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## Message from the President

Dear Members,

This month, the EPSFA BOD conducted an informal meeting. We will not be publishing meeting minutes. However, we will be noting the items that were discussed and agreed upon for the members to view.

Last week, I took part in a web conference with the LEPMAG members. It was conducted by Travis Hartman of the OHDNR. The topic was the 20% TAC rule (total allowable catch) overriding the formula used to develop quotas. This will help finalize the harvest policy for Lake Erie perch quotas. The most notable comment of the meeting was the Canadian representative for the commercial fishers. He was trying to dissuade LEPMAG to reevaluating the 20% rule in its 5<sup>th</sup> year. Saying it was only a 5 year plan and it was discussed during one of the meetings. This was an obvious effort for him to make known that they want that reevaluated (catch rate increased) because the walleye population is so large. This would allow more tonnage to be taken by CND gill netters if he was correct. There were two comments opposing his comment about the 5 year maximum TAC/20% plan. One came from me and the other was from Mike Jones who coordinated the event. Both comments lightly challenged the fact that that was ever mentioned, agreed upon or written.

The Fall Trout Challenge is Sunday October 20<sup>th</sup>. [Deadline to register](#) is this Friday at 11:59pm via online entry. **See website for details.** This weekend looks very nice and you won't want to miss out. There is an additional \$500 on the line for 1<sup>st</sup> place this year. Even if you don't fish the event, stop by the weigh-in at the Sloppy Duck. BOD member Mike Vincent may have some hot chili for you 😊.

The 2018 walleye hatch was another near record hatch according to the Ohio DNR. More good news for Lake Erie walleye anglers, not so good if you're the bait.

Sharp Hooks,  
*Captain Pete Alex*

## Current Events:

### EPSFA Fundraiser Results for 2019:

**Raffle #1:** Long time member Jim Kocsis was the winner of a charter with BLACKTOP

**Raffle #2:** BOD member and volunteer Mike Vincent was the winner of the Tackle Cooler.

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed and to those who purchased and sold tickets for these two events. Also, a big thank you to Captain Ken Nulph (EPSFA assoc. BOD member) for donating the charter and FishUSA, SHIMANO and Bay Rat Lures for cooler contributions

**Fall Trout Challenge: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**(there will be an overall Trout Cup Champion)**

## Member News

- Congratulations to **Reel Adventure** and **Vision Quest Sport Fishing** for winning the AM and Pro division of this year's SUMMER SLAM. They also took **BIG FISH** honors in each division.
- Through an anonymous donation, \$3,000 was added into this year's tournament payout. \$500 will be added to the winner's paycheck for the Spring and Fall Trout Challenges, and overall Trout Cup winner, \$1,000 to Open division and \$500 to AM division Summer Slam winners!
- Memberships are up for renewal for many of you. They can be renewed on our website. By becoming a member, you become part of a larger voice and are supporting the activities and agenda we represent and stand for. Remember----**NO MEMBERS=No Voice**
- Want to donate? EPSFA is accepting donations through our membership registration page on our website.
- **Lakeshore Towing has \$5 discount to all EPSFA members.**
- The EPSFA has a face book page. Do you? If not, you can still find us and read what we have to say and look at our events-even though you do not have a FB page.

### MEETING SCHEDULE:

**Location: TBD**

EPSFA discussed having (2) public meetings in 2020. March and April. March will be elections and also a general meeting and in April we will host the PFBC.

## EPSFA Speakers, Activity & Events

### **Meeting notes from our October meeting held October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Universal Metals**

- Agreed to purchase (5) more telemetry fish tags, 2020 will be the last year of the tagging program and the EPSFA wanted to support this program with the PFBC.
- Agreed to have a Summer Slam in 2020 with same format. However, we may move the event to the last weekend in July if we find no other scheduling conflicts that weekend. We will also ask FishUSA to combine the event with a potential manufacturer at the FishUSA location.
- Agreed to pursue a tournament director for the 2020 Summer Slam for a fee of \$ 599.00. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the EPSFA BOD members.
- Agreed to accept Howard Brad Grimshaw as a BOD member.
- Agreed to meet in November 12<sup>th</sup> at Universal Metals for our non-public BOD meeting.
- Agreed to not meet in December, which has been the norm since the Association was formed.
- Discussed organizing another community event to reward an organization with a multi boat volunteer fishing event. EPSFA members would donate their time and boats to take folks fishing as a reward for their good community efforts in our area.
- Discussed the Fall Trout Challenge duties, awards etc.. to prepare for the event this weekend.

### **EPSFA Mission Statement:**

The EPSFA was formed to educate, enhance and protect the sport fishing in Pennsylvania, especially in Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and its tributaries. To that end, we have established goals which we believe will define our organization's activities by their