INVITATIONAL CELEBRATION OF FLY TYING

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
5830 Clyde Park Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 28, 2015
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Complete information inside
Our annual GLC Fly Tying Expo held at a new location and time was a great success. If you get a chance, take the opportunity to thank those who made this event the success it is from the chairs to the tiers, vendor clubs and volunteers. The Expo would not be possible without their support. Plans are underway for next year’s event. The event will again be held at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing the first Saturday in November which is November 7 in 2015. We still are looking for new volunteers to get involved in the Expo. You do not need to be a resident in the Lansing area to get involved. If you need lodging for the weekend of the Expo, the GLC will reimburse you for your lodging at the Causeway Bay Hotel. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please contact me.

Jim Bos, Don & Judy Sawyer, and Terry Greiner have renewed their memberships in the Century Club for 2015. I encourage others to join or renew their Century Club memberships. The support provided by the Century Club has a big impact on the efforts of the GLC. Many thanks for your support.

2015 will be another exciting year for the GLC. Plans are being completed for our Summer Fly Fishing School & Fair at the MDNR RAM Center in Roscommon, June 12-14. See the article in this newsletter and visit our website at mid-March for complete details and registration material. This is a great event to attend even if you just come and federate.

On Saturday afternoon, June 13, at the Fly Fishing School we will again hold our Annual Membership Meeting at which we will be electing directors for two year terms. Our Annual Board of Directors meeting takes place Sunday morning on June 146 at 8:30 am at the RAM Center. All members are invited to attend the meetings. We are always looking for directors and if you are interested in serving as a director of the GLC, please contact me or one of the directors on the Executive Board of the GLC which also serves as our nominating committee.

The Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC) continues to be busy with hydro dam issues in Michigan. In 2012 the Brownbridge Dam on the Boardman River was removed. Plans are in progress to remove the Boardman and Sabin Dams by 2016. The MHRC is currently involved in succession planning for current personnel, gathering and organizing corporate memory, including files, website and a work plan for the next 20 years. The goal is to be ready when the hydro projects in Michigan come up for relicensing in 2035. We are looking for individuals to get involved in the Oversight Committee of the MHRC to facilitate this process and if you are interested or can recommend someone, please contact me. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Flygirls for their ongoing financial support of MHRC. Flygirls again gave a $1,000 grant to the MHRC this year. I encourage all clubs to consider supporting the important work of the MHRC with a grant. Grants of any amount are welcome.

I also encourage you to attend the many events being hosted by our affiliate clubs. These are great opportunities to get information, federate and hone your fly fishing skills. This information is posted to our website (if provided by the club). If your club has not provided this information to the GLC and would like to do so, contact Colleen Jenkins, VP Communications at crowjenkins@comcast.net.
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Special presentations by celebrity tyers
Close-UP Video Tying Theater with 2 - 32 inch monitors

Instructors welcome adults and youths to learn how to tie flies. Demonstrations throughout the day: how to make nets, and bamboo rods.

$10 for adults • $5 12 years to 17 • 11 and under free
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Grand River Fly Tyers Club is a Charter Club of the Great Lakes Council of The International Federation Of Fly Fishers
2015 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo
Presented by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

They’re coming … from Montana …
the Pacific Northwest … Colorado … and Florida.

The 2015 Expo will have something for every fly angler, Sprys said. The show will feature dozens of free seminars about fly fishing techniques, fly tying and fly fishing destinations and bring together more than 100 exhibitors, including dozens of fly tiers, rod builders, artists, guides and outfitters and conservation organizations.

Hosted by the Michigan Fly Fishing Club, the 2015 Expo is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15. The Expo venue is located at 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd. in Warren. Admission is $10 per person; ages 16 and under are free. Two-day tickets are $15. Parking is free.

BOB JACKLIN, West Yellowstone, MT: A fly fishing guide, outfitter and fly shop owner in the Yellowstone region for more than 40 years, Jacklin is acknowledged to be one of the sport’s best ambassadors. A world-class fly fisherman, fly tier, and fly casting instructor, he was inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame in 2004. Bob holds a master’s certification as a fly casting instructor, and sits on the International Fly Fishing Federation (IFFF) Board of Governors for fly casting instruction. He has been tying flies commercially since 1963 and is a past recipient of the IFFF’s Buz Buszek award for his contributions to the art of fly tying.

RICK HAFELE, Gresham, OR: Hafele began fly fishing nearly 50 years ago, 40 of which have been focused on fishing for trout in streams and lakes throughout the West. His fishing life however began in north central Illinois, far from trout or trout streams, but close to farm ponds full of bass and bluegill.

His fly fishing education continued at Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA, and Oregon State in Corvallis, OR. He completed a master’s degree in aquatic entomology with a minor in fisheries biology. Rick has authored a number of books, including “The Complete Book of Western Hatches” (with Dave Hughes), “Western Mayfly Hatches” (with Hughes), “An Angler’s Guide to Aquatic Insects and Their Imitations” (with Scott Roederer) and “Nymph-Fishing Rivers and Streams.”

PAT DORSEY, Evergreen, CO: Dorsey has been guiding for more than 20 years, spending roughly 200 days a year on the water. A partner in the Blue Quill Angler fly shop, he oversees and trains more than two dozen guides and helps to set the standard for integrity and professionalism in the Blue Quill Angler guide operation.

“Fly fishing is a problem-solving exercise,” Dorsey said. “The more you know about the fish, their environment and the specific techniques required to catch them, the better angler you will become. There is no ‘luck’ involved in fly-fishing. It’s a set of learned skills and your ability to execute them that make you a great angler.”
CHARLIE CRAVEN, Arvada, CO: Craven has been a commercial fly tier for more than 30 years, tying flies for almost every species of game fish — freshwater and saltwater — though he specializes in trout flies for the Rockies. He is a signature tier for Umpqua Feather Merchants, which produces 15 of his patterns. Craven is co-owner of Charlie’s Fly Box in Olde Town Arvada, CO, which was the winner of the 2009 Fly Fishing Retailer of the Year Award.

“Growing up in Colorado,” Craven said, “I have had the chance to work and fish with some of the most innovative tiers and anglers in the world. While I owe a lot of my success to them, I have also learned that I am always my own worst critic and find that I’m forever looking for a better way of doing things. I have learned that you can’t be satisfied with a fly that looks good in the box; it has to fish well, too. So many ‘new’ patterns these days are beautiful to look at but haven’t been water tested. A truly great pattern has to catch fish, be reasonably durable, and solve a problem.”

OSCAR FELIU, The Villages, FL: A native of Chile, Feliu came to the United States in 1969. As a student in Michigan, he conducted aquatic studies in several of the state’s rivers. His innovative fly patterns became well known throughout the Great Lakes region and were the subject of several newspaper and magazine articles. These publications include The Lansing State Journal, the IFFF’s Flyfisher Magazine, Trout Canada, Fly Fishing Magazine, Scientific Anglers Quarterly, American Angler, Field & Stream, Fly-Fish America and Michigan Out Of Doors.

ANDY MILL, Aspen, CO & Boca Raton, FL: A lifelong and avid fly fisherman, Mill mastered the art of tarpon fishing and went on to become only the second angler to win five Gold Cup Tarpon tournaments and be a triple crown winner in tarpon fishing (Gold Cup, Hawley, and Golden Fly). He has won 11 tarpon tournaments, the most ever for one fly fisherman. He wrote the book “A Passion for Tarpon” where he shares his experiences on catching this challenging fish.

Andy created and produced the Sportsmen’s Journal television series for the Outdoor Life Network. A lifelong angler who grew up in the Colorado Rockies, Mill has spent the last two decades in furious pursuit of tarpon on the fly. He has applied his stamina and grace as an athlete, his intense ability to focus, and his exceptional instincts as a hunter to reach the pinnacle of this exciting sport. Not only has he won a record 11 tarpon tournaments, he is the only fly fisherman to ever win tournaments for tarpon, bonefish and permit. He divides his year between Aspen, Colorado and Boca Raton, Florida.

This year’s Expo pin artwork was created Matthew Stockton.
2015 Midwest Fly Fishing Expo unveils line up of 11 featured fly tiers

Eleven talented fly tiers from across the Great Lakes region are headed to Warren, MI, for this year’s edition of the oldest fly fishing show east of the Mississippi to demonstrate their talents and ties. They will be tying flies from the tiniest nymphs to tempt finicky trout to huge creations to worthy of a slashing strike from a Great Lakes musky.

KEVIN D. COMPTON is a commercial tier, author, speaker, tying instructor and a fly designer for the Solitude Fly Co. He lives in central Pennsylvania near the banks of the Little Juniata River and spends part of each summer in the Colorado Rockies, fishing and tying patterns for competition anglers, guides, and the bins at Vail Valley Anglers. His fly-tying company, Performance Flies, (www.performanceflies.com) distributes select tying materials, tools, and hooks, throughout North America. In 2006, he was the runner-up in the Team USA National Fly Tying Competition sponsored by “Fly Tyer” magazine. In September of 2006, he traveled to Portugal to the World Fly Fishing Championship where he contributed flies to the US competitors. Since then he has tied for members of Team USA at the National Championships and at the America’s Cup. In September of 2010 Kevin was the runner-up (to Charlie Craven) in the first annual Ironman Fly Tying Competition at the Denver Retailer Show. Kevin’s flies have been featured in magazines such as “Fly Fishing and Tying Journal” and in collections such as Rick Takahashi’s “Modern Midges” and George Daniel’s “Dynamic Nymphing.” He is currently at work on two fly-tying projects with Stackpole Books – “Tying Czech Nymphs” and “Styles of European Fly Patterns.” Compton will be demonstrating techniques for tying European nymphs.

PAUL BEEL is person behind the fly tying website Frankenfly (www.frankenfly.com). His passion for fishing took root as a child watching his grandfather create homemade lures. He felt he could continue in his grandfather’s footsteps as a fly tyer. As a tier, Beel specializes in modern streamers and classic Michigan dry flies. He enjoys fishing for bass and trout. He ties commercially for Gates Au Sable Lodge and has affiliations with the Regal Vise Pro Staff, the Partridge of Redditch Pro Team, Enrico Puglisi’s Pro Staff, and Deer Creek Pro Staff. Beel will be demonstrating his modern streamers and classic Michigan dry flies.

ALAN “AL” RITT grew in Michigan where his passion for fishing was born but that passion took flight in the West. He spent time in the early 1980’s in Northern California where he began tying flies and started fly fishing. In 1989 he moved to Northern Front Range of Colorado (Longmont), where he and his wife Diana reside. He is currently a member of the Pro staff of Whiting Farms, PEAK Fishing, Flymen Fishing Company, Performance Flies, Clear Goo Glue, Fishing for a Cause, Performance Flies, Pro Sportfisher, Daiachi Hooks, and a fly designer for Montana Fly Company. Ritt is on the board of International Federation of Flt Fishers (IFFF) Fly Tying Governors. He also is a guide on Colorado and Sylvan Dale Ranch just outside of Loveland. In addition to authoring articles in various magazines, he also published a book, “25 Best Most Versatile Flies.” His web site is: www.alrittflies.com. He will be demonstrating various Western trout flies.

JASON HADDIX is originally from Illinois, but now lives in Wellington, CO. He is a veteran guide who enjoys guiding clients on the waters of Colorado’s Front Range and the beautiful, productive waters of southern Wyoming. When he’s not guiding, he spends as much personal time on the water as possible and then it’s back to the vise, designing new flies and modifying older pattern. Haddix owns and operates his own tying business, Waters Edge Fly Tying Company. Not only are Jason’s flies extremely productive, but, because of the processes he uses, they are also very durable. Jason is affiliated with companies like Rite Bobbins, Peak Vises, Enrico Puglisi Products, Daiichi hooks, Rip Lips Fishing, Flymen Fishing Products and Rivers Wild. His website is: www.watersedgeflyco.com. Haddix will be demonstrating his famed warm-water flies.

JERRY REGAN is a third-generation fly tier, one of the true keepers of Michigan’s fly fishing history; and one of the best commercial fly tiers in the Midwest. Just like Trout Unlimited, Jerry was born along the fabled trout waters of the Au Sable River in Grayling. As a kid he learned fly tying and fishing from genuine Michigan legends like Earl Madsen and Ernie Borcher. True to his roots – and those of the flies he ties – Regan has avoided synthetic materials that have flooded the flytying market, preferring to stick with the original materials that were used. Regan will be demonstrating classic Au Sable fly patterns.
DENNIS POTTER began tying more than 30 years ago … even before he began fishing on the Au Sable River in Northern Michigan. He has spent four seasons at the Gates Au Sable Lodge as a fly fishing instructor and is recognized as one of Michigan’s leading instructors of fly tying. His fly designs are fished extensively and with great success throughout the U.S. The owner of Riverhouse Fly Company, Potter has produced a number of fly tying videos. His web site is: www.riverhouseflyco.com. He will be demonstrating various trout patterns and fly tying techniques.

ELI BERANT, having grown up in Michigan, has been surrounded by big water all his life. Fly fishing and fly tying have been passions since he received his first fly tying kit at the age of 15. Even though he really likes the “traditional” fly fishing experience, he has taken the concepts of big saltwater flies and applied them to the big waters in Michigan. If you are interested in “big flies” for lake trout, musky or bass, you can check them out at Great Lakes Fly (www.greatlakesfly.com). Berant will be tying his monster musky and pike flies.

JIM REED is a world-class deer hair tier who hails from Howell, MI. He has spun many an amazing deer hair bug. In fact, in 2006 Federation of Fly Fishers competition he was awarded six world champion medals on all six of his entries. In addition to being a master at the spinning of deer hair, he is a very versatile tier. He has demonstrated and taught around the Great Lakes region and Midwest. He also has been featured at a number of IFFF Conclaves and Somerset (NJ) Fly Tying Symposiums. Reed will be tying his famous deer hair flies and other patterns.

MIKE SCHMIDT is owner and principal fly tier for Angler’s Choice Flies of Dublin, Ohio. He specializes in winged wet, warmwater, coldwater, and saltwater patterns. He is an Orvis fly designer, a fly tying instructor for Mad River Outfitters, signature tier for JagFly Company/Steelhead Alley. He has published articles in Hatches on-line magazine. Schmidt’s web site is: www.anglerschoiceflies.com. He will be demonstrating his winged wet flies and “big fly” patterns.

WAYNE SAMSON has been fly fishing and tying for more than a decade. Originally a warm water fisherman, he began experimenting with deer hair bass bugs. Then he met the late Chris Helm of Toledo, Ohio, who was widely considered to be one of the world’s the finest deer hair tiers. A friendship quickly developed. While Samson continues to specialize in deer hair bugs, he ties epoxy flies, saltwater flies, classic Atlantic salmon patterns and a variety of trout flies. Samson comprises one half of the duo from Glenn River Fly Co. (www.glennriver.com). Samson will be demonstrating saltwater fly patterns.

TODD A. SCHOTTS owns and operates a production fly tying company “Grizzly Flies by Schottsie,” which launched more than a decade ago and founded the “Michigan Bobbin Slingers.” He is a long-time member of and volunteer for the Michigan Fly Fishing Club. A number of his patterns are to be featured this year in “Eastern Fly Fishing” magazine. He considers himself a bass bum, chasing both smallmouth and largemouth. He also enjoys chasing trout and whatever will take a fly. Some of his patterns can be seen in Bailiwicks located in Dexter, Michigan and through Brookhaven Lake Guide Service. He can be contacted at GrizzlyFlies@yahoo.com. Schotts will be demonstrating various warmwater and Thunder Creek patterns.
Flyin' Heroes of Muskegon, MI is chosen as the 2015 recipient of the 9th Annual Tie-a-thon

For Immediate Release - On April 11th members of St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers, a Federation of Fly Fishers associate club; members of Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and many others, will come together for the Ninth Annual Tie-a-thon to tie flies for Flyin' Heroes, of Muskegon, MI.

In nine years, fly tyers have donated over 65,000 flies to various good causes such as Flyin' Heroes who use fly fishing for education or therapy.

About the Recipient
Flyin' Heroes is a program that utilizes the sport of fly fishing to promote therapeutic growth and rehabilitation of U.S. military veterans. The goal of Flyin' Heroes is to create memorable fly fishing experiences that unlock the healing power of the water and foster lasting relationships.

Participants of Flyin' Heroes will experience a unique guided float trip down the Pere Marquette River, Muskegon River and/or the White River located in West Michigan. Each participant will be instructed on the basic techniques of fly and/or light tackle for trout and other game species.

Fishing is simply the tool that allows us to connect with our local community of veterans. We focus on the importance of creating lasting relationships and life long memories on the river.

Flyin' Heroes utilizes individualized personal trips, which are used to empower and inspire veterans to make positive gains towards mental health and living productive, fulfilling lives.

Harnessing the power of the river, giving thanks to all who have served. For more information, check out www.flyinheroes.org.

What is the Tie-a-thon
The premise of the Tie-a-thon is like an old fashion barn raisin' several tyers tie as many flies as they can to donate to the cause. Joining forces again this year to tie flies are members of: St. Joseph River Valley Fly Fishers; Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited; The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock; Reel Women, Reel Men of Indianapolis; Grand Rapids Fly Tyers; Flygirls of Michigan; Anglers of the Au Sable; Little Elkhart Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Duneland Fly Fishers and many more individuals from all over the country.

A bunch of tiers come together to tie 100 flies each on a Saturday and at the end of the day, we try our very best to surpass our previous all-time high of 13,300 flies raised at one Tie-a-thon.

If you are interested, pick just one pattern to tie, buy a box of 100 hooks, the materials and get tying! To get you there on that Saturday, Chef Terry Wittorp will have a spectacular lunch for all the tyers - which is worth at least 200 flies, but we will give you a break. Everyone is welcome, but please let us know so we can plan for lunch.

Also, so you’re not too bored just tying, we will have a guest tyer every other hour show off his or her special pattern. We will have a video system set up to make it easy to see from your tying station. The Tie-a-thon will last from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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Tie-a-thon Press release continued –

If you are not a fast tyer and can’t complete your 100 flies in that time, this is a good time to get a jump on your flies. We would certainly take more than 100 from anyone if they are ambitious and want to tie flies in advance. You don’t have to be an expert tyer to donate flies. Many first time fly tyers have participated; this gives you a chance to become very good tying at least one fly. If you need help learning a pattern; contact me, Tim Scott, and I will be happy to give you a lesson.

As in the past, the Elkhart Conservation Club has graciously donated the use of their main building for the 2014 Tie-a-thon.

The previous eight Tie-a-thons distributed over 65,100 flies to the following groups: The youth camp of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the youth camp for the Brotherhood of the Junglecock, Reel and Heal of Toledo, Casting for Recovery of Indiana, Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, National Fishing Program, Warriors and Quiet Waters of Montana.

Pick a pattern, tie it up and donate to the Tie-a-thon!

These are the flies we ask you to tie: (tie 100 flies of one pattern)

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If you cannot make the Tie-a-thon, please mail flies to: **Tim Scott - 711 Forest Ave, South Bend, IN 46616.**
To see more on previous Tie-a-thon recipients, visit sjrff.com or kvctu.org or Tie-a-thon on Facebook.

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Grand River Fly Tyers - celebration of fly tying: A brief history.

Several years ago, I was still president of the GRFT. I had breakfast with his divine holiness, the Rivergod Dennis Potter. Dennis is a nationally known fly tyer and fly designer with his own extensive teaching program. I asked him what he thought about the GRFT having its own fly tying expo. What will the Great Lakes Council of the international Federation of Fly Fishers say? Where would we have such an event? When should we have it? How big do you envision it should be? Dennis had questions after questions. Imagine the River God playing the devil’s advocate! It became clear to me that at best Dennis was only lukewarm to my idea. He finally said: “I do not think you can pull this off, Wolf”!

After we were done with breakfast I suggested that we investigate a possible venue for such an event. We went to the Knights of Columbus at Clyde Park where we met with Paul, the manager. As soon as Dennis saw the facility with all the tables and chairs arranged for the weekly fish fry, he got noticeably excited. He was checking for electric outlets, measuring the room, checking the stage for celebrity tyers, all the while talking to himself. He probably gave himself “divine” assurances. Presently he stopped in front of me and said, “I think we can do this!” Hey, that was great news! I told him, that if he is ok and excited with the idea of a fly show I would want him to chair the event. Boy, did the River God go to work: He picked a set-up crew from our membership, called tyers and set the date, the last Saturday in February. What a super job he did. Dennis arranged two monitors on stage for demo tyers. That way the audience was able to observe in minute detail how a fly was created.

Then came the big day, the last Saturday in February. We had set-up tables for 35 tyers and people such as the well known Bamboo Rod maker, Ron Barch, custom net maker, Dr. Sam Lacina and others. The big tying names of the fly tying community such as Jeff “Bear” Andrews, Kevin Feenstra, Ray Schmidt, Jerry Drake and many others were attractions. It was obviously “worry time”: Would the people come? Would the event be a bust? and so on. However at the end the “celebration” turned out to be a great success. Thanks to the great job of Dennis as the chair, the enthusiasm of our club members and last but not least Paul’s troops of the Knights of Columbus turned the first expo into a great success. The guys of the Knights of Columbus were unbelievable the way they pitched in and helped wherever it was necessary.

Our event is now the “INVITATIONAL CELEBRATION OF FLY TYING”. We hope to share our knowledge about fly tying and fly fishing with many more people.

Now you know the rest of the story. Wolf
JOIN US TO LEARN, HAVE FUN AND FEDERATE

The GLC FLY FISHING SCHOOL & CONCLAVE is held at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center located on the north side of Higgins Lake near Roscommon and Grayling, Michigan. Adjacent to the Center is one of Michigan’s most popular parks, N. Higgins Lake State Park.

Educational programs will be offered for aspiring fly anglers as well as those experienced in the sport. Simultaneous programs and workshops for beginners, intermediate and advance anglers will be offered Friday starting at 1:00 p.m. and all-day Saturday. A complete beginning fly fishing course to include on-stream instruction will be offered this year. Fly tying workshops will be offered Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. You are encouraged to bring your fly tying equipment (materials will be provided) or you can just come and watch. Programs and workshops on casting (including Spey Casting), warm water fly fishing, and fly fishing for trout will also be on the schedule. IFFF Casting Certification will be available on Saturday.

Fishing opportunities in the area include not only the famous Amusable and Manistee River and their tributaries but also float tubing on nearby Wakely Lake, a catch and release lake with outstanding fishing for Bass, Bluegill, and even Northern Pike.

Federating along with the raffle & auction display will be ongoing in the Education Building on Friday and Saturday. Free hospitality will take place Friday and Saturday afternoon starting at 4 pm. If you just want to fish and federate you are still invited to attend.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN TO ANYONE

LODGING accommodations are available at the R.A. MacMullen Conference Center and camping. Adjacent to the MacMullen Center is the North Higgins Lake State Park and other lodging and private campgrounds are also available.

Registration costs for Federation members is $35 for individuals and $45 for families. Add $10 to these costs for nonmembers. Special package rates are available ($210 double occupancy and $260 single occupancy) which include registration, two nights lodging, Friday lunch and dinner, breakfast, lunch and dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. The beginning fly fishing class cost is $170 and the Spey Casting Workshop, Fly Casting Instructors Workshop and On Stream Workshop for Nymph Fishing Tactics will cost $60.00. Meals are available for those attending that are not using the lodging. The remaining programs and workshops are free with registration.

More details and registration material will be available in March, 2015 on the GLC website at www.fffglc.org or contact Jim Schramm (231) 869-5487, e-mail jdschramm@oceana.net
MHRC STATUS REPORT

The Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC) is a coalition of four statewide, nonprofit conservation groups. Represented are Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), Michigan Council Trout Unlimited (MCTU), Great Lakes Council, Inc., Federation of Fly Fishers, Inc. (GLC), and Anglers of the Au Sable (AA). All members are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

AU SABLE, MANISTEE AND MUSKEGON RIVERS

Consumers Energy Company Settlement Agreement
11 projects on three rivers, the Au Sable, Manistee and Muskegon.

As part of the Settlement Agreement, the MHRC is currently involved in the implementation of the licenses on these three rivers as a member of the Implementation Team (MMAC Team). Meetings of the MMAC Team are held as needed usually three to four times a year with an annual meeting scheduled in the spring. The implementation process has been on-going since 1994 and will continue throughout the license period of 40 years.

Water Quality:
Upwelling systems have been installed on the Tippy Project on the Manistee River, Hodenpyl Project on the Manistee River, Mio Project on the Au Sable River and Croton Dam on the Muskegon River. The system works by pumping air to a large bubbler on the river bottom, which causes cool deep water to mix with warmer water on top, cooling it before it spills over the dam. During a normal summer a 2 to 3 degree change is expected.

The Bubbler systems were in operation this past summer at Tippy, Hodenpyle, Mio and Croton Dams on the Manistee, Au Sable and Muskegon Rivers. Results have shown that the operation of the bubbler systems is effective in lower water temperatures. Success has varied at the different Projects. Data will be continued to be reviewed by the MMAC Team and the MHRC will push recommendations for any needed improvements or enhancements in the operations.

MDNR Fish Contribution Projects:
The MHRC serves on the Implementation Team (MMAC Team) which implements the settlement agreement with Consumers Power Company for the eleven hydro projects on the Muskegon, Manistee and Au Sable Rivers. The MMAC Team approved funding of projects from the Habitat Improvement Account (HIA) for FY 2014 totaling $872,355.00. Six projects were completed on the Au Sable River ranging from woody debris placements, habitat improvements and boat launch improvement. On the Manistee, two projects, tributary Salmonid study and Hodenpyl Pond erosion control. A barrier inventor was done on the Muskegon.

Wilderness Shores Settlement Agreement (WSSA) Hydro Projects, Menominee River Basin

WSSA Hydro Projects: Big Quinnoscoc Falls, Kingsford, Twin Falls, Michigan Falls, Lower Paint, Peavy, Falls, Way Dam, and Hemlock Falls Mitigation and Enhancement Fund (MEF)
Participated with the Implementation Team (IT) in review of project proposals submitted for IT approval and funding through the MEF for 2012. By group consensus, the IT will determine if projects submitted meet the requirements to mitigate, improve, and enhance fish and wildlife habitat in the Upper Menominee River Basin in the vicinity of the WSSA Hydro Projects.

Approved projects for funding in 2015 include Iron County waterways invasive species control, Wild Rivers invasive species coordination and control, and Michigamme Reservoir fish habitat project to construct log crib reefs.

Chalk Hill (CH) and White Rapids (WR) Fish Passage Initiative
Continued participation with representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Michigan DNRE, and Wisconsin DNR (Team) in planning efforts with the Corps of Engineers as input to their feasibility report for design of fish passage structures to pass lake sturgeon upstream and downstream at the CH and WR Projects on the Menominee River

Grand Rapids Hydro Project Fish Passage Initiative
Continued participation with the Team in planning efforts with the Corps of Engineers as input to their feasibility report for design of fish passage structures to pass lake sturgeon upstream and downstream at the Grand Rapids Project on the Menominee River

Fish Passage Initiative at the Park Mill and Menominee Hydro Projects
Continued participation with the IT to review fish passage structures being designed by Contractors to pass lake sturgeon upstream and downstream of both dams. For downstream, passage, an angled bar guidance rack is being designed and for upstream passage, a fish lift and fish sorting facility is being designed.

Relicensing of the Park Mill and Menominee Hydro Projects
Continued participation in relicensing proceedings to review scopes of work for environmental studies, review the draft application for relicensing, and develop conditions the MHRC will submit to the FERC for inclusion in the license to protect fish, wildlife, and recreational resources within the project boundary
THUNDER BAY RIVER
Thunder Bay Settlement Agreement
North America Hydro
5 projects on the Thunder Bay River
The MHRC participates as a member of the implementation team (Working Committee) which began its work in May, 1999. North American Hydro purchased the Thunder Bay projects from TB Power Company.

Projects for 2014 included the proposals of Huron Pines for a invasive species inventory and stream bank erosion survey work. Approved funding of $10,000.00 for this work. A meeting for review of the escrow account and approval funding of projects and activities for 2015 will be scheduled in early 2015.

The MHRC is actively involved in the implementation committee for the three projects on the Thunder Bay River. The committee meets to implement the license conditions and decide how funds are spent from the escrow-based settlement agreement of $1 million. Issues currently being dealt with include water quality, fish passage, soil erosion and recreational projects. The ownership of the projects has changed hands since the settlement was signed in 1998, and the MHRC continues working to ensure that new owner would abide by the settlement terms signed by the previous owner.

ONTONAGON RIVER
Bond Falls Settlement Agreement
Upper Peninsula Power Company
The MHRC participates as a member of the Implementation Team. The following operations were reviewed in 2014:
Victoria Falls - Interim Emergency Operating Procedure and current status of FERC concern with spillway adequacy.
Bond Falls - Construction drawdown and current status of FERC refill plan.
Bond Falls/Victoria/Gogebic - Review Recreation Plan for 2014 work.
Bond Falls Mitigation and Enhancement Fund (MEF)

Participate with Implementation Team in reviewing project proposals for 2014, review status of past approved projects and approve budgeted items for 2015. One project were approved for funding in 2014, Bond Falls invasive honeysuckle control in the amount of $1,048.12

BOARDMAN RIVER
Boardman Settlement Agreement
3 projects (Sabin Project, Boardman Project, and Brownbridge Project)
A historic agreement between the MHRC, local, state, tribal and federal officials was signed in 2005 that is seen as the first step to potentially restoring the Boardman River in northwest Michigan to a free-flowing, natural state. The MHRC as a signatory to the Settlement Agreement serves on the Implementation Team along with MDEQ, MDNR, USFWS, Grand Traverse County, City of Traverse City, Traverse City Light and Power, and Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Traverse City and Grand Traverse County are moving forward on their decision to remove three dams. The City and County have asked the Implementation Team to continue to be involved and oversee the dam removal process, The City and County have specifically asked the MHRC to continue to be involved and provide its legal and dam removal expertise to the process. The Implementation Team has hired the Conservation Resource Alliance to be the Project Manager. Meetings take place monthly in Traverse City with work plans and feasibility studies being developed to include fund raising.

At the end of 2012, the majority of the work to remove the Brownbridge Dam was completed. Work is ongoing involving removal of fences, grading and seeding embankments and steep slopes. Plans are moving forward for the removal of Boardman Dam in 2016 followed by the removal of Sabin Dam. Repairs and upgrading of the Union Street Dam are projected to be completed by the end of 2016.

Ludington Pump Storage Power Plant
The Ludington Pump Storage Plant began its re licensing process in January, 2014. The MHRC is working closely with Consumers Power and the Agencies in the on-going process.

Planning for the Future
The MHRC began work on succession planning for current personnel, gather and organize corporate memory, including files, web site, and interviews, and a work plan for the next 20 years.

WORK PLAN FOR NEXT RELICENSING -- TWENTY YEARS

2015-20: deal with priorities, complete historical files, interviews, etc
2020-25: hiatus, continue current work as agreed
2025-30: prepare for relicensing process
2030-35: the relicensing process
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club is working with Royal Oak High School to support a student fly fishing club. The effort is spearheaded by a couple of Royal Oak residents, Bill Shannon and Terry Herron. Supporting the effort are a number of MFFC members, including MFFC President Dan Finstad and MFFC Past President Mike Matuszewski. Here Terry Herron leads an introduction to basic fly fishing equipment.

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**GREAT LAKES COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT**

Every gift regardless of amount is greatly appreciated and will be used to support projects and events within the Great Lakes Council. This is not limited to the three categories listed on the Donation Form but rather is a place to start for conserving, restoring and educating within the sport of fly fishing. To qualify for a tax deduction, contributions must be made by December 31st of that year and will give the Council a push for the year ahead.

Contributions at the Lake Michigan level may be designated for specific projects supported or promoted by the GLC. Fund Categories are listed as follows and specific descriptions of each can be found on the GLC web site www.fffglc.org:

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Benefactors at the Century Club and Lake Michigan levels are entitled to free admission and/or registration at all GLC events (currently the Fly Tying Expo and Fly Fishing School and Conclave). Members will also receive a 10% discount on GLC merchandise which includes pins, T-shirts, shirts and anniversary prints. Those giving for the first time will receive the GLC 25th Anniversary Print by artist David Ruimveld.

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- ◐ 25th Anniversary Print *Lowest level to receive print
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