

**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**  
**MEMBERSHIP**  
**HANDBOOK**

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**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

# **SECTION I**

# **HISTORY**

## HISTORY

Founded in September 1968, the Michiana Aquarium Society is a hobbyist organization dedicated to the advancement of interest in all forms of aquatic life, and to supporting the efforts of other organizations with like goals. It has remained a viable source of fish, equipment, experience, assistance and comradeship for its members over the years.

The purpose of this Handbook is to introduce you to the Society, its role in the Michiana area, and its programs, and to provide you with a source document to which to refer if questions concerning Society programs, functions, or rules arise. Updated supplements will be issued as needed. Also included is a section outlining the responsibilities that accompany various Committee positions.

During its existence, the Michiana Aquarium Society has become noted in the hobby as a well-balanced group of general-interest aquarists, with strong segments of special-interest groups that support each other for the common health of the Society. Historically a strong "Show Club," the enjoyment of "Tropical Magic" has, in recent years, only been limited by the amount of time allowed the "show weekend." Visitors and entrants have been known to travel what were once considered great distances to attend. The "Killifish Carnival" is a prime example of the entire club supporting the interests of a few members, with the net result being the betterment of the entire Society. Initiated in 1979, it has steadily grown from a one-day event to a two-day show, symposium and auction.

The anchor event of the Michiana Aquarium Society is the General Meeting. These meetings are scheduled monthly and provide a variety of functions. Included during nearly every meeting are such activities as: Informal discussion (perhaps the most individually valuable aspect); the agenda of Society business is presented and discussed with the attending members; programs covering various hobby-related topics are presented; Bowl Show competition is held; door prizes raffle, and/or snacks may round out the social atmosphere. Finally, the meeting is concluded with an auction of fish plants, and equipment, with the proceeds going to sellers.

The only other regularly scheduled gathering is the Board of Directors Meeting which is held the Tuesday before the General Meeting (usually the third Friday of each month). The Board Meetings are held in various locations and are strictly for transacting the "Business" of the Society. All Michiana Aquarium Society members are welcome to attend, voice their opinions, and present any proposals to the Board for consideration. Time and location are usually announced at the preceding General Meeting.

Exhibitions and competition are mainstays of the aquatic hobby in that they provide one of the best forms of exposure available for the Society. Members are encouraged to compete for awards by showing fish under prescribed class and display conditions. The Michiana Aquarium Society sponsors numerous competitive events ranging from the simple "Bowl Shows", held in conjunction with the monthly General Meetings, to the above-mentioned larger, more highly structured competitions traditionally held in a public location. Installments later in this booklet provide additional information on these events.

Among the most popular of hobby-oriented exercises conducted by the Society are the excursions we take as a group to further explore the wonders of our hobby. These are held periodically, and have included such events as lecture-tours of Chicago's John G. Shedd Aquarium and the Field Museum of Natural History; group shopping sprees to the pet shops in larger cities, visits to State Fisheries and river exploration expeditions. Any member with an idea for a group, club-sponsored event such as these is encouraged to bring it forth for consideration; after all, shared experiences are why we are called a "Society."

The Michiana Aquarium Society is privileged to perform many functions of benefit to the local area, to the hobby, and to the ecology of fishes. Perhaps the most far-reaching of these services is our support of area groups. We gave a series of talks in aquarium management to supplement the 4H Aquatic Science program, and the annual "Science Alive" exposition, and members have spent time in public venues distributing literature on the hobby, exhibiting some of their favorite fish, and generally promoting the Society.

The Michiana Tropical Times is the official club publication. More than just a news bulletin of upcoming club events, club business and officers' reports, it has been recognized as one of the better society-published journals in the country. Many authors have received reprints and reviews of their works in the national aquarium magazines as well as too many of the other Societies' publications to mention here.

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# **SECTION II**

# **BYLAWS**

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## **PREFACE**

The original Constitution was drafted in 1968 when our club was formed. Dates of revision are as follows: Complete revision in April 1977 and May 1985. The Constitution was officially changed to Bylaws effective October 1990 and revised September 1997, October 2007, and June 2013 with the latest revision in March 2018. It is the intent of the Society to present this document to eliminate confusion and to set forth guidelines to conduct the business of the Society. References to masculine gender throughout this document shall be deemed to include the feminine.

### **Article I. Name**

#### **Section 1.**

The name of this Organization is: Michiana Aquarium Services (MAS)

Also known as: The Michiana Aquarium Society (MAS)

### **Article II. Purpose**

#### **Section 1.**

The purpose for which this organization was formed is to advance the knowledge and enjoyment of all forms of aquatic life and of engagement in related activities.

### **Article III. Membership**

#### **Section 1.**

All persons interested in membership to the Society shall be eligible for membership by:

**Part 1.** Attending at least one General Meeting, to be introduced to the Membership, and, filling out an application form.

**Part 2.** Submitting the application with the payment of applicable Membership dues.

**Part 3.** Agreeing to abide by these Bylaws.

#### **Section 2.**

Membership shall be in classes, as follows:

##### **Class 1. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

Household Membership entitles all members of a household over five years of age to participate in Organization activities and functions. Up to two household members (adult cohabitants of a given domicile, e.g. husband and/or wife and/or children at least 16 years of age) are each entitled to have one vote at membership meetings. Those two members also have the right to hold office. (If there are more than two persons 16 years of age or older who want the right to vote individually and/or to be eligible to hold office, those persons will be required to apply for separate adult membership.)

There is a separate class of dues for Household Membership.

##### **Class 2. ADULT MEMBERSHIP**

Adult Membership entitles a member (at least sixteen years of age) to participate in Society activities and functions. The member has the right to vote and to hold office. There is a separate class of dues for Adult Membership.

##### **Class 3. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

Honorary Membership is a one-year membership granted by two-thirds vote of the Membership in appreciation for services rendered to the organization or achievements in the field of aquarium life. Honorary Members have the right to participate in Society activities and functions. Honorary Members may not have the right to vote and hold office. There are no dues for Honorary Membership.

##### **Class 4. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

Junior Membership is designed for a member eight (8) through fifteen (15) years of age, not otherwise qualifying under a Family Membership, to participate in Society activities and functions. Junior Members are not eligible to vote or hold office. There is a separate class of dues for Junior Membership.



## **Class 5. CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP**

Corresponding Membership entitles a member to participate in Society activities and functions. Corresponding Members are not eligible to vote or hold office. There is a separate class of dues for Corresponding Membership.

## **Class 6. LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Life Membership is granted by the Board of Directors or by the membership for the highest levels of achievement in Society programs or for outstanding ongoing contributions to organizational goals. Life Membership entitles a member to participate in Society activities and functions. Life members are eligible to vote and hold office. There are no dues for Life Membership as long as the Life Member takes part in Society activities (e.g., during the last twelve months).

### **Section 3.**

Each Membership class (defined in Section 2. above) whose member is in good standing (having paid currently applicable dues, etc.) shall be entitled to receive the Society's publications via electronic distribution (email or website).

### **Section 4.**

#### **Social Media:**

Membership are encouraged to contribute to the society's social media sites, however, the use of social media by the general membership to represent the society's positions without approval of the Officers, Directors or appointed chairpersons may make the member subject to removal from the society.

## **Article IV. Officers**

### **Section 1.**

The officers of the Society, in order of authority, shall be:

1st.– President 2nd.– Vice-President 3rd.– Secretary 4th.– Treasurer

### **Section 2.**

#### **Method of Selection:**

The officers of the Society are elected from among the Membership as outlined in Article X. Elections, of these Bylaws.

### **Section 3.**

#### **Compensation:**

Officers serve with no monetary compensation, except for reimbursements authorized by the Board of Directors or by the Membership, for direct expenses incurred on behalf of the Society's activities.

### **Section 4.**

#### **General and Specific Duties of Each Officer:**

These officers shall have duties as ordinarily pertain to their respective offices.

**Part 1.** The President shall conduct all General Meetings. The President shall also be Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

**Part 2.** The Vice President shall assist the President and shall conduct the Meeting in the absence of the President. It is also the responsibility of the Vice-president to review and keep these Bylaws a working and viable document.

**Part 3.** The Secretary, along with regular recording duties, shall make oral reports of those records, at both Board Meetings and General Meetings, and shall submit written reports to the Editor of the Michiana Tropical Times.

**Part 4.** The Treasurer and President, along with regular duties, may approve and make disbursements up to fifty dollars (\$50) upon approval of the President. All disbursements over thirty dollars shall be made upon approval of the Board of Directors or by vote of the Membership.

### **Section 5.**

Any vacancy which might occur in an Officer position, before the term of that office expires, shall be announced to the Membership at the earliest possible General Meeting and be filled by vote of the Membership at the General Meeting following the announcement.

## **Article V. The Board of Directors**

### **Section 1.**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the Society plus seven additional members to be selected as defined below.

### **Section 2.**

One Director is to be installed for a one-year term. This position is to be filled by the President from the previous year. If the President from the previous year is reelected, this position is to be filled by election by the Membership as outlined in Article X. Elections, of these Bylaws.

### **Section 3.**

Six members of the Society shall be elected to the Board of Directors by the Membership for three year terms. They shall be elected as outlined in Article X. Elections, of these Bylaws.

### **Section 4.**

For the Board Members elected to serve three-year terms, terms shall be staggered so that two Board Members' terms will expire each year.

### **Section 5.**

At all Board Meetings, each Board Member present shall have one vote. However, the President may vote only to break a tie vote by the Board. No proxies are permitted.

### **Section 6.**

Each Board Member is expected to attend all meetings of the Board and all General Meetings. In addition, each Board Member is expected to take an active part in any Committee or project to which he or she is appointed. The Board Members shall assist the President in providing programs for the General Meetings.

### **Section 7.**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt such actions or policies as it deems necessary for the conduct of the business and affairs of the Society; provided, however, that any such action or policy may be modified or rescinded by a majority vote of the members present at any General Meeting, and provided further, that in no event shall the Board of Directors have the power to modify or change any action or policy adopted at a General Meeting. All business transacted by the Board of Directors shall be reported to the Membership at the next General Meeting.

### **Section 8.**

Any vacancy which might occur in a Director position, before the term of that Director expires, shall be announced to the Membership at the earliest possible General Meeting and filled by election by the Membership at the General Meeting following the announcement.

### **Section 9.**

Meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by the President at the request of any two Board Members. Time and place should be selected to accommodate a majority of Board Members. Notice of these meetings and the known agenda items shall be given to the Board Members a reasonable time in advance.

### **Section 10.**

At any meeting of the Board, the most senior Officer in attendance (as defined in Article IV., Officers) shall preside as Chairperson (this is normally the President of the Society).

### **Section 11.**

Directors serve with no monetary compensation, except for reimbursements authorized by the Board of Directors, or by the Membership, for direct expenses incurred on behalf of the Society's activities.

## **Article VI. Meetings**

### **Section 1.**

#### **General Meeting:**

**Part 1.** There shall be a General Meeting once a month.

**Part 2.** The "regular time and place" shall be decided upon at the discretion of the Board of Directors or the Membership. Any deviation to this "regular meeting schedule" must receive a majority vote of the attending quorum.

**Part 3.** At the present time General Meetings of the Society are held on the third Friday of each month, when possible, at the Roseland Community Center Building, 200 Independence Drive, South Bend, IN. Meetings are to begin promptly at 7:00 P.M., E.T, with social interaction time between 6:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

**Part 4.** The members shall be notified as to the date, time and location of the meetings (e.g., by special notice, in the publication and the website of the Society).

## **Section 2.**

### **Special Membership Meeting:**

**Part 1.** Special Meetings may be called by the President at the request of four (4) or more members.

## **Section 3.**

### **Membership Meeting at a Society Function:**

**Part 1.** In conjunction with any Society Function (e.g., Annual Party, Picnic, Show, etc.), at which the attendance of all members is encouraged and for which advance notice was distributed to all the members through the Society publicity, a Business Meeting can be called to consider any item that could be considered at a General Meeting.

## **Section 4.**

### **Board of Directors Meetings:**

**Part 1.** The Board of Directors shall meet no less than two times a year.

**Part 2.** At the present time the Board of Directors meets each month on the Tuesday before the General Meeting, at 7:00 P.M., E.T., at various locations. Scheduled meeting sites are determined before the Board Meetings.

**Part 3.** All Board Members shall be notified as to date, time, and location of all meetings.

**Part 4.** Society members are welcome to participate in the Board Meetings but do not have a vote.

**Part 5.** In conjunction with any Society function, a quorum of the Board may conduct a necessary Business Meeting.

## **Article VII. Quorums**

### **Section 1.**

The quorum for any General Meeting shall be eight.

### **Section 2.**

The quorum for any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be six.

### **Section 3.**

The quorum for any meeting of the Breeder Award Program Committee shall be four.

### **Section 4.**

The quorum for any meeting of the Horticulture Award Program Committee shall be three.

### **Section 5.**

The quorum for any meeting of the Aquatic-Animal Award Program Committee shall be three.

### **Section 6.**

No proxies are permitted at any meeting.

## **Article VIII. Committees**

### **Section 1.**

The Membership or the President, with advice from the Board of Directors, may appoint Committees. The President shall be an ex officio member of all such Committees.

### **Section 2.**

At the current time the following Committees have been identified:

**Part 1.** The Auditing Committee – is composed of the entire Board of Directors.

**Part 2.** The Bylaws Committee – Chairperson is the Vice-President.

**Part 3.** The Membership Committee – Chairperson is appointed.

- Part 4.** The Breeder Award Program Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 5.** The Horticulture Award Program Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 6.** The Aquatic-Animal Award Program Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 7.** The Bowl Show Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 8.** The Event Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 9.** The Advertising & Promotion Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 10.** The Library Committee – Librarian is appointed.
- Part 11.** The Publication Committee – Editor is appointed.
- Part 12.** The Archives Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 13.** The Publication Exchange Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 14.** The Killifish Karnival Committee – Chairperson is appointed at the first Meeting after the event.
- Part 15.** The Spring Auction Committee – Chairperson is appointed at the first Meeting after the event.
- Part 16.** The Tropical Magic Committee – Chairperson is appointed at the first Meeting after the event.
- Part 17.** The Program Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 18.** The Web Site Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 19.** The Social Media Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 20.** The Swap Meet Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 21.** The Membership Retention Committee – Chairperson is appointed.
- Part 22.** Appointments shall be made by the President, subject to the approval by a simple majority of the Board and/or the Membership.

**Article IX. Finances**

**Section 1.**

Dues shall be decided upon, and may be subject to change once a year, by recommendation of the Board of Directors and a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a General Meeting.

**Part 1.** The dues schedule is as follows:

Household Membership	\$15.00 per year
Adult Membership	\$10.00 per year
Junior Membership	\$5.00 per year
Corresponding Membership	\$5.00 per year
Honorary Membership	none
Life Membership	none

**Part 2.** The annual dues shall be paid on a yearly basis, and are due in January each subsequent year. New membership is prorated by 50% for the first year if a new member joins in July or later,

**Part 3.** In the Society publication, a list may be printed showing the memberships that are due.

**Part 4.** For recurring members, If membership is not paid in January, there shall be a grace period of two months, at which time the Membership Chairperson shall notify the member. If the dues are not then paid, nonpayment shall be considered the equivalent of resignation. The member shall be dropped from the rolls of the Society. No further publications will be sent.

**Section 2.**

As needed to supplement monies received as dues, the Society may hold auctions, raffles, swap meets etc. All monies collected in these functions shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer for deposit.

**Part 1.** Auctions may be held at any Society Event with the following ground rules: The person offering the item(s) for auction agrees to split the proceeds with the Society based on a ratio predetermined by a majority vote of the Membership. The items offered for auction must be related to the aquarium hobby. Currently, all auctions held during Monthly Meetings allow for 100% of the proceeds to the seller.

**Part 2.** The President may appoint a member of the Society to organize a raffle. This person will be in charge of procuring the items to be raffled and managing all aspects of the raffle. All monies received shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer for deposit.

**Part 3.** Swap meets may be organized by the Swap Meet Chairperson. This person will be in charge of organizing the time, location and any other requirements in order for the swap meet to be successful.

### **Section 3.**

The Board of Directors acting as the Audit Committee for the Society shall audit the Treasurer's records at least once a year, after the Annual Election Meeting. The Society will bear the cost of the audit, as required.

### **Section 4.**

The Society requires no surety bond for Officers or Directors.

## **Article X. Elections**

### **Section 1.**

The Annual Election is held at the General Meeting in October. Other elections may be held at the earliest General Meeting after the General Meeting during which a vacancy among the Officers or among the Board of Directors has been announced.

### **Section 2.**

Elections for Officers will be conducted first; elections to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors will be conducted next.

### **Section 3.**

Nominations will be accepted from eligible voters starting with the Board of Directors Meeting in August (two months before the Annual Election Meeting) and ending just before the election itself. It will be customary to permit the nominator to speak on his or her own behalf and to permit the seconder to state reasons for supporting the nominee.

### **Section 4.**

Nominators must secure the agreement of their prospective nominees to serve if elected. Such agreement should be made in person or, if the nominee is absent, in writing. Self-nominations are encouraged.

### **Section 5.**

If more than one candidate shall be nominated for any single post, or if more candidates are nominated to the Board of Directors than there are openings, or if any voting member requests it, election shall be by secret ballot. Ballots are to be counted by an impartial Committee appointed by the Chairperson of the Meeting. Otherwise, in the case of an unopposed nominee, the Chairperson may declare the candidate elected without a ballot.

### **Section 6.**

In the case of Officers, a simple majority of the votes cast is necessary to elect. In the case of Directors, the top vote recipients equal to the number of openings are considered elected (each member having the right to one vote for each of as many different Directors as there are openings). In the case of openings in the Board of Directors, vacancies will be filled with the highest vote recipient being elected to the vacancy with the longest term, and so on.

### **Section 7.**

In case of a tie vote, and if neither nominee withdraws, the flip of a coin will determine the outcome.

### **Section 8.**

No person can hold more than one Officer position. No Officer can also hold a general Board of Directors position (so, if a current Board Member is elected to an Officer's post, that Board Member's position becomes vacant and must be filled by election of a separate person).

### **Section 9.**

Dealers shall not number more than three on the Board of Directors (including Officers positions). A "dealer" shall be defined as one who holds a dealer's license and engages in the buying of fish and related products at wholesale prices and reselling them at retail prices.

## **Article XI. Terms of Office**

### **Section 1.**

Officers are elected for one-year terms.

## **Section 2.**

Members of the Board of Directors are elected to fill terms that are three years long (or one year long in the case of a vacant "Previous President" position).

## **Section 3.**

In case of filling a vacancy, the Officer or Director is elected to serve out the remaining term of that vacancy.

## **Section 4.**

New Officers and Directors take office effective November 1st, following their election.

## **Section 5.**

All Officers and Directors serve until the beginning of the Board Meeting at which their successor is seated.

## **Section 6.**

Any Officer or any Director is eligible to be elected to consecutive terms.

## **Article XII. Expulsion of Members, Removal from the Board Of Directors**

### **Section 1.**

Any member may be expelled for conduct considered injurious to the best interests of the Society.

**Part 1.** The Board shall direct the Secretary or other Officer to inform the Membership and the member in question, at least one month before the General Meeting at which the vote on this issue is scheduled.

**Part 2.** The member will be dropped from the rolls of the Society by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the Membership quorum present at said meeting. The vote shall be conducted by secret ballot.

### **Section 2.**

Any Member of the Board of Directors who evidences disinterest or inability to serve on the Board by missing three or more consecutive Board meetings shall be considered for removal from the Board.

**Part 1.** The Board shall direct the Secretary or other Officer to inform said Member of his or her potential removal at least one month before the Board Meeting at which the action is to be considered.

**Part 2.** If the Secretary or sending Officer receives no response by the time of the next Board Meeting, this alone shall be deemed as the Member's resignation from the Board.

**Part 3.** A Board Member who wishes to continue his or her position on the Board must present at the next Board of Directors meeting, in person or otherwise, reasons why he or she should be allowed to remain.

**Part 4.** After such presentation, the other members of the Board shall decide the matter by secret ballot. A simple majority of the votes cast is necessary to retain or remove the Board Member under consideration.

## **Article XIII. Parliamentary Authority**

### **Section 1.**

Should the conduct of a meeting seem to need it, the Chairperson has the prerogative to invoke rules for parliamentary procedure, Robert's Rules of Order, to guide the conduct of the remainder of the meeting.

### **Section 2.**

In no case should the application of such rules for parliamentary procedure operate in any way that is inconsistent with these Bylaws, the Society's Policies, State or Federal Law.

## **Article XIV. Amendments to the Bylaws**

### **Section 1.**

Revisions and/or amendments to these Bylaws shall be made at a General Meeting or at a Special Membership Meeting.

### **Section 2.**

Notification of proposed revisions and/or amendments shall be given to the full Membership at least ten days before said Meeting.

### **Section 3.**

A two-thirds majority of the votes cast is sufficient for adoption.

**Section 4.**

The Bylaws shall be reviewed as necessary by the Board of Directors.

**Article XV. Dissolution****Section 1.**

This organization may be dissolved at any time by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at a Special Membership Meeting of the Society called for this purpose and subject to sixty days' prior notification, as to the vote, of the full Membership.

**Section 2.**

If there is dissolution of this organization, remaining assets (after the satisfaction of all obligations of the Society) shall be distributed according to a two-thirds majority vote by the members present at said Special Membership Meeting.

**Section 3.**

The Board of Directors is charged with executing the distribution of assets. The Treasurer and the Secretary, under the direction of the Board of Directors, are charged, respectively, with rendering a final accounting of the Society funds and with notifying any appropriate parties of the dissolution of the Organization.

**Article XVI. Administrative Provisions****Section 1.**

These Bylaws, and any amendments to these Bylaws, go into effect immediately with the announcement of the vote adopting them, unless the motion to adopt provides otherwise.

**Section 2.**

These Bylaws are considered adopted upon receipt of a simple majority of the votes cast.

**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**SECTION III**  
**COMMITTEES**



# COMMITTEES

## PREFACE

The original Constitution was drafted in 1968 when our club was formed. Dates of revision are as follows: Complete revision in April 1977 and May 1985. The Constitution was officially changed to Bylaws effective October 1990 and revised September 1997, October 2007, and June 2013 with the latest revision in December 2017. It is the intent of the Society to present this document to eliminate confusion and to set forth guidelines to conduct the business of the Society. References to masculine gender throughout this document shall be deemed to include the feminine.

### 1. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors, acting as the Audit Committee for the Society, shall audit the Treasurer's records at least once a year, after the annual Election meeting. The Society will bear the cost of the audit.

NOTE: According to Article VIII Committees, all remaining categories of this Section are Chaired by appointees; their Committees are to be assembled toward accomplishment of the following objectives.

### 2. BYLAWS CHAIRPERSON

The Bylaws shall be reviewed as necessary by the Board of Directors with the Vice President acting as Chairperson.

### 3. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

The Membership Chairperson shall be charged with the responsibility of insuring that all members whose dues are payable are notified. In addition, he shall be expected to involve himself in the active recruitment of new members. The Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for welcoming and acknowledging guests and addressing prospective members' questions regarding the Society during the General Meetings. The Membership Chairperson shall secure the necessary membership application from the prospective member(s), ensure that it is completed properly, fill out a membership card, and quote the dues for the appropriate membership class. Upon the submission of this material to the Treasurer, the applicant will be given a membership card and emailed a copy of this membership packet. It is customary for the Membership Chairperson to introduce the new member(s) to the Officers and the General Membership of the Society.

### 4. BREEDER AWARD PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson of the Breeder Award Program (BAP) to keep accurate records, as to the accomplishments of the members, and to assist all members with questions regarding the administration of the program. He should make point totals for the members available, upon request, to the Editor of the Michiana Tropical Times, for inclusion in that publication, and submit those points which are required for various other programs, such as Specialty Award Program (SAP) and the Ultimate Challenge Award Program (UCAP), that the Board of Directors deems appropriate. The Breeder Award Program Chairperson may recruit other members to serve as the Breeder Award Program Committee to assist him in fulfilling requirements as to witnessing of fry, etc. Currently, any member who has achieved Advanced Breeder status is considered a Committee member. It shall be the responsibility of the Breeder Award Program Chairperson to see that the rules governing the program are adhered to by all members of the Society that participate. Violations should be reported to the Board of Directors.

### 5. HORTICULTURE AWARD PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

In that the Horticulture Award Program (HAP) Committee is similar in nature to the Breeder Award Program Committee, the responsibilities of its Chairperson are the same. Special situations peculiar to the Horticulture Award Program are also the responsibility of the Chairperson.

### 6. AQUATIC-ANIMAL AWARD PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON

In that the Aquatic-Animal Award Program (AAP) Committee is similar in nature to the Breeder Award Program Committee, the responsibilities of its Chairperson are the same. Special situations peculiar to the Aquatic-Animal Award Program are also the responsibility of the Chairperson.

### 7. BOWL SHOW CHAIRPERSON

The Bowl Show Chairperson shall be charged with the accurate compilation of points accumulated by members of the Society participating in the Bowl Show program. He is expected to be present at all General Meetings to accept the entrance of the exhibits, select judges for the competition and present the appropriate awards. In addition, the Bowl Show Chairperson shall make point standings for the competition available, monthly, to the Editor of the Michiana Tropical Times (MTT) for publication in that Journal.

## **8. SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRPERSON**

The Special Events Chairperson is responsible for the planning of events such as the Bus Trip. Included are: arranging for the rental of the bus; getting a consensus of the stops from the membership then confirming those stops with the aquarium stores; determining the routes, stop times, and travel times for the trip; setting the cost per person, with approval of the Board of Directors, and running the trip.

## **9. ADVERTISING & PROMOTION CHAIRPERSON**

The Advertising and Promotion Chairperson is responsible for publicity for the Society, including all activities; acquisition of raffle and auction items for the Society. The acquisition and maintenance of an email list of all show and auction participants.

## **10. LIBRARIAN**

The Librarian of the Society shall be designated as the custodian of the club-owned books, videos and the bulletins collected by the Journal exchange program. His records of these publications should be kept in such a manner as to allow subject matter pertaining to information on a given topic, to be readily accessed. He should then make available to inquiring members the material they desire to see. The Librarian should devise such system of check-out and return of these materials as is necessary to compete his assigned duties. Materials which have been checked out, but not returned (at the next General Meeting), should be announced at that meeting and a notice published in the Michiana Tropical Times. The Librarian should be able to report to the general membership what materials are present in the library for their use.

## **11. PUBLICATION EDITOR**

The role of Editor of the Michiana Tropical Times (MTT) is perhaps the most involved, ongoing job within the Society. The publication of the Journal is the key element in communicating the goings-on of the Society to both its own members and interested outside parties. The Editor of the MTT shall be instructed to solicit assistance for the production of the Journal as required; to advise the Board of Directors of any problems that may arise and that would inhibit the timely publication of the Journal; and to ensure that the various Chair reports are published as required. Failure of any Chairperson to submit a report may be disclosed in the MTT. As the role of Editor is sometimes "artistic" in nature, and the success of the final result depends on the efforts of the individual involved rather than his journalistic skills, a more definitive description of the responsibilities of the Editor is not possible. Simply stated, he should do his utmost to ensure that the Society is presented in the best possible light.

## **12. ARCHIVES CHAIRPERSON**

The Archives Chairperson is responsible for maintaining all hard-copy documents, records, and publications deemed by the Board of Directors to be of historical value.

## **13. PUBLICATION EXCHANGE EDITOR**

Subject to appointment by the Michiana Tropical Times Editor, the Exchange Editor shall obtain, review, and report upon the contents of Journals and newsletters received from other Societies. This report shall take the form of a monthly column which lists, and identifies by source, all items pertinent to the Membership. This function should be regarded as an informational link between methods, trends, and events of the hobby-at-large and the Michiana Aquarium Society Library.

## **14. SPRING AUCTION CHAIRPERSON**

It is the responsibility of the Chairperson to coordinate the arrangements for the site, necessary equipment, publicity, auctioneer(s) and personnel to run the auction.

## **15. TROPICAL MAGIC CHAIRPERSON**

The Show Chairperson must be willing to accept the responsibility for seeing that the all-species show sponsored by the Society is presented. This is, admittedly, a very large job and it has become practice to appoint members to Co-Chair this event. The Chairperson is charged with the mission of seeing that the show is presented as prescribed by the Board of Directors (i.e., that the sanctioning, classes, awards, auction and other show-related events take place as published). Proceeds from the annual all-species show should be turned over to the Treasurer, as they are collected during the event, to relieve the Chairperson of that responsibility. The Show Chairperson is encouraged to recruit as much assistance from the General Membership of the Society as is needed in the performance of these tasks. The Show Chairperson shall be responsible for forwarding show results to all sanctioning organizations, such as the American Cichlid Association, as well as making them available to the Editor of the MTT for publication.

## **16. KILLIFISH KARNIVAL CHAIRPERSON**

In that the Killifish Karnival is similar in nature to the all-species show, the responsibilities of its Chairperson are the same. Special situations peculiar to the Killifish Karnival are also the responsibility of the Chairperson.

## **17. PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON**

It shall be the responsibility of the Program Chairperson to ensure that appropriate material is available to present to the general membership during the regular monthly meetings. The material should be hobby-oriented, and educational and/ or entertaining in nature. Examples of appropriate programs would include: guest speakers on a variety of topics, planned excursions to points of interest, presentations on hobby-related subjects, and the like. Because of the ongoing nature of these responsibilities, the Program Chairperson shall have the authority to spend a set amount each month as established by the Board of Directors. Reimbursement of moneys spent on behalf of the Society shall be made to the Program Chairperson by the Treasurer. The Program Chairperson is encouraged to participate in the planning of related events that take place during the annual Tropical Magic Show and the Killifish Karnival.

## **18. WEB SITE CHAIRPERSON**

The Web Site Chairperson is responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Club web site.

## **19. SOCIAL MEDIA CHAIRPERSON**

The Social Media Chairperson is responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Club social media presence (i.e. Facebook page or group). Only members of the Officers, Directors and appointed chairpersons are allowed to represent the society on social media.

## **20. SWAP MEET CHAIRPERSON**

The Swap Meet Chairperson is responsible for organizing any club swap meets, including event location and setup.

## **21. MEMBERSHIP RETENTION CHAIRPERSON**

The Membership Retention Chairperson will be in charge of organizing events, raffles, group buys, etc. in order to promote new and recurring membership.

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All Michiana Aquarium Society funds, disbursed in support of the various Chairpersons' responsibilities, shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may solicit members for appointment to all the above positions, as well as to any additional positions that may be needed.

Failing appointment of an individual to assume the responsibility of a position, those duties will become the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

# **SECTION IV**

# **PROGRAMS**

## **PROGRAMS**

### **1. BREEDER AWARD PROGRAM (BAP)**

The primary purposes of the Breeder Award Program are to recognize the achievements of members of the Society in the area of inducing aquatic life to reproduce and in the raising of the offspring of such aquatic life. In promoting this program, we, as aquarists, also recognize the positive benefits of: record-keeping regarding the breeding of aquatic life and the rearing of their young; making available, to club members, aquatic life bred and raised in local waters; increasing members general knowledge, experience and interest in the hobby.

### **2. SPECIALTY AWARD PROGRAM (SAP)**

Along with the Plateau Awards for the Breeder Award Program, there are also Specialty Awards which may be achieved. Those participants who choose to restrict their maintenance and/or breeding to a given family or group of fish, are able to earn special recognition, under the auspices of the Breeder Award Program. More generalized Breeder Award Program participants may also apply for Specialty Award recognition within their various categories of achievement. Specialty Awards represent success with a prescribed number of species, under the existing Breeder Award Program guidelines as to fry count, rearing term, and reporting requirements.

The Specialty Awards are supplements to, and governed by, the ongoing Breeder Awards Program. As Breeder Award Program participants are granted listings and points, these spawns may be applied toward the granting of Specialty Awards under the appropriate categories. Periodic Breeder Award Program postings will serve as evidence of Specialty Award status. Specialty Award forms should be requested (from the Breeder Award Program Chairperson), maintained, and submitted by each individual as a given category is chosen. Specialty Awards are granted, according to the number of spawns required under each category.

### **3. ULTIMATE CHALLENGE AWARD PROGRAM (UCAP)**

The Ultimate Challenge Award Program is an extension of the Breeder Award Program. It will be a breeding program with 9 (nine) Categories, each of which will include a designated number of species from multiple subcategories. Also included in each main category will be a certain number of required Target Fish which must be spawned to qualify for each of the nine categories.

The purpose of the Target Fish is to ensure a broad and well-rounded breeding experience within each group. Target Fish are selected based on one or more of the following: (1) limited availability, (2) specific environmental and physiological requirements, (3) pairing and spawning difficulties, and (4) hatching and rearing difficulties.

For at least 50% of the required number of target fish within each group, 2 of the 3 in the case of Cypriniformes, the breeder must submit an article, of at least 500 words, about spawning that species, or give a presentation on the subject, of at least 15 minutes duration, at a General Meeting. Any breeder who has already spawned more than 50% of the required target fish within a group before the inception of these rules is exempt in that case, and does not have to write articles or give presentations about those species.

Although a species might fit into multiple Categories, it may appear only once in the UCAP.

### **4. HORTICULTURE AWARD PROGRAM (HAP)**

The primary purposes of the Horticulture Award Program are to recognize outstanding achievement in growing and propagating aquatic plants; to gather information and knowledge of aquatic plants and their requirements; to identify new aquatic plant species and determine conditions necessary to their care in the aquarium; to establish a permanent record of aquatic plant species available within the hobby and conditions required for their maintenance.

### **5. AQUATIC-ANIMAL AWARD PROGRAM (AAP)**

The primary purposes of the Aquatic-Animal Award Program are to recognize the achievements of members of the Society in the area of inducing aquatic animals to reproduce and in the raising of the offspring of such aquatic animals. In promoting this program, we, as aquarists, also recognize the positive benefits of: record-keeping regarding the spawning or breeding habits of aquatic animals and care of their young; making available, to fellow members, aquatic animals bred and raised in local waters; increasing the general knowledge, experience, and interest of our members.

### **6. BOWL SHOW**

At each monthly General Meeting a small exhibition, dubbed the "Bowl Show", is held. There is a schedule of monthly Classes published for the entire year, except for December, and reminders of upcoming Classes are given in advance in a number of methods (usually at the preceding meeting and in the Michiana Tropical Times). Points

are awarded for first through fourth places and are calculated, culminating in an annual award. The Classes are established to attempt to cover all general classes of fish kept within the Society, and to encourage every member to participate. The benefits of the event are numerous, the prime one being to help educate the aquarist about the general aspects of showing fish.

#### a. RULES

##### Part 1.

Points will be awarded as follows:

1st Place	5 points
2nd Place	4 points
3rd Place	3 points
4th Place	2 points
Non-Placing entry	1 point

##### Part 2.

There is no limit to the number of entries.

##### Part 3.

Entries must be shown in flat-sided containers with the exception of goldfish and koi, which may be shown in tubs

##### Part 4.

Entries should be separated in such a fashion that the judge can determine which fish is being judged. (e.g., two Barbs should be shown in separate containers in order for (a) the judges to distinguish between the entries, and (b) the viewing public to be able to compare the placing of the entries).

##### Part 5.

At the end of the year, the top exhibitor(s) will receive an award, as determined by the Board of Directors, acknowledging the accomplishment.

##### Part 6.

Fish exhibited each month must conform to the Classes that are scheduled for that month.

##### Part 7.

Judging will be performed by members who do not have fish entered in the class that they are judging, using a "sight" method to expedite the computation of placement of the entries.

##### Part 8.

In all matters, the decision of the Bowl Show Chairperson shall be final.

##### Part 9.

Along with the scheduled monthly classes, each Bowl Show features balloting for a single People's Choice category (consisting of fishes, aquatic animals, plants, artwork, any aquarium-related exhibit). Monthly first-place entries are photographed; an annual People's Choice winner is voted on at the Society's December gathering. Each monthly People's Choice winner will be awarded five points. One point for all other entries.

## 7. AUCTIONS

### a. MEETING AUCTION

The Society hosts a variety of events that revolve around an auction of fish, plants, and hobby-related equipment. Each month at the General Meeting a "mini-auction" is held. At present, the proceeds of the auction are 100% to the member. These monthly auctions offer the chance to sell excess fish and other items and to obtain, at a very reasonable price, numerous new species of fish. All members and guests are invited to bring in items for auction and participate in the event.

### b. TROPICAL MAGIC & SPRING AUCTION

At the annual Tropical Magic and the annual Spring Auction, the Society hosts a larger-scale auction. The Society splits the proceeds with the seller as set by the show chairman (with board approval). All legally salable species of fish, plants, and aquatic animals (as well as other items of interest to the hobby such as equipment, books and the

like) are acceptable at this event. Check the specific information published before each year's event for further details and copies of the auction registration form to be used.

### **c. KILLIFISH KARNIVAL AUCTION**

The "Killifish Karnival" provides the hobbyist with a slightly different platform on which to buy and sell fish and equipment. Due to the nature of the event (limited to species of Killifish only), items offered for sale may only be killifish- related (fish, plants and equipment). A 70%/30% split ratio for the proceeds of the auction holds for this event. Consult the specific Show flyer for the Killifish Karnival for exact details on any given year's auction.

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Donations from individual members, area pet shops, wholesalers and manufacturers are always welcome at Society auctions. We always try to announce these donations to those in attendance so that the generosity of the donor receives the best possible acknowledgment. Each Show will have a person that has been designated as the Auction Chairperson, and arrangements regarding contributions to the Society auction should be taken up with this person.

As is the standard practice among most aquarium societies, the Society will mail all split proceeds to the seller within 10 days after the event. Proceeds from the auctions at the General Meetings, however, will be paid immediately following the final sale. All buyers are expected to settle their accounts at the end of each auction.

## **8. OTHER ACTIVITIES**

### **a. CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The December General Meeting has traditionally been held earlier in the afternoon on Sundays. This is to allow the club to reward active members with a "potluck" dinner, followed by the presentation of the various annual awards such as the Award Program category winners, the Bowl Show competition winner, and any others that may arise.

### **b. SUMMER PICNIC**

The July General Meeting has traditionally been held earlier in the afternoon on Sundays. This is to allow the club to reward active members with a "potluck" picnic.

### **c. SPECIAL EVENTS**

Depending on the interest of the membership, special events such as bus trips are planned to various area cities for the expressed purpose of visiting aquarium shops and/or public aquaria. Other events may be collecting trips, fish room hops, etc.

### **d. MEETING RAFFLE**

At monthly meetings, certain prizes may be designated for availability to the members. Tickets are sold during breaks in the meeting; the drawing usually takes place during the auction. Only Members of the Society may participate in the prize drawing as an incentive for those guests in attendance to join the Society.

### **e. SWAP MEET**

The Swap Meet Chair will organize swap meet(s) in order to promote the exchange of aquarium related items.

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It is the responsibility of members to update this Handbook (e.g., Bylaws, Breeder Award Program rules), as regard hard- copy volumes maintained by them; revisions will be published (marked by revision date) on the website.

**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

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**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**BREEDER**

**AWARD**

**PROGRAM**

# BREEDER AWARD PROGRAM

## 1. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Breeders' Award Program (BAP) is to recognize the achievements of members of the Michiana Aquarium Society (MAS) in the area of inducing fish to reproduce and in the raising of the offspring of such fish. In promoting this program, we, as aquarists, also recognize the positive benefits of:

- A. Record-keeping regarding the spawning or breeding habits of fish and their young.
- B. Making available, to club members, fish bred and raised in local waters.
- C. Increasing general knowledge, experience, and interest of our members.

## 2. BREEDER AWARD COMMITTEE

This Committee shall include all members, in good standing, who have attained the minimum of Advance Breeder (Plateau II) status. When a vote of the Committee is required, a majority accord must be reached, by a quorum of the Committee members present (ties, if any, will be forwarded to the Board of Directors with no recommendation either way) to carry any motion. All rulings or recommendations of the BAP Committee are subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The BAP Chairperson, a voting member of the Committee, is an appointee of the President of the Society (with ratification of the Board).

## 3. PLATEAUS

Eight plateaus of achievement may be earned by the Aquarist so recognized by the MAS. Appropriate awards will be presented to the member reaching each plateau. Either a certificate or plaque will be presented to the aquarist upon achieving each plateau. Life-Member Breeders will be granted full membership privileges, dues waived, until becoming inactive in the ordinary activities of the MAS for one full year (displacement and reinstatement requires a vote of the Board of Directors). Achieving certain plateaus requires submission of a particular number of qualified articles for publication in the MTT. A qualified article is one that deals with the spawning of a species which the member has submitted for BAP recognition (either a complete or partial spawn), and must be at least 500 words in length. Subsequent articles about the same species do not again qualify. An aquarist must meet all requirements of each plateau before advancing to the next. Points and articles accumulate from one plateau to the next.

To earn the awards of recognition, the aquarist must document the following achievements:

<b>PLATEAU I. BREEDER</b> Requires no qualifying articles.	<b>80 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU II. ADVANCED BREEDER</b> Requires two qualifying articles.	<b>150 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU III. EXPERT BREEDER</b> Requires three qualifying articles.	<b>300 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU IV. ADVANCED EXPERT BREEDER</b> Requires five qualifying articles. Requires at least one spawning from five of ten specialty categories (listed under the SAP).	<b>500 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU V. MASTER BREEDER</b> Requires seven qualifying articles.	<b>750 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU VI. GRAND MASTER BREEDER</b> Requires ten qualifying articles.	<b>1000points</b>
<b>PLATEAU VII. DISTINGUISHED MASTER BREEDER</b> Requires fifteen qualifying articles.	<b>1500points</b>
<b>PLATEAU VIII. DISTINGUISHED GRAND MASTER BREEDER</b> Requires twenty qualifying articles.	<b>2000 points</b>

#### 4. REQUIREMENTS FOR POINTS

**Class "A" ..... 10 points**

Aquarist must spawn a species and raise ten (10) offspring to at least 60 days free-swimming. The offspring must be witnessed at a General Meeting of the MAS. Offspring must be identified as to species and breeder and made available for viewing by the Membership. An exhibition area will be provided at all General Meetings. The offspring exhibited must remain on display until the auction at the end of the meeting.

**Class "B" ..... 5 points**

In the interest of encouraging the propagation of as many fish as possible (and recognizing the great diversity within some taxonomic specifications), the BAP Committee may under certain conditions, recognize subspecies, color variations, and/or location designations (within individual subspecies) as worthy of additional pointing. The awarding of said points will be ruled upon, under a case-by-case format, by the BAP Committee. All offspring are subject to the rules described in Class "A" for displaying and witnessing.

**Class "C" ..... 5 points**

In conjunction with the initial (to the BAP) spawning of any species, the aquarist, regardless of plateau level, must submit a qualifying article to be awarded the five (5) New Species points. It is the aquarist's responsibility to request verification, by the BAP Chairperson, of the species' first- ...time appearance within the BAP. Once the spawn is established as one of New-Species status, the required article must be submitted within ninety (90) days.

#### 5. ADDITIONAL RULES

- A.** Points will be awarded only for species spawned while under the care of the reporting aquarist.
- B.** Points will not be awarded for hatching eggs, rearing fry, or providing delivery conditions for known-gravid livebearing species, obtained from another party.
- C.** BAP forms must be completed by the aquarist, witnessed, and submitted to the BAP Chairperson within six (6) months of the reaching of free swimming stage (i.e., four (4) months after the offspring become eligible for witnessing).
- D.** All fish must be identifiable when turned in for BAP points.
- E.** No points will be awarded until all requirements are met.
- F.** Following a successful spawning and reporting by the aquarist, it is the aquarist's responsibility to see that all points have been properly recorded and tabulated by the BAP Chairperson.
- G.** Participants, from Household Memberships, must submit BAP Forms as individuals. Fishes of the same species or variety may be submitted by as many Household Members as are able to validly spawn them on his or her own ability.

## FISH

### FEDERAL PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST:

Alewife  
Northern Snakehead  
Eurasian Ruffe  
Asian Swamp Eel  
Round Goby  
Sea Lamprey  
Lionfish  
Flathead Catfish

*Alosa pseudoharengus*  
*Channa argus*  
*Gymnocephalus cernuus*  
*Monopterus albus*  
*Neogobius melanostomus*  
*Petromyzon marinus*  
*Pterois volitans*  
*Pylodictis olivaris*

### INDIANA PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST:

Indiana prohibits the importation, possession, or release into public or private waters of specified live fish.

Snakehead  
Exotic Catfish  
Grass Carp  
Bighead Carp  
Black Carp  
Silver Carp  
Zander  
White Perch  
Rudd  
Ruffe  
Round Goby  
Tubenose Goby

family Channidae  
family Clariidae  
*Ctenopharyngodon idella*  
*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*  
*Mylopharyngodon piceus*  
*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*  
*Sander lucioperca*  
*Morone americana*  
*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*  
*Gymnocephalus cernuus*  
*Neogobius melanostomus*  
*Proterorhinus marmoratus*

Indiana prohibits anyone to import, possess, propagate, buy, sell, barter, trade, transfer, lend or release into public or private waters.

### MICHIGAN PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST:

Prohibited and Restricted Species in Michigan.

"Prohibited fish species" means any of the following or the eggs thereof:

Snakehead  
Grass Carp  
Silver Carp  
Bighead Carp  
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Japanese Weatherfish  
Black Carp  
Bitterling  
Rudd  
Tench  
Ruffe  
Round Goby  
Tubenose Goby

family Channidae  
*Ctenopharyngodon idellus*  
*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*  
*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*  
*Leuciscus idus*  
*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*  
*Mylopharyngodon piceus*  
*Rhodeus sericeus*  
*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*  
*Tinca tinca*  
*Gymnocephalus cernuus*  
*Neogobius melanostomus*  
*Proterorhinus marmoratus*

A person shall not knowingly possess a live organism if the organism is a prohibited species or restricted species or a hybrid or genetically engineered variant thereof.

**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**SPECIALTY**

**AWARD**

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## **SPECIALTY AWARD PROGRAM**

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As BAP participants are granted listings and points, these spawns may be applied toward the granting of Specialty Awards under the appropriate categories. No ongoing ledgers will be maintained; periodic BAP printouts will serve as evidence of Specialty Award status. Specialty Award forms should be requested from the Breeders' Award Program Chairperson, maintained and submitted by each individual as a given category is chosen. Specialty Awards are granted, according to the number of spawns required under each category.\*

The Specialty Award Categories\* (and spawn requirements) are as follows:

<b>Specialty Category</b>	<b>Number of Species Required</b>
<b>1. Anabantoids</b>	<b>Five (5)</b>
<b>2. Catfish</b>	<b>Five (5)</b>
<b>3. Characins (order Characiformes)</b>	<b>Five (5)</b>
<b>4. Cichlids (Old World)</b>	<b>Ten (10)</b>
<b>5. Cichlids (New World)</b>	<b>Ten (10)</b>
<b>6. Cyprinids (family Cyprinidae)</b>	<b>Ten (10)</b>
<b>7. Killifish (family Cyprinodontidae)</b>	<b>Ten (10)</b>
<b>8. Livebearers</b>	<b>Ten (10)</b>
<b>9. AOV Freshwater/Brackish</b>	<b>Five (5)</b>
<b>10. Marine Fish</b>	<b>Five (5)</b>

\*The number of species required in each category constitutes one level of achievement, with subsequent levels being in multiples of that number (e.g. 5 catfish species = level 1; 10 catfish species = level 2. At level 10 a plaque may be awarded. Once assigned a category (based on objective Committee consideration of proper placement), each spawn assignment will apply to all participants' submissions.

**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**ULTIMATE  
CHALLENGE  
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PROGRAM**

## ULTIMATE CHALLENGE AWARD PROGRAM

The Ultimate Challenge Award Program is an extension of the Breeders' Award Program. It will be a breeding program with 9 (nine) Categories, each of which will include a designated number of species from multiple subcategories. Also included in each main category will be a certain number of required "Target Fish" which must to be spawned to qualify for each of the nine categories.

The purpose of the Target Fish is to ensure a broad and well-rounded breeding experience within each group. Target Fish are selected based on one or more of the following: (1) limited availability, (2) specific environmental and physiological requirements, (3) pairing and spawning difficulties, and (4) hatching and rearing difficulties.

For at least 50% of the required number of target fish within each group (2 of the 3 in the case of Cypriniformes), the breeder must submit an article (of at least 500 words) about spawning that species, or give a presentation on the subject (of at least 15 minutes duration) at a club meeting. (Any breeder who has already spawned more than 50% of the required target fish within a group before the inception of these rules is exempt in that case, and does not have to write articles or give presentations about those species.)

Although a species might fit into multiple categories, it may appear only once in the UCAP.

The format is as follows:

### Group #1 – Old World Cichlids 42 different species required in the following categories

Lake Malawi	10 species
Lake Tanganyika	10 species
Dwarf (less than 5"/12cm total length)	7 species
Lake Victorian	7 species
West African	4 species
Riverine	2 species
Asian	1 species
Madagascar	1 species

### Included in the 42 required species are 4 required Target Fish from any of the following:

<i>Cyphotilapia frontosa</i>	
<i>Teleogramma brichardi</i>	
Any Tanganyikan sandsifter	1 species
Any Cyprichromis	up to 2 species
Any Eretmodus, Spathodus, or Tanganicodus irsacae	up to 2 species
Any Steatocranus (except casuarius)	up to 2 species
Any Tropheus	up to 2 species

### Group #2 – New World Cichlids 30 different species required in the following categories

Central & North American	15 species
South American	8 species
Dwarf (less than 5"/12cm total length) (including at least 2 Apistogramma species)	7 species

### Included in the 30 required species are 4 required Target Fish from any of the following:

<i>Dicrossus filamentosus</i>	
<i>Mikrogeophagus ramirezi</i>	
Oscar ( <i>Astronotus</i> spp)	
Uaru <i>amphiacanthoides</i>	
Any Chocolate Cichlid	1 species
Any Discus	1 species
Any Apistogramma (except <i>cacatuoides</i> )	up to 2 species
Any Pike Cichlid	up to 2 species



**Group #3 – Killifish 42 different species required in the following categories**

New World Plant Spawner	7 species
New World Soil Spawner	10 species
Old World Plant Spawner	15 species
Old World Soil Spawner	4 species
Native (USA)	6 species

**Included in the 42 required species are 4 required Target Fish from any of the following:**

<i>Lamprichthys tanganicanus</i>	
<i>Nothobranchius rachovii</i> or <i>Terranatos dolichopterus</i>	
Any Procatopus	1 species
Any Pterolebias type	1 species
Any "Diapteron"	up to 2 species
Any Epiplatys (except dageti)	up to 2 species
Any Pupfish	up to 2 species

**Group #4 – Anabantoids 10 different species required in the following categories**

Asian (including at least: 2 species of Bubble-Nesting Betta, 1 species of Mouthbrooding Betta, & 4 species of Gourami)	9 species
African	1 species

**Included in the 10 required species are 2 required Target Fish from any of the following:**

<i>Betta unimaculata</i>	
Any Ctenopoma	1 species
Any Chocolate Gourami	1 species
Any Licorice Gourami	1 species

**Group #5 – Catfish 18 different species required in the following categories**

New World (maximum of 7 Corydoras)	12 species
Old World	4 species
USA indigenous	2 species

**Included in the 18 required species are 2 required Target Fish from any of the following:**

<i>Synodontis angelicus</i>	
Any Bubble Nest Builder	1 species
Any Bumblebee Cat	1 species
Any Rafael Cat	1 species
Any Whiptail Cat	1 species
Any Wood Cat	1 species

**Group #6 – Livebearers 35 different species required in the following categories**

New World	31 species
Old World	4 species

**Included in the 35 required species are 4 required Target Fish from any of the following:**

<i>Belonesox belizanus</i>	
Any Anableps	1 species
Any Brachyrhaphis	1 species
Any Jenynsia	1 species
Any Goodeid	1 species
Any Halfbeak	up to 2 species

**Group #7 – Characins 16 different species required in the following categories**

New World (including at least 2 Pencilfish)	14 species
Old World	2 species

**Included in the 16 required species are 2 required Target Fish from any of the following:**

Cardinal Tetra ( <i>Paracheirodon axelrodi</i> )	
Congo Tetra ( <i>Phenacogrammus interruptus</i> )	
Emperor Tetra ( <i>Nematobrycon palmeri</i> )	
Neon Tetra ( <i>Paracheirodon innesi</i> )	
Splash Tetra ( <i>Copella arnoldi</i> )	
Any African Tetra	1 species
Any Hatchet Fish	1 species
Any Headstander	1 species

**Group #8 – Cypriniformes 18 different species required in the following categories**

New World	7 species
Old World	11 species

**Included in the 18 required species are 3 required Target Fish from any of the following:**

Any Barb	1 species
Any Dace	up to 2 species
Any Loach	up to 2 species
Any Rasbora	up to 2 species
Any Shark	up to 2 species

**Group #9 – Odd Balls 17 different species required in the following categories**

New World	7 species
Old World (including Australia)	8 species
Gobies	2 species

**Included in the 17 required species are 2 required Target Fish from any of the following:**

<i>Iriatherina werneri</i>	
Any Archerfish ( <i>Toxotes spp.</i> )	1 species
Any <i>Badis</i>	1 species
Any Darter	1 species
Any Marine Fish	1 species
Any <i>Monodactylus</i> or <i>Scatophagus</i>	1 species
Any Mudskipper	1 species
Any <i>Polypterus</i>	1 species
Any Stickleback	1 species

**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**HORTICULTURE**

**AWARD**

**PROGRAM**

# HORTICULTURE AWARD PROGRAM

## 1. PURPOSE

- A. To recognize outstanding achievement in growing and propagating aquatic plants.
- B. To gather information and knowledge of aquatic plants and their requirements with the additional bonus of having more beautiful aquariums.
- C. To identify new aquatic plant species and determine conditions necessary to their care in the aquarium.
- D. To establish a permanent record of aquatic plant species available within the hobby and conditions required for their maintenance.

## 2. HORTICULTURE AWARD COMMITTEE

This committee shall include all members, in good standing, who have attained a minimum of Aquatic Horticulturist status (level 2). The HAP Chairperson, a voting member of the committee, is an appointee of the President of the Michiana Aquarium Society (with ratification by the Board). When a vote of the committee is required, a majority accord must be reached by a quorum of committee members (ties, if any, will be forwarded to the Board of Directors with no recommendation either way) to carry any motion. If there are an insufficient number of eligible committee members to achieve a quorum, the HAP Chairperson has authority to make the approval of the Board of Directors.

## 3. REQUIREMENTS

- A. Plants reproduced must conform with the following definition of an aquatic plant: "An aquatic plant is one which, in the wild or native state, can be found in the submerged form as a normal occurrence at some time during any one complete season.
- B. Plants are to be identified. Unidentifiable species will be assigned a code number for recording purposes until scientifically identified. Unidentified or new species report forms, along with good quality color slides, should be submitted to the HAP Chairperson.
- C. The best book for identification of aquatic plants published to date is Encyclopedia of Water Plants by Dr. Jiri Stodola, which will be the main source for identification of most species.
- D. The HAP Chairperson shall be responsible for verification of propagations.
- E. Achieving certain plateaus requires submission of a particular number of qualified articles for publication in the MTT. A qualified article is one that deals with the propagating of a species which the member has submitted for HAP recognition and must be at least 500 words in length. Subsequent articles about the same species do not qualify. An aquarist must meet all requirements of each plateau before advancing to the next. Points and articles accumulate from one plateau to the next.

## 4. AWARDS

- A. A certificate, suitable for framing, will be provided for participants attaining each level of accomplishment according to the guidelines that follow.
- B. An inscribed plaque may be provided for those participants achieving the highest level of accomplishment.
- C. Special Awards may be presented for outstanding accomplishment at the discretion of the HAP Committee.

## 5. LEVELS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

### BEGINNING AQUATIC HORTICULTURIST

30 points from class A or B or 4 species. Requires no qualifying articles.

### AQUATIC HORTICULTURIST

100 points with 2 species from class C and 2 from class D or 12 species. Requires 2 qualifying articles.

### SENIOR AQUATIC HORTICULTURIST

160 points with 1 species from class E or 28 species. Requires 3 qualifying articles.

### MASTER AQUATIC HORTICULTURIST

300 points with 1 species from class F or 35 species. Requires 5 qualifying articles.

### GRAND MASTER AQUATIC HORTICULTURIST

350 points with 4 species from class F. Requires 8 qualifying articles.

## 6. REPRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS

**A.** For all species, verification and registration of propagation in Classes A through D may be verified by a member of the HAP Committee or by the HAP Chairperson. Classes E and F must be verified by the HAP Chairperson and in the case of Class F the plant must be witnessed at least twice; one when the flower is in full bloom and once when the young plants are old enough to be recognized as being young of the parent plant.

**B.** Floating Plants - Doubling of the original number.

**C.** Bunch Plants - Doubling of the original number to be determined by the root count of growing stems.

**D.** Reproduction by runner or division - One healthy plant capable of living independently from the parent plant while the parent plant is still alive and in good health. Floating or Bunch type plants should not be considered part of this classification.

**E.** Sexual Reproduction - One plant reproduced by sexual means from an aquarist's own parent plant. Seeds are to be produced from this plant, not from a supplier, plant distributor, or other outside source.

**F.** Flowerings - Must be verified when in full bloom and attached to the member's own plant, in the aquarium or pond.

## 7. PLANT GROUPINGS & POINT ALLOCATIONS

### CLASS A – 5 points

Any Azolla species, Any Ceratophyllum species, Any Elodea species, Any Hygrophilla species, Any Lemna species, Any Riccia species, Any Salvinia species, Any Sagitaria species, Any Ceratopteris species

### CLASS B – 10 Points

Any Ambulia species, Any Bacopa species, Any Cardamine species, Any Cabomba species, Any Fontinalis species, Any Heteranthera species, Any Hydrilla species, Any Lobelia species, Any Ludwigia species, Any Hydrocotyle species, Any Myriophyllum species, Any Nitella species, Any Nomophila species, Any Najas species, Any Nuphar species, Any Potamogeton species, Any Nymphoides species, Any Rotala species, Any Utricularia species, Any Eleocharis species, Water Wisteria, Samolus valerandi, Pigmy Chain Sword, Chain of Stars Code #10

### CLASS C – 15 Points

Any Aponogeton species, Didiplis diandra, Any Echorina species, Any Marsilea species except Madagascar Lace Plants, Any Pistia species, Any Cryptocoryne species, Any Echinodorus species, Any Isotes species except Pygmy Chain Sword, Microsorium pteropus, Trapa natans

### CLASS D – 20 Points

Any Aldrovandia species, Any Lagenandra species, Ottellia alismoides, Any Anubias species, Madagascar Lace Plants, Spatterdock (all varieties)

### CLASS E – Flowering - +10 Points

Extra points and recognition will be awarded for all reported flowerings of aquatic plants. It is suggested that photographs be taken for the HAP Library.

### CLASS F – Propagation from seeds - Points (see above)

Seed must be produced from aquarist's flowers (spores in the case of ferns). Points will be the same as the above categories. A description must be included with the report form.

## FEDERAL PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST:

Certain plant species have not only become established in the wild, but have done so well that they are now considered a noxious weed or a nuisance species. Local, State, and Federal Government agencies spend many millions of dollars every year trying to control them. No responsible hobbyist should ever keep, sell or otherwise distribute, or discard any of these species in the wild or even down the drain. Interstate distribution or sale and/or interstate transport of these species is illegal. Responsible hobbyists should destroy all plants on this list by drying and burning. Composting is not an acceptable way to dispose of these plants.

The species below are on the Federal list.

Alligatorweed	Alternanthera philoxeroides
Giant Reed	Arundo donax
Mosquito Fern, Water Velvet	Azolla pinnata*
Mediterranean Caulerpa	Caulerpa taxifolia*
Didymo	Didymosphenia geminata
Brazilian Waterweed	Egeria densa***
Rooted or Anchored Water Hyacinth	Eichornia azurea*
Water Hyacinth	Eichornia crassipes
Hydrilla	Hydrilla verticillata***
Common Hygro, Miramar Weed	Hygrophila polysperma*
Chinese Water Spinach	Ipomoea aquatica*
African Oxygen Weed	Lagarosiphon major***
Giant Ambulia	Limnophila sessiflora*
Purple Loosestrife	Lythrum salicaria**
Melaleuca	Melaleuca quinquenervia
Arrow-Leafed Monochoria	Monochoria hastata*
Monochoria	Monochoria vaginalis*
Eurasian Watermilfoil	Myriophyllum spicatum***
Duck Lettuce	Ottelia alismoides*
Common Reed	Phragmites australis
Water Lettuce	Pistia stratiotes
Curly Pondweed	Potamogeton crispus
Arrowhead	Sagittaria sagittifolia*
Wavy-Leaf Salvinia	Salvinia auriculata***
Giant Salvinia	Salvinia biloba***
Herzog's Salvinia	Salvinia herzogii***
Giant Salvinia	Salvinia molesta***
Wetland Nightshade	Solanum tampicense
Exotic Bur-Reed	Sparganium erectum*
Water Chestnut	Trapa natans***

\* Also on the Indiana prohibited species list.

\*\* Also on the Michigan prohibited species list.

\*\*\* Also on the Indiana and Michigan prohibited species list.

## INDIANA PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST:

Prohibited Invasive Aquatic Plants in the State of Indiana.

Azolla pinnata	mosquito fern*
Butomus umbellatus	flowering rush**
Caulerpa taxifolia	caulerpa or Mediterranean killer algae*
Egeria densa	Brazilian elodea, Brazilian waterweed, Anacharis, or Egeria***
Eichhornia azurea	anchored water hyacinth*
Hydrilla verticillata	Hydrilla or water thyme***
Hydrocharis morsus-ranae	European frogbit or common frogbit**
Hygrophilia polysperma	Miramar weed, Indiana swampweed, or hygro*
Ipomoea aquatic	Chinese waterspinach or swamp morning-glory*
Iris pseudacorus	yellow flag iris or tall yellow iris**
Lagarosiphon major	oxygen weed or African elodea***
Limnophila sessiliflora	Asian marshweed or ambulia*
Monochoria hastate	monochoria, arrowleaf, or false pickerelweed*
Monochoria vaginalis	heartshape or false pickerelweed*
Myriophyllum aquaticum	parrot feather or parrot feather watermilfoil**
Myriophyllum spicatum	Eurasian watermilfoil***
Najas minor	brittle naiad or brittle water nymph
Nymphoides peltata	yellow floating heart**
Ottelia alismoides	duck lettuce*
Potamogeton crispus	curlyleaf pondweed**
Sagittaria sagittifolia	arrowhead*
Salvinia auriculata	giant salvinia***
Salvinia biloba	giant salvinia***
Salvinia herzogii	giant salvinia***
Salvinia molesta	giant salvinia***
Sparganium erectum	exotic bur-reed*
Trapa natans	water chestnut****
Typha angustifolia	narrow-leaf cattail

A Person is Prohibited from Doing the Following:

Transport, Sell, Offer for Sale, Gift, Barter, Exchange, or Distribute any of these Species.

\* Also on the Federal prohibited species list.

\*\* Also on the Michigan prohibited species list.

\*\*\* Also on the Federal and Michigan prohibited species list.

## MICHIGAN PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST:

Michigan Aquatic Invasive Species Laws define the following as prohibited and restricted aquatic plant species.

"Prohibited aquatic plant species" means any of the following or fragments or seeds thereof:

Brazilian Elodea	<i>Egeria densa</i> ***
Japanese Knotweed	<i>Fallopia japonica</i>
Giant Hogweed	<i>Heracleum mantegazzianum</i>
Hydrilla	<i>Hydrilla verticillata</i> ***
European Frogbit	<i>Hydrocharis morsus-ranae</i> **
Yellow Flag Iris	<i>Iris pseudacorus</i> **
African Oxygen Weed	<i>Lagarosiphon major</i> ***
Parrot's Feather	<i>Myriophyllum aquaticum</i> **
Yellow floating Heart	<i>Nymphoides peltata</i> **
Giant Salvinia	<i>Salvinia auriculata</i> ***
Giant Salvinia	<i>Salvinia biloba</i> ***
Giant Salvinia	<i>Salvinia herzogii</i> ***
Giant Salvinia	<i>Salvinia molesta</i> ***
Water Chestnut	<i>Trapa natans</i> ***

"Restricted aquatic plant species" means any of the following or fragments or seeds thereof:

Flowering Rush	<i>Butomus umbellatus</i> **
Purple Loosestrife	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i> *
Eurasian Watermilfoil	<i>Myriophyllum spicatum</i> ***
Curly Leaf Pondweed	<i>Potamogeton crispus</i> **

A person shall not knowingly possess a live organism if the organism is a prohibited species or restricted species or a hybrid or genetically engineered variant thereof.

\* Also on the Federal prohibited species list.

\*\* Also on the Indiana prohibited species list.

\*\*\* Also on the Federal and Indiana prohibited species list.



**MICHIANA AQUARIUM SOCIETY**

**AQUATIC-ANIMAL  
AWARD  
PROGRAM**

# AQUATIC-ANIMAL AWARD PROGRAM

## 1. PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Aquatic-Animal Award Program (AAP) is to recognize the achievements of members of the Michiana Aquarium Society (MAS) in the area of inducing aquatic animals to reproduce and in the raising of the offspring of such aquatic animals. In promoting this program, we, as aquarists, also recognize the positive benefits of:

- A. Record-keeping regarding the spawning or breeding habits of aquatic animals and their young.
- B. Making available, to club members, aquatic animals bred and raised in local waters.
- C. Increasing general knowledge, experience, and interest for our members.

## 2. AQUATIC-ANIMAL AWARD COMMITTEE

This Committee shall include all members, in good standing, who have attained the minimum of Breeder (Plateau I) status. Since potentially qualifying life forms are so diverse, each species must be validated by Committee vote. When a vote of the Committee is required, a majority accord must be reached, by a quorum of the Committee members present (ties, if any, will be forwarded to the Board of Directors with no recommendation either way) to carry any motion. All rulings or recommendations of the AAP Committee are subject to approval of the Board of Directors. The AAP Chairperson, a voting member of the Committee, is an appointee of the President of the MAS (with ratification of the Board).

## 3. PLATEAUS

Eight plateaus of achievement may be earned by the Aquarist so recognized by the MAS. Appropriate awards will be presented to the member reaching each plateau. Either a certificate or plaque will be presented to the aquarist upon achieving each plateau. Achieving certain plateaus requires submission of a particular number of qualified articles for publication in the MTT. A qualified article is one that deals with the breeding of a species which the member has submitted for AAP recognition (either a complete or partial breeding), and must be at least 500 words in length. Subsequent articles about the same species do not again qualify. An aquarist must meet all requirements of each plateau before advancing to the next. Points and articles accumulate from one plateau to the next.

To earn the awards of recognition, the aquarist must document the following achievements:

<b>PLATEAU I. BREEDER</b> Requires no qualifying articles.	<b>80 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU II. ADVANCED BREEDER</b> Requires two qualifying articles.	<b>150 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU III. EXPERT BREEDER</b> Requires three qualifying articles.	<b>300 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU IV. ADVANCED EXPERT BREEDER</b> Requires five qualifying articles.	<b>500 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU V. MASTER BREEDER</b> Requires seven qualifying articles.	<b>750 points</b>
<b>PLATEAU VI. GRAND MASTER BREEDER</b> Requires ten qualifying articles.	<b>1000points</b>
<b>PLATEAU VII. DISTINGUISHED MASTER BREEDER</b> Requires fifteen qualifying articles.	<b>1500points</b>
<b>PLATEAU VIII. DISTINGUISHED GRAND MASTER BREEDER</b> Requires twenty qualifying articles.	<b>2000 points</b>

#### **4. REQUIREMENTS FOR POINTS**

##### **Class “A”**

**10 points**

Aquarist must breed a species and raise ten (10) offspring to at least 60 days self-mobile. The offspring must be witnessed at a General Meeting of the MAS. Offspring must be identified as to species and breeder and made available for viewing by the Membership. An exhibition area will be provided at all General Meetings. The offspring exhibited must remain on display until the auction at the end of the meeting.

##### **Class “B”**

**5 points**

In the interest of encouraging the propagation of as many animals as possible (and recognizing the great diversity within some taxonomic specifications), the AAP Committee may under certain conditions, recognize subspecies, color variations, and/or location designations (within individual subspecies) as worthy of additional pointing. The awarding of said points will be ruled upon, under a case-by-case format, by the AAP Committee. All offspring are subject to the rules described in Class “A” for displaying and witnessing.

##### **Class “C”**

**5 points**

In conjunction with the initial (to the AAP) breeding of any species, the aquarist, regardless of plateau level, must submit a qualifying article to be awarded the five (5) New Species points. It is the aquarist's responsibility to request verification, by the AAP Chairperson, of the species' first-time appearance within the AAP. Once the breeding is established as one of New-Species status, the required article must be submitted within ninety (90) days.

#### **5. ADDITIONAL RULES**

A. Points will be awarded only for specimens bred while under the confined control and managed care of the reporting aquarist.

B. Points will not be awarded for hatching eggs, rearing young, or providing delivery conditions for known gravid livebearing species, obtained from another party.

C. AAP forms must be completed by the aquarist, witnessed, and submitted to the AAP Chairperson within six (6) months of the reaching of self-mobility (i.e., four (4) months after the offspring become eligible for witnessing).

D. All animals must be identifiable when turned in for AAP points.

E. No points will be awarded until all requirements are met.

F. Following a successful breeding and reporting by the aquarist, it is the aquarist's responsibility to see that all points have been properly recorded and tabulated by the AAP Chairperson.

G. Participants, from Household Memberships, must submit AAP Forms as individuals. Animals of the same species or variety may be submitted by as many Household Members as are able to validly breed them on his or her own ability.

## **AQUATIC ANIMALS**

### **FEDERAL PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST:**

Spiny Water Flea  
European Green Crab  
Asian Clam  
Sea Squirt  
Quagga Mussel  
Zebra Mussel  
Chinese Mitten Crab  
Asian Shore Crab  
Bullfrog  
Nutria  
Rusty Crayfish  
New Zealand Mud Snail  
White Spotted Jellyfish  
Veined Rapa Whelk  
Clubbed Tunicate

Bythotrephes longimanus  
Carcinus maenas  
Corbicula fluminea  
Didemnum vexillum  
Dreissena bugensis  
Dreissena polymorpha  
Eriocheir sinensis  
Hemigrapsus sanguineus  
Lithobates catesbeianus  
Myocastor coypus  
Orconectes rusticus  
Potamopyrgus antipodarum  
Phyllorhiza punctata  
Rapana venosa  
Styela clava

### **INDIANA PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST**

Asiatic Clam  
Zebra Mussel  
Quagga Mussel

Corbicula Fluminea  
Dreissena polymorpha  
Dreissena rostriformis  
bugensis

### **MICHIGAN PROHIBITED SPECIES LIST**

Zebra Mussel  
Quagga Mussel  
  
Rusty Crayfish

Dreissena polymorpha  
Dreissena rostriformis  
bugensis  
Orconectes rusticus