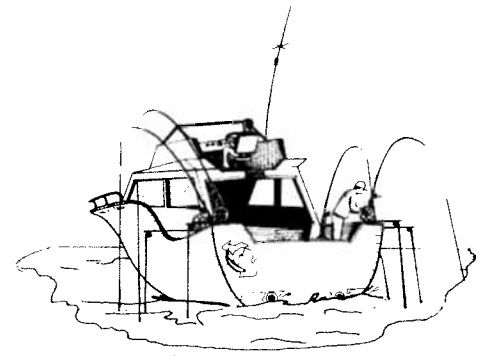


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## PCB's

The elimination of PCB's from the Great Lakes has been given top priority by the state Steelheaders and the Detroit Area Chapter. A report has been prepared by our environmental committee (Ken Bonin) working in cooperation with John Hesse of the Mid-Michigan chapter in Lansing, and submitted to the parent organization. This report outlines the PCB problem (Fishin' Tales Jan. '76), the proposed solutions and lists recommended actions to be taken by the MSSFA.

The ultimate and total solution of the PCB problem is an effective NATIONAL BAN, including Canada, on the use or sale of all PCB products. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has stated that to implement such a ban a National Toxic Substance act is needed. Such an act would require that all chemicals be tested, and found not to be harmful to the environment, before they can be used or sold.

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## DNR Chief DR HOWARD TANNER FEBRUARY SPEAKER

Our guest speaker this month is Dr. Howard A. Tanner, Director, Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He was named to that post by the Natural Resources Commission in December 1974.

At the time of his appointment, Dr. Tanner served as chairman of the Michigan Environmental Review Board, a group appointed by the governor to advise him on the potential environmental impact of new projects which the various state agencies plan to undertake. He now serves as DNR representative on the board.

A former chief of the DNR fisheries division, Dr. Tanner was named "Conservationist of the Year" in 1964 by the National Wildlife Federation for his leadership in establishing the Lake Michigan Salmon program.

Dr. Tanner lives in Haslett with his wife, Helen and 3 sons.

## TOURNAMENT NEWS

The chapter tournament committee set tentative plans and rules for at least six contests in 1976. Tournament Chairman, Elton Luckritz, with Paul Irvine, Chuck Cartwright and John Makela met last month and will again in Feb., March and April to work out the details.

The committee is looking at a schedule that starts in South Haven on May 29; Charlevoix on June 12; Alpena on July 17; Ludington on August 12; Oscoda on Sept. 11; and a port to be determined for October 2. Elton has plans for a "Ladies & Gentlemen" contest on July 3, in Alpena. Entry fee will be 50 ¢ to pay for an award that the ol' man can't win — he can only set lines and drive the boat.

All tournaments will be held on Saturdays with Sunday a bad weather day. Fishing will begin at 7AM til 4PM - check-in time will be between 6 and 7AM. Applications to enter should be sent in by a cut-off date or pay a

Tournament News . . .continued pg. 7

## Win a Boat!! Chapter Fund Raiser

The chapter board of directors at their meeting in January voted to purchase a boat, motor, trailer and a few accessories to raffle off in an attempt to raise some money.

Bob Rutt put up the capital required; Chuck Cartwright negotiated a decent price from Boat Mart and Chuck also took care of the outfitting. The prize will be garaged at the home of Tom Schneider and towed to meetings, shows and spring fishing shows where chances will be sold.

The boat is a 16 ft. Meyers with center controls; powered by a 25 HP Johnson outboard; with a Pamco trailer underneath. The directors agreed to buy a fish locating graph and two downriggers to make the package more appealing in an effort to sell more tickets.

Proceeds of the raffle will enable the chapter to buy space at the Outdoorama this year.

Boat Raffle . . .continued pg. 2

## INDIAN FISHING ISSUE

The MSSFA has secured the law firm of Hillman, Baxter and Hammond, Grand Rapids, to represent us in the upcoming litigation. The firm will seek intervention as amicus curiae, intervention as other than principal in the case. Since we are not a named defendant, our testimony will be given in assistance to that of the defendants. Our legal position will be similar to that of the MUCC who has secured another Grand Rapids

law firm in seeking intervention. The defendants in this case are the State of Michigan and several named individuals. The federal department of interior as well as other named factions are bringing the suit.

(NOTE) The Southwestern Michigan Chapter, St. Joseph, is very active in keeping the Steelheaders informed on this issue. Fishin' Tales thanks them for the news.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING FEBRUARY 25th

The chapter meeting this month will be on Wednesday the 25th at 7:30 PM. As usual the gang gets together at the Troy-Hilton Inn, Troy, 15-Mile & Stephenson.

However, next month, the meeting will not be on the last Wednesday because of a special spring show and the Steelhead opener on the first. Plan on attending, but mark your calendar March 24th.

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A decidedly biased paper acknowledging the editors viewpoint that there's only one way permissible to catch the planted anadromous strain and lake trout — hook and line; and those employing and other method be eyed with suspicion, nay, cast into the lot of outlaws and be regarded as such.

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**CLINTON RIVER COUNCIL**

As reported in the January issue of "Fishin' Tales" the Clinton River Watershed council held a meeting on January 15th, with the main topic being "Chinook in the Clinton '76".

DNR Fisheries biologists Ron Spitler and Bob Haas made a proposal to the council for an annual plant of 100,000 Kings beginning in 1977 with the first adult spawning run to be in 1980. They also reported the evident success of the Huron River plants and how they expected the Clinton to produce.

In rebuttal, Ray Trombly of the Lake St. Clair Advisory Committee, voiced opposition to the plants with the usual and expected concern; namely: snaggers, trespassing and carcasses.

The Detroit Chapter plans to send a letter to the DNR and other interested parties, voicing our support for the proposed plantings. Citing examples from DNR statistics we hope that they (DNR) will continue with Salmon plants that will provide an additional fishery for the Metropolitan Detroit Area.

**Chapter Officers Elected by Board**

The chapter board of directors held their winter meeting at the home of Bob Rutt on January 22nd. The 14-member board voted in four officers for 1976, the same men as elected last year: President, Tom Schneider; Vice President, John Makela; Secretary, Dave Gresham; Treasurer, Ed Raquel.

In other business the board approved a \$2.00 dues increase heard committee reports and appointed Elton Luckritz to the executive committee. John Makela was appointed club manager - a position to define, fill and coordinate committees.

The directors also voted for a proposal to purchase a boat, motor and trailer and sell raffle tickets for the rig in an effort to raise funds. Members who would like more information about director or executive meetings, a Board of Directors and officers list appears elsewhere in this issue.

**RAFFLE BOAT**



Boat Raffle . . . continued from pg. 1

Any monies left over will be deposited in the general account for a cushion against unexpected expenses and operating expenses.

Tickets sell for 50 ¢ each or three for a dollar. The three members selling the most tickets

will be awarded prizes on the night of the drawing. The drawing will be held at the membership meeting April 28th. The winner does not have to be present.

Anyone who wants more chances to sell can contact Ed Raquel at 585-2232 or 1-784-9661.

**CHAPTER RIVER CLINIC**

All Michigan Steelheaders are invited to join the Detroit Area Chapter for a day of learning and fishing on the Betsie River. The clinic will be held Saturday, Feb. 28th below the Homstead Dam Site with headquarters at the Homstead Resort.

Paul Irvine will demonstrate fly fishing for steelhead; Tom Schneider will be working "oakies" and "corkies"; Jerry Fannon will teach spinners, plugs and spoons; Archie Sweet will show the "bobber" hook-up and technique; Dick Swan will fish "light line" with wigglers and spawn bags; and Gary Marshall will show and tell the single egg

method. You're invited to observe, fish, and ask questions of these great stream fishermen.

Homstead Resort will present a trophy for the largest steelhead caught on Saturday. The lucky fisherman will receive the award Saturday night at the "Hungry Tummy" restaurant in Beulah, though eating arrangements are incomplete at this writing.

The resort is filled-up already but there are still RV hook-ups available. If you need accommodations call Buck Ryder at (313) 455-2463 for room in town nearby.

There will be press coverage, both local and in the Detroit News.


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## MSSFA PLANS 8 TOURNEYS

The state Steelheaders Tournament committee met with interested parties in South Haven on January 17th to plan locations and rules for 1976. Thirty guests including representatives from 8 Lake Michigan port cities were invited to the dinner meeting at Fidelman's Resort.

Discussion centered around the need to coordinate tournaments to avoid conflicting dates and to establish "sanctioned" tournaments providing for common rules. The entry fee for each event will be \$100.00 per boat plus a \$10.00 surcharge to be collected for the purpose of awarding fishermen who score highest in several tournaments. The winner would be acclaimed the "Michigan Grand Champion Tournament Fisherman".

Here are the 8 locations and dates for Steelheader sanctioned tournaments.

(Rain dates will be the following day)  
Michigan City — May 1  
St. Joseph — May 8  
South Haven — May 21 & 22  
Holland — June 4 & 5  
Ludington — June 18 & 19  
Grand Haven — June 24 & 25  
Muskegon — August 13 & 14  
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## BOAT SHOW MEMBERSHIPS

Many thanks to Steelheader Tony Byrd for his generous offer to share his space at the Boat Show, Cobo Hall, with the Detroit Area Chapter. Our membership and propaganda table was placed at the end of Byrd Marine's very busy ramp, facing a main corridor, and snuggled amidst of one fine hardtop cabin.

It was a busy and interesting week with most directors volunteering time to spread the word and printed matter - even signing-up a few new members. Tony's been a good Steelheader for a long time and we're grateful for his help.

## Holding Power of a Lamprey

by Harry Levitan

While trolling for Salmon at Harrisville last fall my father, Archie, hooked into the third King of the trip. The fish gave a very good account of himself, fighting hard and running line against the drag.

On one of his passes the fish came very close to the boat near the surface. It was then I saw that there were no hooks in the fish, but that he had caught a lamprey eel that had attached itself to the salmon. Amazed at the holding strength of the eel, my dad asked, "How hard can a lamprey hold on?" I answered that "if we land this fish we'll have a pretty good idea."

We did land that fish. Once in the boat I knocked the lamprey off the fish and he immediately attached itself to the floor of the boat. I killed that lamprey with my knife.—continued on pg.5



EMIL DEAN, River Guide & Charter Boat Captain, Speaker at our last Membership Meeting, January 28th

## S. E. MICHIGAN FISHING COUNCIL

Chapter president, Tom Schneider has announced the formation of a new fishing-club organization labeled The Southeastern Michigan Fishing Council. Tom has been instrumental in getting together eight clubs to represent the sportfishing interests of our area.

Those groups representing the council include the Detroit Area Chapter, Michigan Steelheaders; Michigan Fly Fishermen's Association; Lake St. Clair Advisory Committee; Michigan-Ontario Muskie Association; Southeast Michigan Bass Association; Paul Young Chapter, Trout Unlimited; Challenge Chapter, TU and Clinton Valley Chapter, TU.

The council will meet for the first organizational meeting on Feb. 24th at the Holiday Inn, Telegraph & 13 Mile Rd., at 8pm. Their guest speaker will be Ron Spittler, DNR Fisheries Biologist, Pontiac Lake district. Also invited is Bob Haas, DNR Fisheries Biologist, Lake St. Clair Fish Management Station.

Schneider said the three major reasons for the formation was 1) continue and develop working relationships between all members of the council, 2) maintain and further the excellent rapport with local DNR officials and 3) promote a united front in making our views known in southeast fisheries management.

## SUPER SHOW

A special spring fishing show will compliment the regular membership meeting on March 24th. That date is not the usual "last" Wednesday meeting night because we want to accommodate several tackle firms who will attend.

Some of the manufacturers displaying their products include: Garcia, Shakespeare, Eagle Claw, True Temper, Lowrance, Olympic, Walker downriggers, Columbia sportswear, Luhr Jensen and Grizzly tackle. Many other companies will be there as well. The displays and their accompanying representatives will be on hand to answer questions about their products.

The Super Show will also have a series of booths, occupied by chapter members, with stream fishing and trolling equipment. Some of the other demonstrations include egg-curring, bag tying, rod building and fly tying. Still others will explain graph reading, certain "good" lures for certain fish, and other tips to increase your catch in 1976. This year's new "Catchables" list will be available for members and visitors who attend.

The chapter board of directors is indebted to member Bruce Gibson and the special events committee for the many, many hours of work spent preparing this show. They'll be at it for at least another month to make this the biggest and best spring Steelheader show.

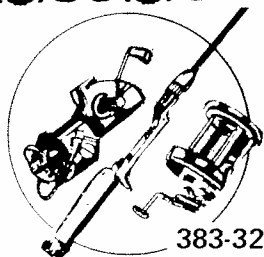
As with our state-wide spring shows, this chapter event is a membership drive. You're invited to bring your friends and invite the public. Now is the time to introduce them to the best there is — the club, the fishing, the equipment. A big list of tackle has been donated by the attending firms for raffles and many more for door prizes. The date is MARCH 24th; at the Troy-Hilton Inn, 15 Mile & Stephenson, at 7:30 PM.

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 February 25th — Chapter Membership Meeting  
 February 26th to March 14th — Byrd Marine Open House  
 February 28th — Chapter Betsie River Fishing Clinic

# Best Bets

## FISHIN' REPORT

Warm weather has brought the elusive steelhead out of semi-hibernation and produced good success from the St. Joe River north to the Big Manistee River with the best results at St. Joe. Good success on the Black River, South Haven, the White River, Muskegon River, Pere Marquette, Manistee and the lower Platt offering good to fair success. I fished the Pere Marquette flies only section this weekend and had fair success with four nice steelhead on Sunday morning using No. 6 & 8 May fly nymph (i.e. spring special, wiggler, "The Gil Special"). My success was only fair because all four managed to elude my grasp.

Remember the Betsie River Fishing Clinic, February 28th. I'll be there to show you how to hook steelhead with a fly rod and nymph; from then on catching them is up to you.

Good success has been reported fishing for steelhead at the power plant in Traverse City using small spoons and spinners.

Brown trout from 2 to 4 pounds have recently been caught from the St. Clair river near the city of St. Clair.

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## CAN'T GO FISHIN'... NO PARTNER?

One of the first things the chapter tried to do when it got started over a year ago was to provide fishing partners for the for the members. How many times have you stayed home because you couldn't find someone to go fishing? Plenty, I'd bet.

A partner, buddy, friend - whatever, insures a good time. You learn from each other, share ideas, driving and expenses on every trip. Those fortunate enough to go fishing every weekend for two or three days often take advantage of the chapter's Fishin Partner service.

Many of those signed-up are stream fishermen who would like to go on a trolling trip on the big lake. Most trollers enjoy river fishing too, but don't know how or where to go. Some beginner fishermen don't know about, or can't afford either, when going alone.

Let's face it - we all want to catch more fish! Can't do it if we're not fishing! Many boat owners in the chapter look to the partner service for guys to go with them, and those without boats take advantage too.

If you'd like to join, stop off at the membership table at meetings and fill out a three by five card. Or, mail the info c/o Editor, Fishin' Tales. Include your name & address, phone no., type of fishing you prefer and where you fish.

## TROLLING COMBINATIONS

Murrell Blackburn

Have you ever wondered when and when not to use attractors? Here are some methods and thoughts that might help your trolling.

Early in the morning before the sun is up and its rays start to penetrate the water is one such time to use attractors. Remember, it is very dark in deep water early in the morning and late in the evening. When you are fishing alone it is also wise to try as many as three or four attractors to find which is most productive. When the day is dark and overcast is another time to try attractors.

There are times when I feel you shouldn't use any attractors. One such instance is when you are in a pack of boats. I feel the boats disturb the fish and your chances are better when you run all your lines clean. This has been an experience we have had many times. This, I suppose would be a matter of fishing conditions at any given time.

When fishing lake trout, especially deep, we always use cowbells; not necessarily the long string but one with three or four blades. For some reason the trout will hit this rig almost always before anything else. My records show that the "Doctor" lure fished behind the cowbells is a favorite of lake trout. The small fireplug is a favorite also.

The Heddon Schoolie and Luhr Jensen six pak are favorites of mine. I have been successful fishing both of these attractors. It has been said the Chinook will rarely hit anything but clean

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lines. I disagree with this. Running either of these two attractors with a variety of spoons has proven to us that the Chinook would hit these when they would take nothing else. Our best luck was running our spoons about three to six feet back of the attractor. These attractors are also good on coho and lake trout.

I think when fishing for coho the herring dodger is probably the most effective. It is a fact, however, that feeding coho will hit just about anything moving. When using the dodger we fish flies within 8" of the dodger and close to the cannonball to give the lure more action. I have what I call a super attractor, which I made myself. It is about five feet long with stainless steel blades. The blades are shaped much like the Colorado spinners and are 5" long by 3" wide. I attach the attractor to the end of the cannonball. This rig has proven to be most effective in attracting coho. The idea of this type of attractor is not new, as it has been used in salt water fishing for years.

I have an idea that certain combinations of attractors will attract fish much better than others. Some of my friends are of the same opinion. When I hit upon such a combination I make a note of it in my log. We have found about three of these that have proven to be something special. One such combination going from left to right; "0" dodger with yellow fly about 4' back from the weight; next, chartreuse with red spotted Coho Charger about 30' to 40' back fished clean; next the Heddon School of minnows with a white with red striped Coho Charger

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BY JIM HULET (Torpedo Lee)

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You might say that your membership in MSSFA brings you publications which help keep you informed of fishing activities throughout the state and legislative developments related to your sport.

You could mention that MSSFA believes it is imperative that the angler's needs and concerns are recognized and that recreational fishermen have fair representation on deliberations concerning fisheries policies.

The more recreational anglers MSSFA represents, the better our services will be, and the stronger our voice will be in fisheries affairs.

You can help make 1976 a year of action for the fishermen by convincing a friend or associate to join the MSSFA. Member applications and literature describing our organization are available for this purpose.

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about 15' to 20' back, (run about a 4' leader on the charger); last, a Loco, Manistee Wobbler, flutter spoon, or another charger in the color of blue and silver fished clean about 20' to 30' back. The depths are staggered with the inside lines fished deeper than the outside. Why this combination? I have some theories on this. Noise of the dodger along with the two chargers and the attraction of the dodger and school of minnows seems to really do the job. I believe it creates some special effect of feeding fish and attracts others. One day last August we had a triple, three doubles and many other hits while fishing for Chinook on this combination. I try it almost every trip we take.

I hope some of these ideas will help your fishing. Above all try different things and try to be versatile and adapt to each different situation. Don't be afraid to try anything and everything. The more you fish the more you will learn. I am sure there are others that have had similar experiences. I invite you to try the combination that I have mentioned. Drop us a line with the combination you have found most productive.

### Lamprey . . .continued from page 3

I'm sorry to say most of the fish caught at Harrisville do have lamprey scars on them. It makes one wonder how well the lamprey eradication program is going in Lake Huron. When we cleaned the fish we found the meat almost pure white which would indicate most of the fish juices were gone. We did not eat the fish.

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# MY OPINION

SOUTH HAVEN – GREAT SPOT

by Bob Crosby

South Haven springtime fishing has to be one of the top ports for salmon and lake trout catches in the entire Great Lakes region. Trolling fishermen, many who are Steelheaders, can be seen just about anywhere one looks at the well-known port in southern Lake Michigan.

Lake conditions are for the most part "good" for a full day of fishing at that time of year, not to mention the probability of a limit catch.

Accommodations are plentiful – motels, campgrounds, restaurants, tackle shops and numerous charter boats for hire.

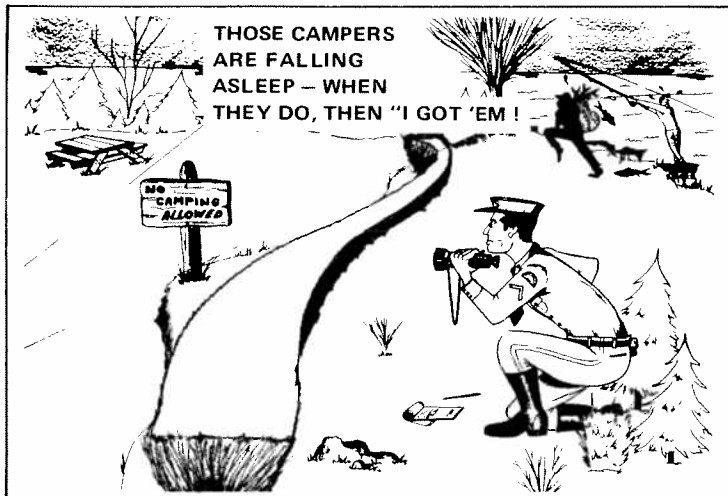
With all the time and effort that the local Steelheaders and the people of South Haven have invested in the port, to give, not only to the locals residents, but fishermen from all over the state, a chance to "wet a few lines",

it seems that a public fish cleaning station be in order.

Local business people are no different than any other land owners in the state.... they do not want, for obvious reasons, fishermen cleaning their catch on their property. A fish cleaning station would be a great convenience to those of us who fish out of South Haven.

The municipal launch ramp just upstream from the drawbridge would be one of the best if it were equipped with a fish cleaning station. Van Buren state park has a large number of fishermen camping there but also lacks the facilities to clean fish.

An addition such as this would just add to the excellent service and other facilities promoted by the local Steelheaders and people of South Haven.



## NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

The ladies and gents listed below have invested in their fishing future by renewing their membership or by joining the Detroit Area Chapter, MSSFA.

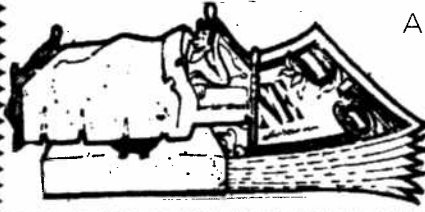
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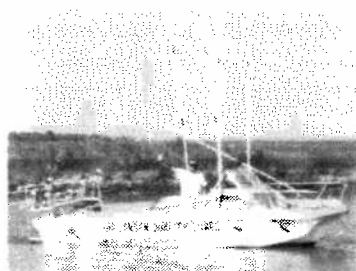
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The chapter vote in December elected four new directors who are included in this list. On January 22nd the board elected four officers. All the officers are directors and members of the executive committee. If members have suggestions and comments regarding the chapter, phone numbers are provided:

- Murrel Blackburn Dir. 291-3881
- Ken Bonin Dir. 463-8394
- Chuck Cartwright Dir. 682-0855
- Dave Gresham Sec. 623-6923
- Tom Holland Dir. 725-1380
- Harry Levitan Dir. 294-3582
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- Tom Schneider Pres. 755-5975
- Larry Serafin Dir. 537-6926
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### Tournament News . .continued from pg. 1

service charge of \$5.00 extra if entering on the tournament day.

The entrance fee for each boat will be \$15.00, payable in advance, but refundable if requested up to one week before the tournament. Trophies will be presented to the top three skippers — with up to three plaques going to each of their crew. Fourth through tenth place skippers will also receive an award.

The chapter will again award the "Skipper of the Year" with a large trophy = based on standings in each of the tournaments. The winner must have competed in at least three. First place in each event earns ten points, second place is nine points - down to tenth place and one point.

Complete and final dates, places and rules will be determined no later than the April meeting.

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When fishing in waders, case the bottom as well as you possibly can - by eye and by feeling ahead with your foot before taking a step. Wear felt-soled waders where there are rocks; molded waders have little traction on wet, hard surfaces. If you already own molded waders, you can buy felt- or chain-bottomed sandals to slip over the foot. It's a good idea, especially in a strong current, to carry a staff to probe ahead and to help you keep your balance.

You could use a branch, a ski pole with the hoop removed, or a wading staff sold specifically for the purpose. If you find it awkward to fish while holding such a staff, loop it around your belt with a length of cord.

Be sure to use the drawstring chest closure. Or you might use a belt around your waist. Or you might do both. The idea is to keep the waders from filling with water. Don't wade out alone. A buddy who is fishing nearby may mean the difference between life and death if you get into trouble. If you must wear a wader in a boat, wear a life-saving device as well.

**PCB'S** . . . continued from pg. 1

A Toxic Substance Act has been introduced at the federal level by U.S. Rep. William M. Brodhead, D-17th District Michigan; H.R. 7548 "The Federal Toxic Substances Act." At the state level a Michigan ban on PCB's has been introduced by Rep. David E. Bonior, 75th District, Mt. Clemens; House Bill

No. 5619 and was passed by the House on January 27th. This bill has two objectives; to ban PCB's from Michigan waters and to focus national attention on the problem.

In addition to the national and state bans there are interim solutions in the areas of water quality enforcement and solid waste disposal and air pollution regulations. These solutions are presently being pursued by the state organization via communications to the federal EPA and the state DNR. MSSFA members and all concerned citizens can help eliminate the PCB threat to our Great Lakes sport fishery by writing to their U.S. congressmen urging support of H.R. 7548, the National Ban, and by contacting their state senator urging a state ban.

The seriousness of the PCB threat to all fishing is magnified by a recent testing of lake trout and coho fillets caught in a Wisconsin fishing tournament. The fillets tested at 10 - 20 PPM PCB's. The Federal Drug Administration's allowable limit is 5 PPM.

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