



THE SMALLMOUTH HORIZON

Helping to Protect and Preserve Quality Smallmouth Bass Fishing



October 2015

Proposed bylaw changes for Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance, Ltd

(3.3) Notice of the Annual Meeting, Meetings of Directors, and Special Meetings shall be by regular mail, email, or the current, acceptable method of notification so designated by the Directors. (Bring into modern times.)

(3.4) Majority vote shall be majority of those in attendance at the Annual Meeting. (Not majority of members.)

(4.4) Each Director elected shall serve for a term of 3 years. If the Board so desires and the Director is willing to serve, the Director may serve consecutive terms. The office of the President shall, however, be limited to one 3-year term. If after 3 years, the Board so desires and the President is willing, the President's term shall be extended for an additional year and thereafter annually, if board and President are both willing. (Currently elections are 1 year term.)

(5.4) Notice of the Annual Meeting, Meetings of Directors, and Special Meetings shall be sent by the officer customarily sending said notices and shall not necessarily be the Secretary. (Currently the Secretary sends it)

(5.9) The formation of a Nominating committee for election of Directors shall be 45 days. (Currently 90 days.)

(5.9) Notice of the results of the Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors shall be furnished all the members no sooner than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting and no later than 7 days prior to the Annual Meeting. (Now it's 30 days and it helps to put it in the newsletter.)

These changes will be voted on at the October meeting. Call Jerry Pasdo (608) 233-2774 with any questions.

Protect state waters by properly disposing of water garden plants

*Invasive found in
Lake Mendota*

by Wisconsin DNR



Bag it, seal it, take it out with the trash. That's the best way to dispose of a nonnative plant if you need to clean out your water garden before colder weather sets in, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources experts say. Water garden plants are often discovered in Wisconsin waters this time of year when pond owners reduce plant numbers or drain ponds before winter.

The problem is that nonnative aquatic plants can quickly spread, harming fish and wildlife habitat as well as limiting recreation. A recent case in point involved water lettuce, a prohibited invasive species - that was discovered in Lake Mendota in late July.

Water lettuce is a floating aquatic plant that quickly reproduces and can reach densities that choke out other plants and inhibit recreational activity. It is illegal to sell or possess any prohibited species due to the potentially large negative economic or environmental impact. The discovery of water lettuce in Lake Mendota triggered a response effort throughout August by local DNR staff to locate and remove the plants.

Monitoring efforts found that the water lettuce was limited to the south shore of Lake Mendota near the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus. Staff and volunteers from several partner groups removed all of the water lettuce that could be found and this should prevent it from becoming a nuisance this year and hopefully into the future.



The “Hat fish”

Mike Simon with a 20 inch, St. Croix River small mouth bass caught in mid-July. Mike was fishing with Kip Vieth of Wildwood Float Trips. Kip has been a long time supporter of our club's fundraising efforts, and will be our March speaker.

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Articles, photos, and calendar events for the newsletter are encouraged and should be submitted by the 1st day of the month to: Dan Johnson, 426 Glenway St. Madison, WI 53711. Send to: johnson7@tds.net, editor.

Our Next Meeting:

October 20th

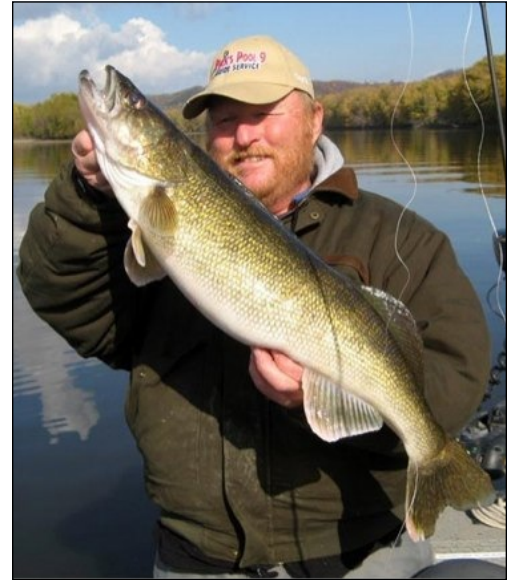
Ted Peck of Peck's Pool 9 Guide Service Fall fishing on the Mississippi

Understanding the grand scheme of nature is more intense on a river than on any lake. The mighty Mississippi can be, and often is, the most challenging water you will ever fish. Lessons learned on this amazing fishery will make you a better angler. A day on the water with Ted Peck is about more than just catching fish.

Cap'n Ted specializes in bass, walleye, northern pike, catfish and panfish, but cautions even the most precise species-specific presentation has the potential for producing virtually anything with fins that calls the majestic Mississippi home.

He has written articles for newspapers and magazines, and has appeared on TV, radio and in seminars. This work has taken him all over the midwest, Canada and beyond, but he always returns to the upper Mississippi which he considers the most diverse fishery in North America.

Cap'n Ted believes that any trip on The River should be a learning experience. Questions are welcome. Insightful answers are always possible.



Upcoming Events:

October 20th WSA monthly meeting
Ted Peck - Fall fishing
on the Mississippi

October 26th BFF monthly meeting

November 17th WSA monthly meeting
Dan Isermann UW SP
Menominee R. Tagging
project

November 23rd BFF monthly meeting
Matt Wagner - Fishing
the Elk River in British
Columbia

December 15th WSA - BFF Holiday
Party

January 19th WSA monthly meeting
Roy Vivian

February 16th WSA monthly meeting
Abe Downs and Dan
Boggs Blackwater
Fly Fishing
"Fishing Strategies for
Northern Wisconsin
Rivers and
Feeder Streams"

March 15th WSA monthly meeting
Kip Vieth of Wildwood
Float Trips

April 19th WSA monthly meeting
Annual Fundraising
Auction

Wisconsin Smallmouth Alliance meetings are normally held on the third Tuesday of each month. The Badger Fly Fishers meet on the fourth Monday.

Both groups meet at the Mapletree Restaurant on Highway 51, in McFarland, Wisconsin. Programs begin at 7:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. **Visitors and guests are always welcome!**