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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February 2011

Coming soon: **The Banquet and Silent Auction!** This event is a lot of work for those who plan and gather all the great donations. They get the best collection they possibly can, with lots of variety, in hopes of generating enough funds to sustain us through the next year.

Our speaker will be **Dr. Howard Tanner**, talking about Coho and King Salmon, and I've heard that he puts on a very good presentation. As retired director of the Michigan **DNR**, he knows how and why salmon were introduced to the Great Lakes. I think it will be an interesting talk. Remember the excitement of salmon fever? (There were many treatments, but the cure remains elusive).

**Centennial Country Club** near Cascade is the location, **March 4<sup>th</sup>** is the date, with festivities starting at 5:30 for bidding on auction items and general socializing. There will be a delicious buffet for the program at 7:00, followed by the raffle and auction winners. It's a nice night for fun and mingling, with lots of perks, and a good cause. Please help to make this year's banquet even more fun and a big success. Send

your reservations to **Fred Eyer**. See you there!

This spring when the snow melts, we'll turn much of our attention to water. We're partnering with **Cannon Township** on the **Bear Creek Watershed** project. We may be lending a hand to **Trout Unlimited** on the **Rogue River** restoration projects. And our board member, **Ron Waybrant**, is talking with some people along the **Flat River** who'd like to start a watershed group that we could become involved with. I'm taking a class on **Natural Shoreline Restoration** for landscapers, to learn the nuts and bolts of improving aquatic settings.

As many species are faced with a multitude of problems, our best bet is to try to keep our water systems and basic resources healthy, providing habitat wherever possible. Help on these projects is usually enjoyable as well as important.

By the way, I ordered a book that was reviewed in *IWLA's Outdoor America*, and I love it. It's called *The Nature Connection: An Outdoor Workbook for Kids, Families and Classrooms*, by **Clare Walker**

**Leslie**. It is full of easy and interesting things to

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do with kids of any age.

I hope to see you all on March 4th!!

Georgia Donovan

P.S. If you have any products or services you'd like to get into the Auction, call **Maurie, Steg, Ron, or Fred!**

**Deadline for the March issue is  
Monday, February 14  
at 8:00 AM**

# 2011 ANNUAL BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION

Bob Stegmier and Committee

It's time to get friends lined up to go! It's time to make reservations.

The committee has been working hard and now it is your turn to make this event the best ever.

At this point it is very much about numbers. The number of people attending is paramount to a successful event. There are some known facts about this event such as the food will be outstanding as will the items in the silent auction. There will be something for everyone. Then there is the Bucket Raffle with loads of good stuff you can use.

But beyond all of these, the program by **Dr. Howard Tanner**, retired MDNR director on Salmon in the Great Lakes, will be very interesting to all.

Here are some Silent Auction items already confirmed: Great Northern Trading Co., Rockford,

\$20 Gift Card; The Sewing Room, Rockford, Gift Card; Ed & Dave's Auto Service, \$75 Gift Card; a David Ruimveld "Rivers of Michigan" Limited Edition print (\$125 value); Camel Charters, a 1/2 day Lake Michigan fishing trip for

four with Capt. Pat; Patagonia (Chicago) 3 Back Packs; Heart of Rockford Shopping Bag where you save every day at 22 businesses and 20% on Thursdays on one item at all of the stores, value unlimited; and a full day guided Small Mouth Bass fishing trip with guide Kevin Feenstra.

Some other perennials contributors expected to be in are The Shack B&B (Jugville), Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn (Curtis MI.), Catherine McClung bird art, Bonefish Restaurant and many more.

Make your reservations soon! All of the details are on the reservation application on page 6.

Contacts for questions are:  
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**Ron Waybrant** 361.1422  
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## Membership Application ... Izaak Walton League of America

Dwight Lydell Chapter, 5641 Myers Lake Ave. Belmont MI 49306

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Indicate which of these important committees you're interested in working on:

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# IMPORTANT! UPDATED 2011 BANQUET DONOR LIST.

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# WINTERFEST

Georgia Donovan

Well, the Winterfest was as wonderful as ever, with a good day and lots of people. I don't know how many were there in all, but 135 of the kids made candles. Check out the pictures, with people of all ages exploring our outdoor offerings. Many were introduced for the first time to skiing, skating, snowshoeing, ice-fishing, archery, and candle-making.

Members that helped were **Barb McGuirl** and her family, **Tom Watson**, **Tam Bagby**, **Randy Jones**, **C. J. Tasma**, **Ron Waybrant**, **John Stegmeier**, **Fred Eyer**, **Barry Gilbertson**, **Mary Hefferan**, **Alona** and **Jim Schneider**, **Bob Stegmier**, **Jack Stegmeier**, **Maurie Houseman**, and myself.

Non-members who graciously volunteered their time to fill in the gaps included dedicated returnees **Bill Skallos** with archery, **George** and **Floretta**

**Stegmier** with granddaughter **Nicole** on candle-making, and **Rick McCarthy** on ice-fishing. Tam's sister **Llyn** and brother-in-law **Gary** helped with the food and cleanup. **Lisa Gordon**, Steg's granddaughter, helped on the sledding hill. **Tammy Andrews** jumped in to drive the shuttle van, and took many pictures. Then there was **Anne**, who called me after reading an article about the Ikes, and asked to help. I can't seem to retrieve her last name, but she was a great help with the skis and equipment! It takes courage to volunteer with a totally new group, like they did, and I hope they enjoyed the experience. We sure appreciated having them.

We had about 17 members and 10 others who volunteered. Thank you to all who helped others have a fun time outdoors with the **Izaak Walton League!** It was a great day for all of us!

# WINTER FUN



# THE DAY BEGINS





## WINTERFEST

Tom Watson

Nearly 300 people attended Winterfest and enjoyed the day. We served 8 gallons of chili, 275 hot dogs, two cases of chips, 20 dozen cookies, 5 gallons of coffee, 35 gallons of cocoa and 8 gallons of cider. Without the help of **Llyn** and **Gary Wheeler**, Tam's sister and brother-in-law and **Randy Jones**, Tam's other brother-in-law, we would not have been able to serve everyone. Thanks for your help.

Several nonmembers helped vacuum and clean up, but I didn't get their names. The above helped with clean up but hats off to **Bob Stegmier** and **Maurie Houseman**, who washed all the dishes. Regretfully, the batteries in our camera died, so we are unable to show you Bob and Maurie scrubbing pots. Thanks, guys.



# 2011 Annual Conservation Banquet

Dwight Lydell Chapter — Izaak Walton League

## Public Welcome

Friday March 4th @ Centennial Country Club  
3361 Charlevoix Dr SE, Grand Rapids MI

### Guest Speaker:

Dr. Howard Tanner,  
Retired MDNR Director

### Coho and King Salmon in the Michigan Great Lakes

Referred to as "the Father of Salmon Fishing" in Michigan, Dr. Howard Tanner will tell us the exciting story of how and why Coho and King Salmon were introduced into the Great Lakes 46 years ago. Come hear all about it!

### Agenda

- 5:30pm Social Hour & Silent Auction
- 7pm Dinner & Program
- 9pm Silent Auction Winners & Raffle

*Silent Auction includes: incredible deals on sports equipment, paintings and fine art work, apparel, fishing charters, B&Bs and lodging packages, raffle prizes, gift certificates for salons, fine dining, entertainment, and much more...*

Tickets are \$27 per person. Please mail reservation form with **check made out to DLC-IWLA** and mail to: Fred Eyer, Izaak Walton League Treasurer, 2488 Rockhill Dr NE, GR MI 49525.

### IWLA Conservation Awards Banquet—Reservation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list attendee names for name tags:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of tickets purchased \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$27.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ total due

# LAKE MICHIGAN FISHERIES ADVISORY

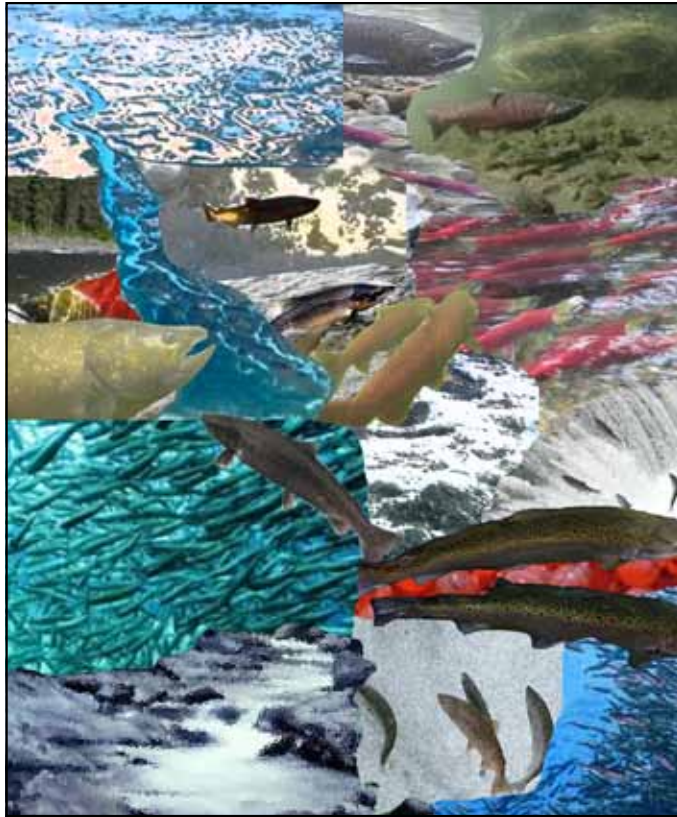
John Stegmeier

I attended the **Lake Michigan Fisheries Citizens Advisory Board** meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>, representing the **DLC/IWLA**. At the meeting, the **DNRE** discussed low numbers of steelhead returning to the **Little Manistee River**, which is our only source of eggs for hatchery-reared steelhead. They plan to stock the **Platte River** with steelhead in order to establish a run on that river, since there is a weir in place for collecting salmon eggs. This would allow the state to have two sources of spawning fish in case the run on the Little Manistee falls below levels needed to support our hatchery program. They expect to plant 20,000 smolts in the Platte River to achieve this goal.

Since each great lake receives a portion of the smolts from the hatchers, the **DNRE** asked our opinion as to how many the individual lakes should contribute. There were several scenarios they presented, including: all from Lake Michigan, all lakes contribute but heavily supported by Lake Michigan, or, all contribute in levels which represent the percentage that are stocked in that lake. I suggested that we recommend the option where

all basins contribute but Lake Michigan contributes a greater proportion. The Lake Michigan basin receives the most steelhead so our contribution will be greatest, and 20,000 fish spread out over several streams will not be a substantial loss.

These fish will also be planted into the Platte River which is in the Lake Michigan basin so if the other lakes contribute any smolts there will be a net gain for Lake



Michigan. Following this piece of logic one could argue that Lake Michigan should provide all of the smolts. However I would contend that all of the lakes benefit from a more robust hatchery system and that the other lake basins could make a more modest contribution. We did not come to a consensus on this decision, which

left the recommendation up to our chairman, **Denny Grinold**. He decided that the recommendation would be Option 2 (inequitable allocation with the Lake Michigan Basin responsible for 15,000 steelhead (75%) of the request. The remaining 5,000 fish would come from Lake Huron (2,800), Lake Erie (1,200) and Lake Superior (5%). The **Lake Huron Citizen Fishery Advisory Committee** also supported Option 2 in an earlier meeting. The **Lake Erie** and **Lake Superior Committees** will also be engaged in this discussion and then the Division will make a decision.

Ultimately, the **DNRE** would like to collect eggs from steelhead returning to the **Boardman River** once the dam removal projects are completed on that stream and collection facilities can be constructed. This will take several years, however, and the concerns for steelhead production are more immediate. The presence of a fish-collecting facility on the Platte River makes it feasible to collect fish as soon as a returning population can be established.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Jay Huston

"A bad attitude is like a flat tire, you're not going anywhere until you fix it."

# ULTIMATE SPORTS SHOW & OUTFITTERS EXPO

Co-Chairman: Barry Gilbertson

Co-Chairman: Bob Stegmier

One of our more popular annual events is not too far off. The annual **Ultimate Sports Show & Outfitters Expo** will be held **March 17th-20th** at **DeVos Place**. We will also make our 2nd appearance at the **Cottage & Lakefront Living Show** on **March 25th-27th**. Our ticket sales will be combined again this year. Purchasers of the tickets can attend either one of these March shows. I will be mailing out tickets and show information to our

members in Mid February. As always, we will need shift workers for both shows. See the sheets below, sign up and get in touch with me via e-mail. It would be great to see some new faces downtown this year alongside of our regular participants whom have volunteered in the past. Let's make another good effort this year with our ticket sales and volunteer work at both shows.

**2011 ULTIMATE SPORT SHOW/OUTFITTERS EXPO**  
**Thursday March 17 through Sunday March 20**  
**WORK SHIFTS SIGN-UP-SHEET**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**Shifts:**  
 Email your shift choices to: [Gilby40@msn.com](mailto:Gilby40@msn.com)

#1: Thursday 17th 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm	#6: Saturday 19th 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
#2: Friday 18th 11:00 am to 4:30 pm	#7: Sunday 20th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
#3: Friday 18th 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm	#8: Sunday 20th 1:00 pm to close approx.
#4: Saturday 19th 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	4:30 pm
#5: Saturday 19th 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	

**2011 COTTAGE & LAKEFRONT LIVING SHOW**  
**Friday, March 25 through Sunday March 27**  
**WORK SHIFTS SIGN-UP-SHEET**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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#1: Friday 25th 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm	#3: Saturday 26th 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm
#2: Saturday 26th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm	#4: Sunday 27th 11:00 pm to 4:00 pm



# GREAT LAKES AND MISSISSIPPI RIVER INTERBASIN STUDY (GLMRIS)

Bob Stegmier, Conservation Chair

[From the website]: Currently, the US Army corps of Engineers (**USACE**) is seeking input related to the **GLRMIS** from stakeholders, tribes and members of the public throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (**NEPA**), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq., scoping period. The comment period for NEPA scoping will close on March 31, 2011.

Significant issues associated with GLMRIS may include, but are not limited to the: significant natural resources such as ecosystems and threatened and endangered species, commercial and recreational fisheries, current recreational uses of the lakes and waterways, ANS effects on water users, effects of potential ANS controls on current waterway uses such as flood risk management, commercial and recreational navigation, recreation, water supply, hydropower and conveyance of effluent from wastewater treatment plants and other industries, and statutory and legal responsibilities relative to the lakes and waterways.

Using input obtained during the scoping period,



USACE will refine GLMRIS to focus on significant issues, as well as eliminate issues that are not significant from further detailed study. Comments on issues that you consider significant or not significant are important contributions to the scoping process. Accordingly, comments should be clear, concise, and to the point. Please take time to organize your thoughts and edit your comment.

Submit a NEPA Scoping Comment at: <http://glmr.is.anl.gov/involve/comments/index.cfm> Use the web feature below to submit your comments. For more information, including other ways

to provide comments, see **Getting Involved**. For more information on NEPA scoping, see **What is NEPA Scoping?**

Note: Instructions and help for submitting comments are available. If you have questions about submitting comments, contact [glmr.iswebmaster@anl.gov](mailto:glmr.iswebmaster@anl.gov) or call 630.252.5705. For more information, including other ways to provide comments, see **Getting Involved**.

## MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCE TRUST FUND

Bob Stegmier, Conservation Chair

Something to nip in the bud! And that is talk and thoughts about diverting funds from the **Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund** for other than its intended purposes. This raid on the fund would be difficult to do because it, as I understand, requires a change in the **Michigan Constitution**. But when it comes to what is difficult to do politicians sometimes seem to do the impossible. I suggest you read **Howard Meyerson's** informative article in the Sunday, January 23 *Grand Rapids Press* **Outdoors**

section where he covers well many aspects of these NRTF monies and that they come from oil and natural gas extraction in Michigan and where they go. **David Agema**, Michigan State Representative, Majority Caucus Chair, from the 74<sup>th</sup> district, Grandville, is the prime advocate of the raid. My personal thought, which I expressed with my state legislatures, is to raise the tax per mile on gasoline to cover road repairs. I know gasoline is expensive but it is we folks using the roads who should pay for its

maintenance. I also understand, the last I knew, that truckers in Michigan pay considerably less taxes on fuel than in other states. Trucks are allowed heavier loads in Michigan than many other states. It is newsletter deadline so I will have to research the truck tax situation further.

I know as do you there is no free lunch and all expenses come back to individuals to underwrite. In the meantime let me know what you think and let's protect the NRTF.

# HOW MUCH STUFF DO WE USE EACH YEAR?

Duane De Vries

This is the third of a series of articles about what we consume each year. The information came from a variety of sources and I tried to mention the sources where possible. The information was partially submitted by **Dave Zieverink**, a member of the IKE's national **Energy Committee**, used with permission.

## GLASS, PLASTIC AND STYROFOAM

Americans throw away enough glass bottles and jars every two weeks to fill the 1.350-foot towers of the former World Trade Center.

Most bottles and jars contain at least 25% recycled glass.

Glass never wears out - it can be recycled forever. We save over a ton of resources for every ton of glass: 1,330 pounds of sand, 433 pounds of soda ash, 433 pounds of limestone, and 151 pounds of feldspar.

States with bottle deposit laws have 35-40% less litter by volume.

If all the glass bottles and jars collected through recycling in the U.S. in 1994 were laid end to end, they'd reach the moon and half



way back to earth. (Could not find a later number. Hopefully our recycling efforts have improved since then.)

Every year we make enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas.

Americans go through 25 billion plastic bottles every year.

26 recycled PET bottles equals a polyester suit. 5 recycled PET bottles make enough fiberfill to

stuff a ski jacket.

In 1988 we used 2 billion pounds of HDPE just to make bottles for household products. That's about the weight of 90,000 Honda Civics.

If every American household recycled just one out of every ten HDPE bottles they used, we'd keep 200 million pounds of the plastic out of landfills every year.

## STYROFOAM/ POLYSTYRENE (# 6)

It is not recyclable you can't make it into new Styrofoam.

Each year American throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups, enough every year to circle the earth 436 times.



Kevin Feenstra, small mouth bass guide

## AUCTION ITEMS PUT TO GOOD USE



Gail and Bob Stegmier at Chamberlin's Ole Forest B & B



Camel Charters, Captain Pat and customers.

# STUDENT EDITORS

This month's newsletter was edited by Andy Norden, Kory Kass, Cameron Davis, Cody Scott and Alyssa Oosterhouse. Great job, Students!

## NEWSLETTER DELIVERY OPTIONS

Tom Watson, Editor

Currently, we mail a black/white hard copy of the newsletter to each member and a full-color version is available on the Ikes web page, faithfully uploaded each month by **Duane De Vries**.

You may, however, select another option for delivery of your newsletter.

Option #1: Request an **Email Only** copy (full-color) PDF version be sent to you.

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## Would you like to make a special donation for a project of your choice?

Native plants for Teardrop Island      Boy Scout Bridge  
 General Budget: wherever needed most      Parking Lighting

Here is my tax deductible contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Fred Eyer, treasurer, 2488 Rockhill NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525





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## ANNUAL CONSERVATION & AWARDS BANQUET

*Great  
Silent  
Auction!*

**Friday, March 4th**  
at the  
**Centennial Country Club**

*Great  
Program*

Now is the time to get friends together and send in your reservations.  
See **page 6** for more information and reservation form.  
Our goal this year is to have an attendance of 150  
and your help is needed by asking others  
to attend.

*Raffle!*

**Everyone is welcome  
to come!**

*Great  
Food!*

**Advanced reservations only!**  
(Except in an emergency.)

After the  
Conservation Banquet  
is the

**ULTIMATE  
SPORT AND  
RV SHOW**

Thursday thru Sunday,  
March 17 - 20

and then the

**COTTAGE  
AND  
LAKEFRONT  
LIVING SHOW**

March 25 - 27

**DEVOS PLACE**