



Hatch

The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

MARCH 2014

Updating Environmental Issues In Michigan

Tom Baird, VP of the Angler's of the Au Sable, addressed environmental water concerns in Michigan at March's speaker meeting. He reported the Angler's of the Au Sable's habitat restoration group is focusing on tracking where the big fish are to learn better stream restoration skills. The group has also lobbied the DNR to plant Atlantic Salmon in the waters of Michigan. "The first went in last year at the mouth of the Au Sable by the restaurant," reported Baird. "The first Atlantic Salmon returned a couple of days ago... 18 inch salmon."

He is involved with The Michigan Hydro Relicensing Operation which recently witnessed a big settlement with Consumer's Power, putting in place new environmental rules. Angler's of the Au Sable are also involved in the Pigeon River fight, "resulting in the removal of all upstream dams in the Pigeon River. This movement was started by a FFF board member. The lowest most dam, in Traverse City, will be left in the river. Licensing comes up every 20 years."

Other Angler's of the Au Sable projects include the River Watch, Fall Clean-up, and presence at MFFC's Midwest Expo. Baird also mentioned the on-going movement for Camp Grayling to assimilate an additional 41,000 acres of land on which to practice military exercises. This would greatly reduce access to the waters in the Grayling area. The group is also involved in the current catch and release debate, along with the oil and gas fight on which he spent a large amount of focus based on membership inquiries as fracking sights are present at the headwaters of the Au Sable and Manistee.

"We realize oil is here to stay, in the headwaters of the Au Sable," said Baird,



citing legal cases regarding pipeline regulation. "In light of this, we created our own oil and gas committee." Angler's of the Au Sable have joined efforts with Dave Heinman, hydrogeologist and university department head, installing stream flow monitors in the areas where fracking occurs. In the areas of fracking, the water flow decreased remarkably. Information was also gleaned from the UofM Graduate Institute study on the effects of fracking in the Manistee area.

Encana, a Canadian company, "They are the biggest fracking company of the north," said Baird. "They bought out Shell's licensing rights, including the liabilities of leaking old sites. In 2010, they used a lot of water. The old fracking used 10,000 to 20,000 gallons of water. The new fracking uses 35 million gallons of water per well in one month."

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UPCOMING EVENTS



April 2, 2014

Speaker Meeting:

Speaker: Dennis Kline

Topic: Mystic Fly Rods

Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

April 23, 2014

Activities Meeting

Clarenceville Middle School

Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

May 7, 2014

Speaker Meeting:

Speaker: TBD

Topic: TBD

Clarenceville Middle School
Livonia, 7:30 p.m.

MFFC does not take an official position on the issues involved in this month's article. For further information on the topics discussed by Jim Baird, see the links below:

Camp Grayling background: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/1988-03-30/news/8803040928_1_camp-grayling-guard-spokesmen-ohio-national-guard

Camp Grayling timeline environmental impact: <http://www.ausableanglers.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3417>

Pigeon River information: <http://www.ausableanglers.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

Gas well history: <http://www.ausableanglers.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3419>

Current oil & gas well activities: <http://www.ausableanglers.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3564>

Actual water usage numbers: http://www.ausableanglers.org/files/WaterUse_January28_2014_portrait.pdf

Further information regarding the Holy Water fracking project: <http://www.ausableanglers.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3565>

Criminal charges against Encana: http://www.ausableanglers.org/files/03_05_14%2BSchuette%2BFiles%2BCriminal%2BCharges%2BAgainst%2BChesapeake%2Band%2BEncana%2BCorporations.pdf

Anglers Of The Au Sable Environment Report: <http://michiganradio.org/post/anglers-au-sable-issues-report-oil-gas-pipelines>

2014 Michigan Fly Fishing Club Annual Banquet

The annual Michigan Fly Fishing Club Banquet will be held on Wednesday May 21, 2014 at the Italian American Hall on Five Mile Road (by I-275) in Livonia. The banquet speaker will be Pat Dorsey. Many fine door prizes and special members only prizes will be awarded.

The cost is \$40 per person with a cash bar available. Meal selections are: 8 oz. New York Strip, Chicken Piccata or Salmon Siciliano. Tickets will be available at club meetings beginning March 19.

Also, in the early afternoon preceding the banquet, a special fly tying session will be conducted by Pat Dorsey. A separate fee and sign-up sheet will be available at club meetings for this additional event.

Banquet Agenda

5:30 to 6:30 PM Arrival & social hr
6:15 to 7:15 PM Door Prize Drawing
50/50 Ultimate Drawing entries
7:15 PM Dinner begins
Continue 50/50 Drawing Entries
Continue Door Prize Drawing
8:00 PM Introductions and Remarks
50/50 Drawing Award
8:10 PM Guest Speaker: Pat Dorsey

A native of Colorado, Pat has been guiding for over 20 years. He spends around two hundred days a year on the water, enjoying a unique quality of life both personally and professionally. In addition, Pat is Guide Director and partner in the Blue Quill Angler fly shop. He oversees and trains more than two dozen guides and helps to set the standard for integrity and

professionalism in the Blue Quill Angler guide operation. Pat, also, writes the central Rocky Mountain stream report that monitors stream flows and conditions on the Blue, Colorado, South Platte (Cheesman, Deckers, Spinney Mountain Ranch, and Elevenmile Canyon), North Fork of the South Platte, and Williams Fork rivers.

Pat is proud to be a **Simms Guide Ambassador** and a member of the **Sage Fly Rods Advisory Team**. Pat is the **Southwest Field Editor** for **Fly Fisherman Magazine**.

Authored Books include: [*A Fly Fishing Guide to the South Platte River; Fly Fishing Tailwaters; and Tying and Fishing Tailwater Flies*](#)

8:45 PM Special Members Only Door Prize Drawing



Photo Caption Contest

Al says what? Submissions are currently being accepted at evening.hatch.mffc@gmail.com for official captions to accompany the picture to the left. All submissions will be considered. A winning submission will published in an upcoming issue of The Evening Hatch.

Photo Submissions



Oscar Feliu, Rick Kustich Eric Stroup, Prescott Smith, Joe Humphreys at the MFFC Expo



It is officially spring!



Midwest Fly Fishing Expo Set-up Crew



Joe Humphreys, Peter Albertson, & Bob Jacklin



The Holt Show



Dan Finstad rubbing elbows with the hardware fly guys.

This month's photo submissions credits include: Peter Albertson, Mike Duchin, Mike Matuszewski, & Spencer Vanderhoof.

Michigan Fly Fishing Club Minutes

January 2014

Call to order: 7:28 pm

Roll Call Hunter Freeburg Scott Schotts Vanderhoff Finstad Bocks Thelen Bulszewicz

Review and Approval Of Minutes - Approved as amended. moved Schotts
Second Freeburg

Approval of Agenda - Moved Schotts - Second Bock

Officer Reports

President Report Hunter Report from Begley that the price of Rayburn has been raised.
Possibly looking for new Rod Show Chair next year. Inventory of rods and reel complete.

Vice President - Finstad: Expo update given and we are still in discussion over Banquet speaker

Treasurers Report - Freeburg: Report handed out. Reviewed. Approved. Moved Scott - Second Finstad

Corresponding Secretary - Vanderhoof: Rich Merlino to speak at June meeting. April meeting open at this time.
Hatch OK with Harry Briggs absent due to wife's illness.

Further announcement will be made to members about browsers needing to be cleaned out to get to website.

Membership - Bulszewicz: Membership count corrected to read 356 members; all MUCC info sent out.

Events & Outings: Trout Opener April 24-27th at the Bear Creek Lodge. Further looking into Riverview Lodge
for further events.

New Business: Mike Doyle gave date of New Member School of Feb. 15th. Also asked to present petition to
membership about the use of professional and sound scientific management of wildlife.
Petition is in response to outside pressure over the wolf hunt.

Smallmouth Outing changes given by Todd Schotts. (1) No friday night dinner (2) Request Monies paid by April 3rd.
Further Todd was approached by Grand River Fly Tiers to join in with MFFC to participate in outing. Proposal
tabled.

Peter Albertson talked about Alaska Legends Lodge outing.
Election Committee made up of Kevin Lipp Steve Bocks and Ken Thelen.

Old Business: Peter Albertson presented prototype of membership card and new brochure. Board authorized
to move on both items.

Adjourned 9:27pm - Moved Vanderhoof - Second Freeburg

2014 Banquet

Wednesday May 21,
2013

**Tickets available
now**

Still Only \$40

Doors Open @ 5:30 PM
Dinner Served @ 7:00 PM

See Jim Telinda at

Meetings

or e-mail him at

jtelinda@aol.com

Speaker this year:

Pat Dorsey

Food Choices:

8 oz. New York Strip; Salmon Siciliano;

Chicken Piccata

Door Prizes Galore

*Rods, Reels, Populated Fly Boxes, &
Fly Fishing Stuff you can't imagine*

50/50 Ultimate Drawing

52 Card Deck sale for custom

Bamboo Rod

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