

Michigan Aquaculture Association

# NewsLetter

Autumn 2001

## **2001 Annual Meeting Set for February 7 and 8 in Cadillac**

The Michigan Aquaculture Association Annual Meeting has been set for February 7 and 8, 2002. The meeting will be held at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan.

The program will be sponsored by Michigan Sea Grant and the North Central Regional Aquaculture Center (NCRAC) and will consist of a Hybrid Walleye Workshop on the 7th. Other sessions on the 7th and 8th will include Fishmeal Replacement in Fish Feeds, Aquaculture Marketing, Rearing Sunfish for the Food Market, Stress Responses of Salmonids and Percids, EPA Water Quality Standards for Aquaculture, and The Future of Regional Aquaculture Centers. Registration costs are \$30.00 for Active, Sustaining, and Associate Members and \$60.00 for Non-Members.

The Association Business Meeting will be held on February 8, beginning at 11 am and ending at 4:30pm.

## **Harrietta State Hatchery Tests Positive for Whirling Disease**

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has reported to the State Veterinarian the presence of Myxobolus Cerebralis, the parasite that can cause Whirling Disease, in a fish sample taken from the settling basin of the Harrietta State Fish Hatchery, an MDNR facility.

John Hnath, MDNR fish pathologist reported that a confirmed spore of M. Cerebralis was detected in September of 2001 from a sample of 60 fish taken from the settling basin of the hatchery. Hnath stated that more samples have been collected from the settling basin and from the effluent stream that flows into Slagle Creek to look for other positive fish.

According to Hnath, MDNR will decide how to manage the issue based on what the additional tests show.

Michigan Aquaculture Association President Dan Vogler has commented that the Association is watching the development of the situation very carefully to assure that an equal standard is applied to both public and private fish. Vogler notes that under current MDNR policy a private facility would probably be prohibited from stocking public waters under similar circumstances. The Association supports a re-examination of current M. Cerebralis policy using sound science risk management concepts.

## **MDA to Develop Memorandum of Understanding with MDNR**

The Michigan Department of Agriculture is beginning work on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the MDNR for issues related to aquaculture. The two agencies had identified potential areas of conflict between the objectives of the agencies regarding the industry.

MDA Aquaculture Coordinator, Dr. Doug Hoort has been tasked with drafting the MDA version of the MOU. In a meeting between MDA, MDNR, Michigan Farm Bureau and MAA, it was decided that there had to be clear delineation of authority under one state agency in order for the industry to prosper. At the same time MDNR felt that their concerns were not being adequately addressed by MDA. The solution proposed was the MOU process.

Both MDA and MDNR will produce draft proposals and meetings will be held to resolve differences. MAA and MFB will be highly involved in this process.

MAA president Dan Vogler suggests that aquaculturists contact Dr. Hoort [(517) 373-8205] with concerns. This input will allow him to create a draft that addresses the issues that are on the forefront for the industry.

## **New House Bill 4150: Aquaculture Exempted, Bugged Down in House**

The Michigan Aquaculture Association Board of Directors has voted to not oppose the new Aquatic Species Bill sponsored by Representative Susan Tabor because aquaculture has been effectively exempted from the bill. However, the bill has bogged down in the House due to opposition from other groups.

After negotiations with the sponsor of the bill and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, language has been adopted that will effectively exempt all production aspects of aquaculture operations from regulation by MDNR. MDNR will still maintain authority over stocking fish in public waters.

According to Association President Dan Vogler, the discussions with MDNR have been difficult because of their desire to regulate the importation and transportation of aquaculture species. "MDNR has insisted that they have the authority to regulate the importation and transportation of aquaculture species, those authorities very clearly belong to the Michigan Department of Agriculture as spelled out in the Aquaculture Development Act and the Animal Industry Act."

Critical assistance in the negotiation effort has come from the Michigan Farm Bureau. Their ability to stay on top of developments and make the right contacts has been very important.

With the bill bogged down due to other opposition, the Association will continue to monitor any developments and determine an appropriate response.

## **Green River Trout Farm At Odds with MDNR**

The new owners of the Green River Trout Farm have been denied permission to operate by the Natural Rivers Zoning Board. The Zoning Board, acting on the recommendation of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, has denied the Hallberg family permission to operate the farm which relies on water diverted from the Green River for trout production.

The Hallbergs are appealing the decision which will be heard by an Administrative Law Judge at the Farm in the Spring of 2002.

## **Elections For MAA Board to be held at Annual Meeting**

Elections will be held during the Association Annual Meeting in Cadillac. The positions of President and one Director are up for election to a two-year term. President Dan Vogler, and Director Rick Weidenhammer have announced that they intend to run for re-election.

Anyone interested in running for these positions must be an Active or Sustaining Member of the Association and should inform a member of the Board so that his/her name can be announced in the official meeting notice to be mailed in January and included on the ballots for the elections.

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## **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL**

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY/TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Membership Options**

_____ Sustaining (Voting - one vote per membership) w/National Aquaculture Assc. Membership	\$100.00
_____ Active (Voting - one vote per membership) w/National Aquaculture Assc. Membership	\$50.00
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1. Are you a (Check all that apply):

( ) Producer ( ) Broker ( ) Fee Fishing Operation ( ) Academic/Extension Personnel

( ) Consultant ( ) Feed/Equipment Supplier ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. What Species do you work with? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What species do you sell? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What species do you grow? \_\_\_\_\_

5. What are the top three challenges that you see facing your operation in the future?

1)

2)

3)

6. What are the top three challenges that are facing Michigan aquaculture as an industry today?

1)

2)

3)

7. What are the top three action items that your Association can assist you with?

1)

2)

3)

8. What can you contribute to your Association in terms of abilities, resources, expertise, etc?

1)

2)

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9. Are there aquaculture producers that you know who are not Members of the Association?

Yes      No

10. Any Comments or Suggestions:

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**For More Information:** Please Phone: (231) 389-2514 or E-Mail: dan@homesteadtrout.com

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11073 Peach Ave., Grant, MI 49327  
12/17/2001

## *Michigan Aquaculture Association*

# 2002 Annual Meeting Registration

You are cordially invited to attend the Michigan Aquaculture Association's 2002 Annual Meeting, February 7 and 8, 2002 at McGuire's Resort in Cadillac, Michigan. This exciting two-day event will include numerous Informational Seminars, and the MAA Annual Meeting. Your registration fee will include attendance of all Seminars, and lunch at McGuire's Terrace Room Restaurant on both days.

This will be an exceptional opportunity for you to meet and talk with your MAA Board, gain information on new technologies, and network with the most active participants in the industry.

Please fill out the form below and mail it in before January 1, 2002 for early registration rates.

(Please Print and Check Appropriate Information Boxes)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes, I would like the e-mail version of any newsletters and updates from the association.

Cost per person	Early Registration	Late Registration	Num. Attending
Sustaining Members	\$25.00	\$30.00	_____
Active Members	\$25.00	\$30.00	_____
Associate Members	\$25.00	\$30.00	_____
Non-Members	\$50.00	\$60.00	_____

Total:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Remit this form with a check for your total to:  
Michigan Aquaculture Association, c/o Stoney Creek Fisheries, 11073 Peach Ave., Grant, MI 49327

The MAA Business Meeting portion of the program, scheduled for 11:00 am of Feb. 8 is open to all members free of charge. Your early registration will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we hope to see you all at this exciting event in 2002.

Dan Vogler, President, Michigan Aquaculture Association