

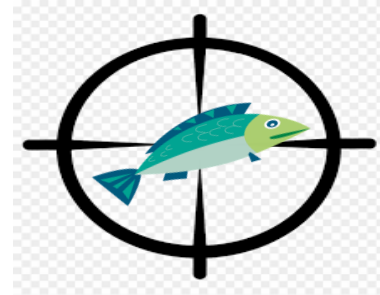
The Quiver

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Consent Decree



By Nick Green

Good afternoon, Insiders.

A group of angling and conservation organizations MUCC belongs to that has been fighting for recreational anglers' rights received its day in court last week.

The Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources has entered a legal battle against the parties, including the Michigan DNR and the State of Michigan, challenging the biological sustainability and questionable outcomes accompanying the proposed successor decree.

Popular recreational fishing waters like Grand Traverse Bay, Big Bay de Noc, Hammond Bay and waters off the ports of Ludington, Frankfort and Grand Haven will see gill nets for the first time in more than four decades if the proposed decree is accepted.

Gill nets are incredibly efficient and effective. They can be fished with small boats and with minimal start-up costs. One CPMR concern is that local fishery stocks will be depleted to near zero, as history has shown us, and recreational anglers will be left with no fish to catch.

This is juxtaposed next to a lake trout fishery that still has not recovered. Spending two days in court listening to Tribal and State attorneys argue about how many fish they should be able to take while ignoring the elephant in the room was eye-opening.

We are currently awaiting the Judge's order, but the parties are expected to be back in court next month. The coalition and the fisheries need your help. Learn more about how to help by going here. <https://protectmiresources.com/>

This article was from the latest "Conservation Insider". To get on the mailing list to this great publication go to : <https://mucc.org/conservation-insider-2/>

Commercial Guiding Bills: What's Myth and What's Fact?

By Nick Green

The Senate Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee passed out an MUCC-supported commercial guiding package (SBs 103,104 and 105) today.

Commercial guiding in Michigan is woefully unregulated. Nothing in state law prevents a serial poacher or felon from guiding. For more than 10 years, Michigan United Conservation Clubs has worked to provide much-needed sideboards for an industry profiting off Michiganders' natural resources.

Recently, myths and mistruths have made the rounds in the media. The conservation, guiding, and natural resources communities have united behind this legislation and are working to help folks better understand what the package would and would not do.

To stay up to date on Senate Bills 103, 104 and 105 and all of MUCC's work on commercial guiding, sign up for our action and information center (copy and paste in browser)
<https://p2a.co/yLKYv8d>

Myth: This legislation represents the most restrictive guiding regulations in the nation

This is a laughable assertion.

Guides in Western states sometimes pay thousands to be licensed. In some states, those same guides have to be licensed under an outfitter that also pays thousands of dollars to be licensed.

There are states that require competency tests, too. This legislation would bring Michigan in line with most of its Great lakes neighbors in terms of the fees and requirements of commercial guides.

Myth: The list of requirements is too burdensome and costly

To acquire a guide license, one must:

- Have a valid hunting/fishing license
- Have a driver's license, state identification card, or a sportscard.
- Be CPR/First Aid certified
- Carry a First Aid kit.
- Be free of violations of specific game laws in the last three years and have no felonies.
- Pay a \$150 fee for a three-year guide license. The fee is waived for existing charter captains regulated by the Coast Guard.

In sum, \$50 a year, being First Aid and CPR certified and not being a convicted poacher or felon are not high bars to ask of a guide.

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Myth: If I am a guide and fail to report on time I now have a criminal record

Fact: Guiding without a license or failing to report are civil infractions under this legislation. Civil infractions are not a part of your “criminal record.”

Myth: How can my favorite conservation non-profit run learn-to-hunt programs without becoming a guide?

Fact: MUCC and other non-profit organizations are exempted from the guiding requirement if they host events to recruit, retain or reactivate a hunter/angler.

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MUCC launches its “#Fight4Fish” Membership Sweepstakes Campaign

FOR DETAILS

Paste this in your browser <https://mucc.rallyup.com/fight4fish/Campaign/Details>

Michigan United Conservation Clubs

OUR MISSION

Uniting citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and Outdoor heritage Since 1937

OUR WORK

Since 1937, Michigan United Conservation Clubs has been the voice of hunters, anglers, trappers and conservationists in Michigan

OUR LEGACY

MUCC led supported or assisted almost every conservation victory in Michigan in the last 86 years.

The Great Lakes are all connected by rivers or straits. What connects Lake Huron and Lake Superior?

- A. Straits of Mackinac
- B. Detroit River
- C. St. Mary’s River

On the Ground: Volunteers remove thousands of feet of old bared wire from Potterville State Game Area



Photo compliments of MUCC

By Kristina Kennedy

On Saturday, May 20, 11 volunteers joined MUCC's On the Ground (OTG) program in partnership with Eaton Conservation District and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to remove old, degraded barbed wire fencing at Potterville State Game Area in Eaton County.

This small but mighty crew removed approximately 10,000 feet of barbed wire from the property, impacting more than 25 acres of wildlife habitat on public land. The stretch of fencing that was removed included a quarter mile of barbed wire along the Thornapple River.

During this project, our team saw a variety of wildlife enjoying the game area that was established in 2019. Species included sandhill cranes, garter snakes, a white-tailed deer fawn, and songbirds like bobolinks and meadowlarks.

Furthermore, a few volunteers assisted DNR Biologist Randy Heinze in constructing a fence along a property boundary to fulfill an agreement that was made during the acquisition of this new game area. This will help ensure that recreationists on this piece of public land won't trespass on private property.

Our next habitat improvement project will take place on Saturday, June 10 in Newberry, MI. To view details or to register for any of the OTG Projects contact **Habitat Volunteer Coordinator Kristina Kennedy** at kkennedy@mucc.org with any questions regarding this event or the OTG program.

Voting Region 7 members at Policy Board Meetings and Conventions

Robert Kruger: New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club Tony Hofsetter: New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club

Greg Peck: All Species Conservation Club David VanLopik: Region 7 IM Representative

Alan Kasdorf : Chair of Parks and Recreation Committee , St Joseph Conservation Club

May NRC Recap

By Justin Tomei

The deer hunting regulatory cycle began in earnest at the May Natural Resource Commission (NRC) meeting.

Chad Stewart, Michigan DNR deer and elk specialist laid out a number of proposed regulation changes which can be found in his presentation [HERE](#). [Wildlife Conservation Order #7 of 2023](#) lays out the proposals and associated regulatory language. Paste in your browser : https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/-/media/Project/Websites/dnr/Documents/Boards/NRC/2023/May-2023/Signed_07WCO2023_INFO.pdf

MUCC also detailed the proposed changes in our [May meeting preview](#).

Commissioner John Walters also proposed regulation changes, while the final language may change, the proposals he put forth are listed here:

- For ALL “Specialty Hunts” (Liberty, Independence, etc.) only antlerless deer shall be harvested.
- Single Deer License – Hunter may harvest either an antlered or an antlerless deer.
- Combo License – Hunter may harvest one antlered deer and one antlerless deer, or two Antlerless deer; but not two antlered deer. Once a combo license has been filled and recorded with the DNR, the hunter may purchase a single license to harvest either an antlered deer or an antlerless deer.
- Lift baiting ban on Upper Peninsula. If CWD is detected in a whitetail deer, the baiting ban will go into effect by following the DNR – CWD Protocol.
 - ALL Opening Days will begin on a Saturday:
- Specialty Hunts – Begin the last Saturday in September.
- Bow Season – Begins on the first Saturday in October and ends on the Friday before firearm deer season
- Firearm deer season begins on the third Saturday in November and ends on the first Sunday in December
- Muzzleloader Season (LP) – Begins on the second Saturday in December for 10 days
- Muzzleloader Season (UP) – Begins the Monday after firearm deer season for 7 days.
- Add Antler Point Restrictions (4 points on one side or greater).
- (LP) – all DMU’s areas where no diseases have been detected.
- (LP) – all DMU’s where CWD and bTb have been detected
- (UP) – DMU 055, 255, 155, 022 and 121
- (UP) – All Upper Peninsula

Commissioners tabled [Wildlife Conservation Order #5 of 2023](#) until the June meeting, still hammering out language changes with the DNR and commissioners and until NRC Chair Tom Baird returns.

Commissioner Walters offered an amendment to the dog tracking order to remove the testing and CPL requirements, specify the tracker must be 18 years of age, removal of the GPS requirement, and that barking dogs are prohibited on public lands during legal big game hunting hours. Commissioner Anthony offered a friendly amendment to strike the barking amendment, which was accepted by Commissioner Walters.

DNR Director Shannon Lott indicated that she will be signing [Wildlife Conservation Order #6 of 2023](#), which sets new regulations for individuals to trap nuisance wildlife at their homes.

The Commissioner’s report became tearful as Commissioner Leslie Love announced her resignation from the NRC and announced her candidacy for United States Senate.

Preceding the committee of the whole, fisheries committee saw a presentation by Dr. Seth Herbst, DNR Fisheries Division on [Inland Walleye Management](#) <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/3066064>

Following the fisheries committee, the wildlife committee will see three presentations.

The first was on Sportsmen Against Hunger. <https://www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org/> The second was a presentation on agent based modeling in CWD monitoring. Lastly, Dwayne Etter of DNR Wildlife Division will be present the [APR study report](#). Paste this in your browser <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/-/media/Project/Websites/dnr/Documents/Boards/NRC/2023/May-2023/APRs.pdf> **To ensure our natural resources remain protected and managed thoughtfully and our outdoor heritage defended, join Michigan United Conservation Clubs today: <http://bit.ly/JoinMUCC>.**

RECAP on Region 7 meeting May 21st at New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club

NBRG Club once again was a great host for our meeting. Policy board member Rob Kurger had a home run on the lunch. Our guest speaker was Lyle Jaworski, President of Michigan Association of Game Birds & Hunting Preserves. One of MUCC affiliate clubs. Fascinating and informative discussion followed.

Former Reed presented a resolution "Deer Hunting Equipment-limited Firearm Zone" Straight walled cartridges from 35 caliber up to 50 caliber. Members at the meeting unanimously agreed to pass it on to Policy Board Meeting for review. He also brought a great photo of him with his Huge Turkey . Congrats!!

Other Topics Covered

Region 7 MUCC Shootout at Grand Valley Cap & Ballers for the 4th year in a row will be our host. More info to follow. July 15th and 16th 3506 26th St. Hopkins Mi. 49382 Question call Ron at 269-209-1770

MUCC West side charity shootout. Friday, June 16th, 2023 at North Ottawa Rod & Gun Club 13084 160th Ave, Grand Haven, MI 49417. To register over the phone please call 517-346-6463

East Side MUCC Charity Shoot : Friday August 11th 2023 Mulit Lakes Conservation Association. 3860 Newton Rd Commerce Charter TWP 48382 Please Call 517-346-6463

If you have never been to New Buffalo you should. I was blown away with the Marina and all the Condos. A big thanks to New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club for once again for being such great hosts.

Michigan is the Great Lake State, well known for its lake's large and small. But in a quirk of geography, there is one county in the state, only one, that does not have a natural lake. What county does not have a natural lake?

- A. Midland County
- B. Saginaw County
- C. Oceana County

August 13 is our next Region 7 Meeting. It will be at Hillsdale County Conservation Club 3835 S. Bird Lake Rd. Osseo Mi 49266

August 26th is our next Policy Board Meeting. Alpena Sportsman Club 4260 M-32 Alpena Mi. 49707. More info to follow.

Inaugural West Side Charity shoot at North Ottawa Rod & Gun Club in Grand Haven, MI. We have two flights with openings still — 10 am and 1 pm. Lunch is included with your registration fee and we have some great prizes for the top gun, top team and the rabbit raffle. We are still accepting sponsors as well. Please reach out if you are interested in sponsoring or know a business that might be interested. Contact Steve Windom at swindom@mucc.org.

Happenings Around the Region

Open to the Public Events June 2023 around our region

Grand Valley Cap & Ballers : Sporting Clays Modern Shotguns, June 17th, July 15 & 16th MUCC and GVCB both days. Sept. 16 Oct. 14th. 9AM to 2:00 Frontier Days August 3-6th "A Big Deal. "

Fennville Rod and Gun Club: Open Trap and Skeet shooting every Sat. afternoon 12-5 PM. See Web site for the many events and details.

Grass Lake Sportsman Club: go to Facebook for updates. June 12th Grass Lake County Park "Take a kid fishing. 9-12

Hillsdale County Conservation Club: EVERY THUR Indoor Archery 6PM-9PM Outdoor 30 3-D target shoots. June 25th, July 23, Aug 26th and 27th, Sept 17th. All Open to the Public. June 10th 28th annual Hillsdale Kiwanis and Hillsdale County Conservation Club "Kids Fishing Derby" 10AM-1:00PM Place: Lewis Emery Park and the Rearing Ponds. Groups:5 and younger, 6-8 12-16. Reg. starts a 9:30 AM (in front of the building.) Questions Call Ted Lopresto @ 517-320-4782 August 13th Region 7 meeting.

New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club: Wed. nights trap shoot 6:30 pm and Sunday practice 10am to 1pm Open to the public.

Dowagiac Conservation Club: Fish Fry all you can eat June 19th. 4:30 to 7PM Adults \$12 children 12 and under \$6 CPL intro Class July 18th -6PM-8PM CPL Carry Class June 24th & 27th 8AM- 5PM contact www.hembock.com June 11th 3-D Archery Shoot 30 targets 8AM-12PM \$10 Adults 16 and under Free.

Bend of the River Conservation Club: June on Mondays 8-5 Wed's.. 12PM-4PM Basic Pistol Training \$5. Contact Sunne Beaty 312-618-3588. or Call Larry Hupp 269-240-3123

Paw Paw Conservation Club Trap Shooting every Monday year round 4:30- 10:00pm \$4 for 25 birds. Free round for anyone who shoots a perfect round (25) For info call (269) 657-8949 after 4:30 on Monday's Phone # 269-657-8949 The finest groomed 3-D archery course in SW Mich. Every Sunday July-Sept. \$10 for non-members. See rules on web site above . Hunter Safety Classes: Sept 22nd & 23rd Traditional. Must Create an ID and sign up for the class at michigan.storefront.kalkomey.com Text Eve Stone for any problems or questions at 269-377-0259

Edwardsburg Conservation Club : Year round Trap shooting event Games on Saturdays 10-1PM Practice and Games Sundays 1-4 PM & Tuesdays 5-7 50 Bird program 2nd & 4th Sunday. Trap Labor Day Extravaganza. Sept. 3rd. 2023 Don't miss this one. !!

Hamilton Rod and Gun June 9th Calcutta practice at 5:30 shoots @7pm Food available. Trap Shoot every Wed. at 6:30 PM

Jackson County Outdoor Club: July 8-9th JCOC's 70th Birthday Check web page for more details.

What's Cooking?

This recipe's was submitted by Wendy Briggs and was in our last MUCC recipe book several years ago. Thanks to Judy VanRhee for her efforts on the book



Marinated Salmon Filets

Ingredients: Boneless, skinless salmon Filets / Italian salad dressing / Prepared horse radish / Tomato slices. THAT'S IT.

Marinate the filets at least 1 hour in Italian drg. Place filets on well greased griddle over med. Flame. Top each filet with horse radish. (as much as you like).

Place tomato slice on each filet. Close grill and cook for 15 min. or until fish flakes with fork. Thicker filet may take longer.

"Wendy" Wendell Briggs was a loud voice in MUCC's past. Past Board of Director, Past President 1998=1989. He was President of the Rockford Sportsman Club and leadership positions of many other organizations. Wendy was very involved in The Bottle Bill and Report all Poaching. In 1967 he went into real estate and eventually opened his own office Briggs Realty. Wendy stayed very involved in MUCC until he was unable to do so. I remember Wendy was one of the only members who had a fax machine (pre everyone having an email account) and always wanted documents and mail from headquarters faxed to him. Wendy passed on in 2010

See You at Next Region Meeting @ Hillsdale County Conservation Club on August 13th

Answers on Quiz questions: Page 3 : Saint Mary's River Answer to Quiz question: Page 6 : Saginaw County



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