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GREAT LAKES FISHERIES HERITAGE REVIEWED AT JULY 13 "TUESDAY TALK"

JULY 2, 2021 -- The past, present and future of our Great Lakes will be examined through the history of its fish and the people who fish for them at Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's next "Tuesday Talk" on July 13, starting at 11 a.m. Although Michigan's earlier Coronavirus protective measures were recently relaxed, this hour-long program will be conducted virtually via Zoom as originally planned.

Interested participants will need to register in advance online at <https://tinyurl.com/SDHC-TT-7-13> in order to receive instructions for joining the Zoom program. Questions regarding online registration procedures may be e-mailed to info@sdhistoricalsociety.org.

Presenter Brandon Schroeder, who serves Lake Huron coastal communities as Extension Educator with the Michigan Sea Grant College Program and Michigan State University Extension, will discuss how the Great Lakes fisheries have significantly benefited and helped to define their coastal communities, the Great Lakes region and the nation, throughout history.

"Our Great Lakes fisheries, as we've come to know and value them," he notes, "are a rich reflection of our maritime history and heritage, and the many ways in which people have intersected with Great Lakes fishes through time."

His talk will focus on the *Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Trail*, a network of sites and partnership among museum, maritime heritage, fisheries and other organizations cooperating across Michigan and the Great Lakes region to promote our fisheries heritage. The collective efforts of these partners is helping to preserve and interpret historical artifacts, enhance local communities and heritage-based tourism, while offering educational opportunities focusing on Great Lakes literacy and stewardship.

The GLF Heritage Trail demonstrates how humanity relates to aquatic ecosystems, biodiversity, water quality, and environmental change. The fishery is seen as the thread running through all these, serving as a gauge of resource sustainability and quality of life. Trail sites throughout Michigan offer residents and visitors a unique opportunity to explore and experience the dynamic social, technological, and environmental changes that have shaped today's fishery.

Schroeder works with coastal communities to apply science-based knowledge to address Great Lakes issues locally. With his background and Sea Grant Extension efforts involving fisheries science, biodiversity conservation, sustainable coastal tourism development, and Great Lakes Literacy education, he also provides leadership for the statewide and regional GLF Heritage Trail network and partnership.

His talk also will introduce the recently updated (4th edition) Michigan Sea Grant publication *The Life of the Lakes*, which explores the fishery in four central areas – ecology and management, today's fishery, history of the changing fishery, and future fishery considerations -- while sharing the GLFH network and partnership story. The publication is available through UM Press and the Michigan Sea Grant e-bookstore.

Michigan Sea Grant is a cooperative program of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It funds research, education, and outreach projects designed to foster science-based decisions about the use and conservation of Great Lakes resources. To learn more about Michigan Sea Grant and the GLF Heritage Trail, visit www.miseagrant.umich.edu or www.greatlakesfisheriestrail.org.

A summertime tradition since 1996, SDHC's weekly Tuesday Talks present entertaining and informative insights into local community life and history throughout July and August.

Saugatuck-Douglas History Center is supported in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information about SDHC, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, and its activities planned for the months ahead, visit www.MySDHistory.org.

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Undated photo visualizes the historical abundance of the Great Lakes Fishery, reflecting Michigan's rich maritime heritage celebrated in SDHC's July 13 Tuesday Talk.

