



HEADWATERS
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November is approaching with a full slate of political candidates," and we "need to step up for" the "environment."

"We live here in order to enjoy a quality of life that others consider recreation. Banding together with others that possess the same passions creates a stronger, unified voice." He ends with an appeal for volunteers to organize a "consortium prior to Nov. elections."

As Dave Waltz says, "We need Money, we need Legal Expertise, we need a Strong Coalition, and we need to get up off our easy chairs and get involved."

CHAPTER DONATIONS

Below is a letter sent by John Walters to Cathy Sero of Reeling & Healing, a fishing organization supporting women recovering from cancer.

It is with great passion, dignity, and honor that I write you this letter. As you know, some of the Headwaters Chapter members guided the ladies who attended one of the Reeling & Healing retreats, last summer. During their stay, their lives were changed forever.

It was this experience that brought them to our Board of Directors asking that we voluntarily and financially support Reeling & Healing. After conducting additional research, one of the Board members learned about Reel Recovery, too. At the March 8 board meeting, there was great discussion and support. From that support, came a mo-

tion to voluntarily and financially support both organizations. This motion was passionately passed, unanimously,

Please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$600.00 to Reeling & Healing, and look for some of our members to sign up to volunteer their time at your retreats.

At our Annual Banquet held on April 22, 2006, our chapter conducted a 50/50 raffle where all of the proceeds would be sent to Reel Recovery. The Headwaters Chapter will be sending a check to Reel Recovery in the amount of \$500.00. There will also be members signing up to volunteer for this retreat, as well.

Your commitment and sacrifice to making other people feel better during difficult times is being noticed. We are very proud to support Reeling & Healing and Reel Recovery. Our commitment to these two organizations is part of our commitment to education, we are introducing people to fly fishing and the wonders of "Being Out There", while sharing our passions together.

Since we passed the motion to support R&H and RR, I have been surprised to learn of men and women in our chapter who are fighting cancer. I am hopeful we may be able to send some of our chapter members with cancer to the respective retreats.

THREAT TO OUR RESOURCES

"Law enforcement officers from the Michigan's DNR, along with agents from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S.

Department of Agriculture, seized Asian carp that were being sold illegally in southeast Michigan."

"Possession or transport of live Asian carp, including the grass, silver, bighead and black carp, as well as snakehead, is prohibited by state law. DNR officials said it was the first seizure of these prohibited species in Michigan."

"DNR officials are concerned that these non-indigenous species have the potential to cause great harm to the Great Lakes ecosystem."

"Officers contacted approximately 35 businesses. The effort resulted in the seizure of 84 grass carp from two food markets in Ypsilanti and Southfield. Legal action is pending for the violation."

"Anyone having information of the possession, sale or importation of live prohibited species is urged to contact the DNR Report All Poaching Hotline at 800-292-7800." Det. Sgt. Wade Hamilton at 231-922-5280 or Richard Morscheck at 517-373-9265.

NEWSLETTER ADDRESSES

We have consolidated the mailing list. Instead of sending two newsletters to members at the same address only one will be sent. If anyone has a problem with this let me know.

If the spelling of your name is incorrect, let me know this too.

New members: sending the newsletter electronically saves us money. If you would like to share your email for this purpose, contact me.

Randy Mateer