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Message from the President

Dear Members,

The Board of Directors hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and we wish you a Happy New Year in 2020!

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The BOD did not meet in December but will resume meetings in January of 2020. The only public meeting we will be having will be in March. March is also election month for the EPSFA.

The BOD decided to keep hosting the (3) tournaments plus the Trout Cup overall and will be keeping the formats the same for 2020. However, we are looking for a tournament director in 2020. See current events topic for dates.

The S.O.N.S announced approval for their Holland Street fishing pier project. Look for work to start this spring. The pier will cantilever over the waters edge and allow for more fishing opportunities at this popular spot.

Congratulations not Dan Pastore for being accepted as the new Fish Commissioner. Dan is owner of FishUSA and the EPSFA sees Dan's new position as a favorable one for Erie County. We would like to thank Eddy Mascharka for his two plus terms serving as Fish Commissioner.

After a BOD vote, the EPSFA wrote checks recently to support two items:

1. (5) additional telemetry tags (\$1,500). (2020 will be the last year for the tagging program but they will continue to monitor the fish for years ahead)
2. \$500 for the Buoy Fund.



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Sharp Hooks,
Captain Pete Alex

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Current Events:

EPSFA Fundraiser Results for 2020:

Niagara Fishing and Outdoor Expo: January 17, 18, & 19: Niagara Falls, NY

Many exhibitors and seminars though-out the three days
Kids Day 2020: Saturday May 23rd, 2020 If interested in volunteering-Contact Paul O-EPSFA VP.

Spring Trout Challenge: Sunday April 19th, 2020

B.A.S.S. Nation Regional Championships: June 24th-26th

Summer Slam-Pro Am: July 24th and 25th, 2020. Captains meeting July 23rd.

Fall Trout Challenge: Sunday October 18th, 2020

Member News

- Congratulations to Team Ditch Chicken for winning the Fall Trout Challenge and to Nemesis for winning the Trout Cup Challenge. Thanks to Mike Vincent for providing some home cooked chili at the weigh-in.
- 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.

2020 MEETING and SPEAKER SCHEDULE:

March public meeting will be held March: 19th, 2020 Location: TBD

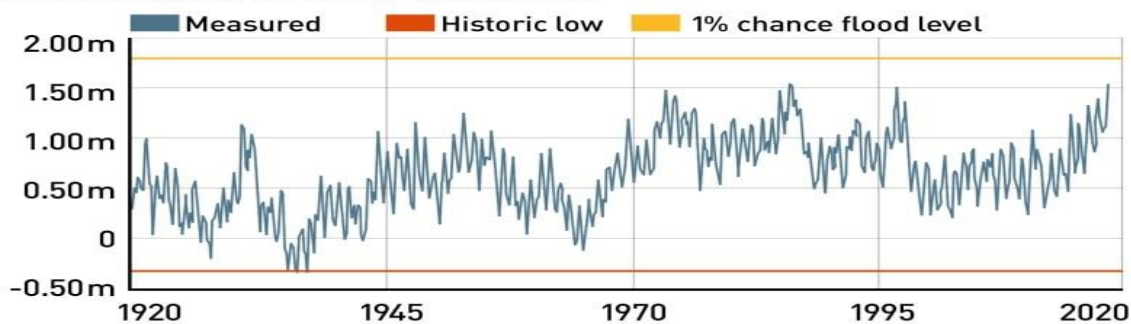
Speaker: TBD

Great Lakes News:

Lake Ontario News: To help balance predator demand on alewife, the LOC reduced Chinook salmon and lake trout stocking in 2017 and 2018 by 20%. Chinook salmon stocking was reduced by an additional 20% in 2019. For 2020, the LOC has agreed to reduce Chinook salmon and lake trout stocking by an additional 20% from 2019 levels. Adult lake trout abundance is currently stable, and reduced stocking should not compromise restoration efforts of this important native predator. In 2020, DEC and OMNRF plan to stock approximately 1.1 million Chinook Salmon, 602,000 lake trout, 756,000 steelhead/rainbow trout, 557,000 brown trout, 325,000 coho salmon and 200,000 yearling Atlantic salmon into Lake Ontario in 2020. In addition, many Lake Ontario tributaries produce “wild” Chinook salmon each year. “Wild” Chinook salmon comprise an average of 50% of the adult salmon population.

ANN ARBOR – The Great Lakes Fishery Commission reported last week that populations of the invasive, parasitic sea lamprey remain at near-historic lows, below targets, in Lakes Michigan and Ontario, and above target, but holding steady, in Lakes Huron, Superior and Erie.

Lake Erie historic water levels



CBC NEWS

Source: Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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 significant diversity. We welcome and invite you!