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COMMERCIAL FISHING

Here we go again! It is super important to contact your state rep and tell them to oppose house bills 5801 and 5802.

House Bills 5801 and 5802 have just been introduced in Lansing. These bills would significantly deregulate commercial fishing and open the door to harvestin and selling species like walleye, perch, crappie, lake trout and burbot from the Great Lakes.

Opening these fisheries to commercial harvest risks undoing decades of progress. We've seen it before—overharvest helped wipe out lake trout populations in the Great Lakes. Around the world, poorly managed commercial fishing has repeatedly ruined fisheries.

Today, Michigan has a relatively small number of commercial fishers—but more than ONE MILLION recreational anglers. These bills would shift access to a shared public resource away from the many and toward a select few, putting thousands of livelihoods at risk. Even more concerning: a large number of House legislators have signed on as sponsors.

Now is the time to speak up. Contact your state representative. Call or email their office and tell them:

- You oppose HB 5801 and 5802
- You support protecting Michigan's sport fisheries
- You urge them to withdraw support and vote NO

Our Great Lakes fisheries belong to all of us. Let's protect them.

Here is a link to find your rep:

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APRIL 2026 LSCWA'S FIRST DERBY OF THE YEAR

The weather sucked but the fish cooperated. Lakeside Fishing Shop was hosted by Julie, owner of Lakeside. Julie had pizza, cookies, water that helped make a tuff weekend weather wise more enjoyable. With all that being said the walleye didn't disappoint, some nice size walleye came from a lot of different locations in the club's derby boundaries. See pics for results.

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- APRIL DERBY				
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OPEN				
MARK BUCKMAN	1.93	18 3/4		
ERIC LOGGINS	2.27	19 1/2		
CONI DISANTO	1.95	18 3/4		
JOE DISANTO	1.91	18 1/2		
BRANDON STANEN	3.53	22 1/2	(4)	
PETE HONNEA	3.96	22 1/2	(3)	
MIKE DORTSCH	7.44	26 1/2	(1)	
SHAYEL MOORE	3.16	20 1/2	(5)	
DAVID FILARSKI	1.70	17 1/2		
TOM RALINGTON	5.05	25	(2)	
YOUTH				
MURREL WILLIAM II	1.93	18 1/2		
FRANKIE HEIDT	1.68	17 3/4		
MIKE FILARSKI	1.67	17 1/2		
JACOB FILARSKI	1.63	17 1/2		

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JANNI KEON	5.97	26	(2)	
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DON MURRAY	3.96	23 3/4		
NICH MARNOSHI	4.97	24 1/2	(5)	
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ALTERNATES

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SPRING 2026**

May 20th.....General Membership Meeting
 May 22-24..... May Derby weigh in at Anglers Point 3-4pm
 May 25th..... Memorial day
 May 27th.....BOD meeting
 June 6-7Bo Tournament
 June 17th.....June General membership meeting
 June 19-21st..... June Derby
 June 24th.....BOD meeting

MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

**May 20, 2026
at 7:30**

**American Legion Post 4
401 N Groesbeck Hwy, Mt Clemens, MI 48043**

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is happening in and around the Club
www.lscwa.net**

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Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

Dan Schmidt, Ron Koscielski, Mark Carlson, John Dolney, Dale Billings, Curtis Patton, Rob Kennedy, Bob Peterson, Joann Koch, and Richard Koch all enjoyed breakfast at Bob Evan's the first warm morning of 2026. Boat safety was the predominate topic talked about. Our next breakfast will be at Jane's Bridgeview Bistro 28409 South River Rd and Bridgeview st 8am on May 27th.

Time for may flies!



300 CURRENT MEMBERS

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MEMBERS:

DUES MUST BE CURRENT
TO FISH ALL DERBIES!

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



President's Corner

I'm going to start right off with bad news, in case you haven't heard MUCC made the hard decision to dissolve due to bankruptcy and I can't believe some of the responses I've seen....people happy to see it go because they feel MUCC didn't support their wishes or went against what they wanted. Those

folks don't realize that MUCC was in Lansing talking to our state reps and state senators trying to do what the MUCC membership asked them to do from the convention votes. It's no coincidence in the same week that the commercial fishing bills were re-introduced. What's next, who knows... we could be facing a situation that Oregon is in with a move to try to ban hunting. We don't have a voice now and it could get ugly fast. There is talk of some type of reorganization but as of now we're literally back to being outsiders looking in.

Now, more bad news, sorry but this one hits even closer to home for myself. Recently on Saginaw Bay three men lost their lives after their boat capsized and they were not found until the next day. Was it preventable?...who knows until the investigation is complete but I do know they went out in less than favorable conditions. I can't say it enough, no fish is worth your life. Safety gear is essential, not only life jackets but signaling and back up communication devices. Since my own close call I've invested in a ditching bag, floating handheld radios with gps etc. I offer up my prayers to the families of these men and please if anything, learn from this tragedy.

Our April Derby at Lakeside had a great turn out, I unfortunately missed it due to work but Julie was once again the great host and happy to see our members show up to support the club and Lakeside. Lakeside Fishing Shop has experienced quite the rebound from a few years ago when Julie became the owner after working for Captain Dan & Veronica for over 30 years. If there's something you want they don't carry or would like to see them carry, talk to Julie, she is one of the most responsive business owners I've ever met. May's derby will be held at Anglers Point Marina on May 24th, 3-4pm.

May's membership meeting will feature a shore fishing presentation by Fisher Brad, a local charter captain & guide. We will be talking more about the MUCC situation, boat safety and we will have our usual raffles, merchandise and more, hope to see you there 7:30 pm, May 20th at the American Legion Hall Post 4, 401 N. Groesbeck Hwy, Mt. Clemens MI.

This is YOUR club, be part of it.

Rich Benson, President LSCWA.

Detroit River King

David Filarski

On the afternoon of April 17th, 2026, Lee Thomas and I were trolling for walleye just north of Windmill Point, dodging freighters in the shipping channel at the mouth of the Detroit River. It was a standard, peaceful outing until one of our boards flew back and completely disappeared. My first thought was “That’s not a walleye.” All I knew for sure was that we hooked something big. After a grueling 15-minute battle, we finally landed my first-ever Michigan King Salmon—a 32-inch beauty. To say we were surprised is an understatement. This impressive fish couldn’t resist a white #7 Flicker Shad.



LSCWA Proposed By law Changes

Revisions 7/23/25 pending approval.

Article 1 Sec 3: Removed and shall be the custodian of the Club seal.

Article 1 Sec 4: Removed: In addition, the Treasurer must provide the same for a quarterly audit.

Article 3 Sec 1: Removed: Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) membership, National Wildlife Federation (NWF) affiliation, Ontario Federation of Hunters and Anglers (OFHA) affiliation. MUCC Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine.

Fishing the Detroit River

By Dan Schmidt

Gunsmoke charters fishing the club derby with four members, John Marconi, Tim Schwark, Pete Kohnen and Dan Schmidt with Captain Brandon Stanton. We have fished with Brandon for the last 3 years. We have caught a lot of fish in this time.



16th Annual Bo Soulliere Walleye Tournament

June 6-7

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below for an entry form.



AOY STANDINGS After April Derby

By Dan Schmidt

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Reel Into Fishing Camp

By Bob Barnes

On July 30, 2026 we will be fishing Lake St Clair. I am currently looking for six boats (have four) to take the three kids and one adult on each boat out from 8am to noon. Boats will launch from the LSCMP boat launch. Please contact me or the club hotline 586.778.0480 if you can help.

Getting kids involved in fishing and the great outdoors is the best thing we can do for the future of our sport.



Robert Kennedy

Winner of the 2026 St Jeans Annual Boat Pass.

Thank you, Riverside Marina, for your donation which raised \$250 for the club.



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Strawberry Fields	51070 Foster And 23 Mile 8am March 25th
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Kevin Lee



Experiencing the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association for the first time...

offers a blend of thrilling fishing action, community camaraderie, and a deep connection with Michigan's waters.

By: Shantell Moore Outdoors

ABOUT: Founded in July, 1976, this family-oriented group is dedicated to the preservation of Lake St. Clair and its walleye population, with an emphasis on helping fishermen learn walleye fishing. The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association has never strayed from its proclaimed purpose to work to protect, improve and share the fishing experience (and have fun doing it).

A Day on the Water -April Derby

My first time participating in the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association's monthly derby was last weekend, and boy was it fun! It was an unforgettable glimpse into Michigan's vibrant fishing culture on Lake St. Clair. Arriving mid-day to the launch with Nick Markowski, and Chad Beardslee, the crisp spring air was filled with anticipation and excitement as we headed to their first fishing spot. Both experienced local anglers, Nick and Chad, did a phenomenal job at showing me how to break down water and their method of finding "hot spots" that hold walleye on Lake St. Clair. The entire experience and trip on the water was one to remember!

Not only did we catch several walleye trolling crank baits, but we also caught several other fish ranging from multiple small mouth bass, a musky (my FIRST TIME ever seeing a Musky caught! How cool!), junior Pike, and to my absolute surprise, I reeled in a HUGE "sheepshead"/freshwater drum that measured 26 inches (just shy of being a Master Angler).

As we continued fishing throughout the day into the night, the weather picked up. Nick was determined to get those big walleyes, so we stayed a little longer and it sure paid off as we reeled in a nice 4.97 pounder! Around 11pm we pulled lines and headed in. Although I was certainly nervous to ride back to the launch with the change in weather, especially as it was my first time being in the LSC rollers that I have heard about. But despite my hesitation on the weather, Nick and Chad got us into harbor safe! It was a great day!

Community and Camaraderie – day of the weigh in

What struck me most was the sense of community during the weigh in! Seasoned anglers greeted me with warm, welcoming smiles and introductions. with friendly advice and encouragement, sharing tips on bait

selection, trolling speeds, and prime fishing spots. Even despite being a newcomer, everyone made me feel like I had.

April 19th 2026

Been part of this community for years! This welcoming atmosphere made the experience even more enlightening, even for someone unfamiliar with the subtle rhythms and success of walleye fishing on Lake Saint Clair.

Learning the Ropes

I quickly learned that patience and attention to detail are crucial. Watching expert anglers navigate currents and adjust lures underscored the blend of skill and intuition involved in walleye fishing. The association also promotes conservation practices, emphasizing sustainable fishing and respect for Lake St. Clair's ecosystem, which added a meaningful dimension to the experience.

Reflection

As the day ended, I left with more than a few fish stories; I gained an appreciation for the blend of recreation, mentorship, and conservation that defines the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association. For anyone curious about fishing water ways in Southeast Michigan, experiencing this association firsthand is both educational and inspiring, offering lessons in technique, a celebration of local waters, and a welcoming community spirit that keeps anglers returning year after year, check out the LSCWA's website for more information.

This article captures the excitement and community aspects of a first-time visit to the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association, blending personal reflections with the broader culture and values of the association.

Shantell Moore



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