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The Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers will host the 11th Annual Fly Tying Exposition at the Holt High School in Holt, Michigan on Saturday, December 4, 2010. The expo will be open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The GLC will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary at this event. Over 80 tiers will be on hand this year to demonstrate their fly tying skills. The Federation of Fly Fishers Buz Buszek Award is the Federation's most prestigious fly tying award and we are pleased that Buszek Award recipients Jeff "Bear" Andrews and Chris Helm will be with us.

Returning talents also include; Oscar Feliu, Dennis Potter, Ray Schmidt, Dick Walle, Julie Nielsen, Chris Soule, and many others.

Fly tiers will be tying a vast selection of patterns including trout flies, bass bugs, saltwater flies, streamers, emergers, dries, wets, and others. Once again, tiers will have the opportunity to sell their flies and fly tying associated goods from their table. The area for vendors will be greatly expanded with vendors offering a wide variety of fly tying, fly fishing and related products.

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A number of events will be featured throughout the day including door prizes, silent auctions, bucket raffle, rummage sale, and a live auction during the lunch hour. There will also be an instruction table for individuals to tie their first fly. If you have any fly tying material or gear to donate for the rummage sale, please ship it to Dorothy Schramm at P.O. Box 828, Pentwater, MI 49449.

In addition to artwork, flyrods, guide trips, and fly fishing/tying items, the auction will have some special items this year. A special fly plate will be auctioned featuring Rusty Gates and his Friends.

There will be flies from Rusty and 14 outstanding fly tyers from the GLC. We will also be having a special auction of Chauncy Lively flies and books. The auction starts at 1:00 P.M. so plan to be there for this event.

There is a modest admission fee for the event: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 13-18; children 12 and under are free. Contact Karen Harrison to nominate a tier for the event at wwgcp@verizon.net. Visit the GLC website for the latest information at www.ffgjc.org.

(NOTE: Tyers must be members of the Federation of Fly Fishers)



Oscar Feliu

2010 Fly Tying Expo logo features "Oscar's Hex Dun"

Oscar Feliu is a world renowned professional fly fishing guide, innovative fly tyer, conservationist and opera singer (yes, opera!!). A native of Chili, Oscar came to the United States in 1969. As a student in Michigan, he conducted aquatic studies in several of the states' rivers. His innovative fly patterns became well known throughout the Great Lakes region and were the subject of several newspaper and magazine articles. Oscar has been tying for over 40 years and his skills are truly extraordinary; his original designs incorporate many unique dressings from the smallest freshwater nymphs to larger saltwater patterns. Oscar and his wife currently live in The Villages, Florida, but frequently return to the Midwest to fish and travel.



THANKS TO OUR FLY FISHING SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The GLC would like to thank the following program chairs, program presenters and volunteers for their help in making this 2010 School & Conclave another success. Without their efforts we could not continue to offer these outstanding programs and classes on an annual basis.

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Jim Schramm

Our summer Fly Fishing school & conclave held this past June at the Ralph MacMullen Conference

Center near Roscommon, Michigan was a great success. Our school format continues to introduce new people to the sport and also provide a means for the experienced to improve their skills. The fishing was excellent, the federating was great and we made money for education and conservation. Many thanks to all the volunteers, donors and instructors whose hard work and generosity made it possible. Plans are already underway for next year and you should start making your plans now. The dates for next year's school and conclave are June 17-19, 2011 at the MacMullen Center.

Also check out the information in this issue for the 11th annual Fly Tying Expo scheduled for December 4 in Holt, Michigan, at the Holt High School just south of Lansing. This will be our second year at this location and is a great facility for the Expo. We will be celebrating the Great Lakes Council's 30th Anniversary at this event. We are looking for help in putting on this event. If you can help at the show please let me know. Also the invitations to the fly tiers have been sent out. If you didn't receive your invitation please contact Karen Harrison at wwgcp@verizon.net. A reminder that you must be a member of FFF to tie at the Expo.

If you looked at the list of the GLC Board of Directors you will see some new names as a result of the elections held at the June Membership and Board meeting. We welcome Derek LeRoy, Mike Mulvahil, Norton Schramm and Terry Walker to the Board. Derek was elected Treasurer to replace Dave Fuller who passed

away this past winter. Mike Matuszewski was elected Secretary taking on the challenge of filling the shoes of Lynn Roose who has retired from the Board. Colleen Jenkins was elected as VP Communications replacing Bob Kren who has also retired from the Board. Rich Knoles was elected as VP Education replacing Kevin Lounds who served in this position for many years. Kevin is staying on the Board and we thank him for the outstanding job he did as VP Education. The Board is always looking for new members so if you are interested please contact me.

I want to welcome The North Branch Boys as the newest member of the Century Club and thank them for their support. Also thanks to Lynn Roose, Jim & Helen Truchen, Wolf & Inge Schrey and the Woolly Buzzer Fly Fishers for renewing their memberships in the Century Club. I encourage other Century Club members to renew their membership. Please consider joining the Century Club and show your support for our efforts on your behalf.

Please assist us in providing your support for the proposed special regulations as outlined in the article in this newsletter. The GLC along with other members of the Cold Water Fisheries Committee spent extensive hours working with Fisheries Division is putting together the proposals.

Please write or e-mail to indicate your support.

A final reminder that we have the GLC Fall Steelhead Outing in Wellston, Michigan on October 22 to 24 coming up. If you have not made your reservations, get them to Don Sawyer as soon as possible.

Jim

FOUR MONTHS IN YELLOWSTONE

By Gerald Worden

In the summer of 2007 we spent 4 four months in West Yellowstone, Montana on the border of Yellowstone National Park. My wife Alyce, our French Brittany, Josie and I arrived on a blustery day in May complete with snow and a stiff wind. The landscape seemed to have a gray pallor about it, no doubt brought on by an overcast sky and a veil of falling snow. It was not the landscape we remembered from our family vacations. As spring merged with summer the snow stopped and the sun came out; this was the Yellowstone we so vividly recalled.

The wind remained a constant it seemed to always be blowing. It could be gentle and only strong enough to blow a Styrofoam cup down the sidewalk or when it arrived in a thunderstorm it could be harsh and fierce, tearing a stop sign from its post, skittering it across a street.

My wife and I were “work campers,” working in West Yellowstone at a “General Store.” The 100 year old family business sold souvenirs, clothing, film, gasoline etc. We lived in a no frills – no scenic view campground in our camping trailer crammed in tightly spaced lots with other trailers and motor homes. We were all doing the same thing, that is, “doing the jobs that we all went to college to avoid,” in exchange for spending a summer in the Greater Yellowstone Area. This exchange was valuable for the experience and opportunity it provided, but not in any sort of monetary gains. Fly fishing and touring in the area counted as the most frequent activities we engaged in.

Like most fly fishers I dreamed of catching a really large trout on a fly. By large I mean catching a trout bigger than I had ever caught before. I knew it would be a challenge since I have already experienced the thrill of catching Rainbow and Brown Trout in sizes up to 23 inches in length. The big fish were mostly caught on other western rivers.

Since we were located on the west side of the park, I found myself forced to look for new places to fish. The Firehole River was nearby and I had fished it on our very first trip to the park. Also, one of my fishing friends from back home was staying in the park so we began exploring the river together. Chris and I fished the waters of the Firehole in late May and early June. “White Miller,” (necropsyche – caddis) in size 12 was hatching there and we had a splendid time catching Brown and Rainbow trout in the 8 to 12 inch range. While not large, the fish seemed to make up for their size by their eagerness to take a fly.

Mishaps seem to haunt me whenever I am in the outdoors. I was fishing by myself on the Firehole one afternoon when the



tip of my fly line began to sink. I finally got out of the river at a picnic area and sat down at table to clean my line. Thoroughly absorbed with my task, I gave little heed to my surroundings. I heard something coming towards me but I figured it was just another fisherman about to take my spot. I finally looked up and found myself looking at a bull bison approaching me from about ten feet away. It was a big bull, black with a shaggy coat and it was in the process of shedding. Startled, I tried to pick up my rod and run for my truck but the rod and line were trapped in the slots between the boards on top of the picnic table. I tried in vain to free the rod but I couldn't seem to free it from the tables grasp. Finally, I freed the rod and jumped up to go to my truck. To my amazement the bison had sauntered past me and was casually munching grass 20 feet away. It continued to graze as it moved further and further away. Luckily the buffalo had not seen me as a threat or the outcome might have been different. At 2,000 pounds they can prove a nasty customer if provoked and can implant one of their horns in your backside or elsewhere. Not a pleasant thought or experience. I laughed at myself, picked up my rod and continued fishing.

Chris and I decided to fish the Firehole River as it flowed through a reddish gray and sand colored canyon of its own making. The canyon is full of rocks and varied in depth from twenty feet to well over 100 feet. The river cascaded over Volkswagen size boulders but it also had long flat stretches that we fished. The fish in the canyon were somewhat larger but a little less eager to take a fly. Hatches in the canyon were Pale Morning Duns (PMDS) and tan caddis. I tried nymphing this part of the river and did surprisingly well. I thoroughly enjoyed fishing there.

The Firehole was named for its thermal features. There are places where heated water from thermal pools flow directly into the river. It was easy to see why Mountain Man John Coulter said, “He could catch a trout on one side of the river and cook it on the other without moving from his spot.” Since it is quite dangerous to get close to these thermal areas the National Park Service takes a very dim view of anyone fishing there. Roads follow this fabled river for most of its length so

access is rarely a problem. In fact, at times the river runs so close to the road that you have to watch your backcast to avoid snagging a passing car.

As the Firehole River warmed with the summer season it became too warm to fish. If you did catch a trout it would likely die from the stress of the fight. My friend Chris had moved on to fish other areas of the West. In the meantime I needed to find another river to test my fly fishing skills. After conferring with the folks at a local fly shop, I decided to try the Madison River. The Madison is a big river and it begins in Yellowstone National Park where the Firehole and Gibbon Rivers join together. The Three Dollar Bridge area was recommended since it was wadeable and on public land. The bridge there got its name because it used to cost three dollars to fish there when the property was privately held. The practice of putting three dollars in the pipe is still honored by many anglers. The Three Dollar Bridge is located west of the park and on the other side of the Madison Mountain Range. It usually took 30 to 40 minutes to drive over Raynold Pass my new fishing spot.

When I try new areas it always takes time for me to learn the water and begin catching fish. The Madison proved no exception. I felt fortunate to catch three Rainbows on the first day I fished there. None of the fish were huge and ranged from 10 to 12 inches. All of them came on large stonefly nymphs called "rubber legs." Given my initial success I began fishing this area whenever I had time off and caught many Rainbow and Brown Trout there. With each success I became more and more comfortable with fishing a two nymph rig. I enjoy using dry flies as much as most fly fishers but I wasn't always on the river at the right time to fish dry flies. I soon learned that large trout would slam my two fly rig just before dark in the fading Montana light. I still have memories of wily large trout dragging my bright yellow strike indicator rapidly into the rivers depths. When hooked, the heavy current became the trout's strongest ally as it stripped more and more of my line from my reel. The drag on my reel howled in protest. And when I attempted to pressure the fish in this unforgiving current, the fish frequently threw the hook.

On one occasion, a large fish fought me in the current for more than ten minutes. I began to take back line and it appeared the fish was through with its bruising fight. I reeled the fish in to about 20 feet from where I stood and then I was astounded as it took off again into the heavy current and the hook pulled out. I was extremely disappointed but in hindsight I relished the experience even though I been unable to land the fish.

The trout certainly employed many tricks to surprise the unwary angler. I hooked a fish on an Elk Hair Caddis in a side channel out of the main current and it still gave me quite a tussle. A Rainbow of 17 inches, it made several runs and jumps. Finally, the fish began to tire and I reeled it in close enough to slip my landing net under him. As I reached forward with my net the trout spooked, took out 6 feet of line and en-

circled me. Suddenly lassoed, I became tangled in fly line and as I struggled to free myself I fell in the river. I was thankful the river channel was only knee deep. Regaining my feet and some of my composure,

I righted myself, and then remembered the fish. It was still hooked on the little fly and I was able to scoop it up with my net and release it unharmed. It took me a good 15 minutes to untangle myself from the fly line, the elastic cord on the net and the net itself. Finally I checked my fly rod and was happy to see it was still in one piece. The rod was under me when I fell, but it only suffered some scrapes from the rocks I fell on, nothing was broken. As I took stock of the situation I realized I was soaked and bruised. Feeling my 60 years of age I decided to go back to the camper and regroup; I would fish another day.

As the summer progressed I began to fish other sections of the Madison. I tried my hand at gulper fishing for Rainbow Trout by floating down the Madison on my Fish Cat and into Quake Lake. The fish usually were accommodating and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience. And yes, they really do make a gulping sound when they take a Callibaetis or other water-borne insect.

Eagles and Ospreys were my constant companions in my adventures on this magnificent river. They were the pros who had to fish to survive in the wild western landscape. With young to feed, they dove and swooped to capture their prize. After the fly fishermen and other tourists left for the season they were still fishing in cold sub-arctic weather.

When the aspen turned to gold and the summer began to merge with fall, I realized that my great Yellowstone adventure was about to end. I still had not caught a trophy trout. It seemed that trophy trout were everywhere I went. They adorned the walls of fly shops, restaurants, gas stations etc. Surely I could catch one before we had to go home. As more time passed I decided to ask for time off from work so I could fish more. I was given a two day reprieve to catch my trophy trout.

On my first day of my reprieve, I headed west over Raynolds Pass and around Quake Lake to Three Dollar Bridge. When I arrived I found that I was not alone; there were a number of other fly fishermen already working this stretch of the river. I drove across the bridge and parked my truck along side several other vehicles. Quickly donning my waders and vest and grabbed my fly rod and headed for the river. After a short hike I found a good stretch of water that wasn't occupied. I tied on my usual 2 fly rig and began fishing and soon realized that a strong, heavy western wind was blowing. It seemed that on every third cast the wind would tangle my two fly nymph rig beyond use. I had to cut off one or more of the components and re-tie the rig. After fishing like this for about an hour without so much as a strike from the Madison's trout, I was getting discouraged and unsure about what to do next. I was fishing a multi-tip fly line on my 6 weight Sage and decided to exchange the floating tip for a slow sinking tip. Selecting a white

cone head muddler as my fly, I was ready to continue my quest for a trophy trout. Even if I didn't catch anything I would have a more pleasant fly fishing experience by not having to untangle my line repeatedly.

Armed with this tackle change I resumed fishing. Now in spite of the persistent wind I found I could make a reasonable cast. I had been eyeing an island that was upstream of the bridge. It looked good to me because it had several current seams where the river parted to go around the island and join itself on the other side. I hadn't fished there before but I was determined to fish it on this day. Spotting a place where I could safely wade, I cautiously made my way out to the island. I unhooked the fly and stripped out some line and began to fish. About my third cast the line stopped mid current and bolted upstream. It was a fish and the battle was on as it took line and surged upstream and across the river into the main current of the river. I knew from experience that if it got into the heavy main current I would most likely lose it, so I put on as much pressure as I dared. It became a delicate balancing act to pressure the fish and not have the hook pull out. Finally the fish turned and began to swim towards me. I was relieved that I had kept the fish out of the heavy current but now I had to reel in my fly line rapidly to keep pace with the charging fish. As the big fish approached the island it turned again to try and get into the current. For the first time I got a glimpse of the fish and it was a huge beautifully colored Brown Trout! Once again we battled; the fish was trying to get into the heavy current and I was doing my best to stop him. I carefully began to regain line from the fish, slowly at first but the fish seemed to be tiring and the line came in faster and faster. Fighting to get into the heavy current must have worn out the big brown because he once again came into view.

Now I had another problem - how to land the big boy. After falling in the Madison twice I had purchased a wading staff which now hung from the back of my fishing vest where I used to carry my landing net. The wading staff had proved to be a wise investment by saving me from falls but was of little use in landing a large fish. As the fish came in it appeared to be exhausted. I eased the fish into the beach and saw that the fish was well hooked in the upper jaw. As the fish rolled over on its side and I grabbed it just ahead of the tail.

What a fish! It was a huge, classic, trophy brown trout. Deep yellow sides and a kaleidoscope of spots made this trout a beauty. A dark golden olive-gray back and perfect proportions, it the epitome of all Brown Trout. I ripped off my fly fishing vest and snatched my camera out of the back pocket. Hurriedly, I snapped a picture of the magnificent fish and I realized I had no way to measure it. Laying my flyrod next to the trout and I quickly snapped another photo. Then I carefully removed the fly and picked him up to release him back to his native environs. Gently I worked him back and forth in the current until I could see him pumping his gills to bring oxygen into his tired body. I felt him wriggle from my grasp and thanked him for the heart racing experience of catching him.

Slowly at first, he made his way into the main stream of the Madison and then with a quick flip of his tail he disappeared into the depths.

Now I worried that the pictures might not come out. I went back to my truck and loaded up my gear. I decided to go back over the mountain pass to West Yellowstone and get the film developed. As soon as possible I dropped off the film at the photography shop and chose the one hour processing. Then I went to pick up my wife from work. Excitedly I told my wife about the fish. We needed to kill some time while the film was processed so we walked around town for awhile. As soon as the hour was up we eagerly hurried back to the photography shop to pick up the photos. The photos were ready so we quickly paid the shopkeeper and took them outside. Both photos came out nicely but I still had to measure my fly rod to see how big the fish was. My measuring tape was back at our camper so we drove back and did the comparison. The fish was a conservatively, a whopping 25 inches in length. I did it; I'd caught a trophy trout on the next to the last day I could fish! Alyce and I celebrated at a local restaurant that night.

It was an easy decision to return to the Three Dollar Bridge Area on the Madison for my final day of fishing. Also, I had no doubt of what fly to use - the white cone head muddler. Once again I made my way over the mountain and past Quake Lake to Three Dollar Bridge. When I finally arrived I noticed right away that there were more fishermen on the river than there were yesterday. And to my chagrin, somebody else had the audacity to fish "my island." Also, every fisherman I could see was fishing a streamer of some sort; yesterday everyone had been fishing with nymphs. I had become an unwitting trendsetter. To make matters worse the wind was now howling out of the west picking up clouds of loose dirt and blowing it everywhere. I was beginning to think the cards were stacked against me. Still, this was my last day to fish before going home so I decided to make the best of it.

I found a stretch of water that wasn't being fished and began to try casting the white cone head muddler. Unfortunately the howling wind constantly blew my streamer off target. My fly landed in sagebrush, small trees and grassy riverbanks. Rarely did it land in the river and even more rarely did it land on target. I tried to fly fish like this for more than an hour, in the back of my mind were all the chores that needed to be done to make our camper road worthy again. I finally succumbed and reeled in my line. I decided to get started with the packing and other numerous duties that had to be done to travel back to our home in Michigan.

Despite a rather miserable last day, the fly fishing experience in around West Yellowstone exceeded my expectations. Fly fishing in Montana on beautiful, clear and fast flowing rivers with a scenic backdrop of snow capped mountains was breathtaking. Observing wildlife in its natural habitat was an unexpected delight. And the wild trout who gave you more than you could handle topped it all off. It was a great four months!

2010 GLC AWARDS

PRESENTED AT THE 2010 FLY FISHING SCHOOL & CONCLAVE

THE GLC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SPONSORED BY TEMPLE FORK OUTFITTERS

Presented to Karen Harrison for her outstanding contributions to the goals of the Federation of Fly Fishers - Conserving, Restoring, Educating Through Fly Fishing. Karen's contributions have truly been exceptional for many years and are underlined by her desire to do what is needed for the Federation, GLC, Flygirls and Anglers of the Au Sable. Karen is the ultimate volunteer and her efforts are highly deserving of recognition. The award includes a fly rod and reel provided by Temple Fork.

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL CONSERVATION AWARD

Awarded to Terry Lyons in recognition of his outstanding contributions towards improving and preserving our fly fishing resources. Especially noteworthy are Terry's past and on-going efforts as VP Conservation for the GLC. Terry also served on the Oversight Committee for the Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition (MHRC) representing the GLC for the past fifteen years. Terry's leadership and guidance is reflected in the many achievements of the GLC and especially noteworthy are his recent efforts on the Cold Water Regulations Committee developing the current proposals for new special regulations on our streams in Michigan. Terry's efforts have been inspirational and reflects great dedication and concern for our natural resources.

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded to Bob Kren for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Great Lakes Council and the Federation of Fly Fishers. During his tenure as Vice President for Communications, Bob put forth an extraordinary commitment of time and energy for a volunteer. Bob was instrumental in developing and implementing the GLC's move to an electronic newsletter. His support of the GLC reflects great dedication and is truly appreciated by members of the GLC.

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Awarded to Lynn Roose for her untiring efforts on behalf of the Great Lakes Council and the Federation of Fly Fishers. During her tenure as Secretary and Director for the GLC, Lynn brought an exceptional level of professionalism to the job. Her innovative ideas and experience made great contributions in improving and streamlining the administration functions of the GLC. Lynn's support of the GLC reflects great dedication and is truly appreciated by members of the GLC.

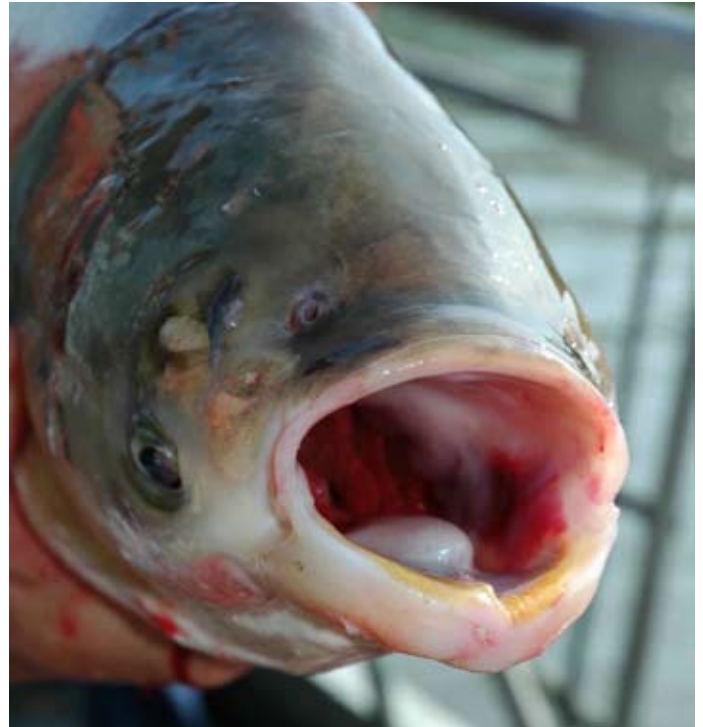
Asian Carp:

A Threat to Great Lakes Steelhead and Salmon Status of the Threat

The Big Headed Carp and the Silver Carp (Asian Carp) are threatening the Steelhead and Pacific and Atlantic Salmon of the Great Lakes. Recently, a mature Asian Carp was found in Lake Calumet 6 miles from Lake Michigan. Whether or not the Asian Carp have breached an electronic barrier designed to keep them out of the Great Lakes is a subject of wide speculation. Some sources think that the Lake Calumet carp got into the lake by being used for bait by errant fisherman (bucket biology). A test called eDNA was conducted this spring and showed that Asian Carp DNA was present above the electronic barrier. A debate as to the validity of such tests between competing interests erupted after the positive eDNA test. Officials then decided to poison a 2.5 mile stretch of the Calumet-SAG Channel to determine if they could confirm the presence of the Asian Carp and the results Edna Test. After killing more than 100,000 of fish comprised of 40 different species, no Asian Carp were found.

Why Are the Asian Carp a Threat to the Great Lakes Fishery?

Asian Carp are voracious feeders consuming up to their body weight in algae every day. They breed at a prolific rate and have doubled their population annually. The Asian Carp could easily disrupt the Great Lakes food chain by consuming the algae and plankton needed by Great Lakes Trout and Salmon forage fish. The fish grow to reach 100 pounds in weight and 4 feet in length. Asian carp were imported from China in the 1970s by aqua culturists to keep fishponds clear of algae. They escaped the fishponds during floods and made their way into the Mississippi River. In many areas on the Mississippi they have become the dominant species.



Asian carp are a hazard to boaters and others who use the waterways for recreation. They jump at the sound of an approaching outboard motor. They have been known to cause serious injury to boaters and water skiers when they jump into the air and strike them. Some scientists fear that Big Headed and Silver Carp would quickly become the dominant fish in the Great Lakes.

Asian Carp and Competing Interests:

The Great Lakes States (with the exception of Illinois) want the T.J. O'Brien Locks on the man-made Calumet-SAG Channel Waterway shut down to keep the Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes. At issue for the Great Lakes States is their 7 billion dollars a year sport fishing industry. Charter boats operate in all of the Great Lakes where they troll for Chinook and Coho salmon, Steelhead and Lake Trout. Fly fishers fish for Steelhead and salmon in the tributaries of the Great Lakes on an almost year around basis.

The State of Illinois wants the T.J. O'Brien Locks to remain open for shipping. The shipping industry moves hundreds of millions of dollars of goods annually.

Asian Carp continued.

The T.J. O'Brien Locks on the Calumet-Sag Channel connect the Mississippi River with Lake Michigan via the Illinois River. According to Illinois officials without the canal the only way to move goods currently transported by ship would be to move them by truck. The increasing truck traffic would likely overwhelm the interstate road system and dramatically increase shipping costs.

Short Term Fixes and Long Term Solutions:

In the short term most of the solutions have been lawsuits. Currently, "attorneys from five of the six Great Lakes States (Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana, and New York) are asking Judge Herbert Dow to block off the Chicago Area Waterway System to prevent Asian carp from moving from waters connected to the Mississippi River into waters connected to Lake Michigan (Jim Harger, The Grand Rapids Press, 8/22/10") Previously, the Great Lakes States and the Province of Ontario sought two injunctions from the Supreme Court to close the waterway, which were denied.

In an effort to find a solution that would prevent the Asian Carp from entering the Great Lakes without closing T.J. O'Brien Locks on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, President Barak Obama provided 78.5 million dollars to the stakeholders. Most of the immediate solutions involve improving the electronic barrier system that is currently in place. These solutions call for adding additional electronic barriers or creation bubble streams to block the fish from entering the Great Lakes.

In the long term stakeholders propose a massive and costly berm be built that would permanently separate the Great Lakes from the Mississippi River. Experts have pointed out that all it would take for the Asian Carp



to enter the Great Lakes is a flood of the Des Plaines River which would mix the waters of the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal and

the Des Plaines. It is estimated that building the berm would take 10 years and cost millions of dollars.
Hope for the Future?

Other than closing the T. J .O'Brien Locks on the on the Calumet –SAG Channel or building a costly berm no decision on how to "fix" the problem of how to keep the Asian Carp entering the Great Lakes has been arrived at. The problem of Asian Carp entering the Great Lakes has been compared to a ticking time bomb that could destroy the Great Lakes Fishery as we know it.

Proposed solutions to this menace are either temporary, hold dire economic consequences or will take a decade and millions of dollars to build. Noble fish such as the Steelhead and Pacific Salmon now hang in the balance awaiting an uncertain future. Once again man has tampered with the environment and is reaping unintentional consequences.

Gerry Worden,
Board of Directors, Great Lakes Council
of the Federation of Fly Fishers.

DNRE PROPOSES SPECIAL GEAR RESTRICTIONS ON 10 RIVERS

For the last two years, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE), Fisheries Division and its Citizens Cold Water Regulations Steering Committee have been reviewing regulations that govern fishing for trout and salmon on streams in Michigan. The Great Lakes Council is a member of the Committee which also includes the Anglers of the Au Sable, Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited, Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Michigan Steelheaders, Michigan River Guides Association, Au Sable Big Water Preservation Association, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Resource Stewards, and Sierra Club.

The Fisheries Division with help from members of the Committee focused on 1) soliciting comments and recommendations from the public for sections of streams to be included in the Gear Restricted Streams category, and 2) using a set of established criteria, evaluating biological parameters for trout and physical parameters of the sections of streams that were proposed for inclusion in the category. When the comment period ended, Fisheries and the Committee reviewed the input and in May, 2010, a draft proposal was distributed to the public for their review. The draft proposal was posted online for comments and Fisheries also held 17 public meetings around the State during the month of June. Fisheries and the Committee then reviewed the information collected at the public meetings and online and prepared the final proposal.

The proposal included maintaining gear restrictions on the existing 104.9 miles of rivers, and adding an additional 74.9 miles of rivers to be managed gear restrictions. With the addition of the newly proposed miles, a total of 179.8 will be managed under gear restriction regulations. Current law authorizes a maximum of 212 miles of gear restrictions in Michigan.

The proposal will effect portions of the Au Sable, Black, Fox, Huron, Manistee, Pere Marquette, Pigeon and Paint Rivers, Paint Creek and Cooks Run. The proposal is posted on the GLC's website at www.fffglc.org.

The proposal will be incorporated into Fisheries Order 200 which will be presented to the DNRE Director and for public review and comment at the October 7, November 4, and December 9, 2010 meetings of the Natural Resources Commission. This will allow opportunity for the public to provide additional input in the decision-making process.

NOW IS WHEN WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please either send a short letter to DNRE Director Rebecca Humphries or a e-mail to DNRE Fisheries Chief Kelley Smith. The letter or e-mail does not have to long or detailed, just a few sentences in support of the new proposal. If there is a particular section of river you support, comment on that. Please indicate in your letter or e-mail no response is needed. If this is not done, Fisheries must respond to every letter and e-mail.

If you are able, attend and speak at one of the upcoming Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meetings. The schedule is posted on the GLC website. If you know one of the Commissioners and feel comfortable contacting that person, please do so and encourage their support of Fisheries Order 200.

You can write the Director at:

Rebecca A. Humphries, Director
Department of Natural Resources and Environment
P.O. Box 30473
Lansing, MI 48909

Send a copy of you letter to the Chair of the NRC:

Tim Nichols, Chair NRC
7184 N. Fowlerville Road
Fowlerville, MI 48836

E-mail Kelley Smith at SMITHK@Michigan.gov

SUPPORT THE PROPOSED GEAR RESTRICTIONS, SPEAK UP AT AN UPCOMING NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING:

Thursday, October 7 – Lansing Center – 333 E. Michigan, Lansing

Thursday, November 4 – Diagnostic Center for Population & Animal Health
(On the MSU campus) – 4125 Beaumont Rd., Lansing

Thursday, December 9 – Diagnostic Center for Population & Animal Health
(On the MSU campus) – 4125 Beaumont Rd., Lansing

Public comment usually begins in the late afternoon.

To reserve time to address the Natural Resources Commission,
Contact Theresa Gloden at 517-373-2352 or glodent@michigan.gov



FFF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes! I'd like to preserve fly fishing, expand fly fishing opportunities, learn more about the sport and help conserve fly fishing's natural resources. Sign me up today and I'll receive FFF's Fly Fisher magazine and the GLC's newsletter, GLC FLYLINE.

Complete the application and mail it to the address below. **DO IT TODAY!**

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Mail To: James Schramm P.O. Box 828, Pentwater, MI 49449 **Attn.:** FFF Membership

After August 1, 2010, please visit the FFF web site to verify current membership rates.

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:

FUND CATEGORIES:	Conservation Fly Fishing School and Conclave Membership	Flyline Michigan Hydro Relicensing Coalition Fly Tying Expo	Legal Scholarship Unrestricted Web site
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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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The Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers
Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010 • 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Holt High School in Holt, MI

OVER 80 TIERS will be on hand this year to demonstrate their fly tying skills. The Federation of Fly Fishers Buz Buszek Award is the Federation's most prestigious fly tying award and we are pleased that Buszek Award recipients Jeff "Bear" Andrews and Chris Helm will be with us. Returning talents also include: Oscar Felieu, Dennis Potter, Tim Scott, Jim Reed, Ray Schmidt, Dick Walle, Julie Nielsen, Chris Soule and many others.

In addition to artwork, fly rods, guide trips, and fly fishing/tying items, the auction will have some special items this year.

A special fly plate will be auctioned featuring Rusty Gates and his Friends. There will be flies from Rusty and 14 outstanding fly tiers from the GLC. We will also be having a special auction of Chauncy Lively flies and books.

LIVE AUCTION 1:00 P.M.

\$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 13-18; children 12 and under are free.

Contact Karen Harrison to nominate a tier for the event at wwgcp@frontier.com.

Visit the GLC website for the latest information at www.ffglc.org.

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GLC Clubs Events Calender

October 16

St. Joe River Valley Fly Fishers

SJRVFF is sponsoring a Salmon Outing on the Dowagiac River this coming Saturday October 16. The outing will be held at Losensky Park which is just bellow the Pucker St. Dam in Niles, Mi. To get to the park take M-51 north out of downtown Niles. Turn left onto Pucker St. and after you cross the river turn left into Losensky Park.

Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon.

In addition, coffee and donuts will be available at 8:00 A.M.

If you plan on fishing, which I hope you will, you will need a Michigan Fishing license w/trout and salmon stamp, a 7-9 wt. fly rod, a reel with high backing capacity and a good drag system. You can use a floating line with 8-12lb. test 9 foot leader and slit shot for weight. Egg Flies, Hex Nymphs, Egg Sucking Leaches, Caddis Nymphs, and Stonefly Nymphs all work well. Bring plenty of flies because you will lose to both fish and snags.

October 29

Grand River Fly Tyers

Will hold their annual Club Banquet and Fundraiser at the 28th St. Howard Johnson's Conference Center in Grand Rapids. Enjoy socializing with other fly tying and fly fishing enthusiasts and even win some great prizes.

For more information contact Wolf Schrey 616-805-3415.

Don't miss the opportunity to reach the entire Great Lakes Council membership with Your Clubs Fall Events and Meeting schedules.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOUR CLUB!

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E-mail: crowjenkins@comcast.net**