

# HOOSIER COHO CLUB

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## *2017 Hoosier Coho Classic Recap*

*Mother Nature scored a huge victory as the Classic was cancelled for the first time in the 43 year history of the tournament. Thanks to all the Committee members who worked to get things set up. The HCC would also like to thank all of this year's sponsors!*

### **ALCO TRANSPORTATION**

**MCPA—LPVCB—TRIPLE XXX ROOTBEER**

**MID CITY SUPPLY—WIMS—CABELA'S**

**WTP—AMISH OUTFITTERS—SLIDE DIVER**

**MORGAN'S TACKLE—SEA QUEST LURES**

**MICHIANA INSURANCE—PRO KING**

**WHFB—SILVER STREAK—DREAM WEAVER**

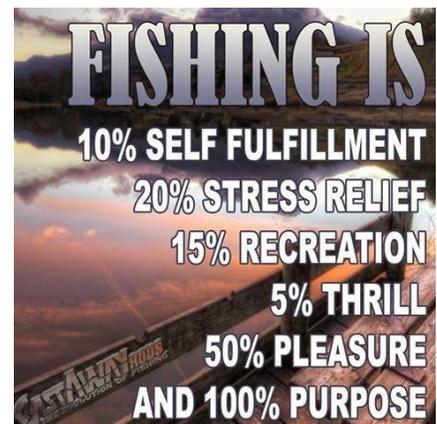
**ITO FLIES—BASS PRO SHOPS**

**WARRIOR LURES—BAY RAT LURES**



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Complete club information and tournament results can found on the Hoosier Coho Club Website

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## HOOSIER COHO CLUB

### MISSION STATEMENT

*It is the mission of the Hoosier Coho Club to promote, preserve, and encourage wise management of anadromous fish (fish ascending streams and rivers to spawn) wherever they may be.*

*Further goals of the Club are to encourage strict observance of sport fishing laws and practices while denouncing all persons known to be in violation of these laws and practices.*

*The membership encourages research and development programs related to our sport. The Club also serves as a source of collecting and dispersing information regarding tackle, fishing techniques, laws, legislations, pollution problems, disease, meetings research, and all other pertinent information relating to anadromous fish.*

### Hoosier Coho Club

**Named a recipient of the 2017 R.O.S.E.  
for promoting LaPorte County**



## Rainy Day Reading

*The Death and Life of the Great Lakes*, by Pulitzer Prize finalist **Dan Egan**, is an interesting read about the "ecological catastrophe happening before our eyes" and the far-ranging and devastating effects of invasive mussels.

Egan details how a EPA decision, perceived harmless at the time, to not regulate the discharge of ballast water by ocean-traveling ships unleashed a "cancer" via "biological pollution which can't be fixed by plugging a pipe or capping a smokestack. It does not decay and does not disperse. It breeds."

An excerpt from the book can be read at <http://nautil.us/issue/46/balance/the-cancer-of-the-great-lakes>.

## Outdoors: Coho Derby starts this weekend

By MIKE MCKEE

It's big, it's free and it starts here on Saturday. The sixth annual Coho Capital Derby, perhaps the largest free fishing contest on the Great Lakes, continues until June 18th.

Sponsored by the La Porte County Convention & Visitors Bureau (LCCVB), \$2,000 in cash is on the line with \$500 going for both the heaviest salmon and trout overall, plus \$100 for the biggest salmon and trout each of the five, week-long periods. "It's growing (in popularity) every year," LCCVB travel manager Rick Wright said. "When we started this back in 2012 we saw a huge, but somewhat overlooked industry — Lake Michigan fishing is a big part of Michigan City's lore and history."

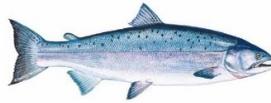
Anglers were thrilled, too. Last year's salmon champ, Chris Reid of Scottville, Mich., spoke like a commercial for our home port. "This is awesome," Reid said. "I can't believe Michigan City does this. We weighed the fish, filled up with gas here, ate lunch then hit the local tackle shop." Reid's chinook weighed 21 pounds, 5 ounces and is the largest salmon registered in the history of the derby. Top trout is a 27-9 caught by Richard Skidmore of Indianapolis in 2015.

Very importantly, the rules are really simple. Just go fish and be lucky enough to catch a salmon or trout bigger than the next angler. There is no pre-registration, and all DNR rules apply. And all of Lake Michigan and its tributaries may be fished. Weigh station is at the gas dock next to the Michigan City Port Authority office in Washington Park Marina. The weigh station is open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. A caught fish must be weighed within 24 hours.

For more information, see [www.michigancitylaporte.com](http://www.michigancitylaporte.com) or call (219) 872-5055.

### 2017 Meetings

June 14 Smoked Salmon Contest   Sep 12 TBA   Oct 11 Chili Cook-off  
Nov 14 Elections



## **2017 Coho Capital Derby**

**May 13, 2017 – June 18, 2017 Michigan City, Indiana**

***\$500 Salmon and Trout Top Prize    \$100 Weekly Prize for Top Salmon & Trout***

**Contest is free and open to the public – No pre-registration – Just Go Fish**

**Contest runs from May 13, 12:01 am (CST) through June 18, 2017 4:00 pm (CST)**

### **Top Prizes:**

**\$500 for the single heaviest salmon**

**\$500 for the single heaviest trout**

### **Weekly prizes:**

**\$100 for heaviest salmon and \$100 for heaviest trout for each weekly period. Weeks are as follows:**

**May 13 – May 21**

**May 22 – May 28**

**May 29 – June 4**

**June 5 – June 11**

**June 12 – June 18**

**Fish must be weighed at the Official Weigh Station located at Michigan City Port Authority, 200 Heisman Harbor Drive, Michigan City, IN (219) 872-1712.**

**Prizes to be awarded at the Skwait Post 451, 121 Skwait Legion Ave., Michigan City, IN (time and date to be determined).**

**All State and Federal sport fishing regulations apply to anglers entering fish in this contest.**

**Eligible fish must be weighed at the official weigh station within 24 hours of being caught.**

**Contest Waters are all of the Great Lakes and all Great Lakes Tributaries.**

**Fish are subject to inspection by contest judges and may be disallowed at the discretion of contest judges. In case of dispute, the decision of the contest judges is final.**

**For Daily standings, go to: [VisitMichiganCityLaPorte.com](http://VisitMichiganCityLaPorte.com)**



**Indiana DNR Trout and Salmon Stocking Program - Lake Michigan & and its NW Indiana Tributaries**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Stocking Site</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Stock</b>	<b>Size (in)</b>
<b>Chinook</b>	Trail Creek	67000	67896	3.84
	Lil Calumet River	67000	69263	3.84
	Jerose Park	67000	67263	3.84
	<b>Spring Total</b>	<b>201,000</b>	<b>204,518</b>	
<b>Coho</b>	Trail Creek	60000	52,581	5.84
	Little Calumet River	90000	71,110	6.19
	<b>Fall Total</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>123,691</b>	
<b>Steelhead (Skamania)</b>	Trail Creek	100,000	101,719	6.95
	Salt Creek	30,000	31,719	
	<b>Spring Total Yearlings</b>		<b>131,719</b>	
<b>Steelhead (Skamania)</b>	Little Calumet River	125,000	55,232	5.17
	Trail Creek		25,979	5.17
	Salt Creek		63,594	4.6
	<b>Fall Release Fingerlings</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>144,805</b>	
<b>Steelhead Winter Run</b>	Trail Creek		119,847	4.4
	Little Calumet River		143,805	4.53
	<b>Fall Release Fingerlings</b>		<b>263,046</b>	
<b>Steelhead Winter Run</b>	Salt Creek		78,180	2.79
	<b>Stream Discards Fingerlings</b>		<b>78,180</b>	
<b>Coho</b>	Salt Creek		42,474	3.31
	<b>Stream Discard Fingerlings</b>		<b>42,474</b>	
<b>Brown Trout</b>	Jerose Park	50,000	30,000	3.12
<b>St Joseph River - Merrifield Park</b>				
<b>Coho</b>		60,000	46,603	7.84
<b>Steelhead</b>	Spring Release	75,000	93,768	7.36
	Fall Release	25,000	27,483	5.17
<b>Steelhead (Winter Run)</b>		80,000	74,270	7.63
<b>Steelhead (Stream Discards)</b>			31,291	3.27

**FOR A GREAT ARTICLE ON HOW MUCH DO LAKE TROUT AND CHINOOK SALMON REALLY EAT, CHECK OUT THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION WEBSITE FOR DAN O'KEEFE'S ARTICLE.**

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/how\\_much\\_do\\_lake\\_trout\\_and\\_chinook\\_salmon\\_really\\_eat\\_msg17\\_okeefe17](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/how_much_do_lake_trout_and_chinook_salmon_really_eat_msg17_okeefe17)

## 2017 HCC CLUB TOURNAMENTS

**The 2017 HCC-sponsored tournament to determine the Club Champion will use a derby format. A boat/crew must fish three of the four tournament dates to be eligible to be will named Club Champion.**

**The captain of the boat entered must be a member of the Hoosier Coho Club in good standing (dues paid for 2017) in order to enter this tournament.**

**Tournament Dates are: June 10&11 July 1&2 August 12&13 September 2,3,&4.**

**Fishing will start at 12:01 AM on the first day and will conclude at the weigh-in at 3:00 PM on the final day.**

**Entry fee will \$50 per boat and a \$25 fee for big fish for each of the tournament dates with the exception of the June 10&11 tournament (which will be free for all club members). Prizes totaling \$1,000 will be paid in the form of Bass Pro and/or Cabela's gift cards for the top three places as well as big fish.**

**Please see the HCC website for complete information and rules for this years Club Championship Tournament. [www.hoosiercohoclub.org](http://www.hoosiercohoclub.org)**



**Spring Catches out of Michigan City this season!**

