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NEWS

The Future of the Earth is in our Hands

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CACC ECO CALENDAR:

MDEQ's Calendar:

<https://www.michigan.gov/deq/>

July 24 IJC Meeting

@ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Traverse City, MI

The International Joint Commission for the U.S. and Canada will discuss the state of the lakes, progress made under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, priorities for the next 3 years, and provide opportunity for public input. Register here: <https://trainex.org/2019greatlakespublicforum/registration.cfm> Access agenda, travel & lodging at the dark bar beneath the photo at the top of the page. <https://ijc.org/en>

August 6 IJC Meeting

@ 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Collingwood, ON <https://ijc.org/en>

August 7 IJC Meeting

@ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Goderich, ON <https://ijc.org/en>

August 10TH

CACC will be hosting a fund raiser at the Lake Eagles on US-10 just west of Lake Station. The evening will feature several bands with a variety of musical offerings, adult and non-alcoholic beverages, and a limited menu. Come out and enjoy an evening of music and dancing while you help support CACC.

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What's for Dinner? Is it Safe to Eat?

By Monica King

Beef, pork, chicken, and now fish and shrimp are all CAFOs, concentrated animal feeding operations. With that comes antibiotics to control disease, overcrowding, huge amounts of waste that the animals live in, and just all around YUCK!

Farmed fish sounded like a good thing. It was a way to provide a sustainable protein to families. So it began..... and like all good things, the end isn't so good. Studies have shown that farmed fish are polluted with toxins, antibiotics, pesticides, canthaxanthin (which gives salmon its pink), dioxins, and a host of other things. Not to mention they are harming the environment and affecting wild fish.

Farmed shrimp have some of the same problems and more. Farmed shrimp have been found to be polluted with antibiotics, bacteria, MRSA, salmonella, e-coli, and just plain filth. "26 - 35 percent of imported shrimp get rejected due to filth". Some shrimp farms have been found to feed them pig feces. The factories have been linked to human trafficking, poor working conditions, and slave labor practices.

Trying to buy what's best is a challenge. Here's a "Seafood Watch" guide to help you make a more informed decision: <https://tinyurl.com/SeaFood-WatchGuide>

Other resources:

<https://tinyurl.com/risks-farmed-fish>

<https://draxe.com/the-dangers-of-farmed-fish/>

<https://tinyurl.com/farmed-fish-facts>

<https://tinyurl.com/toxic-ponds>

SEEKING WHEATLAND VOLUNTEERS

With the advent of summer comes time for our loyal and adventurous volunteers to sign up for their shifts for the CACC kitchen at the annual Wheatland Music Festival, the weekend after Labor Day. Work one six-hour or two four-hour shifts and you'll receive a discounted festival ticket, free food on your shift, partial ticket reimbursement, and half price food (with one or two exceptions) for the rest of the weekend. Whether you're a music aficionado, come for the friendships, or just want to help support a great cause, your help is appreciated! If you've never volunteered before, please join us and find a whole new community! Contact Laura at 989-529-1495 or sandershaw@gmail.com. Most shifts are still open!

ADMINISTRATOR WANTED: CACC is searching for a part-time administrator (12-16 hours/week) to work out of the CACC office in Lake Station, Clare County. Successful applicant should have excellent communication skills (verbal and written), understanding of environmental issues, a commitment to social justice, and be able to work independently under the supervision of the Board of Directors. Some travel involved. Submit resume and writing sample to CACC, PO Box 23, Lake Station, MI 48632.

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Water Watch

Line 5 in the News:

- Citing “Unacceptable Risk,” Michigan AG Files Suit to Shut Down Line 5 – On June 27, Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessle filed suit to immediately shut down the controversial Line 5 which carries 23 million gallons of crude oil and natural gas liquids from Superior, Wisconsin and Sarnia, Ontario. She took the action after negotiations between pipeline owner Enbridge and Governor Gretchen Whitmer stalled.

- Industry Group Targets Michigan with Phony Campaign for Line 5 Tunnel – Proclaiming itself “The Voice of the Energy Consumer,” the Texas-based Consumer Energy Alliance, with ties to BP, Marathon, ExxonMobil, and Shell, targeted Michigan consumers with a pro-tunnel, anti-shut down message

- Line 5 Concerns Reported by MSU Researchers – Almost 1,000 Michigan residents were called by researchers from the MSU Department of Community Sustainability. 60% of the respondents were aware of Line 5. Of these, 42% were more concerned by a winter spill and 47% said the economic benefit wasn’t worth the environmental risk.

- <https://tinyurl.com/abc12lawsuit-line5>, <https://tinyurl.com/y3s5ck5g>, and

- MSU Today with Russ White (www.wkar.org/programs/MSU-today-russ-white)
02/22/2019

Mining Proposal Threatens Lake Michigan Tributary and Destruction of Burial Grounds – The newest mine proposed for the Upper Peninsula has the potential to impact the Menominee River, an important tributary to Lake Michigan, and impact the Menominee Indian Tribe’s historic burial grounds, village sites, and important cultural resources within the footprint of the mine. Mine owners propose to construct a

tailings dam (made from rocks and soil) to contain the 123 acres of milled tailings and acid-producing waste rock. The mine itself will be located only 150 feet from the Menominee River, which also marks the Michigan/Wisconsin border. While public comment on the project closed July 5, it’s never too late to express concerns to decisionmakers.

- <https://tinyurl.com/LSJ-viewpoint-mining>

Wisconsin Judge Okes Foxconn Decision to Allow Great Lakes Diversion – Despite the Great Lakes Compact permitting diversions of Great Lakes Waters to communities that straddle the watershed boundaries “solely for public water supply purposes,” a Wisconsin administrative law judge has upheld a decision to authorize the diversion of Lake Michigan water to primarily benefit Foxconn, a Taiwanese electronics manufacturing company. This ruling, which allows up to 7 million gallons per day via the city of Racine, is a broad interpretation which changes the protections of the Compact.

- <http://flowforwater.org/category/blog/>
06/11/2019

Climate Change Behind High/Low Water Levels – As the Great Lakes are recording record high levels for the month of May, University of Michigan researchers have determined the rapid transitions between extreme high and low water levels represent the “new normal” based on interactions between climate variability and the components of the regional hydrological cycle. Predicting even higher water in June, the US Army Corps of Engineers announced May record levels of 18” above average for Lake Superior, 32” above average for Lakes Huron, Michigan and Erie, and 34” above average for Lake Ontario.

- <https://tinyurl.com/abc12-climate-water-levels> and <https://tinyurl.com/yxpd2tz2>

Climate Change Teaching Tool Featured at CACC Annual Meeting

The Climate Stick is a teaching tool that helps educate about the need to eliminate fossil fuel burning, achieve sustainable energy and conserve energy:

- The physical Climate Stick is marked to show the increase in the amount of CO₂ in the earth's atmosphere from human activity
- A Climate Stick pendant or pin (made of PLANT MATERIAL) is used to communicate a person's membership in the mass movement to end the burning of carbon
- Climate Stick pendants, pins and apparel are sold to support our educational activities.

George Marshall's book, *Don't Even Think About it – Why Our Brains Are Wired to Ignore Climate Change*, explains 20 years of research about why there is a cone of silence around discussion of Climate Change. He and others believe that only when the majority of American people discuss Climate Change (TALK CLIMATE) everyday can the political will be generated to stop burning carbon in the next 6 to 12 years.

The Climate Stick helps people develop their own Climate Stories with a display of the facts about carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. To break the code of silence we list by cities the names of people who are Supporters of the Climate Stick on the web site. Please sign up at www.climatestick.org, donate if you can and be a person who TALKS Climate. Wear your Climate Stick and tell your climate story.

Join us on the Supporters page at www.climatestick.org and then create your story to TALK CLIMATE.

- By Pat Race, founder of the Climate Stick



Guess what is only a few months away? You guessed it - Wheatland! It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching September 6th, the Friday of Wheatland.

For CACC, the planning has already started with Wheatland planning meetings to discuss snack bar, menu, confirming Crew Chiefs and several other items. The meetings are open to join by conference call the second Thursday of each month at 7pm, so please join us!

We also have set August 25th for kitchen clean up at the Wheatland festival site. We can always use as many hands as possible, so please join us!. Of course we are also looking for volunteers to fill shifts. If you have ever wanted to be part of CACC, the good news is you don't have any culinary skill set. Just be willing to be donate some time and in return you will get the following: partial reimbursement of your ticket, free meal during your shift, 1/2 price food all weekend, and helping a non-profit for part of a day. Priceless I know!

So let 2019 be the year you sign up to help and bring friends and family and become part of the CACC Wheatland family! Hope to see you there!

- *Chance A. Hunt*, Chairman CACC

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September 6-8 Wheatland Music Festival, Remus, Michigan
Volunteer at the CACC Kitchen

September 11 - 12
Great Lakes Area of Concern Conference, Cleveland, Ohio <https://ijc.org/en>

September 24 IJC Meeting
@ 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Duluth, MN
<https://ijc.org/en>

September 25 IJC Meeting
@ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Ashland, WI
<https://ijc.org/en>

Check out CACC's ECO Calendar at:
<http://www.caccmi.org/eco-calendar/>



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