

# 2021 Michigan Fish Producers Association Annual Conference

Saturday, January 23, 2021

## Agenda

Time ET	Session Topic	Speaker(s)
<b>Introduction</b>		
10:00am - 10:10am	Welcome!	Dr. Lauren Jescovitch - <i>Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension</i>
10:10am - 10:30am	Who is Michigan Sea Grant?	Dr. Heather Triezenberg - <i>Program Leader, Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension</i>
<b>Fisheries Research</b>		
10:30am - 11:00am	High Lake Levels... Again!	Mark Breederland - <i>Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension</i>
<b>Break (5 min)</b>		
11:05am - 11:30am	Fish Models and How We Use Them to Inform Difficult Management Decisions	Dr. Mike Jones, <i>Co-Director, Quantitative Fisheries Center, Michigan State University</i>
<b>Fish and Fishery Regulations</b>		
11:30am - 12:00pm	Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspections	MST1 Russel Post, <i>US Coast Guard</i>
<b>Lunch Break</b> 12:00pm - 1:00pm		

<b>Breakout Room:</b> 12:30pm - 1:00pm	Optional: Informal breakout room for networking.	
1:00pm - 1:30pm	Seafood Processing and Safety	Dr. Michael Ciaramella, <i>Seafood Safety and Technology Specialist, New York Sea Grant &amp; Cornell Cooperative Extension</i>
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Tribal Nations Whitefish Management in Treaty Waters	Jason Smith, <i>Fisheries Assessment Biologist, Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians</i>  Kevin Donner, <i>Great Lakes Fishery Program Manager, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians</i>
2:00pm - 3:00pm	State Status and Management of Commercial Fisheries	Dr. Lauren Jescovitch - <i>Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension</i>
<b>Break (15min)</b>		
<b>Fish Tales</b>		
3:15pm - 4:00pm	Mending the Stress Net	Eric Karbowski – <i>Community Behavioral Health Extension Educator, Michigan State University Extension</i>
4:00pm - 4:15pm	A Fish Tale!	Jim Hamel, <i>Hamel and Sons Fishery</i>
4:15pm - 4:30pm	Pivoting to Direct Marketing	Jill Bentgen, <i>Mackinac Straits Fish Company</i>
4:30pm - 4:45pm	Views from Across the Lake	Charlie Henriksen, <i>Chair, Lake Michigan Commercial Fishing Board</i>
<b>Wrap-Up</b>		
4:45pm - 5:00pm	Conclusion & Adjourn	Dr. Lauren Jescovitch - <i>Extension Educator, Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension</i>
<b>Virtual Happy Hour</b>		
5:15pm - 6:30pm	MFPA General Membership Meeting	Michigan Fish Producers Association <b>Members Only (separate zoom link)</b>