

# 2018 Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Trail Conference

><> *Beaver Island, MI* ><> *September 12-13, 2018* ><>

## *“Fisheries Heritage in a Digital World”*

### Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Experiencing Beaver Island**

\*\*1:40 ferry arrives to Island – CMU staff will pick you up from ferry docks (or if flying, pickup from airport as arranged)

- 2:00 p.m.     **Registration and networking picnic** at CMU Biological Station
- 4:00 p.m.     **Guided tour of Beaver Island** (approximately one hour) exploring history, fishery heritage, and interpretive efforts (and future ideas and opportunities!)
- BI Historical Society Museum
  - CMU Boat House (Research Station) on Whiskey Point
- 5:30 p.m.     **Dinner** – CMU Biological Station cafeteria
- 6:30 p.m.     **Business meeting** of Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Consortium (open to all), immediately following dinner
- 7:30 p.m.     **Evening experiences of Beaver Island:** evening social at the CMU lodge and with BI Historical Society on the beach. Social gathering at lodge, campfire, etc.

### Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

#### **CMU Biological Station: James Gillingham Academic Center**

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- 7:30-9 a.m.    Networking Breakfast (CMU Biological Station Cafeteria)
- 9:00 a.m.     **Welcome**, introductions, and opening remarks – *Brandon Schroeder, MI Sea Grant*
- 9:30 a.m.     **Panel 1: Beaver Island History and Heritage**
- *John Gordon and Jessica Kosiara, Central Michigan University* – history and heritage of Great Lakes research on island, past and present
  - *Lori Taylor-Blitz, Beaver Island Historical Society* – historical society and role of interpreting fisheries heritage on Beaver Island
  - *Justin Kenwabikise, Beaver Island fisherman (invited)* - values of fish and fishing to Island (past, present, future), a local fisherman’s perspective

*Coffee Break*

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- 10:45 a.m. **Panel 2: Opportunities sharing and connecting digitally (Website Elements)**
- **Dan Spegel, Michigan Dept of Natural Resources** – connecting fisheries heritage with state trails efforts and initiatives
  - **Dan Stewart, History by Design** – connecting the dots, Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage trail stories
  - **Brandon Schroeder, Michigan Sea Grant** –promoting your organization, information, and educational opportunities online

- 11:45 a.m. **A ‘Third Coast Conversation’** – led by Lori Taylor-Blitz, BI Historical Society  
\*\* No fee required to join & participate in this portion of agenda discussion

*Beaver Island recently hosted the statewide traveling Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit this past summer. As part of this effort, this third coast conversation is designed to engage folk in discussion about the importance, values, and issues relating to our waterways – specifically our Great Lakes fisheries. An engaging discussion that you can easily replicate in your own community!*

- 12:30 p.m. Networking lunch (CMU Biological Station Cafeteria)**

- 1:15 p.m. **Keynote speaker – Dan Benjamin**  
*Stories from Beaver Island: how fisheries and Great Lakes waterfronts have influenced the history and heritage of Beaver Island.*

- 2:00 p.m. **Our GLFH Website in Action – led by Jim Muratzki**  
**Land Information Access Association**  
*An interactive Great Lakes Fisheries Heritage Trails website has been a year in design – with many partners contributing in dreaming and developing this website tool for our network. This session will serve to introduce you to the new GLFH Trail website platform, provide access and training for using website, and explore interest and opportunity for improving this website tool for our network.*

- 3:15 p.m. **Final remarks**

- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn and safe travels**

**Post Conference Opportunities:**

**Staying on the Island a bit longer?** Let’s keep exploring!

- Let’s play with website! Bring things you’d like to make available on the new GLFH networking website.
- Explore the Island a bit more with CMU (Island tours – visit south end lighthouse, Miller’s Marsh, Protar’s House, ‘the big rock’ and more).

**Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:20 – Ferry departs for mainland (CMU will help transport folks to ferry dock ahead of time)**