

THE LUDINGTON AREA CHARTERBOAT ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
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7:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1989

President Mike Davis called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM with about 35 people present. He announced that Rob Elliot and Dave Zafft will about speak four subjects:

1. The PM smolt study
2. The PM river mouth study
3. The PM lamprey weir
4. The Sauble river holding pen project

Dave Zafft summarized the PM smolt study by noting that most spawning appears to happen in the PM above the Rainbow Rapids. The peak migration occurred in early June with up to 10,000 smolt coming down each night. While the evidence is still sketchy, it may be that as many as 180,000 smolt may have come down this spring. It was noted that the DNR had planted its 180,000 smolts on May 17th in the Sauble River. That may have been too early.

Rob Elliot summarized the River mouth study noting that they conducted beach seining sessions north and south of the river mouth, and the Pumped Storage Plant. Smolt were only captured at night, and none were found after July 20th.

He stated that the lamprey weir was started on April 3rd when the water had reached 46 degrees. It operated until June 30th. It was very effective and stopped everything that approached it from below. Tom Rozich estimated 2000 lamprey approached the weir and about 380 steelhead. Everything that attempted to cross it going downstream survived, essentially unaffected.

The Pumped Storage plant seems to be making a difference, especially on large fish. It appears some salmon smolt are still getting through it.

He praised the smolt holding pen idea and suggested that money was needed to fund a project to evaluate the successfulness of this kind of effort.

The regular meeting commenced at 8:22 PM. President Mike Davis thanked Rob and Dave, and discussed funding of the Early Life study. He thanked the Borden committee for its help.

The Auditor's report indicated that our books are in order.

The treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$13,731 in the Borden Fund, and a balance of \$1,414 in the general fund.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The usefulness of the fax temperature service was discussed along with its cost. Richard Laaksonen moved to increase the dues for regular members to \$40, for associate member to \$20, and to continue the sustaining member dues at \$100. Seconded by Gary Montie. Discussion followed. The motion passed without dissent. It was the consensus of those present to attempt to continue the Fax service. President Mike Davis indicated that the Jays Tournament was very successful, and some plans had been discussed for a tournament next year. If it is held it will be held on July 20th, 21st and 22nd. We are considering changing the format to a Saturday-Sunday Tournament to increase amateur participation. Pres. Davis then discussed the holding pen project stating that we had been invited develop such a project in the Sauble river. Aaron Christensen will chair the committee to develop the holding pen project. Help will be needed to build and operate these pens.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM