



Prez Sez

As I write this the thermometer says 89 degrees. Summer has definitely arrived. Please keep your eye on water temps and leave the muskies alone for a bit if the water gets above 80. I use this time to put some other species of fish in my freezer. In my opinion, this is the best way to introduce kids to fishing. Very few kids have the patience or stamina to cast for muskies all day and possibly not catch anything. Going after panfish or bass (usually) puts more fish in the net and keeps the kids excited about fishing. The part I like best is bluegills don't follow, they just eat!

Keeping with the "Kid" theme, we held the Wisconsin Youth Muskie Championship a couple weeks ago. It was a huge success with a record turnout! I was helping hand out raffle prizes and it was great to see all participants smiling and having a great time, not just the winners. A big thank you to the CCMI Youth Committee for their hard work putting on this event and I can't wait for next year. Continued Good Luck to everyone this summer!

-Fishing is not the answer, fishing is the question and YES is the answer
Brian Falleck

2022 Event Calendar

August 8.....	On the Water Meeting
August 20-27.....	Lake of the Woods Outing
September 12.....	General Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard Lanes 7:00pm
September 24.....	Pit Tag Outing
October 7-8.....	Vilas County Outing
October 10.....	General Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard Lanes 7:00pm
October 15.....	Fall Muskie Tournament
November 14.....	General Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard Lanes 7:00pm
December 12.....	General Meeting @ Bowl-A-Vard Lanes 7:00pm

CCMI Release Report

Chris Smith- Release Chairman / ccmireleasechair@gmail.com

Hello Members!

Looking at the release data this month (May 21st - June 20th), the club came roaring back from a slow season start! The month of June brought in northern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Canadian openers. We are now in full swing, and I hope you are having great success. 79 fish were caught with an average length of 38.2". So far, on the year, CCMI has recorded 111 releases. For comparison, by this time last year, we recorded 199 releases at a 37.3" average. As a club, we are down about 55%.

The most popular baits for 2022 are crankbaits with phantoms and shallow raiders leading the way. An interesting data point is that bucktails were the majority of baits used in 2021 by a large margin. Black, copper, and chartreuse are the leading colors. Perhaps this is attributed to warmer water earlier in the season, but there seems to be a fairly significant shift in bait preference from last year. This seems like a good time to break out of ruts and try that new spot or fresh bait you might not usually try. The fish seem to be telling us they are looking for something different.

The upcoming weather pattern looks hot in the short term and is shaping to be a seasonable July with slightly less than average rainfalls. With the season openers in the north, I'm hoping the hot weather trends spark those summer patterns and aggressive action. Good luck to you all, and we will see you on the water!



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Wisconsin Fishing Expo Donation Update

Paul Twardy

A big thank you goes out to long time member Mark Stelkel and his wife who stopped by the CCMI booth at the Wisconsin Fishing Expo. They dropped off a minn kota terrova as a donation. It was in need of some repair, but not much. We immediately talked to the owner of Sportsman's Repair Shop at their booth. We gave it to him at the end of the expo. He agreed to repair it, then sell it for us. Sportsman's would deduct the price of parts only, and then make a donation to the club of the balance.

The trolling motor recently sold and CCMI received a donation from Sportsman's Repair for \$743.37. Again thanks to all involved.

Release Standings

<u>Men's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Brad Skaife	7	108	41
Dustin Loveland	8	90	37
Adam Bergendahl	6	82	39.6
Brandli Gottlieb	5	78	41.55
Chris Smith	3	45	41
Jamie Wersland	3	42	40
Mike Thoreson	4	37	35.5
Bob Harris	3	36	38
Geoffrey Crandall	3	32	36.5
Steve Soma	2	31	41.5
Justin regan	2	27	39.5
Rowan Stamm	1	24	50
Lee Bartolini	3	23	33.75
Dustin Murphy	2	22	33.75
James Lawler	1	21	47.25
Todd Berge	2	21	36.5
Drew Nafzger	1	18	44
Noah Humfeld	1	17	43
Ben Voeck	1	16	41.5
Aaron Laking	1	15	41
Pat Ewanowski	1	15	41
Charlie Tucker	1	14	40
Eric Olson	1	14	40
Scott Trimborn	1	14	39.5
Bob Baumgartner	1	13	39
Trip Soma	1	12	38
Jeff Walker	1	11	36.5
Jeff Lehr	1	9	35
Shane Nesheim	1	9	35
Brain Wienski	1	9	34.5
Jason Martin	1	7	33
Kyle Kramer	1	6	32
Craig Wood	1	5	30.5
Spencer Buskager	1	5	31

<u>Junior's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Gavin Harris	3	38	38.5
Jackson Harris	2	32	41.75
William Christ	3	30	36
Thomas Lyon	2	24	38
Devlyn Hanson	1	8	33.5



<u>Master's Division</u>	Muskies	Points	Avg Length
Jeff Hanson	23	278	37.9
Troy Schoonover	3	43	40.3
Matthew Hill	2	23	37
Matt Mc Cumber	1	10	35.5




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If you want your catch posted on CCMi social media, send your photos to socialmedia@capitalcitymuckiesinc.org

CCMI Mentoring Program

The Capital City Chapter of Muskies, Inc. conducts a mentoring program for its members. If requested, an experienced club member (the mentor) will help or assist another member (the mentee) in developing specific fishing skills or acquiring knowledge about a particular topic or body of water. These informal associations have been very successful in the past in helping members learn more about muskie angling, as well as helping newer members meet some of the more knowledgeable muskie anglers in the club. If you need or want assistance in some aspect of muskie angling, contact Lee Bartolini – phone: (608) 437-6177 or email: Lbartolini8475@charter.net, and he will try to match you up with a mentor to assist you. Assistance may be requested in a general area (I would like to know more about Lake Monona.) or a specific area (I would like to learn how to make my own leaders.)

Club members who are willing to be a mentor, who are willing to help or assist another club member in some aspect of muskie fishing, are invited to let Lee know of their interest. If you would like to be a mentor and help another CCMI member, contact Lee at the phone number or email address above.

Muskies Inc Board Member Elections

With the upcoming Muskies, Inc. Annual Board Meeting, elections for all positions are up for reelection with one exception. Jeff Miller, VP Finance/Treasurer, has decided to step down from his position for personal reasons. This is, as with all Board positions, a volunteer job. A job description can be found in the MI Bylaws.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Muskies, Inc Board Member, please contact president@capitalcitymuskiesinc.org



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Wisconsin Conservation Congress – 2022 Survey Results

Lee Bartolini

The results of the 2022 Wisconsin Conservation Congress spring hearings survey have been reported on the Wisconsin DNR website. The number of votes pro and con for selected issues previously identified as having a bearing on muskie fishing, or of having a general interest to CCMI members, are shown below. Results for all of the questions, including those affecting hunters, can be accessed by going to the Wisconsin DNR website and selecting “Conservation Congress” and then “Spring Hearings.” Over 28,000 people responded to the questionnaire. The results are reported for “all respondents” and “Wisconsin respondents” on the WDNR website, but the results for both groups are very similar. The responses below reflect those of Wisconsin residents.

It is important to know that the responses are advisory in nature. They do not, technically, bind the DNR to make the proposed changes. The results, however, are a strong indication of what changes might be forthcoming.

Respondents showed strong support for changing the opening day of the muskie season in the northern half of the state from the Saturday prior to Memorial Day to the first Saturday in May. The way the question was stated, if adopted, would also make it illegal to ice fish for muskies.

Question #1: Do you favor implementing a standard season structure statewide (including boundary waters and the Great Lakes) for muskellunge with opening day of the harvest season beginning the first Saturday in May and extending to December 31 in open water only? (Note: this would make it illegal to ice fish for muskies.)

Wisconsin Residents: Yes – 10,415, No – 3,165, No Opinion – 7,009

Respondents also showed very strong support for a statewide walleye bag limit of 3 per day.

Question #2: Do you favor a statewide walleye bag limit of 3 per day on all inland waters? Bag limits for Great Lakes (including Green Bay) and Wisconsin-Iowa, Wisconsin-Minnesota, and Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters would be unchanged, as would any water with a bag limit currently lower than 3.

Wisconsin Residents: Yes – 13,465, No - 3,765, No Opinion – 3,113

The question regarding the size limit of harvested walleyes was also strongly supported.

Question #3: Would you favor the DNR adding a rehabilitation regulation to the management toolbox that reads as follows: 18” minimum length limit, no harvest of walleye from 22-28 inches, and a 1-daily bag limit (allows harvest of one total walleye, either between 18-22 inches or over 28 inches)?

Wisconsin Residents: Yes – 10,331, No – 5,462, No Opinion – 4,332.

Requiring a self-registration system for small tournaments was supported by nearly twice as many respondents as those who opposed such a measure.

Question #4: Would you support the DNR implementing a mandatory self-registration system for small tournaments that could be used to collect data on the number and types of small tournaments and participants across Wisconsin waters?

Wisconsin residents: Yes – 10,729, No – 5,553, No Opinion – 3,746

Changing the size limit for muskies in Plum Lake in Vilas County from 40” to 50” was clearly supported by respondents.

Question #33: Would you support changing the size limit on Muskellunge in Plum Lake in Vilas County from 40 inches to 50 inches with a daily bag limit of one fish?

Wisconsin Residents: Yes – 8,669, No – 2,988, No Opinion – 10,348

Respondents favored changing the daily bag limit for panfish on Lake Mendota to 10 by a margin of almost 6 to 1.

Question #37: Would you support changing the regulation on Lake Mendota to a 10 panfish daily bag limit?

Wisconsin Residents: Yes – 11,358, No – 1,992, No Opinion – 8,581

Respondents were strongly opposed to requiring a registration and fee system for canoes and kayaks by a margin of three to one.

Question #55: Do you favor the DNR and the NRB working with the Legislature to create a registration system and fee for canoes and kayaks? The system would take into consideration individuals and businesses with multiple canoes and kayaks (camps, rentals, etc).

Wisconsin Residents: Yes – 5,092, No – 14,813, No Opinion – 1,536

Respondents also opposed requiring contact information for the owner on canoes and kayaks, but only by a slim margin.

Question #56: Do you favor requiring contact information for the owner placed on of canoes and kayaks with no fee associated (similar to the requirements for tree stands, traps, and ice shacks)?

Wisconsin Residents: Yes – 9,559, No – 9,854. No Opinion - 2,028

There was very strong support for adopting a Wisconsin Constitutional Amendment to allow boating registration fees to be used for boating access and invasive species control.

Question #60: Should the Conservation Congress work with the Department and the Legislature to adopt a Wisconsin Constitutional Amendment to allow boating registration fees to be used for boating access and invasive species control in addition to boating safety?

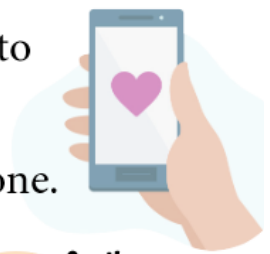
Wisconsin Residents: Yes – 14,444, No – 3,233, No Opinion – 3,612



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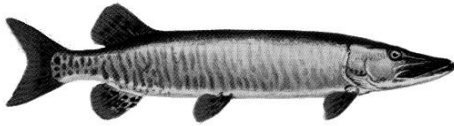
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