



Erie Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Association

April 9th, 2021

Dear Members,

I hope all of you enjoyed a nice Easter with your family and have been able to spend some time outdoors with our unusually nice and dry spring.

Here are a few updates:

Elections: The EPSFA BOD was unable to meet in March. In lieu of a meeting, we are opting to ask members to email us if they are interested in running for one of the offices of: president, vice-president, secretary or treasurer. General board positions are not at capacity-thus no need for elections. Requests to run for one of these positions is due by May 1st. If we receive any, we will go through the election process, via email ballots. If we do not, we will extend all positions for another year. Email Joe Nemet at: nemetepsfa@gmail.com

Board of Director Positions: The EPSFA has open BOD positions. Email me if interested: captainpete@visionquestfishing.com

Spring Trout Challenge:

This annual event is April 18th with a registration deadline of Friday April 16th. See web page for details and registration.

Paul Snyder has also put together a “for fun” one day event on Saturday, since most guys who fish the STC will pre-fish Saturday. Contact Paul/Ditch Chicken Charters for details

General notes from recent meetings I have attended:

Fish Cleaning Stations: these are moving forward for Walnut Creek and North East Marinas. The goal is to have these in place by early summer.

These will consist of a cooler storage building for carcasses and a gable roof structure with table to accommodate (8) anglers. The carcasses will be picked up regularly, shipped out of State and used for liquid fertilizer.

A fish cleaning station and cooler building is scheduled for Lampe Marina also, however, it may not be in place until late 2021 or spring of 2022. However, the carcasses will continue to be picked up by the vendor contracted with the PFBC. The Port Authority will also help maintain the current cooler house as needed until the new station is in place.

These FCS funds will be derived mostly via grants from the Lake Erie Permit Fund.

One of our goals as an organization, and myself personally, was to see these much overdue stations in Erie, PA before I put the boat away for the last time.

Cormorants: there are several agencies involved in implementing Cormorant controls including the PFBC. This was good news to hear, and we are following Canada, NY and Ohio, which have had some measures in place via the USFWS.

Lamprey Eel Treatment: after a gap in treatments in 2020 due to Covid related issues, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission is back on board with ongoing treatments. They have also instituted tagging of these fish to better determine their spawning locations.

Lake Trout: The continued goal of stocking 250,000 fingerlings in Lake Erie will be continued for some time.

Walleye: populations are large, and we have two very large year classes in the lake. The continued future is very bright for Lake Erie walleye.

Yellow Perch: populations are low and there is no foreseeable improvement. However, certain areas of Lake Erie have had very good yellow perch fishing and commercial fishers have had very good success in Ontario, although that fishery was mostly shut down in 2020 due to Covid.

Lampe Marina and Charters: we are working with the Port Authority to ease some of the restrictions and “tensions” from charter boats using the dock to pick up customers and drop off/clean fish. We hope to see some sort of written agreement or improved timeline for the use of the non-launch docks at the Marina.

Memberships: many of your memberships may be expiring. Please consider rejoining, including family, friends, and spouses. Many of “OUR” objectives cannot and will not be accomplished without a voice. *One voice does not go far but the voices of many are often heard, even from far away.* Please renew and recruit others to do so.

Tournaments: we have established all of our dates for the Trout Challenges and Summer Slam. See website for details and registration. Also, we will be awarding a Trout Cup Champion again in 2021-combined scores from both STC and FTC events. Good luck to everyone.

Weather Buoys: the weather buoys; (2) offshore & (2) onshore will be receiving a grant from the Lake Erie Permit Fund. We expect this will be an ongoing-annual grant to help keep these buoys operational every year.

I wish you all a safe, successful and fun fishing season in 2021.’

Pete Alex
President
EPSFA