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**Fishing Report:** As of the writing of this issue of the "Bucket" the Perch fishing has been phenomenal. I even caught some. The Walleye fishing is picking up.

## PFBC FISHERIES COMMITTEE MET IN ERIE

The PFBC Fishery Committee held a meeting in Erie on June 22, 2011 at the T.R.E.C. Commissioner Robert Bachman, the fishery committee chairman, conducted the meeting. Commissioners Ed Macharka, William Sabatose, G.Warren Elliot and Norman Gavlick were in attendance as well as some PFBC staff.

There was discussion over a proposed rulemaking that would adopt an adaptive management approach to setting the creel limits for walleye and perch on Lake Erie. Under the plan the PFBC Executive Director would monitor the harvest and population forecasts for these two species and establish daily limits that are necessary and appropriate for the better management of the fishery. The Exec. Director will establish daily limits for walleye and perch and will announce them on or before April 15 each year. In any given year, the Exec Director may revise daily limits for walleye and perch if he determines that conditions so warrant. The daily limits will remain in effect until the Exec. Dir. establishes new daily limits. Anglers will be responsible for obtaining the current daily limits for walleye and yellow perch on Lake Erie including Presque Isle Bay prior to fishing those waters. This change to the fish code has not been adopted yet.

The purpose of the change is to allow the commission to be reactive to changes in the fishery. In the event of serious decline of walleye and perch populations, remedies can be immediately enacted. Normally it takes at least two years to enact regulation changes.

The full Fish Commission held a meeting in Harrisburg, PA on July 11 & 12 and this adaptive creel limit was adopted. The Commissioners also approved a recommendation to establish a Lake Erie cast net permit for sport anglers who want to harvest emerald shiners and spottail shiners, which are popular baitfish. The \$10 permit allows anglers to take a combined species daily limit of 200. In addition, Commissioners approved a recommendation to increase the number of commercial seine licenses for Lake Erie from 10 to 40.

**WANTED:** Old photographs of Erie's Waterfront-Ships, Boats, Buildings, Fishing and Fishermen, Railroads, etc. Call Jerry at 814-452-6291. I would like to borrow and scan them for my slide presentations.

## FORTUNE and FURY on Sale

If you would like to obtain a copy of Jerry Skrypzak and Dave Frew's new book "Fortune and Fury" about Erie's Commercial Fishing Industry stop by Ed Kissell's store, Anderson Vacuum Cleaner at 801 West 21st St, the Erie County Historical Society, 419 State St., the Watson Curtze Mansion at W 6th and Chestnut St., the Maritime Museum, the T.R.E.C. Center, Heads and Sheds Taxidermy Shop and Poor Richard's Bait Shop. Dave and Jerry will be available to sign books at the volunteers' picnic on Aug. 8th.

## SUNDAY HUNTING BILL INTRODUCED

State Representative John Evans has introduced HB 1760 that would change the 1873 regulation that banned Sunday hunting. The bill that was endorsed by the PA Game Commission would permit hunting on Sunday. HB 1760 is now being considered by the House Game and Fishery Committee.

## GOBIES AREN'T ALL BAD?

*GLSFC Newsletter*

For all the trouble they bring it turns out the invasive round goby might also be doing the Great Lakes a small service. In addition to being a valuable food source for numerous sport fish the small bottom feeder also has an appetite for another more notorious Great Lakes invader — the zebra mussel. Gobies lunch on zebra mussels which have caused millions of dollars in damage due to dense clusters that clog intake pipes and drains. Gobies are one of the mollusks' few predators.

The catch? Zebra mussels are carriers of type E botulism which the gobies help move further up the food chain. The environmental threat of the disease was previously limited due to predator absence. But as invading zebra mussels filter water they also absorb C. botulinum a bacterium present in decaying cladophora algae. The gobies pick up the disease when they gorge on the mussels which then reaches birds that prey on infected gobies and often die as a result. Researchers estimate the botulism outbreak has killed as many as 8000 native and migratory birds. Among the affected are endangered species such as the bald eagle and piping plovers. Botulism has killed an estimated total of 50000 birds on Lakes Erie and Ontario since 1999.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday July 30th** 10:00-2:00  
Discover Presque Isle Family  
Fishing Event at Waterworks Pond  
Volunteers needed

**Wednesday Aug 3rd** 10:30-1:30  
PISP Waterworks Pond Mt. Carmel  
Summer Camp Volunteers  
needed

**Monday August 8th** 5PM-?  
S.O.N.S. Volunteers' Picnic at the  
Lawrence Park Fishing Club

**Thursday August 11th** 10:00-2:00  
PISP Cabin #3 Millcreek Summer

Rec. Fishing Clinic Day 4 Volun-  
teers needed

**Saturday August 20th** Youth Field  
Days at Gem City Outdoorsman's  
Club on Van Kamp Rd. Registra-  
tion for kids at 8:00 AM Volunteers  
need to help kids fish. Call Mike at  
474-2509 if you would like to help.  
Saturday September 13th 10:00-  
3:00 The L.E.A.F. festival at Frontier  
Park. Need a few volunteers to  
teach kids how to cast.

# NO MEETINGS UNTIL SEPTEMBER GOOD FISHING

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## VOLUNTEER PICNIC TO BE HELD ON MONDAY AUGUST 8th

The Annual Picnic honoring our dedicated volunteers will be held on Monday August 8th at the Lawrence Park Fishing Club's picnic area starting at 5:00 PM. The 100+ individuals that are listed below are invited to attend the picnic. These individuals have generously devoted their time and efforts to help out at over 25 S.O.N.S. events and activities between July 2010 and July 2011. They collectively worked over 2000 hours to further the goals of this club.

The Lawrence Park fishing club is located on the bluff overlooking Lake Erie at the foot of Four Mile Creek Rd. The road is just East of the intersection of Rt. 5, Rt. 955 (Iroquois Ave) and Water St. in Lawrence Park Township. Turn North off of Rt. 5 at the former Soudan's Motel and drive past the Lawrence Park Golf Club until you reach the bank of Lake Erie. The Lawrence Park Fishing Club is located on the left side of the road.

If your name is not listed below and you have volunteered at one of the SONS events beginning July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2011 please call 814-453-2270 to have your name added to the guest list. If we left you off of the list, we apologize.

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					Zawadzki Mike

## S.O.N.S. MEMBERSHIP SURPASSES 2000

Thanks to the hard work of many members and especially Gerry Vollentine, Jack Klapthor, Frank Kuzma, Larry Lipinski and John Ott the SONS reached a membership of over 2000 members. These guys made it their goal to sell 2000 memberships this year. The goal was reached on July 2 on the party boat O Danny O when Gerry Vollentine sold the 2000th membership to Steve Reed of West Middlesex, PA. Great Job Guys!!!

L to R Tim Sedney (owner of the O Danny O), Steve Reed (our 2000th member), Gerry Vollentine (champion membership seller) and Bob Zawadzki (SONS director)



## S.O.N.S. DIRECTOR SWIMS ACROSS BAY

S.O.N.S. Director, Frank Kuzma participated in the "Swim Across the Bay" event on June 18th. Frank, who is 78 years old, made the swim along with his wife, Elaine, who is 74 years old. It took them 45 minutes to swim from Vista 3 on Presque Isle to the Erie Yacht Club. This amazing couple made the one mile swim along with over 200 others. You can see more about the event at the Presque Isle Partnership's web page at <http://www.discoverpi.com/events/bay-swim>. The event caps off over 30 years of work of groups like the SONS to make the once polluted bay swimmable.



SONS Director Frank Kuzma poses with Dan Pierce after the Bay swim  
 (Photo is a screen print from PI Partnership web page)

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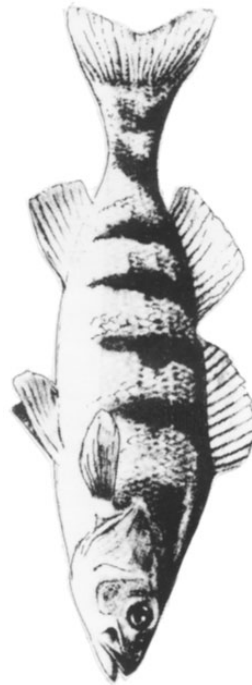
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