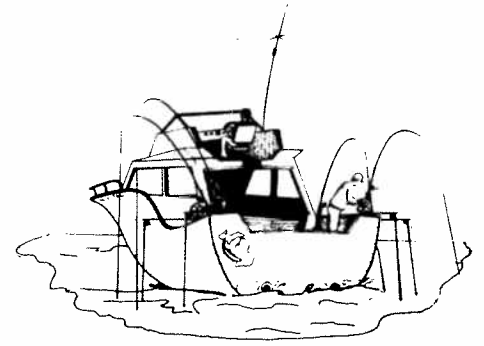


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STATE DIRECTORS ELECTED

Elections for Board of Directors of the MSSFA were held the end of September. Ballots were mailed in for an October 4th deadline.

The four members of our Detroit Chapter elected were: Bob Rutt Paul Irvine
Ken Bonin Don Calhoun

They will represent the Wayne Oakland and McComb counties at the State meetings.

The newly elected State Directors would like to thank those who voted and will work their hardest for you next year.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING OCTOBER 20th -Weds.

The October meeting will be held one week early this month due to hall arrangements.

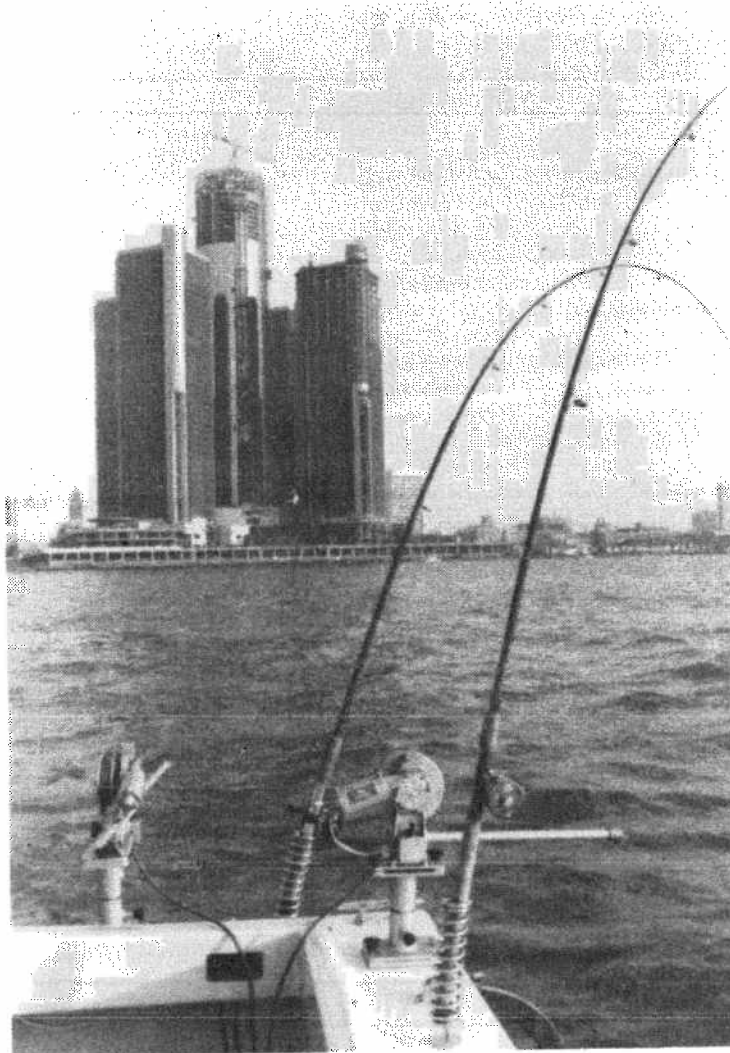
Guest speaker, movie, raffle and the Chapter Director Elections will take place. Don't forget to bring your ballot.

VOTE YES ON PROPOSAL "A" TO BAN THROWAWAYS

So as not to try to confuse the issue and hand you misleading information as big business is trying to do in opposing Proposal "A". Here are the facts:

1. Impact on jobs and economy: A report by the Public Service Commission, the only official state government report on the "Bottle Bill", concluded that the net impact of the bill would be the increase and not to reduce, employment in Michigan.

2. Consumer savings: The president of Coca Cola USA testified before Congress that "Coke sold in food stores in



The view of the Renaissance Center onboard Larry Serafin's boat the Pequod during the Detroit River Research Trip.

nonreturnable packages is priced, on the average, 30 to 40% higher than Coca Cola in returnable bottles. The difference lies essentially in the different costs of packaging. The cost of returnables is spread over many uses; the cost of the nonreturnable package is absorbed in one use."

3. The bill only covers beer and soft drink containers.

4. There should be no change in the availability of the various soft drinks and beer.

5. If industry converted to returnables, it would save money, because it would be paying less

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DETROIT RIVER RESEARCH TRIP NO SALMON THIS YEAR

Weather conditions were ideal to catch salmon. 28 boats were set up to catch salmon. The experience was there to catch salmon. But where are the elusive Detroit River Chinook Salmon?

My experience tells me that they're not in the Detroit vicinity.

Maybe they'll show up in a couple of weeks, maybe in a month; maybe, maybe. I'm asked that question many times a week and I don't have the answer. After all the effort expended, I still hope they show up.

The Detroit Chapter showed up Saturday, September 25th to find the fish, we didn't. They caught Walleye, Muskie and Sheepshead using salmon technique. Tom Schneider caught a Muskie drifting a Corky.

I don't know if we learned anything Saturday, maybe we were too early.

I personally would like to thank all the guys who showed up and gave up a weekend of prime fishing. Thanks go to Lindy and Yakima for the free lures. To Ken Fischer for contacting and receiving the lures passed out, and the city support. To Mike DeCamillo, Mike Trevas and the "Ola I" (who aren't even members yet) for taking out city officials at short notice. To Terry Jackson and his crew from Canada for coming out and lending a hand. To Jerry Lee and Tom Schneider for bringing in fish to be weighed, even though they weren't salmon. And, lastly to the Stroh brewery for canceling our free beer the day before, so that no one woke up with headaches Sunday morning.

**IRVINE WINS
AT OSCODA
TOURNAMENT**

The weather was beautiful for our last chapter tournament of the year and the fish also cooperated in making the Oscoda tournament a big success.

25 boats entered the contest and totally caught 54 salmon most caught on the Luhr Jensen J-plug. Murrell Blackburn and John Makela both caught a 14" to 15" perch on a J-plug but couldn't get the tournament committee to agree that the perch were small jacks and enter them in the contest.

Paul Irvine and Larry Serafin on the Yellow Jacket II caught 7 salmon to win first place. 2nd place was won by John Makela of the Sisu which gave John enough points to win Skipper of

- 3rd — Lee the Year.
- 4th — Brandt
- 5th — Blackburn
- 6th — Atwell
- 7th — Wanio
- 8th — Mills
- 9th — Goodman
- 10th — Lukanchoff

The tournament committee would personally like to thank all those members who participated in the club tournaments. We're already planning for next year. We intend to make them more of a club function by trying to set up a dinner for the evening of the tournament. If anyone has any suggestions as to where they would like the tournaments held, feel free to contact Elton Luckritz or Paul Irvine. Also, help is always needed on the tournament committee.

Looking forward to seeing you next year.

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FROM THE EDITOR. . . .

For the second year in a row our chapter, which makes up for a total of over 500 members, has recorded a record low 60 votes in the recent State Board of Director's election. In fact, the actual number of votes cast by our chapter members was probably less than 60, since that number was the total votes cast in the Wayne, Oakland and McComb counties and those were state members and not necessarily chapter members.

A suggestion in the suggestion box was to have tables at the meetings for the different committees so members could volunteer. I personally wouldn't waste my time waiting for someone to come up to my table to volunteer. As editor of the paper I see all stories and pictures submitted. Since the/our first issue 9 months ago, if we excluded all stories written by myself, John Makela, Murrell Blackburn, Bob Rutt, Ken Bonin and Larry Serafin, I could count on two hands the stories submitted by our members.

I see no reason why I should spend my time writing stories, researching articles, sticking on labels and mailing the paper to a bunch of guys who care so little about the club that they can't take 30 seconds to fill out a ballot and express an opinion.

Thanks guys for the support, all 60 of you who weren't too damn lazy to vote.

amounts of nonreturnable bottles and cans I see. The problem is not getting better and you know it. Just because the soft drink and beer industry could care less that our state is becoming a dumping ground for their garbage is no reason why we shouldn't care.

AUDUBONISTS FIGHT

BACK ON BOTTLES

Reprinted from North Woods Call
A positive counter-attack on "misleading advertising" about the bottle bill vote is being waged by the Thunder Bay Audubon Society.

The Alpena-based group is urging its members (and all others) to use these facts in writing letters to the editor or talking to voters:

A Michigan Public Service Commission study has shown that while some job "displacement" will occur, nearly five times as many jobs will be created: 4,000 new jobs, generating \$28 million in taxable income.

The law against nonreturnable beverage containers and pulltab cans is working in Oregon, Vermont, South Dakota and in several cities, counties and other communities.

The bottling industry never seems to mention the jobs lost when the industry went from returnables to throwaways. Why weren't they concerned then?

Throwaways make up 60 percent of the litter on our roads.

In Oregon, beer sales have risen five percent since the law went into effect. (The beverage industry says sales will drop in Michigan).

No increase in beverage prices can be traced to the law requiring returnable containers in Oregon.

There have been no permanent plant closings in Oregon.

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

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per use for containers. With these savings, prices could be reduced. The national average of returns according to the EPA is 12.5 times. Beer and soft drinks are available now for lower prices than the same beverages packed in throwaway containers. According to one survey, packaging accounts for as much as 56% of the costs of beer production. With returnable bottles, the consumer saves money by borrowing the expensive packaging. Returnable savings hold true in the soft drink industry as well.

Each time I travel up north and go into the woods and canoe or wade the rivers, I become disgusted at the ever increasing

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Paul Irvine, Winner of the Oscoda Tournament, displays 2 of the 7 salmon caught on the Yellow Jacket II.



John Makela came in 2nd and now has enough points to win the Skipper of the Year award, congratulations!



Bill Brandt brought in these two nice kings and placed 4th in the tournament.



Murrell Blackburn caught this prize perch on a J-plug but didn't count at the weigh-in. Murrell took 5th place.



Jerry Lee (right) and partner show off the two kings which placed him in 3rd

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CAN A STREAM FISHERMAN FIND HAPPINESS IN LAKE TROLLING

by John Tymensky

This year's vacation took me to the salmon country of Manistee. I stood for 3 days on the pier, casting my arm off for anything that would strike. I had seen hundreds of salmon caught by lake trollers. I just had to get aboard somebody's boat.

I went back to the State Park where my family was camping. I met Frank Thompson of Garden City, while talking to him about trolling, I was asked by Frank's son Mike to go out the next day with him and Paul Gruegan.

Paul, Mike and I left the city marina about 6 am on a clear cold morning. Paul and I started to set some lines as we trolled away from the congestion of boats in the harbor mouth. We trolled away from the fish also. Finally got up enough nerve to join the crowd in the harbor. As we entered the river mouth, on the first pass we caught a 7 lb. coho. We made a couple more passes with no success. Paul decided it was time to go in. I really thought catching a fish on the first time out was a great success. I thanked Mike and Paul.

Dave Gresham was breaking camp when I stopped in to see him. Dave told me about his trouble that morning (trying to

land two fish at one time. It's pretty hard when you're alone). So I told him, if you need a crew I'm available. He took me up on it at 4 pm that afternoon.

When I met Dave, he was doctoring up some of his ten zillion lures. Dave has more lures than my local tackle shop. After Dave explained to me what he was doing, we got started by trolling in Manistee Lake. We had no luck, so we decided to move out to the big lake.

As we got close to the harbor mouth, Dave started setting two lines. No sooner had we cleared the coast guard pier when, "Fish On", but it was just a release.

Dave had a waterdog lure on the dashboard, which we decided to run as a third line. A waterdog is a big bass lure that is used down South.

Dave put the waterdog down about 20-20 and continued trolling. About ten minutes later I looked around and saw my line release. I ran yelling "Fish On" grabbed the pole, set the hook, missed 'em again.

Dave started to reset the line when I noticed the waterdog had released. I set the hook while Dave asked me where the fish was running, and I told him, I lost him, because I was bringing in slack line. All of a sudden I realized that the fish was still on and had started to pass us on the port side. Dave gunned the engine and I reeled like mad, and after 30 min. Dave finally netted her.

That salmon was big, a whopping 24 lbs. Dave thought she was a coho, I thought she was a king. That tells you what I know.

What a great day for me. This day was one of the most exciting and tiresome days I have had fishing. I would like to thank Paul, Mike and Dave for a new outlook on fishing.

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Acase in point is the National Rifle Association who at times seems to be nothing more than a group of organized letterwriters who respond immediately to the request of their national officers.

In an attempt to initiate this sort of a response from the Steelheader membership the following issues are presented as being worthy of a letter to your representative:

1. Lack of enforcement, by the courts of the State Fishing Regulations in the Upper Peninsula. Judges seem to be throwing cases out of court pending the outcome of Federal and State Supreme Court decisions. These decisions, of course, are our main concern and if they are favor-

able, or at least palatable, much damage to the fish population will occur in the interim while we wait the decisions if current regulations are not enforced. Additionally, perhaps we can compromise by showing our concern over these fishing rights.

2. The following is quoted from Michigan Earth Beat:

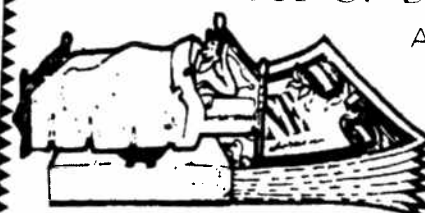
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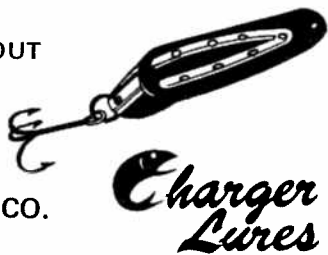
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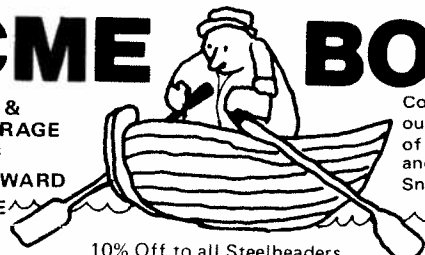
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MY OPINION

by Paul Irvine

On the weekend of Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, I was in Oscoda fishing for salmon. While I was there I went to the Foote Dam, on the Au Sable during the day to see if the reports of illegal snagging were as bad as I heard they were. There were many steelhead that were illegally snagged with illegal weighted snagging hooks that were openly being used by the majority of the slob. The use of the term "Slobs" may not be 100% true in this case, but if the majority of people I saw at Foote Dam represented the snaggers around the state then the terms "slobs" fits.

Herein lies the problem.

When these "slobs" are allowed to openly violate the rules set down by the DNR, and the DNR makes regulations which it knows it will not enforce, and most courts will not uphold, and the DNR continues to open more areas of more rivers to snagging then the fishing quality and

rights of all sportsmen are threatened.

The DNR Fisheries Dept. under Dr. Tody started out great, and the Dept. has continued to improve the sportsfishing in Michigan until it has now become the greatest sports fishery in the world. Unfortunately Dr. Tody is now on a course to do more harm to our streams and more important to the character and morals of the children than all the good the salmon program has done for Michigan.

Because of Dr. Tody's refusal to open his eyes and admit that he is wrong in handling the monster he created in encouraging salmon snagging, this only encourages the people to violate the law.

Dr. Tody has been the basis for the tremendous increase in fish violations due to the disrespect snaggers have for fishing rules and regulations. When Dr. Tody has to stoop to threatening local residence of Harrisville and Oscoda to make them approve

of his snagging views, and to hold very quiet meetings regarding opening different rivers or areas to snagging so there won't be much public dissent, then something is basically wrong. And something is basically wrong with Dr. Howard Tanner, who is suppose to be overall in charge, that he would allow this travesty to continue.

The Platte River and its banks have been ruined by snaggers. The Big Manistee below Tippy Dam has a cobweb of 60 to 100 lb. mono line blanketing its bottom. The Pere Marquette river at Scottville, since it was opened for snagging last year became a garbage dump for six weeks, and the garbage makes it way upstream to the beautiful flies only stretch where the slob pay little respect and the DNR enforcement is a farce. Thanks to fly fishermen and private landowners the snagging problem has been kept to a minimum. No thanks to the DNR.

We as adults have to set the example for our children who in turn pass on to their children our good or bad examples I don't want my children to grow up with no respect for the law. Nor do I want them to grow up and have no respect for people, animals and land around them. Snagging as it now is must change. *Comments are welcome.*

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Prior to the research trip we contacted the Mayors office to see if they wanted to do some publicity on the trip and possibly make arrangements with Strohs Brewery to get some beer for the guys in the research trip. Supposedly it was arranged and we were getting some beer for each boat from Strohs - Now the

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pettiness beings. Just a couple days prior to the research trip some "simple-minded" employee from Strohs came up with the brilliant idea that since the Steelheaders supported the ban on throwaways that we shouldn't drink their beer. Thus, no beer from Strohs.

The simple fact that Strohs is a Detroit brewery; that we are a Detroit area chapter; that we are donating our time to help the city of Detroit and have for the past two years does not even enter their minds at Strohs.

Oh well . . . if Strohs doesn't wish to support the city of Detroit, as the Detroit chapter does, there is no reason why we should support Strohs at our meetings by consuming their products.

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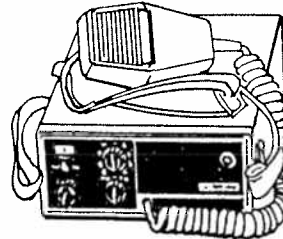
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