



The Evening

# Hatch

The Newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

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## On Patrol in the Woods *An Interview with a CO Protecting Our Outdoors*

By Sybil Hunter

"Whatever the DNR covers within the law, that is my wheelhouse," said Conservation Officer Kevin Luther, introducing himself as December's guest speaker. Turn out was big - his reputation to educate and entertain preceded him. CO Lawrence accompanied him.

"When confrontation occurs," Luther said, "I prefer to have a conversation." Can that conversation end up with a free ride in a squad car? Yep. Should it? Nope. His goals are: 1. Preserve resources and 2. Share knowledge. Right away, he opened the floor to questions.

**Hatch:** "Is there a rise in people being outdoors?"

**Luther:** "In the last two years, I've seen more people outdoors recreating. Fishing license sales are up. So, I had more clientele.... some received education. People's choices are often due to a lack of education; they are novices. That is where groups like you come in to help provide more information about how to do more recreating in a positive way. You provide information to guide novices."

**Hatch:** "What is your number one takeaway?"

**Luther:** "I highly recommend that you buy a fishing license."

**Hatch:** "How do I know if I can fish an inland body of water?"

**Luther:** "If you can get to that



body of water, if you can naturally paddle or walk to the water, it is (publicly) accessible. Sometimes trees fall. Beavers do what beavers do. You have the right to step on those trees," said Luther.

**Hatch:** "If it is completely privately owned, then is accessing that water recreationally trespassing?"

**Luther:** "The water belongs to everyone. They own the ground. The water is public. It refers to hiking, not fishing," said Luther. If someone is on private property, "I show up. 'Sir you have to go.' He leaves. There is no problem. You have to give them the option to leave. So it is criminally trespassing if he refuses to leave." This brings up "navigability." "There are many definitions of 'navigable.' Once the State stops it (public access) or has ever

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## Michigan Fly Fishing Club Calendar

**1/12/22** Board Meeting, Virtual  
**1/19/22** Activity, Tie Along Bruce Strachan, VFW Hall

**2/2/22** Speaker Alexa Blankenship, Detroit River Western Lake Erie Cooperative "Invasive Species 101," Plymouth Cultural Center

**2/9/22** Board Meeting, Virtual  
**2/16/22** Activity, Tie Along Dan Walker, Plymouth Cultural Center  
**2/24-27/22** Outdoorama, Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi

**3/2/22** Activity, Plymouth Cultural Center

**3/9/22** Board Meeting, Virtual  
**3/12-13/22** Midwest Fly Fishing Expo, Macomb Community College - Sports & Expo Center

**3/16/22** Chuck Earls "Kayak Fishing", Election Nominations, Plymouth Cultural Center

**4/6/22** MFFC Elections, Speaker, Plymouth Cultural Center

**4/13/22** Board Meeting, Virtual  
**4/20/22** Activity, Tie Along Chris Hunter, Plymouth Cultural Center

**5/4/22** Activity, Tie Along Ken Harfoot, Plymouth Cultural Center

**5/11/22** Board Meeting, Virtual  
**5/18/22** Club Banquet, Alice Owsley, Italian American Banquet Center.

Starting Feb. 2, new meeting venue is Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth

# We Need You! *For Our Expo & For MFFC Please Volunteer*

## By Kevin Lipp

The Club's annual Midwest Fly Fishing Expo is taking place on March 11-13. The Expo provides many things to the Club, among them:

- A major source of revenue that we use for meeting facilities, speakers, member schools and conservation donations. Over the years our Club has donated over \$400,000 for conservation, stream restoration and education.

- A great source of new Club members.

- An opportunity for us (and the Expo visitors) to walk around like kids in a candy store seeing and touching new toys – rods, reels, books, boats, flies, feathers, waders, boots, tying tools and anything else you can think of in the freshwater fly fishing game.

- A chance to hear speakers from across the county talking about improving your fishing approach and your casting techniques, fishing locations and techniques and demonstrating fly tying methods and patterns.

You may have heard the joke that 'the Expo runs itself'. In reality it takes a tremendous amount of time and energy to organize the Expo and a lot of work over 3 days to put the Expo on. We need your help for those three days.

This wonderful show, the oldest show dedicated solely to fly fishing in the country, has been a great success due to our member volunteers.

As a former Expo chair I can tell you that our vendors rave about the MFFC members they encounter at our show whenever they are at another show. Our volunteer staff is one of the things that makes our show stand-out.



*Not always volunteering. Bill Cusumano switches from volunteer to consumer as he reaches for his wallet at the Author's Booth during the 2015 Expo.*

## Opportunities to Volunteer

Here are short descriptions of the positions we need volunteers for during the Expo.

**Admissions** – Collect monies for tickets, answer general questions from customers, provide customers with Expo map and schedule document

**Club Booth** – Introduce the Club to Expo visitors, sell Expo pins, help guide lost and weary visitors as they try to find a vendor's booth.

**Club Room** – Assist vendors looking for badges, direct vendors to appropriate Club staff, direct members reporting for a shift change.

**Kids Korner** – Help kids at the famous Expo t-shirts or the casting pond.

**Security** – Verify that in-coming visitors have an admissions handstamp, scan tickets purchased on-line, ensure

that non-entry doors are not used, answer visitor questions, and direct lost visitors. You will not be enforcing any COVID mandates.

**Seminar Rooms** – help speakers settle into room, get help if there are AV issues in the room, watch seminars.

**Setup** – Get the facility ready for the vendors. This includes setting up the Club's blue fabric 'walls' that separate vendors, attaching table covers and putting tables in vendor booths, attach signs to vendor booths. Bring a pair of work gloves.

**Vendor Move-In** – Help the vendor move their booth items from the loading dock to the vendor's booth. We have multiple large 4-wheel carts to help with this. Bring a pair of work gloves.

**Vendor Sign-In** – Distribute badge/map envelopes to vendors, show vendors where their booth is located on the large map located at the table.

**Youth Fly Tying** – Help kids tie a very colorful wooly bugger.

## A Tangible Reward

Club members who work at least one Expo volunteer shift will: Receive a 2022 Worker pin and a worker pin from the never-held 2020 Expo. These pins cannot be purchased.

Be able to enter the Expo without paying admission with a 2002 Worker pin. *Club membership does not get you in free, having a Worker Pin does.*

## How To Sign-up to Volunteer at the MFFC Expo

Begin by scanning the QR code to the right with your smartphone or going to the VolunteerSignup page for MFFC at: [volunteersignup.org/QT8BD](http://volunteersignup.org/QT8BD)

Both will take you to a website that will allow you to signup online. On the first page you will see a list of positions, the number of volunteers needed, and a green arrow (>).

Select the activity/date/time that you want to work and then click on the green arrow (>) to go the Signup form.

On the Sign-up form fill in your

first and last name, email address, and phone number. And then click on "Agree and sign up". You will see the next screen with a confirmation page that states the activity, date and time for which you have signed up.

Please make a note of this in your calendar now. It's a lot easier than trying to remember in an hour or day from now.





## Michigan Fly Fishing Club

# Business

### Michigan Fly Fishing Club Board of Directors Meeting

Dec. 15, 2021

#### Roll Call

Meeting called to order 7:34 p.m.

*Present:* Strachan; Hunter; Oehring; Fischer; Niemi, Sejalon; Green; Doyle

*Absent:* Nowicki; Bada

*Visitors:* Kevin Lipp; Chris Hunter; Peter Albertson; Jerry Deputat

**Approval of Agenda** - Agenda approved with amendments.

**Approval of Minutes** - Meeting-minutes for 11/20/21 approved.

#### Officer's Report

**President:** Strachan

Nothing to report.

**Vice President:** S. Hunter

- Anonymous request for a formal / personal recognition on the contributions of Jerry Regan to the Club. Currently, the club does not have any protocols for this sort of action. Niemi suggested writing a policy to cover recognition of long term contributors. K. Lipp stated that Jerry Regan will not be seen until the expo show in March
- Expo website. Map of expo booth is not currently correct. Map to be finalized once the booths have been filled.

**Treasurer:** K. Oehring

- Current month's treasurer's report. Income is increasing - dues, booth rentals, meeting raffles
- November report approved.

**Corresponding Sec:** J. Fischer

- eMail Blasts Logistics and open rate shared
- Problems with Constant Con-

tact. Possibility that 30% of members might not be receiving club emails; suggestion from P. Albertson to bring up email concerns during meetings.

**Membership:** B. Niemi

- Current: 193 active members,
- Missing checks: 183 checks (85 replacement checks; 108 checks have not been replaced)

#### Events & Outings

- Dec 22 Garage Sale: all sales either cash or check; estate sale items have not been defined; there will be no Zoom coverage of this meeting
- Outing Statuses: Public School needs chairperson; Member School needs venue; Trout Opener facilities venue not available – B. Strachan looking into Whippoorwill Lodge.

#### New Business

- Zoom & Audio Issues at the VFW (by Strachan/Green/Lipp) Audio issues brought forth are being addressed, next meeting will reflect changes. Meeting contributors will speak at the mic podium provided going forward.

#### Old Business

- Venue Updates: Plymouth Cultural Center is our new meeting venue starting 2/22. Still looking for alternatives. New membership notification of venue change to be included in all communications.
- Jerry Deputat discussed library options including ordering books electronically from the website. Materials to only be available on activity nights. Library book & DVD list available on website. Returning books during the expo option.

**Adjournment:** 9 p.m.

### 2019 - 2020 Officers

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Dennis Brukwinski, raffle chair, playing Santa's elf for ticket buyers at Dec. meeting.

## FedEx Finds & Returns Checks to Club

FedEx forwarded a box containing all the missing MFFC checks and deposit slip to Bob Niemi, Membership Chair. The checks have since been hand delivered to Kathy Oehring, Club Treasurer. Subsequently, affected members were contacted asking them to either:

Have the Club deposit the check, only if they have NOT had their bank issue a stop payment on the check. (Personal checks are generally valid for six months after issuance.)

**OR**

Shred the check because: replace-

ment payment of dues and/or donations have already been provided; a stop payment was placed on their checks.

Thank you to the many affected members who have already responded during the last week.

Please note: If you have not received emails and letters stating that your check was impacted, your payment was not affected.

The Membership Chair will pursue remedies by FedEx for the mailing costs incurred by the Club and banking costs incurred by Club Members.

## Member School Cancelled But There's Hope For Something Short & Sweet

By Chris Hunter

It is with a saddened heart that we must cancel this year's Member School. I was holding out hope that one of the three remaining venues would be able to accommodate our Club this year, however one venue backed out last week and the other two have not returned any calls despite my unfettered (courteous and professional) persistence.

I waited as long as possible before canceling the Member School hoping that one of the venues would be able to accommodate us. At this point, I remain without a venue and no viable options for the school.

But Wait ... Keep Reading

### Mini Member School

A few members have expressed an interest in putting on

the member school in segments at activity meetings. I think this is a great idea and have started to work on a curriculum. The First Mini Member School topic will be 'Equipment' and is set for Jan. 19 at the Activity Meeting.

The following segments will be Knots, Entomology, Basic Fly Tying, and Advanced Fly Tying (casting will be the last segment weather permitting.) There will be limited space for Basic and Advanced Fly-Tying, so please let me know if you are interested in joining these segments.

Please keep the faith and stay safe. You can be assured the Member School will return!!! (I'm sure after this unanticipated break we will all need a refresher on our skills.) I appreciate all the suggestions and support for the school.

Feel free to reach out to me with any questions ( cell 734-233-8025; [attyhunter@gmail.com](mailto:attyhunter@gmail.com)).

## MFFC Striper Outing Open for Sign-up

Members can now sign up for the 2022 MFFC Striper Outing that will take place Sept. 18-24 at Mystic, Conn. Or you can join Bruce Strachan as co-chairperson and to run the trip at in the event that family events preclude him from attending this year's trip.

The 2022 Outing features a larger guide team and up to four guided trips per person during the week on Long Island Sound. Here are the details:

**Spots:** 10 anglers in 5 pairs.

**Accommodations:** Taber Inn and Mystic Gourmet dinner catering.

**Fishing:** Monday through Friday Sept. 19-23, conditions permitting.

**Guided Trips:** Four trips daily with four trips per angler available during the 5-day week; two extra trips available first come first served. Lead guide is Capt. Jack Balint along with

Captains Sandy Noyce, Steve Burnett, Greg Snow.

**Gear:** Rods, reels and flies of choice supplied by our guides.

### Costs & Cancellation

The preliminary costs are \$1743 per person for the entire week, tax and fees. That covers Taber Inn (\$503 per person, double occupancy); guides (\$550 per pair per 6-hour trip, ); dinners (\$120 per person for five meals); shirts: (\$20).

Personal costs include tips on the lodge, guides, and dinner as well as travel and lodging to and from Mystic, Conn. on Sept. 17 and/or Sept. 18

Breakfasts and lunch costs also excluded. But anglers are encouraged to voluntarily organize and supply breakfast and lunch provisions to make those meals more convenient and economical during the week.



Bruce Strachan hides behind a False Albacore that he caught last September during the MFFC Striper Outing.

All costs for Taber Inn are refundable up to 100 days prior to Sept. 18. After that Taber Inn fees are forfeited. Guide and catering costs are refundable up to 21 days prior to Sept. 18.

Make reservations with Strachan (248-346-6391; [bruced0402@gmail.com](mailto:bruced0402@gmail.com)).



# A Tie Along *A Small Saltwater Fly that Catches Big Fish*

MFFC Activity Meeting, Jan. 19

## By Bruce Strachan

I tied Bucktail Deceivers, Surf Candies, Zonkers and Bucktail Clausers, all in sizes 1/0 to 4/0, for our inaugural MFFC Striper Trip only to find out this Silverside Spearing pattern on a mere #1 or #2 size saltwater hook was my "go-to fly."

Captain Jack Balant, our lead guide, set this choice that caught Blues and Albies for me. Heed the old lessons ... follow your guide's instructions and take note that small flies do catch big fish!

This pattern information is the courtesy of Stone River Outfitter. If you don't tie flies, call them up and buy a few.

The Long Island fishery for Stripers, Blues and Albies calls for flies that "match the hatch" of a seemingly endless list of prey fish. Depending on the season, you will encounter squid, mullet, silversides, anchovies, herring, worms, etc, etc.

Enjoy tying this pattern then go East!

## Resources

The EZ Silverside Spearing saltwater fly from Stone River Outfitters is a surf-candy style baitfish ideal for Northeast Striped Bass, Atlantic Bonito, and False Albacore along the New England seacoast. It was the popular choice in the first MFFC Striper Outing last September in Mystic, Conn.

The EZ Silverside will be the feature fly at the Activities Meeting tie-along with Bruce Strachan, Jan. 19 at the Plymouth Cultural Center in Plymouth.

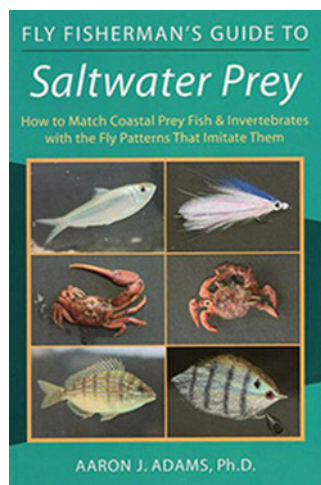
For a how-to video or to check out Stone River Outfitter scan the following QR codes:



Fly tying  
Video

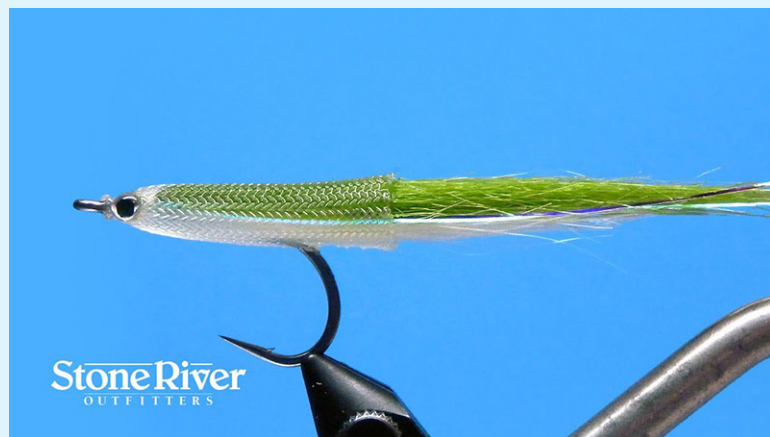


Stone River  
Outfitters



*Fly Fisherman's Guide to Saltwater Prey* by Aaron J. Adams, Ph.D. offers detailed descriptions and fly patterns of these and many more saltwater prey.

*Flyfisher's Guide to the Northeast Coast* by Phil Shook is an excellent introduction to where, when and how to fish the Connecticut and Rhode Island coast of Long Island Sound.



## Stone River Outfitters *EZ Silverside Spearing*

**Hook:** Mustad C68S sizes 1/0-02 or similar \*

**Thread:** White Danvilles 140denier Flymaster Plus or similar

**Wing:** Select white and olive bucktail

**Lateral Line:** Opal Mirage Flashabou or similar

**Body:** Natural/medium EZ Body tubing

**Eyes:** 1/8 inch Silver epoxy eyes

**Finish:** Liquid Fushion clear urethane glue \*\*

\* Preferred size for the 2021 MFFC Striper Outing was #1 or #2 saltwater hooks

\*\* Clear two-part 5 minute or Clear UV based adhesives i.e. Clear Cure Goo



## *So You Want to be a Professional Fly Tyer?*

Want to tie for a living? Well, don't quit your day job but the Old Au Sable Fly Shop in Grayling is looking for some fly tyers to help them fill their bins this winter with hatch match flies and historically local patterns.

The shop has a team of tyers that range from those who wrap hooks for a good slice of their income to those who tie just enough to offset the cost of a new fly rod. If you're interested email them at [info@oldausable.com](mailto:info@oldausable.com).

# From Harassment to Right-of-Way, a CO Answers All

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stopped it," it is no longer an accessible area. "If in the past it (public access) was stopped, now you have to abide by the State laws.

**Hatch:** "What about intermittent streams?"

**Luther:** "Don't quote me. I'm not a lawyer, but for intermittent streams, if the water level rises and you can get there, then it's navigable," said Luther. There was an exchange between CO Lawrence and Chris Hunter. "I knew you were a lawyer," said Lawrence. Everyone laughed.

**Hatch:** "Is the state putting more kayak launches in?"

**Luther:** "Yes. PRD (Parks and Recreation Division) is providing more accessibility to more people, even in the City of Detroit." Luther spoke about specific kayak accessible access points. Renee Gall indicated she was going in anyway, access point or not. (She evidently left Todd Schotts and her husband Bob standing by the car wondering what to do.)

**Hatch:** "If you are going to access these points?"

**Luther:** "You need a license. Did you have a license?"

**Hatch:** "Is there a reason I was denied access at [point redacted]?"

**Luther:** "They didn't like you," Luther shot back. After the laughter died down, he continued.

If it does not make sense. "Ask questions. Continue to ask questions until you get an answer that is legitimate."



*DNR conservation officer holds a set of antlers from an untagged deer, confiscated during the firearm season*

**Hatch:** "What about easements?"

**Luther:** "When easements are involved, it depends on what the easement is for," said Luther. "For it to be recreational trespassing, it would have to be posted, or there is no way my partner and I could enforce it. That doesn't mean that the sign wasn't taken down, because that happens, but it was posted at one point."

After joking with Dennis Brukwinski, a question was posed about Detroit

River access.

**Luther:** "It is no joke on the Detroit River. There are launches available. I would recreate at St. Jean's inlet so you can launch your vessel safely."

**Hatch:** "What do I do if I am being harassed for fishing?"

**Luther:** "I highly recommend you videotape what you see as hunter, or angler, harassment. It is a challenging situation." For example, CO Luther asked, "Is tree trimming legal? Yes. On personal property, it is legal," even if it is disrupting the hunter nearby. "People find unique ways to implement hunter or angler harassment. I recommend you contact your Conservation Officers. Sometimes the mere presence of us can stop it. We are impartial. We need to be visible and be there, and we also need to be in the woods catching you doing what you shouldn't - like over possession."

**Hatch:** "On your day off, where do you go fishing?"

**Luther:** "There are two places. Bellville Lake - good fishing, and Newburgh Lake, because I take my daughter. If I can, hopefully, this year, the Detroit River. I patrol with the Sheriff's deputy every year on that water," said Luther.

**Hatch:** Then directed at CO Lawrence, "And you? Where do you fish?"

**Luther:** "My stepfather used to take me to Proud Lake...and take us smelt fishing way up there...Bluegill, Sunfish...It was so peaceful."

**Hatch:** "What vehicles do you use?"

**Luther:** "We have quite a few vessels. Safe boats, flat bottom mud boats, jet skis - sometimes the only way to catch them is on a jet ski. Some jet ski operators are....(bad). Most of the people we are seeing are recreating. They are happy. Remember, wherever you go, we can go. How else are we going to protect your resources?"

**Hatch:** "Are all the vessels clearly marked?"

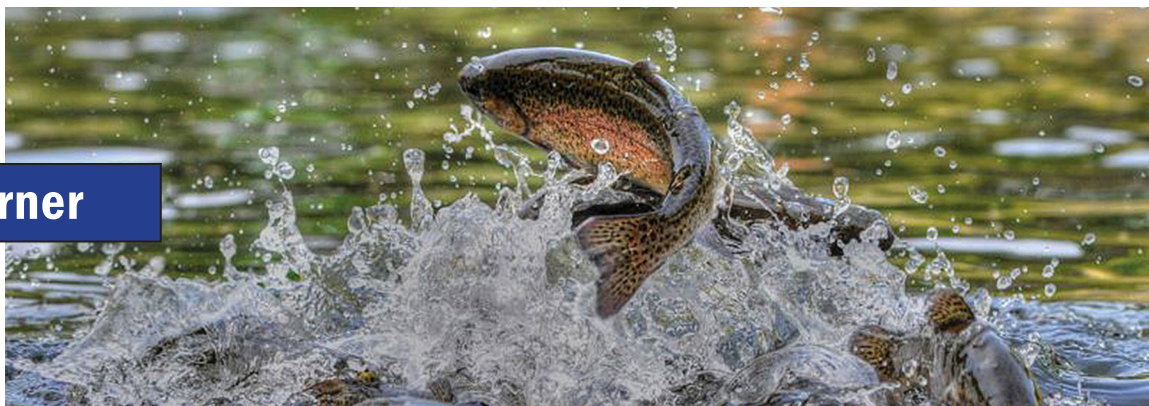
**Luther:** "I'm going to take the fifth," said CO Luther at the amusement of the attendees. "The ones we stop you in are. We have a whole section of detectives; you would never know."

**Hatch:** "Is the current administra-



*Not every day is a serious one with conservation officers. Here a pair teamed up with Ronald McDonald to promote wearing life jackets on the Detroit River.*

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Peter Albertson's

# Conservation Corner

**Maine Fishing :** New information forwarded this month from Tom Doyle regarding Maine fishing and ecosystem balancing. Scan the QR code below to read more.

**PFAS:** Environmental Working Group published a guide to avoiding PFAS Chemicals. See QR codes below to download a copy. Other valuable environmental information is available on their main website.

Marine Fishing



GWG Main Website



Guide for Avoiding Pfas



**Johnson's Creek:** In December I attended a renovation meeting covering document status update. See QR code below for Northville Township website to read presentation contents. Northville Township filed a lawsuit against Arbor Hills to protect Johnson Creek, Nov. 10, 2021. The township anticipates a discharge status update presentation by the DNR in January although due to litigation status, the meeting will likely be delayed.

Northville Township Website for Johnson's Creek



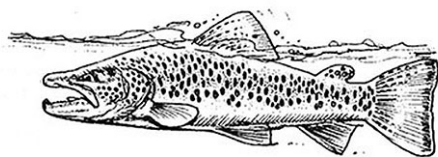
**Pipe Line 5:** For an overview of Pipe Line 5 go to michigan.gov. for "Line 5: Line Five - Overview - State of

## *A Fishy Job; USF&W Looking For Taggers to Clip & Count Salmon*

The Fish and Wildlife Service's Mass Fish Marking Program will be recruiting staff this winter to begin working in the 2022 tagging season starting in March. These positions will be permanent intermittent (when we need folks) that pay around \$16/ hour with OT.

The positions will assist the Biologist in charge of the trailer operations by clipping and tagging the fish that are rejected by the Autofish trailer and loading the trailer with fish.

All training will be provided, and no previous experience



Michigan." For the status on Enbridge's effort to move case to federal court scan the Bridge Magazine QR code.

State Website for Line 5



Line 5 Overview



Line 5 Timeline



**Of Interest:** The 30-minute video *Sam and Me* on YouTube regarding climate and saving our winters is an interesting perspective from a younger view point. Steelhead regulations have been updated by the DNR and can be viewed online.

**Fishtown Threat:** Take a minute and find out what the Great Lakes Restorative Initiative encompasses for your Great Lakes in this Bridge Magazine article.

Sam & Me Video



Steelhead Regulations



Fishtown Threat



Please recall that topics are as brought forward by MFFC members. I hope to see more Conservation Corner items from our membership.

If you have any environmental issues that concern you, please contact me: Peter Albertson; cell phone 248-921-9103 or email [palbertsontsp@me.com](mailto:palbertsontsp@me.com).

is needed. Employees would be traveling to state and federal fish hatcheries around Lake Michigan on 5-10-day tours with all expenses (hotel, meals, mileage) paid. We are looking to hire about 6-8 folks. Location is not an issue as the employee would be traveling from their homes to the hatcheries for all tours.

Those interested should contact Chuck Bronte (920-412-8079) for more information or go to [USAJOBS.GOV](http://USAJOBS.GOV) to apply.

## COs: Law Enforcement in the Woods

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tion supporting you?"

**Luther:** "I have never seen any administration not support us," said Luther. "They pay me. We are Statewide enforcement. My jurisdiction is The State of Michigan. Do they support us? Absolutely!"

**Hatch:** "Are there any species that are more problematic?"

**Luther:** "Silver Bass can be challenging. A lot of fish come in...people can become a little bit greedy. Steelhead can be problematic on the Huron. People can become...protective...sometimes in a bad way. One of those places is right under the bridge."

**Hatch:** "Is the wildlife in Michigan generally pretty healthy?"

**Luther:** "Yes, on the whole, they are generally pretty healthy. There are some problems with deer." Invasive species can be a problem too. "If I see them, I stop them with weeds hanging from their trailer. COs focus on aquatic invasive species. We do a lot of education, but sometimes that education comes with a piece of paper that costs some money."

**Hatch:** "What about hunting deer?"

**Luther:** "You can check your deer in on a mobile app. Some of the younger generations never get off their phones, so it works out," said Luther.

**Hatch:** "What about boat check stations to enter the State? Is Michigan going to put them in?"

**Luther:** "DUI checkpoints have been deemed unconstitutional in the State of Michigan, so assessing they are similar, I would assume they are illegal." CO Luther added, "The fastest way statutes get changed is when you, the user, get



Anglers who landed a Master Angler fish last summer began receiving their patches this month from the DNR Fisheries Division. The 2021 patch features a black crappie.

involved. That avenue is your best avenue to get change."

With Kevin tapping on his watch, because we all lost track of time, the evening ended.

CO Kevin Luther was accompanied by CO Martin Lawrence, who served 25 years on the streets of Detroit and who recently reentered the academy to become a Michigan Conservation Officer. He is training alongside CO Luther, who, when we saw him last, was completing his CO training!

Questioners included: Art Mikkola; Bill Lehman; Hark Hendricks; Todd Schotts; Terry Heron; Dennis Brukwinski; Jim Fischer; Dave Gibson; Scott Freeburg and others.



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