

HOOSIER COHO CLUB

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www.hoosiercohoclub.org

2017 Hoosier Coho Classic Recap

Mother Nature scored a huge victory as the Classic was cancelled for the first time in the 43 year history of the tournament. Thanks to all the Committee members who worked to get things set up. The HCC would also like to thank all of this year's sponsors!

ALCO TRANSPORTATION

MCPA—LPVCB—TRIPLE XXX ROOTBEER

MID CITY SUPPLY—WIMS—CABELA'S

WTP—AMISH OUTFITTERS—SLIDE DIVER

MORGAN'S TACKLE—SEA QUEST LURES

MICHIANA INSURANCE—PRO KING

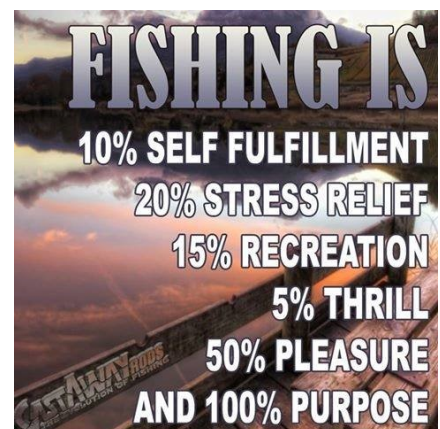
WHFB—SILVER STREAK—DREAM WEAVER

ITO FLIES—BASS PRO SHOPS

WARRIOR LURES—BAY RAT LURES

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Complete club information and tournament results can found on the Hoosier Coho Club Website

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Hoosier Coho Club to promote, preserve, and encourage wise management of anadromous fish (fish ascending streams and rivers to spawn) wherever they may be.

Further goals of the Club are to encourage strict observance of sport fishing laws and practices while denouncing all persons known to be in violation of these laws and practices.

The membership encourages research and development programs related to our sport. The Club also serves as a source of collecting and dispersing information regarding tackle, fishing techniques, laws, legislations, pollution problems, disease, meetings research, and all other pertinent information relating to anadromous fish.

Hoosier Coho Club

**Named a recipient of the 2017 R.O.S.E.
for promoting LaPorte County**



Rainy Day Reading

The Death and Life of the Great Lakes, by Pulitzer Prize finalist **Dan Egan**, is an interesting read about the "ecological catastrophe happening before our eyes" and the far-ranging and devastating effects of invasive mussels.

Egan details how a EPA decision, perceived harmless at the time, to not regulate the discharge of ballast water by ocean-traveling ships unleashed a "cancer" via "biological pollution which can't be fixed by plugging a pipe or capping a smokestack. It does not decay and does not disperse. It breeds."

An excerpt from the book can be read at <http://nautil.us/issue/46/balance/the-cancer-of-the-great-lakes>.

Outdoors: Coho Derby starts this weekend

By MIKE MCKEE

It's big, it's free and it starts here on Saturday. The sixth annual Coho Capital Derby, perhaps the largest free fishing contest on the Great Lakes, continues until June 18th.

Sponsored by the La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau (LCCVB), \$2,000 in cash is on the line with \$500 going for both the heaviest salmon and trout overall, plus \$100 for the biggest salmon and trout each of the five, week-long periods. "It's growing (in popularity) every year," LCCVB travel manager Rick Wright said. "When we started this back in 2012 we saw a huge, but somewhat overlooked industry — Lake Michigan fishing is a big part of Michigan City's lore and history."

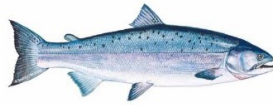
Anglers were thrilled, too. Last year's salmon champ, Chris Reid of Scottville, Mich., spoke like a commercial for our home port. "This is awesome," Reid said. "I can't believe Michigan City does this. We weighed the fish, filled up with gas here, ate lunch then hit the local tackle shop." Reid's chinook weighed 21 pounds, 5 ounces and is the largest salmon registered in the history of the derby. Top trout is a 27-9 caught by Richard Skidmore of Indianapolis in 2015.

Very importantly, the rules are really simple. Just go fish and be lucky enough to catch a salmon or trout bigger than the next angler. There is no pre-registration, and all DNR rules apply. And all of Lake Michigan and its tributaries may be fished. Weigh station is at the gas dock next to the Michigan City Port Authority office in Washington Park Marina. The weigh station is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. A caught fish must be weighed within 24 hours.

For more information, see www.michigancitylaporte.com or call (219) 872-5055.

2017 Meetings

June 14 Smoked Salmon Contest Sep 12 TBA Oct 11 Chili Cook-off
Nov 14 Elections



2017 Coho Capital Derby

May 13, 2017 – June 18, 2017 Michigan City, Indiana

\$500 Salmon and Trout Top Prize \$100 Weekly Prize for Top Salmon & Trout

Contest is free and open to the public – No pre-registration – Just Go Fish

Contest runs from May 13, 12:01 am (CST) through June 18, 2017 4:00 pm (CST)

Top Prizes:

\$500 for the single heaviest salmon

\$500 for the single heaviest trout

Weekly prizes:

\$100 for heaviest salmon and \$100 for heaviest trout for each weekly period. Weeks are as follows:

May 13 – May 21

May 22 – May 28

May 29 – June 4

June 5 – June 11

June 12 – June 18

Fish must be weighed at the Official Weigh Station located at Michigan City Port Authority, 200 Heisman Harbor Drive, Michigan City, IN (219) 872-1712.

Prizes to be awarded at the Skwait Post 451, 121 Skwait Legion Ave., Michigan City, IN (time and date to be determined).

All State and Federal sport fishing regulations apply to anglers entering fish in this contest.

Eligible fish must be weighed at the official weigh station within 24 hours of being caught.

Contest Waters are all of the Great Lakes and all Great Lakes Tributaries.

Fish are subject to inspection by contest judges and may be disallowed at the discretion of contest judges. In case of dispute, the decision of the contest judges is final.

For Daily standings, go to: VisitMichiganCityLaPorte.com



Indiana DNR Trout and Salmon Stocking Program - Lake Michigan & and its NW Indiana Tributaries

Species	Stocking Site	Target	Stock	Size (in)
Chinook	Trail Creek	67000	67896	3.84
	Lil Calumet River	67000	69263	3.84
	Jerose Park	67000	67263	3.84
	Spring Total	201,000	204,518	
Coho	Trail Creek	60000	52,581	5.84
	Little Calumet River	90000	71,110	6.19
	Fall Total	150,000	123,691	
Steelhead (Skamania)	Trail Creek	100,000	101,719	6.95
	Salt Creek	30,000	31,719	
	Spring Total Yearlings		131,719	
Steelhead (Skamania)	Little Calumet River	125,000	55,232	5.17
	Trail Creek		25,979	5.17
	Salt Creek		63,594	4.6
	Fall Release Fingerlings	125,000	144,805	
Steelhead Winter Run	Trail Creek		119,847	4.4
	Little Calumet River		143,805	4.53
	Fall Release Fingerlings		263,046	
Steelhead Winter Run	Salt Creek		78,180	2.79
	Stream Discards Fingerlings		78,180	
Coho	Salt Creek		42,474	3.31
	Stream Discard Fingerlings		42,474	
Brown Trout	Jerose Park	50,000	30,000	3.12
St Joseph River - Merrifield Park				
Coho		60,000	46,603	7.84
Steelhead	Spring Release	75,000	93,768	7.36
	Fall Release	25,000	27,483	5.17
Steelhead (Winter Run)		80,000	74,270	7.63
Steelhead (Stream Discards)			31,291	3.27

FOR A GREAT ARTICLE ON HOW MUCH DO LAKE TROUT AND CHINOOK SALMON REALLY EAT, CHECK OUT THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION WEBSITE FOR DAN O'KEEFE'S ARTICLE.

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/how_much_do_lake_trout_and_chinook_salmon_really_eat_msg17_okeefe17

2017 HCC CLUB TOURNAMENTS

The 2017 HCC-sponsored tournament to determine the Club Champion will use a derby format. A boat/crew must fish three of the four tournament dates to be eligible to be will named Club Champion.

The captain of the boat entered must be a member of the Hoosier Coho Club in good standing (dues paid for 2017) in order to enter this tournament.

Tournament Dates are: June 10&11 July 1&2 August 12&13 September 2,3,&4.

Fishing will start at 12:01 AM on the first day and will conclude at the weigh-in at 3:00 PM on the final day.

Entry fee will \$50 per boat and a \$25 fee for big fish for each of the tournament dates with the exception of the June 10&11 tournament (which will be free for all club members). Prizes totaling \$1,000 will be paid in the form of Bass Pro and/or Cabela's gift cards for the top three places as well as big fish.

Please see the HCC website for complete information and rules for this years Club Championship Tournament. www.hoosiercohoclub.org



Spring Catches out of Michigan City this season!

