
Michigan Waterfront Alliance Update for Monday, September 1, 2025

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Welcome to the Michigan Waterfront Alliance

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Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c) 4 non-profit corporation formed over twenty years ago in order to effectively advocate for the creation or preservation of state laws, and/or policies designed to protect, preserve, and promote the sustainable and wise use of our state's immense treasure of high quality freshwater resources. Our primary mission will be accomplished by proactive participation in Michigan's legislative process (lobbying), by participating in court cases whose outcomes may have significant statewide ramifications, and/or by direct involvement with natural resources management, or environment focused state agencies or departments.



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MWA Mission Statement "This corporation is formed to protect, preserve and promote the wise use of inland waters – lakes, streams, rivers, creeks and the waters and bottomlands of the State of Michigan.

Remembering Dick Brown, By Bob Frye

MWA President Emeritus Dick Brown passed away this past February. I first remember meeting Dick Brown when he was president of the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association. At the time I was president of the Higgins Lake Property Owners Association, and we were in the throes of a huge legal battle regarding overnight mooring at public road ends on Higgins Lake. I asked Dick and the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association for help because the outcome of these legal battles would set a precedent for all the Michigan inland lakes. Because of Dick's leadership the result was the formation of the Michigan Waterfront Alliance. He believed so much in the Alliance that he became president and for many years led the Alliance and handled much of the Alliance's business.

Dick loved Lake Fenton. He had a sign in his front yard (I think it said), "Mayor of Lake Fenton". Dick loved Michigan's inland lakes and gave a lot of time, talent and treasure protecting and preserving them. He was a remarkable man.

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NotMISpecies Webinar Series

Invasive species pose a threat to Michigan's environment, economy, and sometimes even human health. What is at stake? What is being done? This webinar series explores how agencies, universities, and locally led organizations are working together to protect Michigan's natural resources through the Michigan Invasive Species Program. If you are concerned about the impacts of invasive species or interested in the techniques used to control them, join us as we examine species-specific actions, innovations in research and technology, and programs designed to help communities prevent and manage harmful invasive species. A question-and-answer period will follow each presentation. Recorded versions of all previous [NotMISpecies webinars](#) are available at Michigan.gov/EGLE/Outreach under "All Webinar Series."

Upcoming webinars in the series

Tuesday, September 23, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Something strange in your neighborhood? Who ya gonna call?

Call your local invasives-busters, of course! Michigan's cooperative invasive species management areas are here for you, providing guidance and assistance in busting invasive species across the state. Whether it's harmful plants in a local bird sanctuary, wild parsnip along the North Country Trail or aggressive flowers in a backyard garden, CISMAs are here to help! Join Shikha Singh of Jackson, Lenawee and Washtenaw Cisma, Zach Peklo of

North Country CISMA and Evan Chalmers of Three Shores CISMA to hear about managing invasive species in important places and how these efforts build valuable relationships within communities. You'll learn who to call when you need invasive species help, and you might even get to see their cool backpack sprayers!

Thursday, October 30, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

“Hold the invasives, please!” Certified invasive-free products are coming to Michigan

Have you've ever landscaped with “clean” fill or gravel and ended up with a weed patch, or purchased mulch that took on a life of its own? If so, you might be interested in Michigan's new voluntary, invasive-free certification program. Join Vicki Sawicki, program coordinator with the Department of Natural Resources, to learn how she's building relationships with producers of gravel, fill, mulch, compost and firewood who want to provide clean options for their customers. Invasive plants, insects and even tree diseases can be moved to new places on firewood and landscape materials. Learn more about when and where you can find certified products and how purchasing these can ensure that what you bring home is clean and invasive-free.

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Holiday hitchhikers: Unpacking pests in Christmas trees

Every holiday season, millions of Christmas trees are cut and shipped around the country to become centerpieces for family celebrations – but some come with more than just festive cheer. Spongy moth and balsam woolly adelgid are two invasive Christmas tree pests on the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's naughty list. MDARD's Amber Neils and Lindsay Patrick will discuss the status of these two insects in Michigan, their biology, the risks they pose, and how the department's Christmas Tree Inspection and Certification Program helps Michigan tree farms spread holiday cheer without the risk of spreading invasive species.

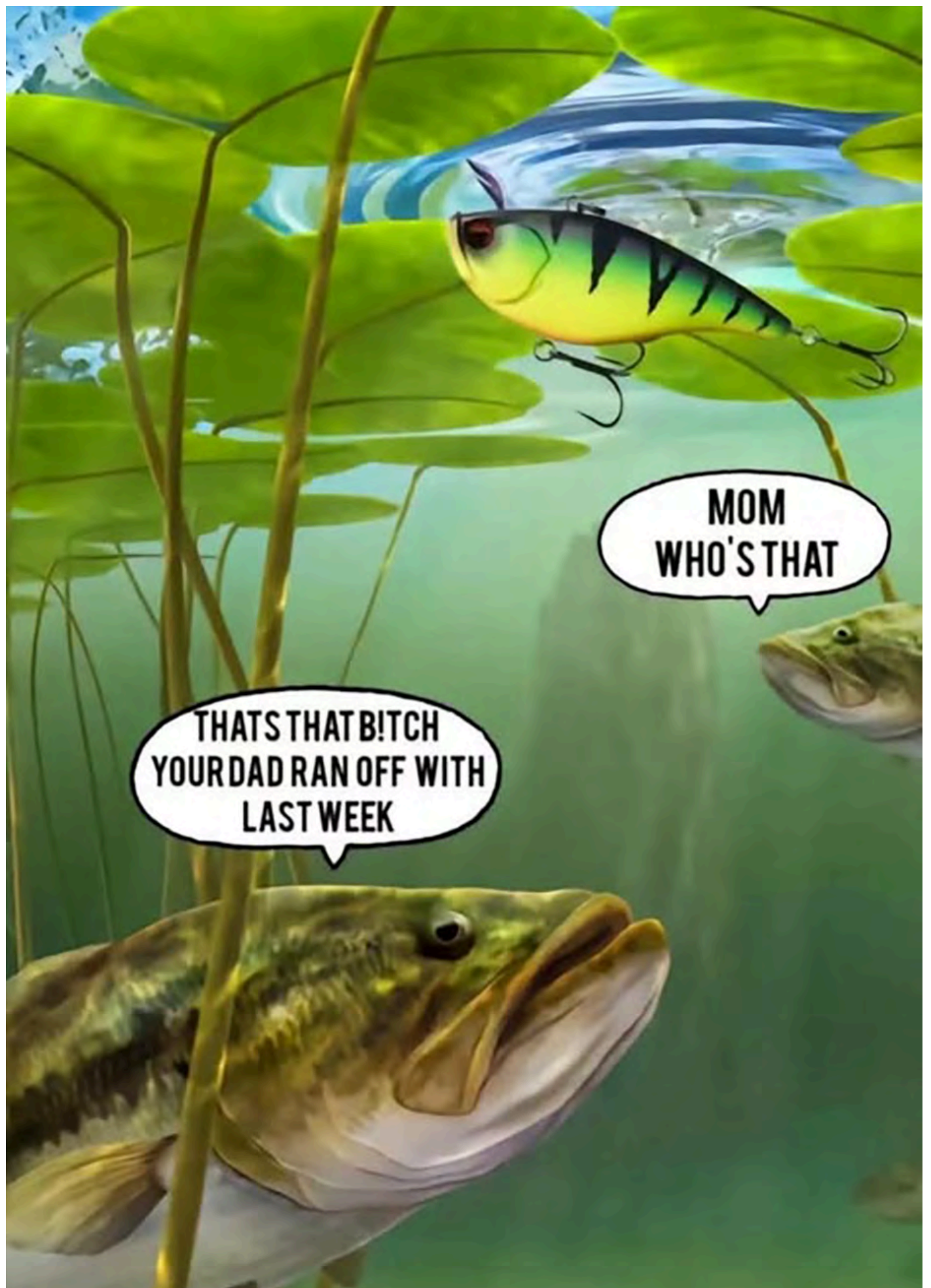
[Register for these webinars by clicking here](#)

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**MOM
WHO'S THAT**

**THATS THAT B!TCH
YOUR DAD RAN OFF WITH
LAST WEEK**



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White water lily

Scientific Name: *Nymphaea alba*



Join the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for this free monthly webinar series, to learn how to address environmental issues in your community. Each webinar will include a presentation by EGLE staff and time for questions from attendees. All webinars will be recorded, and a link to the recordings will be shared with all registrants, after each session. More information about the series, including upcoming webinars and recordings of past webinars, can be found on the [series webpage](#).

Upcoming webinars in the series

What Local Leaders Need to Know About the State's Burning Regulations

September 9, 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Burning regulations can be confusing! Local officials around the state often deal with questions and complaints from residents related to fire pits, leaf and trash burning, and outdoor wood-fired boilers. EGLE has multiple regulations dealing with what can and cannot be burned, as well as who can and cannot burn. Additionally, there are several state agencies who work together to handle burning complaints, but these agencies do not handle enforcement of all burning rules. For instance, outdoor wood burners and residential trash burning issues are handled by the local municipality.

[Register for the State's Burning Regulations Webinar](#)

Waste Gone Wild and Local Enforcement

October 16, 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Hidden dump piles, trash strewn property, abandoned buildings filled with junk - Local leaders make discoveries like these in their communities all the time. Recycling efforts that start out with good intentions and get out of hand with flat markets and poor planning are

usually to blame; however local officials are often left to clean up the mess. Local leaders will want to join this webinar to learn about how to recognize and address waste gone wild situations in your community and the tools that are available to help. Attendees will hear about recycling efforts gone wild for various materials like scrap tires, electronic and other recyclable commodities, as well as how to address nuisance dumping situations.

[Register for the Waste Gone Wild And Local Enforcement Webinar](#)

Wetlands - Where are they and how are they regulated?

November 18, 2025, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Michigan's wetlands law recognizes the important benefits provided by wetlands and their vital role in recreation, tourism, and the economy. Residents who plan to construct in a wetland or alter a wetland should be aware of the restrictions and permit requirements associated with those activities BEFORE they begin. It's important that local leaders are familiar with these regulations as these are common questions that come up in community forums, board and planning meetings, and one-on-one conversations with residents. This webinar will provide an overview of resources available to identify wetlands in your community and discuss the requirements associated with construction/modifications in a wetland.

[Register for the Wetlands Webinar](#)

Michigan.gov/EGLEevents

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What We Would Like the Readers of this Newsletter to Know about Michigan Waterfront Alliance

Our Mission:

Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is a 501(c)4 non-profit corporation formed to protect, preserve, and promote wise use of the inland waters of the State of Michigan. Our mission will be accomplished by active participation in the legislative process, court cases, and/or direct involvement with related state agencies or departments. This membership-enabled corporation maintains the ability to influence legislation through lobbying, an action that is not permitted by 501(c)3 non-profit organizations.

- Michigan Waterfront Alliance is one of just a few non-profit organizations that is permitted by law to influence our state's legislative process in regards to the enactment of state laws, regulations, or policies whose implementation and enforcement ultimately have a direct impact on Michigan's vast natural legacy of high

quality freshwater resources by lobbying. Lobbying is defined as the act of attempting to influence decisions made by government officials. Enabled through direct communication and pro-active advocacy, lobbying involves various activities aimed at persuading policymakers, especially state legislators, to support or oppose specific legislation, regulations, and/or other government actions.

- The vast majority of the revenue derived through membership or by donations to Michigan Waterfront Alliance is utilized to compensate our Lansing-based lobbyist - Michigan's longest serving multi-client lobbying firm, Karoub Associates.
- Not a single person who works for Michigan Waterfront Alliance, including the Officers and Directors of our Board of Directors, receive any form of monetary compensation.
- Those who work to enable the day-to-day operation of Michigan Waterfront Alliance are motivated by the desire to contribute in some modest way to the conservation of Michigan's extraordinary valuable natural legacy of high quality inland lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands.
- It is important for our readers to understand that most of the revenue we receive through the payment of individual, association, or corporate dues as well as donations to Michigan Waterfront Alliance go directly to support our Karoub Associates enabled Lansing-based lobbying efforts that occur on behalf of our freshwater resources, associations, and lakefront property owners (riparians). A small percentage (about 10%) of our total revenue goes to fund the payment of non-discretionary administrative expenses.
- The fact is, only a small fraction of the thousands of readers of this newsletter have thus far chosen to become individual, association, or corporate members, and/or to donate to Michigan Waterfront Alliance.
- In order for Michigan Waterfront Alliance to sustain our commitment to working on behalf of the preservation of our precious inland lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands, and the protection of the riparian rights of lakefront property owners, we desperately need many more of our readers to make the wise decision to become Individual, Association, or Corporate members,

and/ or to make a generous donation to our efforts by becoming a Bronze, Silver, or Gold MI Healthy Lakes Champion today!!!



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

Training and Outreach

WEBINAR

Septic Smart 2025: Septic Systems and the Environment

Monday, September 15, 9:00 - 10:00 AM EST

Michigan's residents rely on over 1.3 million septic systems to treat the wastewater generated in their homes. Proper septic system use and routine care are vital to protecting public health and preserving our highly valued groundwater, lakes, streams, and waterways. Learning about septic systems can help you avoid costly repairs.

The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy's (EGLE) Onsite Wastewater Program is kicking off [Septic Smart Week](#) with this 1-hour webinar, which will be recorded and shared with all webinar registrants.

Webinar attendees will learn about:

- the basics of septic systems,
- septic systems and the environment, and
- septic system operation and maintenance tips.

You'll leave this webinar with access to educational materials, a better ability to manage your septic system, and a stronger understanding of how to be a good steward of the

environment.

The Septic Smart program is a nation-wide initiative to share information on the proper care and maintenance of septic systems and encourage public stewardship in caring for these systems. For more information, visit epa.gov/septic.

While this webinar is targeted to homeowners served by a septic system, all interested persons are welcome to attend. Mark your calendar and register today!

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

Do your Part – Be Septic Smart!

SHORELINE & SHALLOWS CONFERENCE

SAVE THE DATE!
October 17, 2025
Kellogg Conference Center

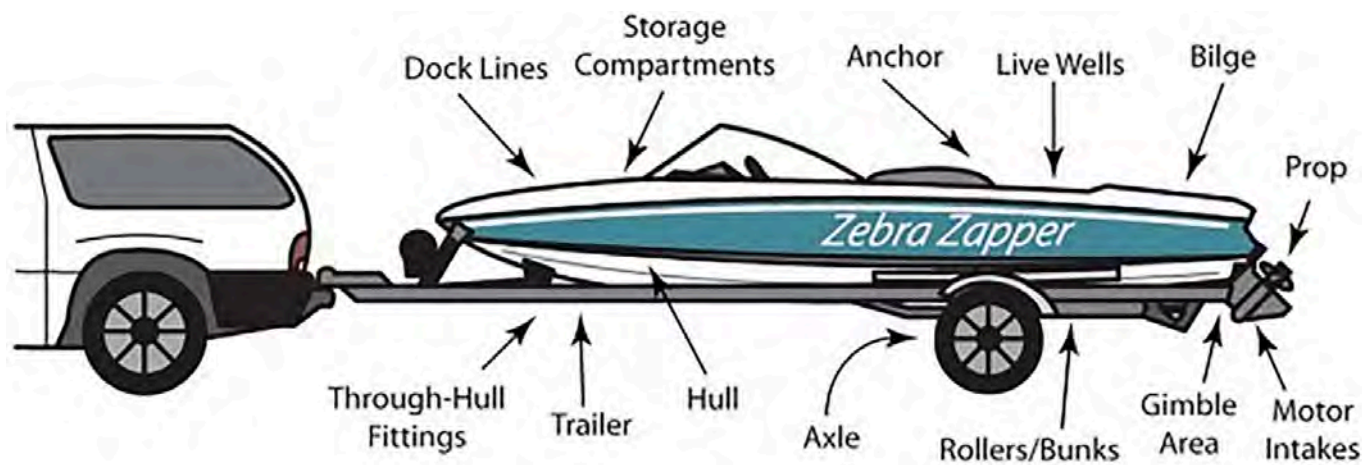
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Michigan
Invasive Species Program



Bringing a boat

When a watercraft is part of your fishing routine, remember to “Clean, Drain and Dry” boats, trailers and all equipment and gear after each use on any lake, river or stream. State law requires:

- Making sure watercraft and trailers are free of all aquatic organisms and plants before transporting or launching.
- Removing drain plugs and draining all water from bilges, ballast tanks and live wells before transporting watercraft over land.

Drying boats, trailers and gear is an important step to ensure live organisms, like hard-to-see zebra mussel larvae, plant fragments and didymo cells, don't travel to the next fishing spot. Between sites, do one of the following:

- When possible, dry boats, trailers and gear in the sun for five to seven days.
- Wash boats and trailers with a pressure washer.
- Apply a chemical disinfectant like those listed above.
- Dry surfaces with a towel.

Preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species is the responsibility of everyone who uses Michigan's valuable fresh-water resources. For more information on invasive species and prevention methods, visit Michigan.gov/Invasives.

Michigan's Invasive Species Program is cooperatively implemented by the Michigan departments of Agriculture and Rural Development; Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; and Natural Resources.



2025 MGLP Lake Conservation Webinars

We are excited to announce our 2025 Lake Conservation Webinars, which start next week!

These free webinars address a diverse range of lake and fish habitat management issues such as aquatic plants, algal blooms, national lake water quality mapping, conservation planning, practices for managing farm drainage and runoff, fish habitat structures, Walleye spawning and stocking, and disproportionate monitoring relative to communities of color.

Check out our lineup below and register using the links provided. You can view the full list of webinars plus recordings of past webinars on our [Lake Conservation Webinars webpage](#).

Walleye stocking success in the Midwestern USA

Daniel Isermann and Robert Davis

October 7, 2025 at 1 PM Central

[Register for webinar](#)

This study evaluated stocking success of Walleye in lakes and reservoirs across the Midwestern United States to inform stocking practices for state agencies. Demand for Walleye stocking may increase if climate change limits the potential for natural recruitment in lakes. Consequently, the strategic distribution of Walleye stocking may maximize fishing opportunities. Latitude and year explained relatively little variation in stocking success compared to within-lake variation. Relative abundance of Largemouth Bass was an important indicator of Walleye stocking success for fry and fingerlings, with stocking success generally decreasing with increased bass abundance. There was an interaction between lake surface area and growing degree-days, as large lakes (>2500 ha) seemed to be more conducive to Walleye stocking success regardless of growing degree-days. These findings may help to inform the management and stocking allocation of Walleye and suggest that future increases in Largemouth Bass abundance and growing degree-days could limit the effectiveness of stocking in some lakes.

Expect the unexpected: Physical drivers of harmful algal blooms in remote systems

Adam Heathcote

October 14, 2025 at 1 PM Central

[Register for webinar](#)

Harmful algal blooms (HABs) are often linked to external nutrient inputs from anthropogenic phosphorus pollution or atmospheric nitrogen deposition. However, the increasing occurrence of blooms without these inputs has shifted attention to internal drivers. Recent research highlights internal phosphorus loading from sediments, driven by changing stratification patterns, as a key trigger. We present examples from wilderness to hypereutrophic lakes, where HABs occur or intensify due to anoximixis. Using high-frequency sensors and traditional monitoring, we compare bloom timing and intensity with factors such as hypolimnetic phosphorus accumulation, mixing frequency, and cyanotoxin production. Our findings emphasize the need to understand anoximixis as climate change alters lake stratification and accelerates oxygen depletion. These changes may lead to more

toxic blooms in affected systems and trigger blooms in lakes previously thought to be resistant.

Smart maps, stronger conservation: Targeting land protection with GIS

Annie Knight, Ally Mazurek, Mitch Brinks, and Paul Radomski

October 21, 2025 at 1 PM Central

[Register for webinar](#)

Northern Waters Land Trust (NWLT) will be presenting on their MGLP-funded project, which developed an interactive GIS mapping tool to identify and prioritize land protection projects within the watersheds of Lakes of Outstanding Biological Significance. In collaboration with a Minnesota DNR researcher, a GIS specialist, and NWLT staff, each parcel within these sensitive watersheds was systematically scored to determine conservation priority. Join this session to learn exactly what metrics were used to evaluate parcels, how the data were integrated into GIS, and how NWLT applies this tool to enhance targeted outreach. This innovative approach has led to a higher volume of landowner applications, increased the quality of land protection projects, and strengthened NWLT's ability to secure funding for future conservation efforts. Discover how scientific methodology and strategic mapping are shaping the future of land conservation in northern Minnesota.



Our long term vision is to address Michigan's most pressing lake, stream, and watershed conservation and stewardship challenges and provide research-based, timely support to clientele and partners.

The Center for Lakes and Streams streamlines lake and stream research, engagement, and education activities at the university and highlights the many programs MSU Extension and its partners offer throughout the state. The MSU Extension Center for Lakes and Streams is not a physical center with a brick-and-mortar headquarters. It is a team of Extension educators and outreach faculty based throughout Michigan with a shared mission of advancing the conservation and stewardship of Michigan's inland lakes and streams.

To achieve this vision, the Center will welcome affiliated faculty from various departments at MSU and will invite external stakeholder input. Affiliates and stakeholders will support the work of the Center by identifying emerging issues and assisting with the prioritization of research and education activities. The Center will welcome stakeholder input from

diverse perspectives, including state agencies, tribal partners, other Michigan universities, local and regional decision makers, agricultural producers, and nonprofit, community and riparian organizations.

Want to learn more?

Reach out to the Center for Lakes and Streams Director Dr. Jo Latimore
at latimor1@msu.edu.



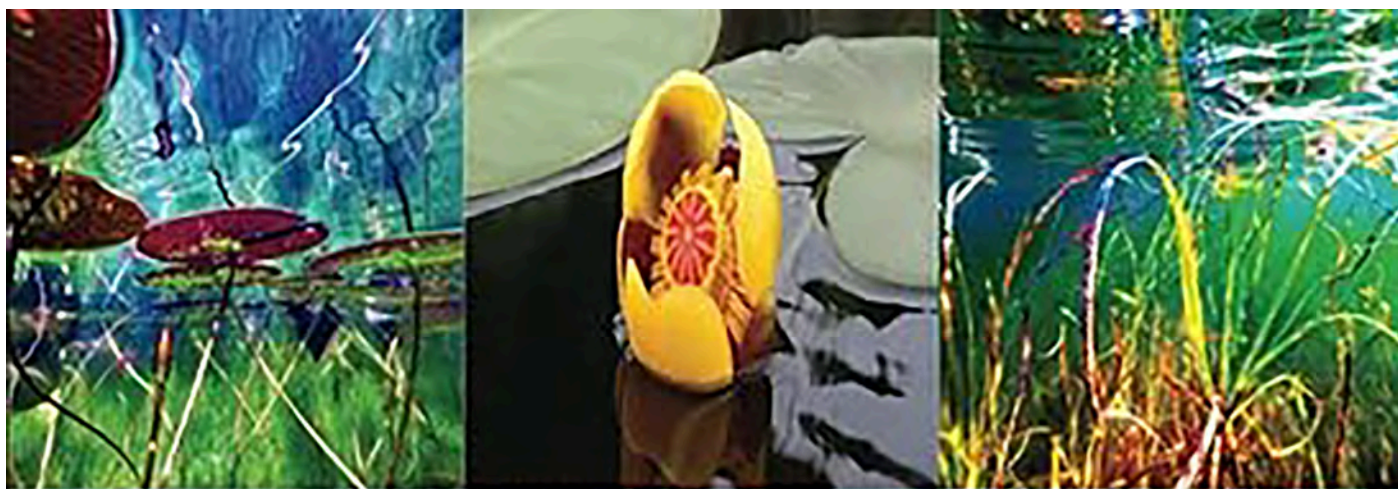
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Preserving and Protecting our Extraordinarily Valuable
Freshwater Resources for Future Generations Now!!!**

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The Common Aquatic Plants of the Great Lakes Region

and the

**Vital Role That They Play in Helping to
Promote and Sustain Healthy Inland
Lake Ecosystems and Bio-Diversity**

by William 'Scott' Brown



The presence of a healthy native aquatic plant community whose growth extends from a thriving natural shoreline or from near shore shallow waters into areas of the lake's glacier

carved basin hosting relatively deep water serves as a remarkably reliable bio-indicator of the existence of clear sunlight inundated waters, moderate biological productivity, an array of fish species and many other freshwater ecosystem dependent creatures, and good overall water quality. Comprised of a diverse assemblage of large aquatic plants that are referred to as macrophytes, abundantly growing macrophyte communities help to establish and sustain a multitude of vital interactive biological and ecological functions that make important contributions to helping preserve the overall health of tens of thousands of moderately productive inland lakes in the Laurentian Great Lakes region.

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**A percentage of profit derived from the sale of this book will
be
donated to help sustain the on-going Lansing-based
lobbying
efforts of Michigan Waterfront Alliance...**



---The Problem is Real---

The loss of natural shorelines is the biggest threat

to the overall health of Michigan lakes

National Lakes Assessment

Shoreland development is impacting Michigan's lakes causing issues such as poor water quality, erosion, and loss of fish and wildlife habitat. Taking action on your property now can help reverse these effects and protect the health of your lake.

To learn more about the mission, goals, and unique educational opportunities provided by the

Michigan **N**atural **S**horeline **P**artnership

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PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A MICHIGAN WATERFRONT ALLIANCE MI HEALTHY LAKES CHAMPION TODAY!!!

YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF \$250, \$500, or \$1,000 WILL AMPLIFY OUR CAPACITY TO LOBBY FOR THE PASSAGE OF COMMON SENSE LEGISLATION THAT IS PENDING IN LANSING IN REGARDS TO REGULATING WAKE BOATS AND SEPTIC TANKS!!! AS OUR READERS ARE WELL AWARE, OUT OF CONTROL WAKE BOATS ARE DAMAGING OUR LAKES, AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DYSFUNCTIONAL SEPTIC SYSTEMS ARE DEGRADING OUR LAKES, RIVERS, STREAMS, AND GROUNDWATER!!!

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Events Listing

All times Eastern. "\$" indicates there may be a cost to participate.

September 4, 1:00 PM: [Managing stormwater runoff on your shoreland property - Minimizing your impacts.](#) Presented by John "JB" Bilotta, University of Minnesota Water

Resources Center; and Maggie Karschnia, University of Minnesota Sea Grant and Water Resources Center. Host: Itasca Waters.

October 2, 1:00 PM: Traditional ecological knowledge in lake management. Host: Itasca Waters.

October 7, 2:00 PM: Walleye stocking success in the Midwestern USA. Presented by Daniel Isermann, US Geological Survey - Wisconsin Cooperative Fishery Research Unit, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point; and Robert Davis, Young Harris College. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership.

October 14, 2:00 PM: Expect the unexpected: Physical drivers of harmful algal blooms in remote systems. Presented by Adam Heathcote, Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Croix Watershed Research Station. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership.

October 21, 2:00 PM: Smart maps, stronger conservation: Targeting land protection with GIS. Presented by Annie Knight and Ally Mazurek, Northern Waters Land Trust; Mitch Brinks, GIS specialist; and Paul Radomski, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Host: Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership.

October 22: Great Lakes Microplastics Summit (*virtual event*). Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

November 6, 1:00 PM: Mystery snail impacts on lake ecosystems. Presented by Sarah Kingsbury, Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Host: Itasca Waters.

December 2-4: 2025 Great Lakes Virtual PFAS Summit. Host: Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy.

December 4, 1:00 PM: Water wishes for the holidays. Presented by John Downing, Hilarie Sorensen, Sawyer Lorentz, and Holly Ristau, Minnesota Sea Grant. Host: Itasca Waters.

NEW December 5: 2025 Annual MiCorps Conference (*Michigan's volunteer lake and stream monitoring program*). Host: Michigan Clean Water Corps.

You may also wish to explore these websites for additional events, recordings of past events, and more:

[Michigan Inland Lakes Convention presentation recordings](#)

[Michigan Lakes and Streams Association](#)

[Michigan State University Extension Center for Lakes and Streams](#)

[Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership](#)

[North American Lake Management Society](#)



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Please don't count on others to support the only organization in Michigan that is completely dedicated to voicing your legitimate concerns to our state legislators in Lansing.

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To put it in blunt "no ifs, ands, or buts" terms, without your generous support we will be unable to continue our erstwhile efforts in Lansing.





If not **you**, then **who**?

We need **you!**

Michigan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) is the only all-volunteer non-profit organization in Michigan that is dedicated to reaching out on a daily, pro-active basis to our state representatives and senators about their on-going need to act **now** to protect our precious inland lakes, wetlands, rivers, and streams.

Please do not expect other lake associations, other individuals, and other corporations to fund MWA's efforts in Lansing.

If **you** want your voice to be heard in Lansing **you** need to be the other lake association, the other individual, and the other **corporation** to make a generous contribution to helping fund our on-going efforts in Lansing.

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Please also remember that with the exception of a few relatively minor expenses related to keeping our website updated, and on-line, and a few relatively minor costs associated with distributing our e-newsletter, **all** of our membership and donation derived income goes to paying our downtown Lansing-based lobbying firm, and our attorneys. No exorbitant employee salaries or fringe benefit packages to pay!!!!!!!!!!

It is also important to note that last year **Michigan Waterfront Alliance** lawyers took a case all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court in order to get the State of Michigan to do it's job in protecting our lakes, rivers, streams, and wetlands.

Thank you for reading and considering this hopefully convincing appeal for donations - **no amount is considered too small** - all donations of money are happily received and acknowledged within the context of the generous spirit that prompted them!!!!!!!!!!

Click here to become a dues paying member of MWA

Click here to make a generous donation to MWA



ATTENTION READERS!!!

In order to add your friends, neighbors, and/or fellow lake or watershed conservation focused association member e-mails to our growing list of water resource conservation minded people who would like to receive this Michigan freshwater resources focused twice monthly newsletter, contact Editor Scott Brown at scottb1952@gmail.com



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