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The EPA's Great Lakes Action Plan: What's changed since December?

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Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Sunday released its final version of the [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan](#). The plan spells out the agency's goals and benchmarks for fixing up the world's largest freshwater system through 2014.

The document updates a draft of the plan that was released in December and was open to public comment until Jan. 8. The EPA pulled the old version

from its Web site, but since I had a [copy sitting on my hard drive](#), I thought I'd take a look at what's changed.

The final draft adds a lot of [Asian carp](#) talk, along with one significant change buried as a footnote that suggests that the EPA expects GLRI funding to bounce back to \$475 million in 2012 after the White House knocked its 2011 request down to \$300 million:

“Objectives and targets in this plan are premised on an assumption that \$300 million will be appropriated in FY 2011 and \$475 million in subsequent years.”

It's been [widely reported](#) that the plan calls for \$2.2 billion in restoration spending, though that number never appears in the plan or in the EPA's [press release](#). But that's the number you get by adding up this year's \$475 million, next year's possible \$300 million, plus another \$475 million each in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Since the \$2.2 billion includes the \$475 million that has already been appropriated, don't fall for reports that this is all future funding. Sustainability blog [Treehugger in particular gets it wrong](#):

“The funding comes on top of \$475 million that Congress appropriated last year.”

The plan sets out a number of long term goals, objectives and measures of progress. At least a dozen of these goals have been rolled back since the

December draft. In the earlier version, the EPA aimed to collect or prevent the release of 50 million pounds of electronic waste and 5 million pounds of household hazardous waste by 2014. The final plan lowers those targets to 45 million pounds of electronic waste and 4.5 million pounds of household hazardous waste.

Likewise, the draft plan's targets of opening 5,000 miles of rivers for fish habitat and removing 500 fish passage barriers by 2014 have shrunk to 4,500 miles and 450 barriers.

The December version of the plan was clearly marked as a draft that was subject to change, so this hardly catches the EPA renegeing on more ambitious goals. But I doubt many public commentators told EPA, "There's no way you're contacting 10 million people on preventing the spread invasive species. Try 9.75 million, tops."

Mine under fire over environmental laws

Critics say state failed to enforce rules for planned Kennecott site

Jim Lynch / The Detroit News

With work beginning as early as this spring on the first new mine in Michigan in a half-century, critics are saying the state has failed to implement laws passed in 2004 to guarantee the [safety](#) of the environment in favor of bringing in new jobs.

Four years and several lengthy court battles after Kennecott Eagle Minerals first filed permit applications to mine near Marquette; the Department of Environmental [Quality](#) (now the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Environment) gave its final permit approval Jan. 14.

Opponents of the \$300 million Kennecott Eagle Project contend state officials paid only lip service to enforcing

the new mining laws -- known as Part 632 -- and have created a bad precedent for future mining operations.

"The system absolutely did not work the way it was supposed to," said Michelle Halley, senior manager for Lake Superior Protection and Restoration with the National Wildlife Federation. "There were procedural failures and legal failures. And there is also a long list of technical failures where the ([Department of Natural Resources](#) and the Environment) just does not and has not understood the problems with the plan."

Representatives of the mining industry have a starkly contrasting view of how Part 632 was implemented. Officials at Kennecott, a subsidiary of global mining company [Rio Tinto](#), said they are pleased with the approval process and are investigating additional projects in the Upper Peninsula.

"To the extent that the process was lengthy, that it was highly scrutinized, that the state incorporated some of the world's most capable technical experts ... all speaks very well of the state and the process," said Deborah Muchmore, a spokeswoman for Rio Tinto/Kennecott Eagle Minerals Co.

"We started out with a very good project in design, and this process made it that much better."

Project gains attention

In 2004, [Gov. Jennifer Granholm](#) hailed the laws governing sulfide mining as a balance between economic and environmental interests.

"We are committed to busting down the old paradigm that says if you want economic development, you must

ravage the environment. And if you want to save the environment, you can't create jobs," Granholm said at the time. "That is a ridiculous zero-sum paradigm."

Economically speaking, Kennecott's Eagle Project is probably what the governor had in mind. If it clears the remaining legal challenges, the project is expected to generate:

- 500 jobs for construction of the mine and the redevelopment of a mill site in Humboldt.
- As many as 200 full-time jobs once the mine and mill are running.
- Tax boosts for local governments, the local school district and more than \$100 million in revenue for the state.

As Kennecott's project has moved through the approval process, other mineral companies have been paying close attention.

And nothing they have seen has dissuaded them from pursuing their own projects.

Bill Williams, vice president of corporate development for Toronto-based Orvana Minerals Corp., said his company will likely complete sampling work this year on a potential copper and silver mine named Copperwood in Gogebic County, near the Michigan-Wisconsin border. Orvana could file for mining permits early next year.

"Michigan's mining laws are transparent and clear," Williams said.

"The time frames are fixed and they are very easily read. You understand exactly what you have to do."

Officials at Aquila Resources Inc. are investigating the potential for their Back Forty project -- a zinc-copper deposit in Menominee County. Like Williams, Aquila President Thomas Quigley watched Kennecott's Eagle project.

"Michigan's laws are very comprehensive, and the standards could be difficult to meet," he said. "But if we have the opportunity and the will to do it, I think it's a good thing. It's comprehensive and it protects the environment."

Designs must deliver

Many who oppose the Eagle project said it's not the laws that failed, but the way they were applied by state officials.

Jack Parker, a mining engineer and longtime critic of the Eagle project's design, said Part 632 requires companies to prove their mine designs are sound and demonstrate they will work as planned.

Parker said that never happened during the approval process for Eagle.

"I would say that Part 632 has had no effect -- zero," he said. "That's because Kennecott ignored it, the DEQ ignored it. The judge ignored it. They paid no attention to it whatsoever."

Robert McCann, spokesman for the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, disputed the allegation, saying: "It's simply not true. We've had outside, independent people in to do a review of our review, and they found we administered everything absolutely correctly."

Environmental groups worry most over the potential for acid mine drainage -- sulfuric acid created by digging

for metals that works its way into local waters -- if the designs do not deliver as promised.

Halley, who plans at least two more legal challenges to the Kennecott permits, puts it in terms that are even more blunt.

"The roof is going to fall in," she said.

"Water is going to come gushing into that mine. The on-site wastewater treatment plant won't work properly."

As for whether the state's approach to enforcing its new mining laws will mean a glut of new mineral projects, Parker said he is not certain. But he said he is not comfortable with the precedent that has been set.

"They have made it so easy for Kennecott, it would seem they'd have to do the same for everybody else," he said. "I believe we'll see a half-dozen or so mines show up."

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Ducks Unlimited urges partnership in carp solution

Conservation group releases position on invasive Asian carp

WASHINGTON – Feb. 28, 2010 – This week, Ducks Unlimited released its position on the threat to the Great Lakes presented by non-native carp. DU called on both governmental and non-governmental organizations to develop an immediate short-term plan, followed by a comprehensive long-term strategy to deal with Asian carp in the Great Lakes.

"DU is concerned about the potential negative impact to waterfowl and wetlands, especially with two of the species, grass and black carp," said Gildo Tori, director of public policy for Ducks Unlimited's Great Lakes/Atlantic Regional Office. "Grass carp can eat their weight in vegetation daily, which over time can have a devastating effect on waterfowl food resources in the Great Lakes."

Ducks Unlimited representatives joined other Great Lakes stakeholders in Washington, D.C., for Great Lakes Days, an annual effort to focus attention on the region's legislative priorities. An action plan regarding the invasive carp is a high priority.

"The Great Lakes are a key mid-continent migration rest stop for hundreds of thousands of waterfowl each spring and fall," Tori continued. "The wetlands and shallow bays of the lakes provide food resources

for many key species of waterfowl, especially canvasbacks, redheads and lesser and greater scaup."

DU strongly encourages federal, state and local agencies and public groups to work together to immediately implement a short-term strategy to prevent Asian carp migration into the Great Lakes, and develop a long-term solution that would prevent exotic invasive species from traveling between two of the nation's key watersheds: the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River systems. Cooperation, and maintenance of the current \$475 million funding level for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, is critical to a successful outcome for the people of the Great Lakes.

To view DU's complete statement on Asian carp, visit <http://www.ducks.org/Conservation/GLARO/3832/PolicyWatershedIssues.html#carp>.

Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 13 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever.

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Supreme Court Again Refuses to Bar Asian Carp from Lake Michigan

LANSING, Michigan, March 23, 2010 (ENS) - Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox and environmental groups are disappointed with a new U.S. Supreme Court decision Monday that denied Michigan's renewed request for a preliminary injunction to close Chicago-area locks to keep out invasive Asian carp.

The renewed motion came in response to new DNA evidence of Asian carp getting past the O'Brien Lock and into Lake Michigan. That information was not delivered to the court by the federal government before the Supreme Court's January 19 decision on the original injunction request.

Asian carp can grow to more than four feet long, weigh up to 100 pounds, and eat up to 40 percent of

their body weight per day of the same food that sustains native fish. If they colonize the Great Lakes, they are predicted to damage the lakes' lucrative fisheries.

The invasive fish have migrated up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers toward the Great Lakes after



The Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal is a potential avenue for Asian carp to enter Lake Michigan. (Photo by [Joe Balynas](#))

escaping from fish farms in the several decades ago.

In the past several months, Asian carp DNA has been found in several places along the Chicago Waterway System as well as in Lake Michigan's Calumet Harbor, just outside Chicago.

Cox, a Republican who is running for governor, said, "Our motion was an extraordinary attempt to protect the Great Lakes, but we felt it was necessary to because the court deserved to have access to the new DNA and economic information before making a decision."

"We will continue to focus on the reopening of the diversion case in April, with the goal of developing an effective plan to protect the entire Great Lakes region from the devastating threat of Asian carp," he said.

Cox noted that Michigan's legal action requesting to reopen the "Chicago Diversion" case is supported by Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Indiana and the province of Ontario.

The Supreme Court has scheduled an April 16 review of Michigan's request for hearings to develop a long-term solution to the crisis that will protect the ecology and economy of the Great Lakes.

Three environmental groups filed a friend of the court brief on Friday urging the U.S. Supreme Court to take up the Michigan lawsuit that aims for a long-term permanent solution to keep Asian carp from entering Lake Michigan through Chicago's artificial navigational channels.

Filed by the Alliance for the Great Lakes, the National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council, the brief says the nation's highest court is the proper venue for deciding a dispute that affects everyone who lives in a Great Lakes state.

The Chicago Diversion is a channel and control structures completed in 1900 to reverse the flow of the Chicago and Calumet Rivers so that sewage from Chicago would flow through the Illinois River to the Mississippi River.

The Chicago Diversion has two other components. One, 62 percent of the diversion, provides the water supply for the 5.7 million residents of northeast Illinois. The other, 20 percent of the allowed diversion, is stormwater runoff that would have flowed into the Chicago River and from there into Lake Michigan, but which now flows the opposite direction into the Mississippi watershed.

While the diversions serve useful purposes, the complex system of rivers and canals also creates an aquatic superhighway for the Asian carp and other invasive species to travel between the Lake Michigan and Mississippi watersheds.

This constitutes "a public nuisance" the state of Michigan will try to prove before the Supreme Court in the reopened Chicago Diversion case.

The environmental groups and the state have called for a physical separation of the two watersheds, essentially returning them to their natural status, as the only permanent way to protect both watersheds.

"The permanent solution is not technology, but what we call ecological separation - or no movement of live organisms between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River via the canals," said Alliance President Joel Brammeier, who co-authored a study on the subject in 2008.

But a permanent separation of the two watersheds would impact the barge industry that relies on the canal to move goods in the Chicago area, as well as between the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico. It also would force changes in the way Chicago handles its sewage.

American Waterways Operators, the trade association for the barge industry, told a Congressional hearing on February 9 that instead of physical separation of the two watersheds the industry favors effective measures that would not disrupt barge transportation.

Del Wilkins of the Canal Barge Company told the lawmakers the industry favors expedited construction of a third electric barrier on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, using "bubble and acoustic technology fish barriers" to keep carp out of the lakes, and electrofishing, netting and commercial fishing "that do not delay movement of commerce."

Cox says the economic impact of physical separation would not be disastrous. He handed the Supreme Court a new economic study authored by a Wayne State University transportation expert which shows much lower potential losses to the Chicago economy if the locks are closed than has been claimed by the state of Illinois.

In lieu of a long-term solution, the state and federal governments are taking increasingly desperate measures to keep carp out of the Great Lakes. In December, hundreds of fishery workers poisoned the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in an attempt to kill Asian carp that might evade an electrified barrier that was out of service during maintenance.

While a long-term solution is being worked out, Cox said that President Barack Obama should act immediately to close the locks, at least temporarily. He points out that Obama previously pledged a zero tolerance policy for new invasive species in the Great Lakes.

Cox praised the bipartisan efforts of Michigan's Congressional delegation on the issue, including legislation introduced in January by Senator Debbie Stabenow, a Michigan Democrat, and Congressman Dave Camp, a Michigan Republican, which would require immediate closure of the locks.

Responding to the Supreme Court's decision Monday, Stabenow said, "I am deeply concerned that for a second time the Supreme Court has refused to order a temporary closure of two Chicago-area locks. It's clear that Asian carp pose an immediate threat to the Great Lakes and our fishing and boating industry, putting thousands of Michigan jobs at risk. That's why we must use every possible tool to prevent the spread of Asian carp into Lake Michigan, including the closure of the Chicago-area locks."

Congressman Camp said, "This decision threatens the Great Lakes and the \$7.5 billion fishing industry and the 800,000 jobs they support. We must act now, and immediately close the Chicago-area locks to stop Asian carp from reaching the Great Lakes."

Deadly Fish Virus Sweeping Great Lakes

MARCH 23, 2010

A deadly fish disease, viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus (VHS), that has plagued North America's Great Lakes since 2005, could increasingly impact the balance of wildlife and affect fishing industries in the region, according to joint research from Cornell University and the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

During the study by the Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine and the USGS Western Fisheries Research Center in Seattle, scientists examined 874 fish from seven sites. Four of the seven locations tested positive for the virus.

According to a statement from the USGS, "VHS is the most important viral pathogen of finfish

worldwide and is listed as a reportable pathogen by many nations and international organizations."

The virus has been found across the Great Lakes region, which houses a chain of five bodies of water containing the largest surface of freshwater in the world. So far, it has been recorded in four out of five Great Lakes including Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Ontario and Lake Erie, as well as in Lake Saint Clair and the Saint Lawrence River.

The virus has infected many species in the region, including muskellunge, freshwater drum, goby, burbot, yellow perch, gizzard shad and smallmouth bass. During one outbreak in Lake Ontario, the virus killed 40,000 freshwater drum in four days.

Recently, scientists also reported instances of VHS in inland lakes in Wisconsin and Michigan—a sign the virus is spreading.

According to information provided by the USGS, "If the virus spreads outside the Great Lakes Basin or into the private aquaculture sector, the biological and economic impacts are expected to be very large."

USGS researcher Dr. James Winton expanded on its potential impact.

"It not only affects the health and well-being of populations of several important native fish species, but it can also impact trade, and, should it spread into the U.S. aquaculture industry, could do substantial damage as happened in Europe and parts of Japan."

Kroger Rewards

The Kroger Rewards Program has been very lucrative for Michigan TU.

Since its inception the program has raised several thousand dollars for Michigan TU. The process of signing up is easy and the benefits are great. Everyone shops for groceries, those that can choose to shop at Kroger's have the added benefit of knowing that a portion of your purchases go directly to coldwater conservation.

All participants, including members who have already signed up must sign up for the program in order to earn funds for your group during 2010.

Even if you have members who sign up for Kroger Community Rewards in February or March—which will earn your organization funds as part of the 05/01/2009 to 04/30/2010 program—they must sign up again in April to continue earning rewards during the coming year 05/01/2010 to 04/30/2011.

It's easy for your members to enroll or re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. They can visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/> click on "Michigan" and click on "Enroll" or "Re-enroll" All participants must have a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. Organization

members can no longer scan their group's bar code at the registers or service desk.

Step by step instructions:

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Enter in your contact information Click on "next". Verify that your account information is correct. Check box for agreement of the terms and conditions and click "complete information"

Kroger will send an email that you entered earlier in the process. (This can take up to 10 minutes)

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Under Kroger Community Rewards Section at right, click "Edit Kroger Community Rewards Information."

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Get Your Hatch Guide

The Hatch Guide and pocket guide which is available from John Winchester. If you don't have a copy, give John a call and get one. Proceeds go for projects and improving our cold-water fishery. This guide really helps identify hatches and flies.

Other Chapters

Walleye Dinner – Mershon Chapter March 1, 2010 American Legion, Weiss St, Saginaw

Banquet

We are looking for donated items for our banquet. Contact Mark Rapanos 989-8239-0976
mkrapanos@charter.net – Banquet Chairman

Adam's Fly Print

We have some prints of the Adam's Fly by Beth Ward Donahue that celebrate TU's 50th Anniversary. Costs are \$120.00 and \$160.00 (remarked). Contact Ross Rosenbrock 989-662-6533, rosenbrock@live.com.

Chapter BOD Meetings

April 6, 2010
May 4, 2010
May 18, 2010 Work Party at LP Martuch Property

May 23, 2010 – Martuch / Caparon Dedication at LP Martuch Memorial Property

Help Wanted

I hope all of you are in good spirits and doing well. I'm writing to you today on behalf of the Board of the Kalamazoo Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited (KVCTU) to ask for your help. I'll also be reaching out to our member base with a call to action.

This last week, it became clear that our Michigan Trout Youth Camp (July 11th – 15th) this year is facing many challenges. We are in discussions, as we speak, about the feasibility and capability of KVCTU to conduct the camp this year. One of the most unfortunate decisions we are facing is to cancel this year's camp. The consequence for eliminating this year's program is the risk of losing the momentum we gained over the last thirteen years could be lost forever.

During our strategic planning session last year, the Youth Camp was considered to be one of the most important contributions we make as a chapter to our communities and the future of TU. My experience with the camp is limited, however, I hear of nothing but great experiences from both kids and counselor's who have attended. They leave with a convincing feeling of satisfaction that moves people for the remainder of their lives. In simple terms, leaders and counselors who attend the camp are returned with much more than they give.

The youth camp curriculum and workshops are supported by three main pillars: Leaders, Kids, and Funding. Like the legs of a stool, if one leg fails, then so does the camp. Many of our members have donated the necessary time and leadership to plan and effectively execute the camp. We also have to thank many of the other chapters who have also contributed to each of these causes. I would be amiss not to mention some of the key leaders in our state who have in the past also contributed to its cause, such as, Jim Bedford, Glen Blackwood, Charlie Weaver, MDNR, Huron Pines Conservation District, and many other people and organizations.

Our first challenge this year is finding leaders/counselors to run the camp. Because of numerous issues, the board of KVCTU cannot commit to providing the leadership for planning, organizing, and running this year's camp. What we need are two Co-Directors to plan, organize and run this year's camp. We stress that the curriculum and structure are already developed, and a stable of experienced volunteers are available for training. If gaining an educational fly fishing experience with the satisfaction of contributing to the future of TU is appealing to a few others, then we should be able to attract the counselors we need.

Second, finding qualified kids is self explanatory across the board we need to improve our success rate at recruiting kids for the camp. Our attendance has been declining and last year we attracted only nine kids to our annual event. We believe to host a successful camp twenty campers is the right target. We continue to subsidize all of the additional costs because of our philosophy to invest in the future of TU - its young people. I believe with additional awareness and simple actions we can find twenty kids with your help to apply at www.kvctu.org.

We believe continuing to invest in the youth camp is an important part of the future of TU. To conserve, protect, and restore our cold water resources starts with education and understanding. We know an essential cornerstone of our future is explicitly tied to the young people of our community. We have recently started discussions and planning about how we can improve the long term viability and effectiveness of the youth camp, but we need immediate help this year.

I encourage you to contemplate the fate and future of the youth camp and please consider assisting in any way possible. We look forward to hearing your feedback and discussing ideas you may have to help this great program. If you want to sign up as a CoDirector /Counselor just let me know.

Sincerely,

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Annual Banquet April 20, 2010

May 23, 2010 – Work Party and Memorial Dedication

August – Kids Day

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<http://h2o.usgs.gov> Hydrology data for all rivers in the US

<http://www.totalflyfishing.com> Fly Fishing Website

www.flyangersonline.com Fly patterns, articles, and general information.

<http://info.abrfc.noaa.gov/rfc-wfo.html> National Weather Service river forecasts

www.tu.org Home page Trout Unlimited.

www.steelhaedsite.com Steelhead information

www.fedflyfishers.org Federation of Flyfishers Home Page.

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www.fffglc.org Federation of Fly Fishers

www.lssu.edu Lake Superior State University. Fish cam at the power plant at the Soo

www.trailstotroutrout.com Website for trout fishing

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We will publish more sites, as they become known. If you know of interesting sites let me know at T8Monto@aol.com

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Membership

Trout Unlimited has a membership program going. Our Chapter can greatly benefit by having you sign up a new member. Log onto www.tu.org/intro and you can get a special introductory rate of \$17.50. Be sure to enter code 250 so our Chapter will receive credit for the membership. This would make a great gift for your fishing buddy.

For membership problems, contact George Killat.

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THE ORVIS PACKAGE

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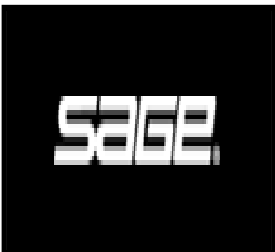
WEATHER-PROOF DIGITAL CAMERA

Photograph your fish underwater!

Olympus Stylus Tough-6000 digital camera –10 mega-pixel, 3x optical zoom, waterproof (10 feet), shock and dust proof. Includes 8 hours of professional "how-to" instructions from Meier Camera.

Donated by John Winchester and Meier Camera – Midland, MI.

Tickets = \$15.00 Limited to 100 tickets



SAGE ROD

Top of the line Sage Rod!

Good for steelhead and salmon

Donated by Brian Hayes and Sage

Tickets = \$15.00 Limited to 100 tickets



WEBER SPIRIT GRILL

Grill up something tasty!

THE LANDING NET

Weber Gas Grill – 393 sq. in. cooking area 24,500 BTUs, propane-fueled, black top with stainless steel cabinet.

Donated by Jon Miller of Ayre/Rhinehart Realtors

Tickets = \$15.00 Limited to 100 tickets

TICKET REQUEST FORM

ORDER AMOUNT

	QUANTITY		AMOUNT
Please send me:	_____	Package(s) @ \$120.00	\$ _____
	_____	Single Ticket(s) @ \$ 35.00	\$ _____
	_____	Youth (under 17) @ \$ 20.00	\$ _____
	_____	TU Membership @ \$ 35.00	\$ _____
	_____	Orvis Package @ \$ 20.00	\$ _____
	_____	Generator @ \$ 20.00	\$ _____
	_____	Digital Camera @ \$ 15.00	\$ _____
	_____	Sage Rod @ \$ 15.00	\$ _____
	_____	Gas Grill @ \$ 15.00	\$ _____
		TOTAL	\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD

My check (payable to 'Leon P. Martuch Chapter, Trout Unlimited') in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

OR

Charge my credit card: () VISA () MASTERCARD () DISCOVER

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____ V Code: _____
(last three numbers on signature strip)

Signed: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Listed below are the names, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers for the tickets I have ordered.
(use a separate sheet if necessary)

Name: _____ Name: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

() I will not be attending the banquet. Please deposit my ticket stubs and return my half to above address. I understand you will notify me if I am a winner and arrange for delivery of my prize.



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PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECK TO:

**HARLEY HOLSINGER
3083 CANDLESTICK LANE
BAY CITY, MICHIGAN, 48706
(989) 667-0581**

THE DEADLINE FOR MAIL ORDER TICKETS IS APRIL 10, 2010. YOUR TICKETS AND DIRECTIONS TO THE BANQUET WILL BE SENT BY RETURN MAIL. SEATING IS LIMITED SO PLEASE SEND YOUR ORDER IN EARLY.