

**MSSFA State Board Meeting
MUCC Headquarters, Lansing
August 23, 2006
Minutes**

President Rick Balabon brought the meeting to order at 7:15pm. A 13-member quorum was present.

Presidents' Report (Balabon)... Reviewed the recent developments on cormorants in Lake Michigan (http://www.ludingtondailynews.com/print?story_id=31775). Reported that Sea Lamprey control funding may survive the proposed federal budget cuts due to the many letters sent to congressional leaders from the sport fishing community.

Motion (Potts) to approve the minutes as presented... Second (Merckel)... passed.

New Business

1. Strategic Planning Committee reports... A September 27th meeting is scheduled for all the committees.
2. Public fish cleaning stations (Hoort)... The federal EPA is surveying the high use fish cleaning stations and reviewing the carcass disposal procedures.

Executive Report (Pelt)... The Fisheries Division is under increasing pressure to reduce spending due to budget cuts at the DNR. Flat or decreasing budgets can be expected in the future, and this will almost certainly impact fisheries division programs. A new model for funding DNR budgets has not emerged. In depth discussions are taking place at the Natural Resource Commission level to address these issues.

DNR Committee Reports

1. Lake Michigan (Pelt)... a September 19th meeting is scheduled in Grand Haven.
2. Lake Huron (Merckel)... An October meeting is scheduled to review the DNR 2yr., 5yr., and 10yr., plans. A Lake Herring rearing experimental project has been proposed for the Harbor Beach Power Plant. Northern Lake Huron has reported some small Salmon. The thumb area has reported a few (6-7 lb) Salmon.

Good of the Order (All Participants)... A September 21st Sea Grant workshop on exotic species will be held in Bath, Mi.

Motion (Sickon) to adjourn at 9:00pm... Second (Merckel)... passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Sickon, MSSFA Secretary