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Risks facing fishing

According to a 2004 report

This is two of Six Risks Facing Fishing---
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Threat #1 Invasive Species



From coast to coast and border to border, aquatic invasive species are degrading fisheries and diminishing angler access as they cause tremendous damage to the nation's ecosystems and economy.

From Cornell University, "invading alien species in the United States cause major environmental damages and losses adding up to almost \$120 billion per year."

Although hundreds of exotic species now are established in our waters, a handful is wreaking the most havoc. They include Asian carp (bighead and silver), mussels (zebra and quagga), and aquatic plants such as Eurasian watermilfoil,



hydrilla, and water hyacinth.

For example, Asian carp now make up more than 60 percent of the total fish biomass in the main channel Illinois River. That means bass, bluegill, catfish, buffalo, and other native species now account for

less than 40 percent of the population by weight that they once provided.

Additionally, bighead and silver carp are knocking at the door of Lake Michigan, as well as the Iowa Great Lakes and inland fisheries in Minnesota and Wisconsin. If they find tributary rivers in these waters to their liking for spawning, the invaders could devastate some of the nation's best sport fisheries.

Quagga and zebra mussels, meanwhile, also threaten inland fisheries in the Upper Midwest, as well as the West. Angler and boater access likely will be restricted in many of these waters, as resource managers, lake associations and others, try to keep out the invaders.

You can help protect our waters from these invaders and lessen the threat of restricted access. Don't move water, plants, or animals from one fishery to another. Don't release live bait into a lake or river unless you obtained it from that same water. Inspect and clean your boat thoroughly before moving it from one fishery to another, draining and drying out the bilges and the livewells.



Threat #2 Declining Participation

As an angler, you pay for management of the fish in your state's lakes and rivers, just as you also finance aquatic education, fisheries research, habitat restoration, land acquisition, urban fishing programs, and construction of hatcheries, boat ramps, and fishing piers.

You do this through the purchase of your fishing license and your fishing tackle, as well as fuel for your boat.

In buying the tackle and the gas, you pay excise taxes which fund the Sport Fish Restoration Program (SFR), also known as Wallop-Breaux. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service then distributes that money to the states, based on the number of license holders in each state and its land and water areas. A state wildlife



agency, meanwhile, must be able to pay for 25 percent of any given fisheries project if it is to receive the 75 percent "match" from SFR. Almost all of that state money comes from sale of licenses.

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Club Calendar

- November 19th ...NUASF Club Meeting (Note: Date Change)
- December 10th ...NUASF Social Night at Club House
- December 17th ...NUASF Club Meeting (Note: Date Change)
- January 14thNUASF Social Night at Club House
- January 28thNUASF Club Meeting

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From the President

By Jason Kuester

We will be holding elections at the next meeting. We are asking that everyone attend this meeting to make your vote count. The term is up for 1 Board Member. If you would like to run for this position please bring it up at the meeting, or call me at 507-381-2041 or email at jr@newulmtel.net

Todd and Karen from the Dixon Lake Resort are very excited to have our club back at their resort this year. They have also donated a four person fishing trip as one of our prizes for the fishing contest we will have in February. The date for the trip is February 18th. I need to have conformation and your \$50.00 down payment to them after the December's meeting. If you are interested in going along on this trip please contact me at 507-381-2041 or e-mail at jr@newulmtel.net. The total for the trip is \$130.00 per person for three nights, or \$185.00 per person food included. Todd and Karen also said there would be no charge for the angling and spearing houses this year. They have room for 24 people in their angling houses and about 25 spearing houses available. This is first come first serve, so if you need an ice house let me know. If you are unable to attend the meeting and need to pay your \$50.00 down payment send it to Jason Kuester 56554-446th Street New Ulm, Mn 56073.

It is time to start thinking of the Ice Fishing Contest. The date for the contest is going to be February 14th 2016. We are asking that each member please try to sell at least one book of tickets. You will find one book of tickets in this newsletter. If you are unable to sell your tickets please send them back, bring them to a meeting, or drop them off at the Ice Fishing Contest. This event is our largest fund raiser for the club. Additional tickets are always available at each meeting or by contacting Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765, Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 or myself at 507-381-2041.

Fall is here (maybe winter) and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone, bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

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Since the program began in 1950, achieving that match has not been a problem for most states, and, as a result, SFR has distributed about \$7 billion for fisheries management. In fiscal year 2011 alone, the states received \$364.7 million because of this unique "user pays, user profits" program. But tomorrow might not be as bright. Although trends vary from state to state, participation generally has been flat or declining since 2000. And when anglers don't buy licenses, state wildlife agencies lose funding, both from the decline in sale of those licenses and from the SFR. That means they can't finance the work that has made recreational fishing in the United States the envy of the world.

Fortunately, the solution to this threat is easy: Take someone fishing. Preferably, take a youngster fishing, instilling in him or her a love of nature and a love of the sport that will endure for a lifetime. In other words, share your passion to ensure a sound financial future for recreational fishing.

Solution: Easy – take someone new fishing, or get someone back on the water who hasn't been fishing for a while.

Solution: Inspect, clean and dry boats, boots and waders when you move between waters, and never dump your bait bucket.

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The NUASF Board

President - Jason Kuester (381-2041); Vice-President - Gary Sprenger (359-9358); Secretary - Ross Nelson (507-766-0765) Treasurer - Tony Miller (354-2457); Board Members: Ron Ludewig (507-276-6093), Mike Buechner (354-2739 s), Ken Sutherland (507-276-1534).

Monthly Meeting - October 29th - 35+ members present

I. Secretary Report

- A) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Ron Ludewig to accept report as read.
Passed unanimously.

II. Treasury Report

A) Balance

- 1) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Orin Schultz to accept report as read.
Passed unanimously.

2) Boat Raffle – profit

III. Old Business

A) Membership update.

- 1) 166 – 17 due

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

- 1) Cottonwood River – 20" walleye
- 2) DNR is pulling docks off public accesses.
- 3) Lake Hanska – Crappies & 17" walleye
- 4) Netting on High Island yielding 14-17" walleye
- 5) Clear Lake – 1 crappie & 1 perch

C) Club House and Grounds Update.

- 1) Looks like the county will provide support with raven repair. Our club and the Nilson's will more the likely have to match funds.
- 2) Club clean up went well. Check roof for leaves after they have completely fallen.
- 3) John Rolloff will check the battery on the furnace thermostat.

IV) Other Old Business

A) None

V) New Business

A) Ice House Giveaway

- 1) Tickets are available, see Jason, Ken or Ross
- 2) Posters will be available by the next meeting.
- 3) Try your best to pick up new sponsors.
- 4) KNUJ Farm City Day – Nov. 13th @ 6:00AM - Jim L. will sell tickets, needs help.
- 5) If you can take the house to sell tickets. arrange with Board members.

B) MN River Congress

- 1) November 12th @ 5:30 Turner Hall
- 2) Motion was made by Jim Hulke to provide a sponsorship Seconded by Jim Liebl
Passed unanimously.

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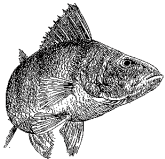
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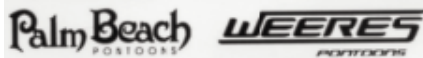
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