am—noon
- 05/15/13 - KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 05/19/13 - 1st Club Tourney of 2013

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	Jim Hanrahan
	Jim Zondlak
<b>Guest Speakers</b>	*Jamie Hotzfield
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## 2012 Schedule of Club Events

- 02/04/13 - Board Elections
- 02/16/13 - Swap Meet
- 02/23/13 - Awards Banquet
- 04/11/13 - Annual Fundraiser Dinner
- 05/11/13 - Kids Fish-N-Fun
- 05/19/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 06/09/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 06/14/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
- 06/15/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
- 06/16/13 - Coho Classic Tournament
- 08/11/13 - Monthly Tournament
- 09/15/13 - Monthly Tournament
- T.B.D. - Pike River Revival

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