GOVERNOR APPOINTS LOCAL SPORTSMAN TO FISH & BOAT COMMISSION

On June 3rd Governor Tom Wolf appointed Dan Pastore as the PA Fish and Boat Commissioner for District 1 replacing recently retired Ed Mascharka. District 1 covers Erie, Crawford, Forest, Mercer, Warren, Venango Clarion, Butler and Lawrence Counties.

Dan Pastore is an attorney and co-founder and chairman of FishUSA. He is an avid fisherman and has provided immeasurable support to our fishery. Dan has been a great supporter of the SONS and we are looking forward to working with him. We are fortunate to have our last four commissioners for District 1 who know the needs of this unique fishery. Dan’s appointment was confirmed by the State Senate on June 18th. State Senator Dan Laughlin who is a member of the Fish and Game Committee endorsed Mr. Pastore’s appointment.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is an independent administrative commission consisting of ten competent citizens of the Commonwealth who are appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the Pennsylvania Senate. Commissioners serve for terms of four years.

Two members of the Commission serve at large and are experienced in boating and water safety education. The remaining eight members each represent a specific geographic district. They are persons well informed on the subjects of conservation, restoration, fish and fishing, and boats and boating.

Also appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate were:

Charlie Charlesworth of Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County, was confirmed as one of two boating-at-large commissioners on the board.

William Gibney of Honesdale, Wayne County, was confirmed as the District 7 commissioner, representing Carbon, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming counties.

Eric Hussar of Lewisburg, Union County, was confirmed as the District 5 commissioner, representing Bradford, Columbia, Lycoming, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder, Sullivan, Tioga and Union counties. Hussar served a previous 4-year term representing District 5 and served as board president.

Richard Kauffman of Leesport, Berks County, was confirmed as the District 8 commissioner, representing Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Schuylkill counties. Kauffman previously represented District 8 for two years, filling the remaining term of a former commissioner who had resigned.

CURRENT LEADERS IN SONS SUMMER FISHING CONTEST

As of July 8th the following fish are leading in the SONS Summer Fishing contest:

**Senior Division**

**Walleye**
- Weighing: 10 lbs 5 oz
- Caught by: Don Tome

**Perch**
- Weighing: 1 lb 5 oz
- Caught by: Joe Egnot

**Junior Division**

**Walleye**
- Weighing: 7 lbs 8 oz
- Caught by: Colton Barto

**Perch**
- None entered yet

For an update of contest leaders check our web page at sonsoflakeerie.org

FOR SALE: **Boat**: 1990 Carver Montego 26 ft Model 2557, Fiberglass hull, Merc Cruiser 350, galley, head, shower, radio, power trim tabs, AC/DC refrigerator, nice, low hours, $8,500 or best offer Call Dennis at 814-450-0190 Can be seen at Lampe Marina.

FOR SALE: **Boat**: 1988 Penn Yann, model: Game Fisher 180, 4.3L Mercruiser I/O, Bimini top and fish finder included, 624 hours, very good condition, Shorelander trailer included, all fiberglass inside and out $4750 call Dave 814-602-4461

FOR SALE: **Boat**: 16 ft Bass boat w/ 40 hp Merc & trolling motor and fish finder Call Dan 814-881-8567
JOIN A FRIEND TODAY!
MAIL TO: S.O.N.S., PO BOX 3605, ERIE, PA 16508

RECORD OF MEMBERSHIP
2019
Name __________________________
Address _______________________________________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip ___________
Phone __________________________ Date ___________
☐ Renew ☐ New $5.00 ADULT $4.00 SR. CITIZEN (over 65) $3.00 JR. (under 16)

2019 MEMBERSHIP PIN
If you would like to have a 2019 S.O.N.S. member pin, you can pick one up at one of the upcoming events or our meetings. If you would like one mailed to you, send $3.00 to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie PO Box 3605 Erie, PA to cover mailing costs.

FISH STORY!
from Jeremy Scott

Shown here is a picture of a Walleye my dad John Scott caught on 06-23-19 while fishing with me in 47 feet off the point using a #4 Bagley Bango in Silver & Chartreuse Green on 12lb mono line 120 feet back of big boards going 2.4 mph. We did not measure or weigh it but I estimate it to have been over 30” long and 10lbs. We limited out w/18 fish from 630 am to 10am and threw back another four while trying to clear lines at the end.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Fri. July 19th 10-2 Waterworks Pond PISP Union City family Support Center Outing Vol. needed
Tues. July 23rd 10:20-12 Liberty Pier Neighborhood Art House Fishing Volunteers needed
Fri. July 26th 10-12 Lawrence Park Public Library National Fishing Month Vol. needed to do casting
Sat. July 27th 8-12 Waterworks Pond PISP Discover Presque Isle Family Fishing Volunteers needed
Mon. July 29th 12-2 Waterworks Pond PISP Edinboro YMCA Kids fishing Volunteers needed
Mon. Aug. 5th 5-? Shade’s Beach Volunteers’ Picnic
Mon. Aug 12th 1-3 Waterworks Pond PISP St. George’s Summer Day Camp Volunteers needed
Tues. Aug 13th 5-8 Liberty Pier 8 Great Tuesdays Family Fishing Volunteers needed
*Sat. Aug. 24th 8-12 Gem City Outdoorsman Club Youth Field Days Volunteers needed
*Thur. Aug. 29th 11-2 Waterworks Pond LECOM Senior Center Fishing Volunteers needed

* These events were just added to the list since our May meeting

Watch for changes in the upcoming summer issues of the Bucket

FISH STORY!
from Jeremy Scott

Jack Klapthor and I were out fishing last weekend and one of the fish we caught was a 31.5 inch walley that we caught in 40 feet of water off the Lighthouse on the planer boards with 12# test line and a #4 Bango lure 120-200 feet back going 2.3 mph.

Do you have a great FISH story?
SONS VOLUNTEERS PICNIC SET FOR AUGUST 5TH

Since July 2018 our super team of volunteers has generously donated their time and hard work on at least 55 different occasions. 166 different individuals volunteered at least once during that 12 month period working over 5000 hours at family fishing events, hatchery operations, shows, habitat building, kids’ events and more. Our member volunteers are the greatest bunch of people that I have had the privilege to work with. I am so proud of what we have accomplished thanks to them and the rest of our membership. As an expression of our gratitude we would like to invite those individuals listed below to attend our Volunteers’ Picnic on Monday, August 5th starting at 5:00 PM at Shade’s Beach in Harborcreek Township. The list below contains the names of those volunteers who have participated at least 3 times since last July. There are some special guests included on the list who have gone out of their way to help our club.


IF YOU VOLUNTEERED AT LEAST THREE TIMES SINCE LAST JULY AND YOUR NAME WAS LEFT OFF OF THE LIST CALL 814-453-2270.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE PICNIC PLEASE CALL 814-453-2270 NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1

FOR SALE: Dock Grip: Attaches to boat dock to aid getting on and off your boat. See web site at dockgrip.com. Used 2 years. Asking $100. Please call 814-833-4581 for details.

COTTAGE FOR SALE on Crooked Creek in North Springfield, PA. Call David at 814-882-2927. More information and photos can be seen on line at http://www.infotube.net/search_detail.php?photo=1&Adnumber=264667
On June 19th at a special media event FISH USA’s president and CEO announced that his company and the American Fishing Tackle Co. (AFTCO) have joined together and contributed $10,000 to the Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System (GLATOS). This is not new for either company. It is all part of their plans to support our fishery. If you recall, the SONS of Lake Erie, the Erie Charter Captains Assoc. and the Erie Sport Fishing Assoc. as well as others contributed initially to the program to get it started. The PFBC followed up this year by purchasing more transmitters and receivers.

The Great Lakes Acoustic Telemetry Observation System (GLATOS) is a network of researchers on both the American and Canadian borders of the Great Lakes who study how different fish species behave in these expansive bodies of water. Through various projects, researchers work to track the movements and understand the migration patterns of sport fish and other species in the Great Lakes. This information is used by fisheries managers to set fishing season dates, creel and size limits to create a sustainable fishery for anglers.

Twenty more walleye were implanted with transmitters and tagged and released on April 23rd this year. Coincidently fish #21 (the first fish tagged this year) was caught in 45 foot of water off of the Brocton Water Tower out of Dunkirk New York on a fishing Charter. This male has traveled roughly 57 miles (if it were a straight line) in 56 days! Another fish was caught last year off of Raccoon Creek within weeks of being released. The transmitters were recovered and will be re-deployed. The receivers were pulled and data recovered in June of 2018. They “pinged” our walleye more than 3000 time however it was too soon to really give us a firm picture of the walleye’s migration. We should know more when the receivers are pulled this year. The whole purpose of the program is to track migration and determine whether we have a local population. For more information go to the GLATOS web site at: https://glatos.glos.us/

FIN AND FUR WINNER GOES FISHING

on the Charter boat, the ‘Water Bok’ along with Captains Steve Skrypzak and Tom Mascharka. Scott Esser of Gibsonia, PA won the third prize at our 2019 Fin and Fur drawing. It was for a fishing trip donated by Captains Steve and Tom. On Fri June 21 Matt Esser boarded the Water Bok along with 5 companions. By the end of the day they caught 30 walleye.

Photo of Fin and Fur Winner Scott Esser and his guests taken on the Water Bok prior to departure.
Fishing Report:
Walleye fishing has been phenomenal. Perch ok when you can find them.

No Meetings Until September!!!
Have a Fun and Safe Summer!