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Fishing Report: Walleye fishing is on the decline as the fish move out of their usual locations on their way back to the Western Basin of Lake Erie. Perch fishing has been good when wind and wave conditions cooperate.

(Note: The September General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27th instead of Monday because the PA Fish and Boat Commission will be meeting in Erie on Sept 26 & 27. See Story Below.)



September 27th General Meeting program

will be a highlight of our Summer's activities. Dave Frew and Jerry Skrypzak will be on hand to sign copies of their book "Fortune and Fury" which will be offered for sale at the meeting.

PA FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION TO HOLD MEETING IN ERIE

Reprinted from the August Bucket

Reminder: The quarterly meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will be held on Monday and Tuesday, September 26-27, 2011, at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel located at 55 West Bay Drive, Erie, PA 16507. Commission committees will meet on September 26 beginning at or about 10:00 a.m. and on September 27 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Various PFBC committee meetings will be held on Monday and Tuesday with the general commission meeting beginning at 11:45 AM on Tuesday. All of the committee meetings and the general meeting are open to the public. The executive sessions are not.

TIMES NEWS SUPPLEMENT TO BE PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER

Originally planned for September publication, the Erie Times News is preparing a supplemental to their newspaper that will feature the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie. The special supplemental is being published in honor of our thirtieth anniversary. It will highlight our history, our accomplishments and our goals. Watch for it in your paper during October.

COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN CHARGED FOR ILLEGAL USE OF GILL NETS


On Monday, September 12, 2011, District Justice Sue Mack heard testimony at a preliminary hearing that was held in the Erie County Courthouse regarding charges that were filed against the owners of Erie's last commercial fishing operation, Jerry and Aaron Mathers doing business as the "Last Fisherman".

PFBC's Waterways Conservation Officers filed these charges against the fishermen in August for the illegal use of gill nets and other related offenses. The arrest followed an investigation that was begun by WCO's last May.

Gill nets were outlawed for use in commercial fishing in 1996. The funds were raised by the sale of the Lake Erie Stamp to sport fishermen to compensate the commercial fisherman for the loss of their ability to fish with gill nets. Except for Jerry Mathers all of the other licensed commercial fishermen chose to go out of business. Jerry Mathers chose to continue fishing using trap nets.

Testimony at the hearing revealed that the fishermen had incorporated gill nets into their trap net operation by using them as leads into the trap. Fish were being illegally caught in the gill net leads. District Justice Mack bound the charges over to court where they could be heard in a trial by jury.

It would be a shame if our last commercial fishing operation would cease to exist. Perch and Walleye dinners could disappear from the menus of our local restaurants. Our non-fishing public as well as tourists would miss their perch dinners.



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Beer Batter for Fish

- One Cup Beer
- One Cup Flour
- One Egg
- One teaspoon Baking Powder
- One teaspoon Salt
- One teaspoon Corn Starch
- One Teaspoon Paprika (or Cajun Seasoning)

Mix until blended well.

Coat Fish by dipping and deep-fry in oil at 375 deg.

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.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, SEPT. 27, 2011 7:30 P.M.

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Note: The September General Meeting will be held on Tuesday due to PA Fish & Boat Commission meeting – see left column

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday September 24th

10 to 2 PM National Fishing and Hunting Day at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center

Monday, September 26 and

Tuesday, September 27 PFBC Meeting at the Sheraton Hotel

Tuesday September 27th 7:30 PM

General Membership Meeting at the Polish Falcon's Club



WANTED FOR ESCAPE

Shown here are two photos submitted by former commercial fisherman, Fred Ralph, with three turtles weighing a total of 85 pounds that he caught on July 11th along with his cousin, Bill Ralph at Lake Pleasant. The picture on the right is of a 30-pound turtle that escaped from a barrel where it was kept after Fred and Bill captured it. There was no mention of a reward for its recapture. Turtle soup, anyone?



S.O.N.S. HELD ANNUAL FISH FRY

The S.O.N.S. hosted our annual public outreach fish fry on Wednesday, September 7th at our hatchery at the foot of Chestnut Street in the Erie Waterworks parking lot. The fish fry has taken place annually for over 29 years. The purpose of the event is to acquaint public officials, agency staff, and S.O.N.S. partners with our club and the work that we do.

105 guests were in attendance despite high winds and a threat of rain. Our staff of volunteers included event chairman, Bob Zawadzki, Jack Klaphor, Rich Smith, Larry Lipinski, Mike Felege, Ray Halt, Ed Kissell, Ralph Corvaglia, Cas Haraburda, Frank Kuzma, Paul Holtz, Don Tombaugh, Jim Mattson, Bill Brown, Bill Henderson, Stan Kalecky, Terry Pfeffer, Gerry Vollandine, Ron Bolash, Bob Gibbs and Charlene Markiewicz. The crew cooked over 70 pounds of walleye filets, which brought nothing but praise from those who enjoyed tasting them. The menu also included baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad and pasta salad.

Thanks to Jack Klaphor, Frank Kuzma and Larry Lipinski our ranks grew by 66 members by their efforts to sell memberships to our guests. Our membership is now close to 2100 members.



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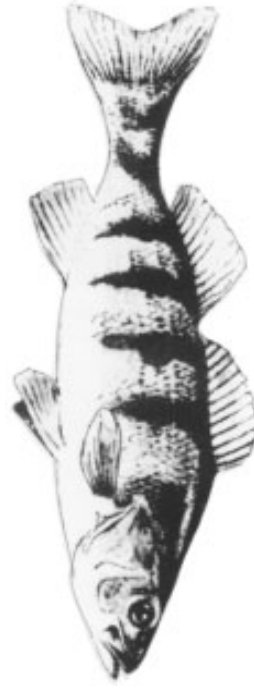
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