

Look to Lake Huron for coho

By Lem Meese outdoors writer

Most improved coho salmon fishing spot this year is Lake Huron along the Thumb, which is good news for fuel-conscious southeastern Michigan anglers.

The first mature schools of the large chinook salmon are returning to Port Sanilac and Port Automobile Club of Michigan.

And there's good news for the future. This year's planting of 200,000 steelhead and brown trout, more than a million lake trout and 100,000 coho salmon will mean excellent fishing action in two or three years.

Generally, 1983 could rank as one of the two Great Lakes salmon fishing seasons during the next two months as two million coho and chinook salmon school for spawning runs up 44 rivers, bays and lakes, the Auto Club said. Nearly 300,000 anglers in boats, on piers, along shorelines or in streams are expected in this the 16th season of salmon fishing.

Salmon fishing started as a fall activity but has become a spring-to-fall sport as anglers take to large boats and deep-water trolling methods during spring and summer.

Salmon are born in streams, migrate to the Great Lakes to grow to maturity, return to the stream to spawn once, age almost overnight, and then die. They're better tasting and take bait more readily in the open water, but they are more accessible to

outdoors

shore fishermen and those with small boats when they're on the spawning run.

Chinooks spend three to six years in the lakes, growing to 35 pounds. Coho stay in the lakes 1 1/2 years and can grow to 18 pounds.

Over Lake Michigan way, a better-than-normal salmon run is expected on the St. Joseph River up to Berrien Springs and on the Grand River up to Grand Rapids.

Among the more popular lures are Northport Nallers, Huron Herring, J-Plugs, Canadian plugs, Squids, Sparkle Flies, Jodgers, Flutter Curcs and Zippers.

Warning: Although contaminants in the Great Lakes are declining, the state Public Health Department continues to advise eating no more than one-half pound of lakes Huron and Michigan salmon per week. Children and women who are pregnant or nursing should not eat those salmon at all.

FAIR TO GOOD fishing is being reported on inland waters of Oakland County after the heat of summer drove fish into deep water. The Detroit River and Lake Erie are producing little at the moment.

On Union Lake, try using a lantern at night off

the side of the boat and baiting with corn to lure trout. Some anglers are taking limit catches of trout from Maceday Lake in the northwest part of the county.

Good bass fishing is reported at Sylvan, Lakeville and Big Seven lakes.

Kent Lake is producing good crapple supplies. The small lakes in Bald Mountain Recreation Area are yielding panfish to anglers using grasshoppers. Nighttime anglers on Fontaine Lake are using crawlers to take good catches of catfish.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, is the deadline to order food for wild birds from the Detroit Audubon Society, which actually is located at 503 W. Fourth, Royal Oak. Order forms can be requested by calling the office at 848-2929.

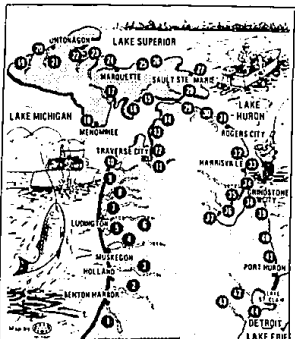
Pickup time is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23. Area pickup points are: Memorial Park parking lot, 13 Mile east of Coolidge, Royal Oak; the Student Center Building Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus, Union Lake; and the Ford Motor Co. parking lot on Middlebelt south of I-96 in Livonia.

Feeds available range from mixtures to suit most birds to special seeds for particular species.

A 12-WEEK class in boating skills and sailing starts Monday, Sept. 19, in the Fine Art Center Building of the Michigan State Fairgrounds, Woodward south of Eight Mile in Detroit.

They are offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-15. Registration runs from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Classes run from 7-9 p.m. -30-

Guide to 1983 Salmon Hot Spots



LAKE MICHIGAN		LAKE SUPERIOR	
1-St. Joseph River	23-Huron River	11-Bass River	24-Port St. Joseph
2-Paradise River	24-Cedar	12-Deer River	25-Port Huron
3-Deer River	25-Silver	13-Deer River	26-Silver
4-Michigan River & Lake	26-Silver	14-Deer River	27-Deer River
5-Paradise Lake	27-Deer River	15-Deer River	28-Deer River
6-Panther River	28-Deer River	16-Deer River	29-Deer River
7-Silver River	29-Deer River	17-Deer River	30-Deer River
8-Huron River & Lake	30-Deer River	18-Deer River	31-Deer River
9-Silver River	31-Deer River	19-Deer River	32-Deer River
10-Paradise River & Bay	32-Deer River	20-Deer River	33-Deer River
11-Bass River	33-Deer River	21-Deer River	34-Deer River
12-Deer River	34-Deer River	22-Deer River	35-Deer River
13-Deer River	35-Deer River	23-Deer River	36-Deer River
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19-Deer River	41-Deer River	29-Deer River	42-Deer River
20-Deer River	42-Deer River	30-Deer River	43-Deer River
21-Deer River	43-Deer River	31-Deer River	44-Deer River
22-Deer River	44-Deer River	32-Deer River	45-Deer River

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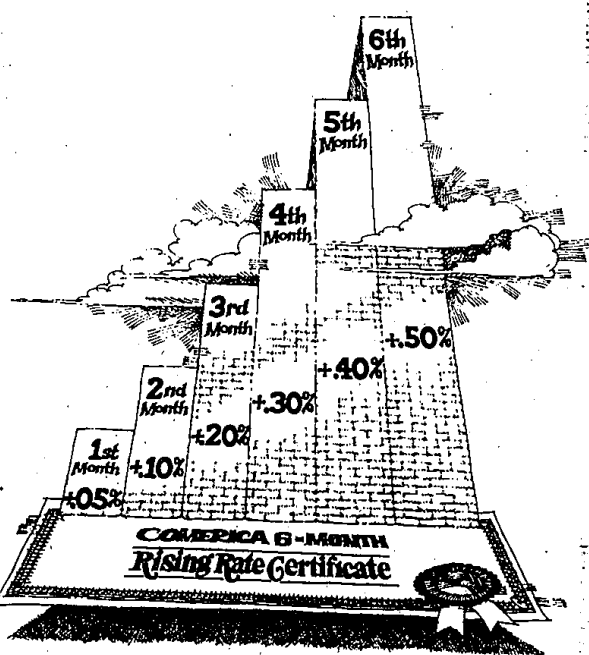
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