

News & Views



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Improving Access and Habitat for
Migratory Rainbow Trout.

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Winds of change

A lot has changed in the past few years; we've partnered with Lake Huron Fishing Club in an ambitious stocking program, a new chapter is being considered, key studies have been conducted, and research continues on the Saugeen's fishways and dams. Brantford chapter now stands alone, we've seen new members join our team, and we've lost some very close friends. In this whirlwind of change, gains, and losses, it is especially important that we remain focused and clear about our mandates, and uphold the foundation of our organization. We need to keep things fresh, welcome new challenges, and keep moving forward.

Here's a summary of where we've been... and where we're going:

In partnership with the Lake Huron Fishing Club, we've embarked on a co-operative stocking program (now in its 5th year) on the Saugeen River. Each spring, up to 120,000 Steelhead eggs are diverted to their hatchery facilities in Kincardine, and Port Elgin Ontario, where they are hatched and raised for one year, then released the following spring directly into the Saugeen. This annual routine has injected **over a quarter million** yearling rainbows into the streams at a critical time in their lifecycle. This project is probably the single most significant advancement for Steelhead populations in the Saugeen in well over 30 years of active management. We're very pleased to announce that the project will continue due to overwhelming success and support for the project!! A special tip of the hat to Darryl Choronzey (Going fishing TV), Rod Jones and Larry Mellors (Ontario Steelheaders), as well as Al Wilkins (Lake Huron Fishing Club), and Cathy Dodge (MNR) for spearheading this project and making it all come together. This is what the Saugeen deserved! The volunteers from both clubs, too numerous to name, are the real heroes in this project! Without them, the bottom line is, it just wouldn't happen. Many, many thanks, to all those who give up so much, for the betterment of the fishery.



Doug Swan (C) and Grant McAlpine (R) from the Ontario Steelheaders Denny's Dam Park present Ray Walsler (L) President of the Lake Huron Fishing Club a cheque in the amount of \$2,500.00 to assist with the Club's Rainbow Trout Stocking Program.



Darryl Choronzey(R) presents Al Wilkins (L) a cheque to support the Lake Huron Fishing Club and Ontario Steelheaders' Rainbow Trout Stocking program for the Saugeen River. Also present (C) Rod Jones of the Ontario Steelheaders.

Where we're going cont'd:

We also **continue to transfer adults** into the Saugeen's headwaters, because we believe it is an important and worthwhile component to our efforts. Natural reproduction is still the purest form of enhancing a fishery. More importantly, its successes mirror, and confirm our claims, that the watershed is full of prime habitat but remains largely inaccessible to the fish due to man made barriers and boundaries. We have also managed to **sustain the hatchery operation in Mildmay** thanks to Richard Weiler. His timeless, and tireless efforts, have contributed in large part, to the release of up to 150, 000 fry each summer for about as long as some of us have been fishing. Many thanks again to all the volunteers who sacrifice so much and never ask for anything in return, except maybe a decent day of fishing once in a while, or the camaraderie of fellow volunteers.

Our brothers and sisters in the **Brantford Steelheaders** Chapter have decided to **stand alone**, as an independent organization. In the past, other chapters such as the Nottawasaga Steelheaders have chosen their own path and are successful clubs to this day. We wish all of our past chapters the very best in their endeavours and conservation efforts. Our partnership in conservation will indeed survive any formality between the clubs, as working together and cooperating in conservation efforts, is the key to making real progress. We must of course take this time to thank Larry Mellors and his staff, for his tireless efforts over many years of service with the Ontario Steelheaders. Larry, a team player in conservation, remains a member but no longer heads the organization.

MNR continues to conduct radio tagging studies targeting fishways located at Denny's Dam, Walkerton's Traux Dam and at Maple hill near Durham. Adult Steelhead are captured and tagged with a radio transmitter or a numbered "spaghetti" tag, then re-introduced to the stream where their movement is tracked in an effort to observe their migration and to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of the fishways. Studies were conducted by MNR Staff in the spring of 08, fall of 09 and are ongoing. This important data will allow the MNR to find out where they need to focus their efforts and to apply best management for the dams, and ensure the effectiveness of fishways on the Saugeen. Special thanks to Jody Scheifley and Kathy Dodge, of MNR-Owen Sound, for their efforts. The Ontario Steelheaders will be monitoring the progress of this important research, and will offer appropriate input based on the conclusions of these studies, whenever given the opportunity to be heard.

DIRECTORS WANTED:

One of the biggest **opportunities** in front of us right now, is the establishment of a fresh, new, energetic board of directors for the Ontario Steelheaders. In light of the fact that our past directors were “pulling double shifts” so to speak, they were overworked, which left the club in a mid-flight stall. A few long standing, committed, & visionary members have been working hard to bring things back on line, bigger and better than ever!

Please join us on Saturday, May 1st.

...at the Rod Jones Pavilion at Denny's Dam Conservation area (Steelheader's Park) at 4:00 pm for a very important, information meeting, where we will announce the future role of the organization, and possibly the launch of a new chapter, and it's role in the future management of the Saugeen river's steelhead fishery and other projects. Directors will be on-site to answer your questions, and discuss the future outlook of our organization. You deserve answers, and we will do our best to provide them at this meeting. Memberships can be purchased & renewed; draw prizes, cash & trophy prizes and dinner will follow the derby.

Other News:

"STEELHEAD EXPRESS" GETS A FACELIFT

Tired and battered, our fish transfer trailer was beginning to look more like something you might see transporting sewage rather than something designed to transport ultra sensitive, extremely valuable, live Steelhead. A facelift was long overdue to say the least. So we went to work...

What started as a simple drain valve upgrade turned into an almost overnight overhaul, of the infamous “Steelhead Express”. The trailer now sports a new paint job, graphics, and lights that work! It has also been fitted with a 4 inch valve and discharge hose to make releasing yearlings less stressful on the fish. Many thanks, to the volunteers who scraped away the rust, and breathed new life into the old workhorse. Special thanks also to our corporate supporters: **Transway Systems** of Hamilton for donating the new valve and fittings, **Custom Stainless Works** of Brantford for welding work on the tank. **Rubberline Products** for a great discount on the hose, **Crown Verity Inc.** for the use of their facility and equipment and **Advantage Vinyl** of Brantford for an awesome job on the graphics.



"The Steelhead Express is once again a symbol of pride and cooperation between volunteers and corporate supporters.... Something worthy of these great fish, and the work that goes into them... Nice work everyone!!"

2009 Saugeen River Rainbow Trout Enhancement Project



- 41 volunteers, worked 11 days and over 1500 combined work hours in the spring of 2009, to capture 786 adult steelhead, at Denny's Dam.
- 280 adults were transported upstream in the Steelhead Express to the Beatty Saugeen.
- 300,000 eggs we harvested and fertilized. (110K for Kincardine & Port Elgin Hatcheries), (190K for Mildmay hatchery)
- 57,359 six to eight inch yearling rainbows were released into Otter Creek and the Saugeen River.

Many thanks to the volunteers who work tirelessly towards making the Saugeen one of the best Steelhead destinations in the country!!

Work will resume in April 2010 ...See you there!

FISH FOR KIDS

The article below appeared in the Port Elgin newspaper in the spring of 2009



Applications for an additional 200 rainbows and 100 browns to be released in April 2010 have been submitted for approval. It looks like the kids will continue to enjoy this wonderful fishing opportunity. The Ontario Steelheaders, in partnership with the Lake Huron Fishing Club, and Saugeen Shores Recreation and Culture, are very pleased to be a part of this important community project.

Denny's Park Project

In 1996 The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority announced that Denny's Dam Park would be closed to the public due to financial constraints. The possibility existed that the park may even be sold.

The Ontario Steelheaders, consistent with its mandate, approached the Authority with an offer to lease the Park to ensure continuing access for all resource users. This resulted in a significant annual financial commitment to the Ontario Steelheaders. Costs include the lease, insurance, maintenance of the washroom facilities, garbage disposal, grass cutting, road maintenance, and signage. Surplus funds are put directly into park improvements such as the construction of the pavilion, landscaping equipment, well installation, tree planting etc. Additional surplus funds when available are directed to fisheries enhancement projects and expenses. Modest user fees are charged for parking and camping.

A decade and a half later, we continue to make the conservation area and all of its resources accessible to all users. It is a testament to the dedication, pride, and perseverance of volunteers that has made all of this possible. Many, many thanks to the folks who invested

their time and sweat equity, to make the park what it is. ...you have something to be very proud of! Keep up the great work!!

It's your park!! Use it, enjoy it, respect it, and support it!

Ontario Steelheaders
2010 Annual SPRING Steelhead Derby

By Harold Curtis

Please join us on **Saturday May 1st 2010** at Denny's Conservation Area (Steelheader's Park) for our annual Spring Steelhead Derby & River Appreciation Day.

Cash Prizes +++++++ *Draw Prizes* +++++ *Trophies*
 +++++ *Free Camping* ++++

This social event will begin with a full day of fishing in the derby. Registration is available at Denny's Park. Look for the signs..!! Dinner will be served at the Rod Jones Pavilion following a 4 pm meeting, where we will have draw prizes, raffles, club updates and finally the derby prizes and trophies will be awarded. Please join us for a great day of socializing with members and a cozy campfire afterwards. Overnight camping and day use at Denny's Park is free for derby participants and their families.

Entry fees: \$ 10.00 adults	Weigh-in Deadline: 5: 00 pm
\$ 7.00 junior	Everyone Welcome!

Saturday May 1st 2010

BE THERE !!!



Lake Huron Fishing Club Hatchery Update

With spring arriving so quickly this year, the Lake Huron Fishing Club is scrambling to get their rainbow trout, brown trout and chinook salmon ready for release. From the 110,000 rainbow trout eggs that were collected at Denny's Dam last April by Ontario Steelheaders there are 57,000 healthy rainbow trout yearlings ready for release. 9,000 of these fish are being held at the Port Elgin Chinook hatchery, the rest at the the Kincardine Trout hatchery. Also, at the Kincardine Trout hatchery are 5,000 sixteen month old brown trout. These are beautiful fish, 10 inches long. All of the rainbows will be stocked into the Saugeen River around the Walkerton area. The brown trout will be stocked directly into Lake Huron. Two hundred rainbows and 100 brown trout will be stocked into the Port Elgin hatchery headpond for local children to pursue all summer. With the help of the Ontario Steelheaders and their fish transport trailer stocking of all these trout should start around the 2nd week of April. Soon after the trout are released there will be 100,000 chinook salmon fingerlings to also be released into Lake Huron from the Port Elgin Chinook hatchery.

"The rainbow trout program is an excellent example of what cooperation between 2 fishing clubs can accomplish. The Ontario Steelheaders provide the eggs, help with fin clipping and assist with stocking. Ontario Steelheaders also provide some financial assistance to help pay feed and electrical costs. The Lake Huron Fishing Club provides hatchery space and day to day fish culture duties to grow the fish. Both clubs (and every other fisherman) enjoy the increased numbers of rainbow trout in the lake and river."

Al Wilkins

Lake Huron Fishing Club
Trout Hatchery Manager



FEED THE FISH!!!

Chances are you've been approached by one of our members or someone from the Lake Huron fishing Club with draw tickets. The proceeds from these draws go directly to fund the hatchery operations and is used primarily to purchase fish feed. Many thanks to the folks who have been working hard to sell the tickets, this work, and your money, is a vital lifeline to the fish's appetite.

Please support this very important project by purchasing a draw ticket today!

KRONZY'S KORNER...

For a Concerned Steelheader it's a Whole Lot of Work...
And a Little Bit of Fun

Wow does time fly!!

It's a little more than 30 years since a dozen concerned anglers sat down for the first time with an idea to create a fishing organization for the betterment of fish stocks, fishing and fishermen. Three decades later we find ourselves creating what could be the finest sport fishery east of the Rocky Mountains in the very near future.

The main thrust of the present program is to kick-start the fishery with significant numbers of yearling steelhead smolt stocked far enough upstream so that they properly imprint to quality spawning grounds upstream of the Town of Walkerton. This is being accomplished by a smooth running working relationship between the Ontario Steelheaders and the Lake Huron Fishing Club.

Club members from both organizations trap adult steelhead every spring at Denny's Dam, strip them of their eggs and sperm and transport them to the Lake Huron Fishing Club at Kincardine. Here the eggs are fertilized, hatched and for the next 12 months given a healthy dose of tender loving care.

The result? Twelve months later we find ourselves transporting approximately 70,000 healthy 8-9 inch steelhead smolt back to Walkerton. The fish fall out of the stocking tubes and immediately begin imprinting to smell and surroundings of the wild they find themselves in. Some turn tail and immediately head downstream to Lake Huron. Some are a little tardy and stay a while to enjoy the sights and sounds and gorge on the aquatic life of the cold waters around them. But they all end up in Huron and the largest majority, make their way back to the mid-stretches of the Saugeen later to regenerate their population on the prime spawning grounds of the upper river. Oh, and by the way, on their way upriver they pause to spend a little time taunting waiting anglers below and above the structure known as Denny's Dam.

How well is the new program working? So well that it surprises even me and I'm the king of the optimists when fisheries programs are carried out properly. Six months after those very first 8-9 inch smolt were stocked at Walkerton a few years back, a good percentage returned as scrappy little silvers weighing 2-3 pounds. Now, after only a few years into the program, the Saugeen has experienced the best autumn and winter fishing in years and just wait til the spring floods subside. Sharpen up your hooks boys and just wait and see.

Am I happy with the progress to date? Certainly...

Is there more to be done? You bet, a whole lot more.

For starters and this better happen pretty soon, I want to see the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources match our steelhead release numbers with some of their own. In my books, the MNR has done little or nothing in the way of enhancing what could be one of the finest steelhead fisheries on the continent not just here in Ontario. Why is Lake Ontario receiving all or most of Ontario steelheading stocks? Up on the Peninsula we don't have the trespassing, poaching or for that matter the contaminant problems found on southern trout streams. Yet, the Provincial government continues to waste valuable steelhead stocks around Lake Ontario. I'm not talking about steelhead smolt that they release into streams like the Bronte, Credit or Rouge, but tens of thousands of hatchery steelhead that they waste by dumping off piers and beaches on the north shore of Lake Ontario. It's a waste and nothing but a waste. It's a waste of taxpayer dollars. It's a waste of hatchery space. It's a waste of fishing opportunities. It's time for the government bios in Toronto, in Peterborough and even in Owen Sound to wise up and utilize the Saugeen's potential with some of their own fish stocks.

Then, there are the dams. I'm talking about the two in the Walkerton area. They should either come out or be breached. It's a no brainer for the fish, the fisherman and the fishery. There's been talk about this problem for 30 years. Time for some people to get off their backsides, out of the office, and down to the river...and do something.

We can raise and stock the most beautiful, healthy steelhead smolt in the world. The adults still have to get back to those prime spawning waters, yet they are finding the task difficult, if not impossible every spring.

Now here's a thought and just a thought. A small group of anglers have to quit bitching. They all want better fishing, but want to put very little effort into improving the fishery. They all want better fishing, but don't want the increased angling pressure around them when more fish return to the river. I was amazed at some of the remarks a few fishermen made when they thought they were going to lose what seemed to be their very own little fishing hole on the Saugeen. As the fish returns grow, so also will the number of anglers wading below and above Denny's. And trust me this fishery is going to grow and the anglers will come. As for the few moaners and groaners...keep moaning and groaning.

There's also the problem and a very big problem of getting newcomers involved with this fishery. Our fishing fraternity is rapidly getting older and even disappearing. We need an injection of young blood on the river and volunteers for the river.

"The Ontario Steelheaders along with their counterparts are changing the Saugeen. Those changes will probably create the best fishery this side of the Rockies. Those changes will require dedication. Get your friends to join the Ontario Steelheaders."

Chronz...



A Biologist's Perspective:

Regrettably, Kathy Dodge, Biologist with the Ministry of Natural resources in Owen Sound was unable to comment at this time due to time constraints and workload. Kathy has been a staunch ally and true friend of the Steelheaders since she began working with us several years ago. She will be working with us again this spring at the 2010 Saugeen River Rainbow Trout Enhancement Program at Denny's Dam.

We look forward to hearing from you next time Kathy!

From Rod's Desk:

By Rod Jones

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to the many, many volunteers that I have had the honour of working with over the last 30+ years... it has been an experience that has made me very proud... From the work we started in Orchard Park, Mildmay's hatchery, and Walkerton's fishway to the modifications, egg collection & adult transfer at Denny's and ultimately to our partnership program with the Lake Huron Club; it has been a journey that is difficult for many, to comprehend.

Stream rehabilitation, weir studies, tagging, sampling, committee work...the only thing longer than the list of things we've done together, is the list of people who helped get it done. I cannot tell you how humbled I am for having been a part of it.

The Steelhead fishery on the Saugeen today is in excellent condition, and it needs your help to stay that way. It is time to call upon "younger blood to step up...take over". The fishery needs you!!! Back in the day, the fishery needed us and we responded. Today, the future of the fishery is in your hands...Helping Hands. Get involved! Talk to us...we'll find you a job!!!

Rod



Get involved!

Write a letter, sign a petition, make a donation, join a club, attend a meeting, wade a creek, milk a fish...It doesn't matter how...Just get involved...Protect our fisheries!!!

Ontario Steelheaders
2009 Annual Fall Steelhead Derby & River
Appreciation Day Recap

Many thanks to the participants and volunteers who made this another success!

Results:

1 st prize:	Len Rohnert	8.8 lbs.
2 nd prize:	Stan Batog	8.2 lbs.
3 rd prize:	Owen Lee	8.2 lbs.
Junior Prize:	Brittany Doherty	6.1 lbs.
Live Release:	Jeff Byrne	16 X 9 1/2 inches.

A very special congratulation to Brittany for showing us how it's done, Way to go!! The guys really slugged it out this time...close race!...Nice fish fellas! It should be mentioned that Jeff is a repeat winner of the Catch & Release Award. Nice work Jeff!

Everyone enjoyed themselves throughout the day's events. It's so nice to see everyone together now and then, just enjoying the park, the river, the fishery, and each other's company. Thanks again to everyone for making it a great day!



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Membership

The Ontario Steelheaders wishes to communicate more effectively with persons having concerns similar to our own with regard to our fisheries resources. Membership in the Ontario Steelheaders provides a vehicle to support the rehabilitation, stocking programs, egg collection, adult fish transfer and to have input to the decision making processes which effects positive change.

Ontarians are fortunate in that we have so many rivers and streams when compared with some other provinces and countries, however, the water quality of many will not support aquatic life. Individuals are hard pressed to do much to correct the deficiencies causing these conditions unless they form groups which, through affiliation with other organizations can not only have their concerns heard, but in many cases obtain the necessary support to bring about the changes required.

For more information about membership and how you can help the Ontario Steelheaders:

Please visit our website at:

www.ontariosteelheaders.ca (under construction...please bear with us)

Or, write a letter to:

**THE ONTARIO STEELHEADERS
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Note:

Please forward questions, comments & concerns regarding this newsletter to: "Newsletter Editor" at the address above.

Regards,

Ontario Steelheaders



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Membership Form

New Membership _____ Renewal Membership _____ (Check one)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Please Circle the Type of Membership Required Below:

Regular 1 Year = \$25.00 Regular 3 Year = \$60.00 Family 1 Year = \$30.00

Junior 1 Year (16 years or under) = 10.00 Senior 1 Year (age 65 and over) = \$20.00

List all Names for Family Membership

New

Renew

NOTE: For Family Membership, all correspondence will be addressed to the person first named above.

Club / Chapter Affiliation (where applicable) _____

I am interested in the following:

Formation of a Chapter in the area of: _____

Stream Rehabilitation _____ Egg Collection/Adult Transfer _____
Committee / Director Work _____ Other _____

I have enclosed a cheque/money order for \$ _____ with this membership application, payable to:

The Ontario Steelheaders
Box 604, Brantford, On.
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Please allow 3 weeks from time of receipt of this application, for mailing of Membership Cards, crests and decals.

OTHER NEWS

ONTARIO TO CHARGE FIRMS FEES TO TAKE WATER FROM LAKES by the Canadian Press
Companies that take water from Ontario's lakes and rivers will have to pay for that privilege under new legislation, Environment Minister Leona Dombrowsky said. "We will charge," she said, adding that, "I'm not sure what the structure's going to be that will assign that." As the Ontario Government begins to work on new legislation to protect the province's drinking water resources, it has released a discussion paper and launched public consultations "to ensure our legislation is

fair, practical and effective," Dombrowsky said at a news conference. The discussion paper, which sets out a framework for water source protection plans, also invites discussion on two key issues: whether water bottling and other companies have to pay for the water they take out of the system and how to strengthen the rules surrounding the water-taking permits. However, Dombrowsky said she'll wait to see what recommendations come forward from the consultations as to whether water-takers should be charged for a permit or on a volume basis. It would be a Canadian first for Ontario to charge water-takers by volume, she said. In December, the province put a moratorium on new water-taking permits. Currently, there are 5,300 water permits that have been issued, and some allow companies to take millions of litres of water out of the system daily, Dombrowsky said. But the province doesn't have a system to track how much water is being taken out on a daily basis, nor does it know whether the system is being damaged by the volume of water being extracted, she said.

"Alien species invasion threatens Great Lakes" This was a headline on page 1 of the National Report section of the Toronto Star on Saturday July 5, 2003. The article, which utilized one full page in total, began with the subject of Lake Erie and the botulism problems of last Fall as described by Jeff Robinson, a biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service. He and his colleagues are concerned that this assault on the environment is another of a series which began with "the invasion of non-native creatures from microscopic viruses to heavyweight fish."

"Eight Aliens Impact the Great Lakes" ([Graphics from the Toronto Star July 5, 2003](#)) "The Key issue, scientists say, is the invasion by species that overturn life under the surface and cause deterioration that is impossible to reverse. On average, one sets up residence in the lakes every seven months, says Anthony Ricciardi, an environmental scientist at Montreal's McGill University. The rate has nearly doubled in the past couple of decades. The number of successful colonizers is now 173. These are symptoms of an insidious problem."

Asian Carp are probably the most potentially devastating of all invaders to threaten the Great Lakes. They were imported during the early 70's to clean up algae and harmful molluscs from southern U.S. fish farms and **somehow** they got into the Mississippi River where they now make up 99% of the fish population.

The following are a few of the many reports that have been published in the last two years on **asian carp**.

- The Environmental News Network published a [Reuters report](#) on July 12, 2002
- The Detroit Free Press ran this [asian carp story](#) on May 27, 2003.
- The Globe and Mail ran [this story](#) on August 26, 2002.
- On July 11, 2002 the CBC News filed this [report](#) complete with an attached video which deals with biological pollution.
- The Ottawa Citizen newspaper published its [concerns](#) on March 3rd, 2003. These deal predominately with the importation of live asian carp which quite likely will result in their introduction to our waters. A proposal to ban importation of live asian carp, unfortunately is just that, a proposal.

The September/October issue of the Canadian Geographic magazine contains a text by Walter Stewart reporting on various elements currently degrading the ecological balance of Lake Erie. It discusses Lake Erie's "Dead Zone" in some detail and [graphically](#) describes the primary area involved.

It is reported that the cost of cleaning up the pollution in Lake Erie between 1978 and 1988 was in excess of \$10 Billion (U.S.), and the lake water became clear, beaches were safer and fishing was becoming productive. Then, confident that the job was done "the bureaucracy put in place to guard the environment, cut the regulatory oversight" by almost 50%, 40% lower in staff numbers than in 1995, "neglected to pursue polluters and decided to let the environment take care of itself." Paul Muldoon, the executive director of the Canadian Environmental Law Association,

states "What is happening in Lake Erie is what happened in Walkerton, Ontario, when 7 people died and 2300 others became ill. It was a failure of oversight."

Phil Ryan, fisheries ecology supervisor at the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources site in Port Dover states that "we haven't measured phosphorus since 1994," the major cause of the problem in the first place for nine years."

The American government estimates the economic losses and the cost of fighting invasive species come to about \$135 billion (U.S.) annually. Canada makes no such estimates. Scientists have now identified more than 360 chemical compounds in the Great Lakes and Environment Canada reports "Various species of fish now suffer from tumours and lesions, and their reproductive capacities are decreasing."

A quick search on the internet will list over 39,000 web sites dealing with asian carp because of the potential threat to our fisheries in North America, however, none of them describes a plan or corrective action to protect our lakes.

- Where do we go from here?
- What can we do to put the appropriate controls back in place?
- How can we awaken the sleeping bureaucrats to ensure corrective action takes place before this precious resource is destroyed?

"If you are not involved in pressing for a solution.....you become part of the problem! There is no middle road in this issue.