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Uniting Citizens to Conserve, Protect and Enhance Michigan's Natural Resources and Outdoor Heritage
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October 8, 2019

House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
House Office Building
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear members of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation,

Michigan United Conservation Clubs is the largest statewide conservation organization in the nation. With more than 40,000 members and 200 affiliate clubs, our voice can be heard from every region of the state. Our members have shown their support for HB 4567, 4568 and 4569 by passing a resolution during our 2019 Annual Convention stating:

“That MUCC will work with Michigan legislature to enact legislation that will update commercial fisheries license fees to be commensurate with the oversight that is required of the commercial fisheries. This update to the statute should make improvements that are protective of the fisheries and sport fishing, including: protection of game species (except whitefish) from commercial harvest, governing how often commercial entities check their nets and regulates allowable gear in a manner that also takes into account the time of the year and specificity of the net, increasing penalties for disturbance of commercial fishing nets and requiring appropriate markers for the location of nets.”

The timeliness for this legislation cannot be stressed enough. The State of Michigan and several stakeholders are entering negotiations for the 2020 Consent Decree. This decree will set quotas and parameters for fishing in our state between State and Tribal fisheries.

Sport fishing contributes \$2.3 billion to Michigan's economy annually, according to a recent study commissioned by Michigan United Conservation Clubs. The number of anglers in the state is 1.1 million, and they directly support 35,422 jobs in the state. Thirteen licensed commercial fisheries in Michigan contribute a dockside commercial value of just over \$5 million, versus the \$2.3 billion contribution of sport and recreation fisheries.

The statute regarding the licensing and regulation of commercial fisheries in Michigan is far outdated. This bill would set parameters surrounding commercial fishing such as licensing structure, gear used and allowable species for harvest bringing the statute into the 21st century. Game fish species are currently managed and funded by fishing license sales, with some of the federal stocking programs being funded through tax-payer dollars. Commercial fishers should be restricted from profiting from species that are listed as game species, and this statute update addresses this.

MUCC strongly urges the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation to support and pass HB 4567, 4568 and 4569.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy Trotter".

Amy Trotter, Executive Director
Michigan United Conservation Clubs



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RE: HB 4567, 4568, 4569

Dear members of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation,

Provided for you is a packet of resolutions in support of House bills 4567-4569 that have been passed. Local municipalities recognize the importance and economic value that the sport fishing industry provides for their communities.

Michigan United Conservation Clubs hopes that you will take each resolution into consideration when voting on HB 4567-4569. The overwhelming support from communities who cherish and rely on sport fishing as a means of recreation and economic input sheds light on the necessity of this package.

Included are resolutions from:

- Bay City
- Park Township
- South Haven
- Standish
- Au Gres

Sincerely,

Amy Trotter
Executive Director, Michigan United Conservation Clubs



**CITY OF BAY CITY, MICHIGAN
OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
(AFFIDAVIT)**

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF BAY)
CITY OF BAY CITY)

I, Jamie C. McFarland, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Bay City, County and State aforesaid, Do hereby Certify that I have compared the annexed excerpt from the resolution approved at the August 5, 2019, Commission Meeting with the original on file in my office, and that it is a true and correct copy therefrom and of the whole of such original.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of the City of Bay City, Michigan, this 19th day of September, 2019.



Jamie C. McFarland, Deputy City Clerk

Of Commissioner Clements:

Whereas, the Saginaw Bay recreational fishery is one of our greatest local and national resource treasures; and
Whereas, recreational fishing across Michigan is responsible for over \$2 billion in direct economic expenditures, and directly supports more than 35,000 jobs; and
Whereas, Michigan hosts more than 1.4 million recreational anglers annually, including 300,000 from out-of-state, which is the second only to Florida; and
Whereas, estimates conclude that recreational fishing in Saginaw Bay alone has a \$33 million yearly direct economic impact to our region; and
Whereas, Michigan's recreational anglers contribute more than \$30 million to help manage fisheries resources through taxes on equipment, licenses, and excise fees each year; and
Whereas, recreational fishing is a critical piece of our city's and our region's economy; and
Whereas, thousands of recreational fishermen come to our area from across the state and country to fish on the Saginaw Bay, Saginaw River and throughout the Saginaw Bay watershed 12 months per year; and
Whereas, these fisherman use local hotels, restaurants, retail establishments, marinas, gas stations and other facilities that are important to our economy; and
Whereas, the City of Bay City has spent, and continues to spend, resources for public launches, shore fishing locations and opportunities, and recreational fishing boat dockage; and
Whereas, the Saginaw Bay fishery – particularly that of perch and walleye - represents more than 75% of Lake Huron's total recreational fishing participation according to Michigan Seagrant; and
Whereas, yellow perch, a key and historically important recreation species, are at historically low levels in Saginaw Bay; and
Whereas, Saginaw Bay's walleye population is one of our state's and country's greatest restoration success stories. However, it is still not fully recovered at historical levels and is not providing "surplus" walleye that would indicate that a commercial fishery for them is viable or necessary; and
Whereas, the Saginaw Bay smallmouth bass fishery has been recently ranked the 8th best in the northeast United States by Bassmaster Magazine, the most widely read bass fishing periodical in the world; and
Whereas, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is supporting new legislation that would update commercial fishing regulations that would better protect and support our critical recreational fishery; and
Whereas, commercial fishing regulations have not been substantially updated since 1971, and fines and penalties have not been updated since 1929; and
Whereas, these legislative bills have been identified as a high priority by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the future management of the Saginaw Bay fishery and the department is enthusiastically supporting their passage; and
Whereas, these bills are supported by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Saginaw Bay Walleye Club, Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association, Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fisherman's Association, Trout Unlimited, and dozens of local, regional and national organizations that support and want to protect gamefish and recreational angling opportunities; and
Whereas, the passage of these bills will allow the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to better manage the fishery and allow them to have a firm foundation while negotiating with tribal interests concerning future fish species that are allowable catch in future consent decrees; and
Whereas, there are concurrent bills being reviewed in the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate that would expand commercial fishing to include important recreational gamefish species such as walleye, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and other important recreational species and work contrary to our interests in protecting the Saginaw Bay fishery.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved the Bay City City Commission supports House Bills 4567, 4568, and 4569 which seek to ensure that commercial license fees appropriately cover the program's administration and oversight, protect the sportsfishing legacy of our state and region by establishing penalties for the taking of non-commercial species, codify certain species that are allowed and not allowed for commercial take, and update the authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to effectively maintain and monitor the Saginaw Bay fishery both recreationally and commercially.

Commissioner Dockett moved to allow public input. There was no objection. No one came forward.
Commissioner Clements moved adoption of resolution.
Adopted by the following vote:
Yes, Commissioners Dockett, Terrasi, Niedzinski, Brunner, Hilliker, Davidson, Basmadjian, Clements, Morris, 9.
No, none.





RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECREATIONAL FISHING AND AN UPDATE OF MICHIGAN'S COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS

SUPPORTING: HOUSE BILLS 4567 (Rep. Lilly, R-Park Township), 4568 (Rep. O'Malley, R-Lake Ann) and 4569 (Rep. Wendzel, R-Watervliet) of 2019

WHEREAS, Michigan's recreational sport fishery is one of our greatest local and national resource treasures; and

WHEREAS, recreational fishing across Michigan is responsible for over \$2 billion in direct economic expenditures, and directly supports more than 35,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Michigan hosts more than 1.4 million recreational anglers annually, including 300,000 from out-of-state, which is the second only to Florida; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's recreational anglers contribute more than \$30 million to help manage fisheries resources through taxes on equipment, licenses, and excise fees each year; and

WHEREAS, recreational fishing is a critical piece of our region's economy; and

WHEREAS, thousands of recreational fishermen visit our surrounding areas from across the state and country to fish on the big lake and rivers throughout the watershed 12 months per year; and

WHEREAS, these fisherman use local hotels, restaurants, retail establishments, marinas, gas stations and other facilities that are important to our economy; and

WHEREAS, twenty charter boat operators, (small business owners), leave from our port city daily to provide clients with a great fishing experience accounting for 720 fishing trips yearly on the big lake or connecting rivers and streams; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities in the region have spent, and continue to spend, resources for public launches, fish cleaning stations, shore fishing locations and opportunities, and recreational fishing boat dockage; and

WHEREAS, yellow perch, a key and historically important recreation species, are at historically low levels in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, walleye population is one of our state's and country's greatest restoration success stories. However, it is still not fully recovered at historical levels and is not providing "surplus" walleye that would indicate that a commercial fishery for them is viable or necessary; and

WHEREAS, the smallmouth bass fishery has been recently ranked the 8th best in the northeast United States by Bassmaster Magazine, the most widely read bass fishing periodical in the world; and

WHEREAS, the steelhead and salmon fishery is rank the best fresh water fishery for those species in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is supporting new legislation that would update commercial fishing regulations that would better protect and support our critical recreational fishery; and

WHEREAS, commercial fishing regulations have not been substantially updated since 1971, and fines and penalties have not been updated since 1929; and

WHEREAS, these legislative bills have been identified as a high priority by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the future management of the sport fishery and the department is enthusiastically supporting their passage; and

WHEREAS, these bills are supported by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association, the West Michigan Walleye Club, Trout Unlimited, Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association and dozens of local, regional and national organizations that support and want to protect gamefish and recreational angling opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the passage of these bills will allow the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to better manage the fishery and allow them to have a firm foundation while negotiating with tribal interests concerning future fish species that are allowable catch in future consent decrees; and

WHEREAS, there are concurrent bills being reviewed in the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate that would expand commercial fishing to include important recreational gamefish species such as lake trout, salmon, steelhead trout, walleye, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and other important recreational species and work contrary to our interests in protecting the sport fishery;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT: RESOLVED, that Park Township supports House Bills 4567, 4568, and 4569 which seek to ensure that commercial license fees appropriately cover the program's administration and oversight, protect the sports fishing legacy of our state and region by establishing penalties for the taking of non-commercial species, codify certain species that are allowed and not allowed for commercial take, and update the authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to effectively maintain and monitor the Great Lakes fishery both recreationally and commercially.

CERTIFICATE

I, E. O. Keeter, the Clerk for the Township of Park, Ottawa County, Michigan, certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Board held on September 12, 2019.

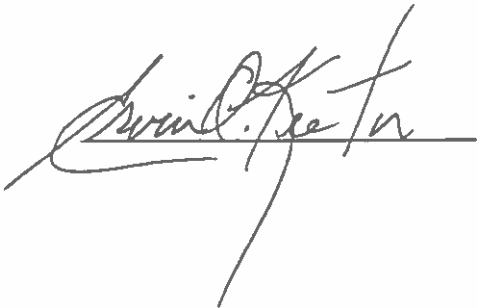
The following members of the Township Board were present at that meeting:

Hunsburger, Keeter, Gerard, Jacob, Nestel and Spoelhof.

The following members of the Township Board were absent: Steggerda.

The Resolution was adopted by the Township Board with members of the Board Hunsburger, Keeter, Gerard, Jacob, Nestel and Spoelhof voting in favor, and none of the members of the Board voting in opposition.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a Resolution duly made and passed by Park Township Board of Trustees of Park Township at their regular meeting held on September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in The Park Township Hall, located at 52 South 152nd Avenue, Holland Michigan 49424 , with a quorum present.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. O. Keeter", written over a horizontal line.

Dated: 9/12/19



CITY OF SOUTH HAVEN
VAN BUREN AND ALLEGAN COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-42

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LAKE MICHIGAN RECREATIONAL FISHING AND AN UPDATE
OF MICHIGAN'S COMMECRIAL FISHING REGULATIONS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of South Haven, Van Buren and Allegan Counties, Michigan, held in the City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven, Michigan 49090 on September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. local time.

PRESENT: Campbell, Gruber, Reeser, Schlack, Sleeper, Smith

ABSENT: Wilkins

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Sleeper and supported by Member Schlack.

WHEREAS, the Lake Michigan recreational fishery is one of our greatest local and national resource treasures; and

WHEREAS, recreational fishing across Michigan is responsible for over \$2 billion in direct economic expenditures, and directly supports more than 35,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS, Michigan hosts more than 1.4 million recreational anglers annually, including 300,000 from out-of-state, which is the second only to Florida; and

WHEREAS, estimates conclude that recreational fishing in Lake Michigan alone has a multi-million dollar yearly direct economic impact to our region; and

WHEREAS, Michigan's recreational anglers contribute more than \$30 million to help manage fisheries resources through taxes on equipment, licenses, and excise fees each year; and

WHEREAS, recreational fishing is a critical piece of our city's and our region's economy; and

WHEREAS, thousands of recreational fishermen come to our area from across the state and country to fish on Lake Michigan, the Black River and the Black River Watershed 12 months per year; and

WHEREAS, these fisherman use local hotels, restaurants, retail establishments, marinas, gas stations and other facilities that are important to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of South Haven has spent, and continues to spend, resources for public launches, shore fishing locations, a new Fish Cleaning Facility and opportunities, and recreational fishing boat dockage; and

WHEREAS In 2017, charter captains logged 12,122 fishing trips in Michigan waters of Lake Michigan, generating tourism that created over \$7 million in personal income and over 322,000 employment hours.

WHEREAS, yellow perch, a key and historically important recreation species, are at historically low levels in Lake Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is supporting new legislation that would update commercial fishing regulations that would better protect and support our critical recreational fishery; and

WHEREAS, commercial fishing regulations have not been substantially updated since 1971, and fines and penalties have not been updated since 1929; and

WHEREAS, these legislative bills have been identified as a high priority by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the future management of the Lake Michigan fishery and the department is enthusiastically supporting their passage; and

WHEREAS, these bills are supported by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association, Trout Unlimited, the Michigan Charter Boat Association and dozens of local, regional and national organizations that support and want to protect gamefish and recreational angling opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the passage of these bills will allow the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to better manage the fishery and allow them to have a firm foundation while negotiating with tribal interests concerning future fish species that are allowable catch in future consent decrees; and

WHEREAS, there are concurrent bills being reviewed in the Michigan House of Representatives and Michigan Senate that would expand commercial fishing to include important recreational gamefish species such as walleye, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, and other important recreational species and work contrary to our interests in protecting the Lake Michigan fishery;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT: RESOLVED, that the City of South Haven council supports House Bills 4567, 4568, and 4569 which seek to ensure that commercial license fees appropriately cover the program's administration and oversight, protect the sports fishing legacy of our state and region by establishing penalties for the taking of non-commercial species, codify certain species that are allowed and not allowed for commercial take, and update the authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to effectively maintain and monitor the Lake Michigan fishery both recreation-ally and commercially.

RECORD OF VOTE:

Yeas: Campbell, Gruber, Reeser, Schlack, Sleeper, Smith

Nays: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Scott E. Smith, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a meeting held on the 3rd day of September, 2019, at which meeting a quorum was present, and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 167 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1976 (MCL 15.261 *et seq*).



Travis Sullivan, City Clerk

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAGINAW BAY RECREATIONAL FISHING AND AN
UPDATE OF MICHIGAN'S COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS**

SUPPORTING: House bills 4567 (Rep. Lilly, R-Park Township), 4568 (Rep. O'Malley, R-Lake Ann) and 4569 (Rep. Wendzel, R-Watervliet). Of 2019

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WHEREAS, Michigan hosts more than 1.4 million recreational anglers annually including 300,000 from out-of-state, which is the second only to Florida; and

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WHEREAS, thousands of recreational fishermen come to our area from across the state and country to fish on the Saginaw Bay, Saginaw River and throughout the Saginaw Bay watershed 12 months per year; and

WHEREAS, these fishermen use local hotels, restaurants, retail establishments, marinas, gas stations and other facilities that are important to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Au Gres has spent, and continues to spend, resources for public launches, shore fishing locations and opportunities, and recreational fishing boat dockage; and

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Bay fishery - particularly that of perch and walleye - represents more than 75% of Lake Huron's total recreational fishing participation according to Michigan Seagrant; and

WHEREAS, yellow perch, a key and historically important recreation species, are at historically low levels in Saginaw Bay; and

WHEREAS, Saginaw Bay's walleye population is one of our state's and country's greatest restoration success stories. However, it is still not fully recovered at historical levels and is not providing "surplus" walleye that would indicate that a commercial fishery for them is viable or necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Bay smallmouth bass fishery has been recently ranked that 8th best in the northeast United States by Bassmaster Magazine, the most widely read bass fishing periodical in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is supporting new legislation that would update commercial fishing regulations that would better protect and support our critical recreational fishery; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City of Au Gres Council supports House Bills 4567, 4568, and 4569 which seek to ensure that commercial license fees appropriately cover the program's administration and oversight, protect the sport fishing legacy of our state and region by establishing penalties for the taking of non-commercial species, codify certain species that are allowed and not allowed for commercial take, and update the authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to effectively maintain and monitor the Saginaw Bay fishery both recreationally and commercially.

AYES: Borushko, Warr, Hoadley, Edmonds, Heinrich
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



LaVonne Pritchard, City Clerk



August 19, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Au Gres Area Chamber of Commerce supports House Bills 4567, 4568, and 4569 which seek to ensure that commercial license fees appropriately cover the program's administration and oversight, protect the sport fishing legacy of our state and region by establishing penalties for the taking of non-commercial species, codify certain species that are allowed and not allowed for commercial take, and update the authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to effectively maintain and monitor the Saginaw Bay fishery both recreationally and commercially.

Sincerely,

Allison Wiltse, Pres.

Allison J Wiltse

Au Gres Area Chamber of Commerce President

#19-14

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SAGINAW BAY RECREATIONAL FISHING AND AN UPDATE OF MICHIGAN'S COMMERCIAL FISHING REGULATIONS

SUPPORTING: HOUSE BILLS 4567, 4568, 4569

The following resolution was offered by Councilperson Rang and supported by Councilmember Owen:

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WHEREAS, these fisherman use local hotels, restaurants, retail establishments, marinas, gas stations and other facilities that are important to our economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Standish has spent, and continues to spend, resources for public launches, shore fishing locations and opportunities, and recreational fishing boat dockage; and

WHEREAS, the Saginaw Bay fishery – particularly that of perch and walleye -represents more than 75% of Lake Huron's total recreational fishing participation according to Michigan Seagrant; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Standish City Council supports House Bills 4567, 4568, and 4569 which seek to ensure that commercial license fees appropriately cover the program's administration and oversight, protect the sportsfishing legacy of our state and region by establishing penalties for the taking of non-commercial species, codify certain species that are allowed and not allowed for commercial take, and update the authority of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to effectively maintain and monitor the Saginaw Bay fishery both recreationally and commercially.

A roll call vote was taken as follows;

YEAS: Winslow, Tremble, Owen, Rang, King

NAYS: Link, Cook

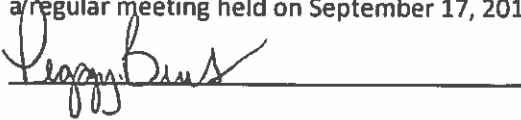
ABSENT: None

The motion received 5 yea votes and 2 nay votes. The motion carried and Resolution #19-14 was declared adopted with a 5 – 2 – 0 vote.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peggy Burtch", written over a horizontal line.

Peggy S Burtch, Standish City Clerk

I, Peggy S Burtch, the duly appointed and sworn Clerk of the City of Standish do attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution approved by 2/3 of the members of the Standish City Council at a regular meeting held on September 17, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peggy Burtch", written over a horizontal line.

Peggy S Burtch, Standish City Clerk

