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Huron Pines Vice Chair Jerry Rucker brings us a great question about one of our top Great Lakes game species.

What year were Pacific salmon first planted in Michigan waters?

See the [Huron Pines eNews answer](#).

Keep an eye out for our summer newsletter in your mailbox. To view an electronic copy, please visit [Huron Pines Newsletter](#).

Below is the 7/31/09 update for Huron Pines.

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Thank you!

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Northeast Michigan Service Opportunities: 2009-2010 AmeriCorps Positions

We are pleased to announce the 2009-2010 Huron Pines AmeriCorps positions. The program is designed to enhance the success of grassroots conservation organizations in Northeast Michigan and increase their ability to provide services to their communities. AmeriCorps members will have the opportunity not only to develop real-world skills, increase experience, and network with other resource professionals, but to have a real impact on the area by completing conservation projects.

Please visit the links below to learn more about each position and host site. To learn more about the program and download an application, please visit [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#).

[Environmental Educator: Gahagan Nature Preserve](#) (Roscommon)

[Land Protection Specialist: HeadWaters Land Conservancy](#) (Gaylord)

[Stream Specialist: Huron Pines](#) (Grayling)

[Restoration Education Specialist: Huron Pines](#) (Grayling)

[Programs Coordinator: Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited](#) (Lansing)

[Place-Based Education Coordinator: Michigan Sea Grant](#) (Alpena)

[Natural Resource Education Coordinator: Otsego County Conservation District](#) (Gaylord)

[Outreach and Education Coordinator: Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy](#) (Bay City)

[Education and Outreach Specialist \(2\): Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary](#) (Alpena)

For more information, please contact Casey Ressler at casey@huronpines.org or call (989) 344-0753 x30.

Restoration on the Upper Black River, Cheboygan County

In May, [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) members and nearly 60 volunteers came out to protect state-threatened lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) through erosion control on the Black River. Co-sponsored by [Sturgeon For Tomorrow](#), the day focused on reducing erosion on two sites near Tower, Michigan. Throughout the brisk but sunny day, over 3,000 native plants were planted and erosion control measures were taken to improve sturgeon spawning habitat.

Throughout the summer, our staff has been monitoring the two sites and will be completing the project this August. With the help of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, we will complete restoration activities on the third and final site later in the month. We would like to thank all of project partners and volunteers for their time and support.

To see recent project photos and learn more about this project, please read the latest update at [Upper Black River: Protecting Sturgeon Spawning Sites](#) or contact Patrick Ertel at (989) 344-0753 x19 or patrick@huronpines.org.

Invasive Species Update

Last week, we had a great turnout at our spotted knapweed removal at Negwegon State Park. Nearly 20 enthusiastic volunteers pulled knapweed for over two hours, resulting in several truckloads of the weed being removed. Spotted knapweed is an invasive plant that grows almost anywhere, crowding out natives like the threatened Pitcher's thistle. Take a look at any roadside or field right now and you'll see the spindly purple flowers.

There is still a lot to be pulled, so please contact us if you would like to be part of another workday. We have an invasive species volunteer day scheduled on August 15 in Alcona County. For details, please contact Tim Englehardt at (989) 344-0753 x14 or tim@huronpines.org.

Upcoming Events

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative - Public Meeting: Monday, August 3, 5pm – 7pm, Kellogg Center, East Lansing, contact [Anthony Kizlauskas](#), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at (312) 353 - 8773

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Wetlands Program presents Rare Wetland Communities in Michigan: Tuesday, August 4, Hagerty Center, Traverse City, contact [Amy Lounds](#) at (517) 241-8169 or visit http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169---,00.html

Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy Rifle River Wetlands Program: August 14, 2pm – 3pm, Rifle River Recreation Area, contact Neil Sauter at (989) 891-9986 or neils@sblc-mi.org

Volunteer work bee on the Black River hosted by the Upper Black River Restoration Committee: Saturday, August 8, 9am – 3pm, Town Corner Lake Campground, lunch will be provided, for more information or to RSVP, please contact Carol Rose at pcrose@freeway.net

Huron Pines Invasive Species Volunteer Day: August 15, Alcona County, for details please contact Tim Englehardt at (989) 344-0753 x14 or tim@huronpines.org

Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy Oscoda Canoe and Clean: August 17, 8:30am – 12pm, lunch provided, contact Neil Sauter at (989) 891-9986 or neils@sblc-mi.org

Au Sable Big Water Preservation Association- The Big One! September 12, 9am, M-33 access site in Mio, learn more at www.asbwpa.org.

Anglers of the Au Sable 15th Annual River Clean Up: Saturday, September 12, 10am, Gates Au Sable Lodge, register with Rusty Gates at (989) 348-8462 or gator@gateslodge.com

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Huron Pines is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan.

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