

The Quiver

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By Justin Tomei Oct. 27, 2023

Coalition to protect Michigan's resources will appeal adoption of Great Lakes Consent Decree

The Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources (CPMR), a sport fishing organization focused on protecting the fishery in the Great Lakes, filed an appeal opposing entry of the 2023 Great Lakes Consent Decree in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. .

The order to accept the decree, given in August by Judge Paul Maloney, entered the five sovereign Michigan Tribes, United States and the State of Michigan into the decree for a duration of 24 years.

In handing down his order, the judge rejected the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resource's information showing that biological harm is likely to happen to the resource and there will not be proper measures in place to mitigate that harm over the 24-year duration of the decree.

The coalition's appeal will focus on the order's disregard for biological evidence that the decree, as proposed and accepted, could irreversibly harm the resource. The coalition presented expert witnesses and pages of biological literature showing gillnets are unsustainable and will decimate local fisheries in Michigan.

Gillnetting in Michigan was banned by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources during the 1970s after research concluded gillnets are non-selective and have disastrous consequences for fishery populations. The Tribes asserted their treaty right to fish with gillnets, and after several court cases and injunctions, the first Great Lakes Consent Decree was adopted in 1985.

Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs CEO and CPMR treasurer, said that the focus of the coalition has always been the health of the Great Lakes fishery.

"The sustainability of the Great Lakes fishery has always been our top priority," said Trotter. "Our position has been unwavering, the 2023 Great Lakes Consent Decree, as written, would cause potentially irreversible harm to the populations of vital sportfish species. The coalition has held the position for years that gill nets are indiscriminate, lethal, and dangerous for the fishery."

CPMR members have served as amici through every iteration of the court litigation and negotiations since the late 1970s. President Tony Radjenovich said that the coalition has come too far and will continue the fight. Continued on pg. 2

The volunteer members of CPMR have worked too hard, for too long, to give up now, at the end,” said Radjenovich. “We are committed to exhausting every reasonable legal option we have to ensure the health of the Great Lakes fishery is protected.”

CPMR comprises Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Charter Boat Association, the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen’s Association and Hammond Bay Area Anglers, accompanied by an assortment of angling and conservation supporting members.

Since the coalition’s inception, it has worked to ensure that recreation anglers’ voices are represented during the Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiations. **You can support the work of CPMR by donating here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/protect-great-lakes-sportfishing>**

Southwest Lower Peninsula Fishing Report DNR Oct. 25th 2023

Muskegon: Steelhead fishing was slow for both pier and shore anglers. Poor weather conditions have prevented boat anglers from going out.

Grand Haven: Pier anglers reported catching a few steelhead when using spawn

All anglers 17 years of age and older are required to have a fishing license.

Why Didn't I do that?

CDC recommends that adults 50 years and older get two doses of the shingles vaccine called Shingrix (recombinant zoster vaccine) to prevent shingles and the complications from the disease. Adults 19 years and older who have weakened immune systems because of disease or therapy should also get two doses of Shingrix, as they have a higher risk of getting shingles and related complications.

Moral to the story: Nobody is too busy not to take the time to listen to your wife. Going on my 6th week of the Shingles but the end is in sight. I was lucky it was a fairly mild case it could have been much worse..... Its hard to believe that. **GO GET YOUR SHINGLES SHOTS**

TRACKS FACTS



The average speed of a blue Jay is 20-25 mph / The oldest blue jay studied by researchers in the wild lived to be 17 yrs. and 6 months old. Most blue jays live to about 7 years old / Blue Jay can mimic human speech / The blue jay is the mascot for the professional baseball team in Toronto, Canada.

Q: What kind of bird works on a construction site? A: Crane

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2023 Pheasant Release Season Begins October 20

By Justin Tomei October 16, 2023

The 2023 pheasant release season begins October 20 across Michigan's state game areas (SGA).

After a limited 2022 release season due to poor timing of legislative appropriations the 2023 season is looking much more robust.

There are four new release sites and triple the number of birds put on the ground compared to 2022.

MUCC supported the creation of this program based on our grassroots policy, and continues to work with the DNR and stakeholder groups to ensure its continued success.

On top of triple the birds, there will also be four new release sites, and additional hunt opportunities for December hunting at some SGAs.

- Cass City (Tuscola County) – fall and December release.
- Cornish (Van Buren County) – fall release only.
- Crane Pond (Cass County) – fall release only.
- Crow Island (Bay and Saginaw counties) – fall and December release.
- Dansville (Ingham County) – fall and December release.
- Erie (Monroe County) – fall and December release.
- Lapeer (Lapeer County) – fall and December release.
- Leidy Lake (St. Joseph County) – fall and December release.
- Pinconning (Bay County) – fall release only.
- Pointe Mouillee (Monroe and Wayne counties) – fall and December release.
- Rose Lake (Clinton and Shiawassee counties) – fall and December release.
- Stanton (Montcalm County) – fall and December release.
- St. Johns Marsh (St. Clair County) – fall and December release.

Adam Bump, the DNR Upland bird specialist, said in a statement that the increase in the number of birds should make for a memorable season.

“For seasoned hunters and newcomers alike, this is a prime opportunity for everyone to experience the thrill of pheasant hunting. We’re excited to expand the pheasant release program and offer hunters a unique chance to connect or reconnect with upland bird hunting in Michigan,” said Adam Bump, DNR upland game bird specialist. “The increased number of rooster pheasants and the addition of new release locations ensure that hunters can enjoy a memorable hunting season.”

To participate in the season, hunters are required to purchase a \$25 pheasant stamp. The funds from the stamp go directly to the program and buy more birds.

The program is now funded a year in advance, thanks to work by MUCC and our partners, this ensures that we have a steady revenue stream, and can plan well in advance to ensure the success of the program.

Buy a stamp, hunt safe, and enjoy the 2023 pheasant release season.

On the Ground: more than 4,000 volunteers engaged through statewide habitat improvement efforts

By AmeriCorps Oct 18,2023



The final day of September marked the end of MUCC's 2023 fiscal year. Last year's volunteer turnout brought a lot of excitement for the On the Ground team as 771 volunteers joined us out in the field, marking the most volunteers in a single year since the program's inception in 2013!

On the Ground Junior also had a successful year with 272 students improving 19 acres of wildlife habitat through 6 hands-on projects that took place primarily on state-managed land. Students planted hundreds of trees and wildflowers, constructed brush piles, and removed invasive vegetation on public lands throughout the state.

Furthermore, On the Ground volunteers participated in 26 projects this past year, ranging from oak savanna restoration to river cleanups. In total, volunteers directly improved 237 acres of wildlife habitat during fiscal year 2023.

We'd like to thank our partners and especially our wonderful volunteers for helping us reach this volunteer milestone and taking time out of their day to improve Michigan's public lands.

With my AmeriCorps service coming to an end soon it was an absolute pleasure to assist with the program interacting with all the passionate volunteers in making a difference to our public lands.

For more information about the On the Ground program, please visit mucc.org/on-the-ground/.

Did You Know?

	Muzzle Velocity	Drop @ 200yds	Energy @ 200yds.
360 Buckhammer	2,399 FPS	-7.8 "	968 ft-lbs
30-30 Winchester	2,200 FPS	- 8.4"	947 ft-lbs
350 Legend	2,100 FPS	-9.4"	924 ft-lbs
450 Bushmaster	2,040 FPS	-12.0"	948 ft-lbs
This information was found in Michigan Out-of-Doors magazine. This article found in the Fall 2023 issue. " Changing The Game" by Shawn Stafford . Pg. 32. It is a great read. If you are not getting this magazine you should. To start getting "Michigan Out-of-Doors " magazine Call MUCC office @ 517-371-1041			



Ice fish camping



Ice camping is a great way to go ice fishing and stay out on the lake while remaining fairly portable. Obviously, catching a few fish after dark is a large part of the fun, but you're also setup right where you're fishing and don't have to worry about the logistics or transportation back and forth from shore. You can also save some money as ice camping can be really budget friendly while also allowing you to save on hotel bills. Once you get set up with the right equipment, you can almost be just as comfortable as well.

There are a few important things that you have to have to be comfortable if you're going to come out ice camping. For starters, you'll want to have a floor. You can use a wooden or a rubber floor. As time goes on you will be glad you did. If you use wood, nail a few 2x4's to the underneath side. As the snow and ice start to melt from the heat, it can get really slippery in a hub house without a floor. So you want something to prevent you from slipping that will also help keep your gear dry. Don't forget your cots and sleeping bags, don't skimp on the Sleeping Bag. And of course, Ice fishing stuff.

The Next thing is to consider your heat source and make sure that you have a carbon monoxide detector if you're going to spend the night. Bring out a 20 pound propane tank or a couple depending on how long you'll be staying out and you should have a fan to help circulate the air and keep everyone that much more comfortable through the night.

After dark, you'll obviously need to have lights. Do not to use Colman lanterns inside your digs. I'm sure your family would like to see you smiling again. They make so many kinds of battery operated lights today that almost any will do the trick. One that can clamp or hang from the ceiling would be handy.

A 2 burner cook stove works great but you should have a vent open while you cook all those freshly caught filets. For more tips check out You Tube for Ice Camping **STAY WARM AND ENJOY**

The Quiver Buck Pole

Bow and Gun hunters alike

For all you lucky deer hunters, send me a photo in (Jpeg) of your deer with you in it, your full name and what club you belong to. I will make sure I get in in the December issue of the Quiver

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2024 Convention

Where: Sault Ste. Marie

When: March 8th—10th

It's
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Time



MUCC is excited to offer new gifts this year. Each \$50 donation receives an MUCC tumbler and a \$100 donation receives Otopro hearing protection. **\$125 gets you both!** Calendars are \$20 but don't stop there. Tumblers, ear protection as above are a great way to help MUCC stay in the game when it comes to insuring our role in conservation of our natural resources and preserving our outdoor heritage here in this beautiful state of Michigan .

Please consider an additional contribution

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Next Region 7 Meeting

December 10th 2023 Lunch 11:30 Meeting at 12:15

Hamilton Rod and Gun Club

3252 50th St Hamilton Michigan 49419

Mark you calendar for February 4th 2024 for Jackson County Outdoor Club

For our last before convention and 1st Region meeting in 2024

Next Policy Board Meeting

December 2nd 2023 Perch Point Conservation Club

Committee's meet 10AM Board Meeting 11:00AM

7930 Meisner Rd. Casco Mi. 48064

Happenings Around the Region

Open to the Public Events November 2023 around our region

Grand Valley Cap & Ballers : Not much for November and December. Just Club Shoots & Meetings.

Fennville Rod and Gun Club: Basic CPL Class Nov. 26 8am-5pm Class contact Skip Coryell 269-835-5586. or skip-coryell@hotmail.com Trap and Skeet shooting every Sat in Nov. 1PM-4PM

Grass Lake Sportsman Club: go to Facebook for updates.

Hillsdale County Conservation Club: Every Thursday Consecutive Thursdays January 5th-March 16th 30 3-D target shoots. Warm-up @ 6PM Starts at 7PM All Open to Public \$5 per person. 10am-1pm Public.

New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club: November Wed. nights trap practice 6PM shoot 6:30 pm and Sunday Trap practice 10am to 1pm. NON-MEMBERS are welcome to attend all upcoming events! Nov. 21st. IDPA 9AM.

Dowagiac Conservation Club: Fish Fry all you can eat Nov. 10th 4:30 to 7PM Adults \$12 children 12 and under \$6 Hunters Rendezvous February 10th 2024 Don't Miss this one. It's a big deal !

Bend of the River Conservation Club: Every Wed. in November 12PM-4PM Basic Pistol Training \$5. Contact Sunne Beaty 312-618-3588. USCCA CPL Training November 12th indoor range 8AM -1PM \$60 for members \$125 for non members

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

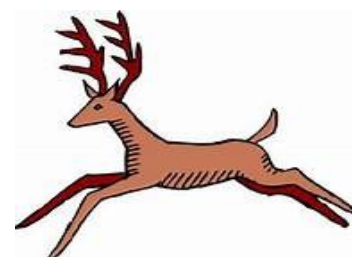
Edwardsburg Conservation Club : Year round Trap shooting event Games on Saturdays 10-1PM. CPL class Nov. 19th 8am-4pm. \$100. Call Kelly Adams 269-783-6570 or Paul Dodson at 269-462-2584

Hamilton Rod and Gun Region 7 meeting Dec. 10th more to follow.

Jackson County Outdoor Club: Trap Shooting Starts again 1st Wed. 2024.

Bellevue Conservation Club: Open Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand shooting every Sunday 2-6pm and Wednesday 6-10pm. We have 3 Trap/Skeet combo fields with lights. Indoor Archery League will start in January 8484 Greenfield Highway, Bellevue, Michigan 49021.

St. Jo Conservation Club. CPL Class Sat. Nov 11th 8AM-5PM. Fall Trap League and ATA BIG 50's Sunday Nov. 12th Starts a 9AM-12PM Not a member of the ATA? (Amateur Trapshooting Association) You can join at this event. Adults \$20 for the full ATA target year, youth under 18 are \$12. Trap and Skeet Tuesdays all month 6PM



Good Luck In The Woods And Stay Safe

Send me your photo of you and your deer for The Quiver's Buck Pole in Dec. issue.

What's Cooking?

Scottish Shortbread



This receipt is from an Old Scottish Lassie and a dear friend of Margaret and I. May she RIP

Ingredients: Single Batch. 2 cups of all purpose flour, 1/2 cup of sugar, 2 sticks of unsalted butter. And a fair amount of elbow grease.

Now comes the elbow grease. Place flour and sugar in a bowl and mix well. Then add the 2 sticks of soften unsalted butter (best to leave out at room temperature for a couple of hours). Now with bare hands mix the butter and flour and sugar together by griping the mixture and working it through your fingers. This is why you need to use soft butter. Mix with hands until the mixture turns into a soft dough. **Next put a very light spray of olive oil. on the baking pan** to where you can press it down evenly on a 9 x 13 baking pan with 3/4 in sides. After pressing evenly in pan take a fork and press tines into dough starting at the narrow end of the pan and working along the long side of the pan to the other end of the pan. Then start another row of tine marks along side the previous tine marks. Continue until you have covered the entire pan. Bake at 350 deg for 15 min. then turn down oven to 250 deg. total time of baking is 30 min. The shortbread should have turned a light brown. After baking sprinkle a light dusting of sugar over top. Cut into 2x1 inch bars. Place on cooling rack. The shortbread bars are very delicate until they cool. **YOU WILL BE THE HIT OF THE PARTY ENJOY !**

DNR October 31st

DNR reports Ogemaw County's first CWD-positive deer; hunters in north-central part of county encouraged to check deer (report in part)

A 4-year-old doe that was reported to be in poor condition – skinny, drooling and showing no fear of people – in Klacking Township, Ogemaw County, recently tested positive for chronic wasting disease. It is the first CWD-positive wild deer from that county, a finding confirmed by the University of Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Madison, which works with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to identify CWD in Michigan's wild herd.

When we find chronic wasting disease in a brand-new location, where previous intensive surveillance has not yet been done, it becomes extremely important for wildlife disease managers to understand where additional cases might be within that county," said DNR deer and elk specialist Chad Stewart. "In light of this new detection, we are offering additional opportunities for those interested in getting their deer tested for CWD in Ogemaw County."

A drop box for CWD testing will be available at the Rifle River Recreation Area headquarters, located at 2550 Rose City Road in Lupton, starting Friday, Nov. 3. The check station typically operated at the DNR field office located at 410 Fairview Road in West Branch will be open Nov. 15-30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The field office will be closed Nov. 23-24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Self-service test kits, typically available in other locations where CWD has been identified, will not be available in Ogemaw County due to concerns of bovine tuberculosis disease transmission in the county.

More Questions Call Chad Stewart 517-282-4810

Did You Know?

From the American Hunter Nov.2023



1 pound of meat = 4 meals

American hunters harvest almost 600 million pounds of game meat per year

363 million pounds of meat consumed by hunters and their families

Another 112 million pounds of meat stored by hunters for future consumption

Nearly 500 million meals provided by hunters sharing and donation harvested game meat.

99% of all harvested game meat is consumed

Hunters share 119 million pounds, or 20% of harvested game with others: friends outside of their household, food banks, and hunger relief organization like Hunters for the hungry and Sportsmen against Hunger



Conservationist Pledge: I give my Pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, it's Air, soil and minerals, it's forests water and wildlife

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