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REVISED LIST OF BOAT LIVERIES ON THE CONNECTING WATERS

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Officer Henry F. Fredmore

1. Smith Boat Livery--State Park, Port Huron. Renting a few boats primarily for perch fishing on Lake Huron. Not contacted for creel census work.
2. Boat Livery under Blue Water Bridge. Not able to open due to U. S. Coast Guard regulations. Operator has defense job.
3. Hall's Boat Livery--Jess Hall--1018 Military Road, Port Huron. 20 boats. Has defense job also and wife runs livery. Had been in business 9 years. Said that fishing last year was better than any previous year. Trolling 100 per cent better. Fishing is much better now than earlier this season. One hundred per cent cooperation.
4. John T. Cunningham Boat Livery--R.F.D. #2, Port Huron. 9 boats. Runs commercial fish store. Said that commercial (net) fishing should be stopped on all lakes. State has no right to tell a man when he can fish or how many fish he can take. Made no effort to take creel census because he doesn't have time to keep his own books up. Two boys helping him in shop. No cooperation.
5. James Hartman Boat Livery--1131 River Road, Marysville. 25 boats. Has defense job also. Has been in business 25 years and stated that fishing was tops 7-8 years ago and has been going down ever since. More fishermen (probably 5 times as many) now than 5-6 years ago and this probably accounts for the decline in the quality of fishing. Commercial nets probably partially responsible. Girl takes care of business now and said she knew he had several of the blanks filled in but didn't know where they were. Girl also said that fishing is much better this year than last year. Fair cooperation.

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6. Louis' Boat Livery--Louis Schlitt, 221 1/2 River Road, Box 75, St. Clair. 15 boats. Has defense job also and wife runs livery. Does not believe fishing will be good this year because of war, defense work, tire shortage, etc. May even pull his boats out of the water. Wife said that he had some creel census blanks filled in but she didn't know where they were. Also wanted to know if taking the census was compulsory. Poor cooperation.
7. Rose Boat Livery--George Rose, 2611 River Road, St. Clair. 16 boats. Has defense job also and wife takes care of livery. Thinks there are as many fish now as ever only that there are more fishermen. St. Clair River is the only place he knows where fishermen can get fish day after day. Wife had taken good creel census records and said that the smelt were ruining the fishing in the whole river. Very much interested in creel census. One hundred per cent cooperation.
8. Cunningham Boat Livery--Stewart Cunningham, 31 1/2 River Road, St. Clair. 35 boats. Has defense job and wife runs livery and restaurant. Will do their best to fill out creel census blanks but during busy times it is doubtful that they will be able to handle it. Have kept no records to date because wife has been ill in bed. Fishing is much better now than in the last ten years. Has a son to help now and will take creel census because he said it is to his advantage. No cooperation so far.
9. Parker Boat Livery--T. A. Parker, 1319 N. River Road, St. Clair. 37 boats and restaurant. Took records for first two weeks but none since then. Fishing is good but no better than last year as they get the same run every year. Poor cooperation.

Officer Jack Bowman

1. Brass Button Boat Livery--N. River Road, St. Clair. 6 boats. Part of one creel census blank filled in and she said it represents all boats rented to date although no records were kept after June 25. Too busy to fill out blanks over July 4 and 5. Good cooperation.
2. Ma Harsen's Boats--North River Road, St. Clair. 7 boats. Rented 2 boats on July 4 and 5 but kept no records of the catch. No cooperation.
3. Ignan's Boat Livery--5003 N. River Road, R.F.D. #2, St. Clair. Contacted for first time July 6. 12 boats. Willing to cooperate.
4. Newport Shores--N. River Road, St. Clair. Closed.
5. Barnett's Boat Livery--Paul Barnett, 5678 N. River Road, Marine City. 30 boats. Not too willing to cooperate. Had taken no creel census. Too much work to filling out creel census blanks and wouldn't commit himself to take any.
6. Marine City Campsite--Ted R. Mattingly, 5771 N. River Road, Marine City. 17 boats. Fishing is better this spring than in the last 5 years. Creel census was explained to wife and she failed to tell husband. No blanks have been filled in to date but he will start to keep the records. Cooperative.

7. Bob's Boat Livery--Walter Strubing, 5877 N. River Road, Marine City. 17 boats. Called twice May 20 but not at home either time. Contacted for first time July 6 and is quite willing to cooperate.
8. Sonny's Boat Livery--6005 N. River Road, Marine City. 21 boats. Has not filled out any blanks but can tell everything that has been caught so far this year. No cooperation.
9. Fisher's Boat Livery--6209 N. River Road, Marine City. Has sold all but 3 boats which he keeps for personal use.
10. Langell's Boat Livery.--6215 N. River Road, Marine City. Opened for business July 3. Willing to cooperate and will take as much creel census as possible. 8 boats.
11. Wes Earl--North Market Street, Marine City. The livery here is run by some man who has 2 boats. He was not home.
12. Another Livery (just south of the one above) was not open on May 20. On July 6 a man was fixing it up but said he had rented no boats yet. Fishing was gone for the summer anyway so there was no use of taking any records. Has 4 boats.
13. Beebe's Boat Livery--1111 1/2 Bell River, Marine City. 35 boats. Hasn't had time to transfer the data from his books to the census blanks. Cooperative.
14. George Argitis--So. Parkour Street, Marine City. Sells bait, pop, etc. Caters to negroes. Most people here fish from breakwater. Said he would "attempt" to contact all fishermen. He had one sheet filled out but is not contacting the people along the breakwater as much as possible. Fair cooperation.
15. Ostromke Boats--Adam Ostromke, 6551 St. Clair River Drive. 22 boats. Has kept a record for each boat rented. One hundred per cent cooperation.
16. Pete's Boat Livery--Peter Neuser, 3535 S. River Drive. 30 boats. Not home. Blanks should be picked up in afternoon.
17. Drouillards Boat Livery--Roberts Landing, Michigan. 40 boats. Restaurant, store, gas station and beer garden. Not willing to cooperate. Too much work to do--store, boats, motors, docks, minnows, oil and gasoline. Left blanks and told him we would appreciate it if he would record the number of fishermen if unable to keep complete creel census blank. A few blanks were filled in. Has had trouble keeping help. Said he averaged 25 boats a day since May 20 and these boats averaged 10-12 walleyes each. Will "attempt" to keep better records. Fair cooperation.
18. Eagle's Boat Livery--9712 S. River Road. 33 boats. Also has tavern. Says that all commercial fishing should be prohibited. Says he plans to sell all his boats. Things are too uncertain and he plans to concentrate

on the tavern business. Had disposed of all but 3 boats by July 6. Took no creel census records. No cooperation.

19. Russey's Boat Livery--9727 South River Road. 15 boats. Mostly night fishermen use his boats and he doubts whether he will be able to get any information as he can't stay up all night. Up to July 6 no creel census records had been kept and tried to make several excuses for not having filled any blanks. No cooperation.
20. Dan's Boat Livery--Daniel Esery, 9741 South River Road. 10 boats. Contacted for first time July 6 and is willing to cooperate. Thinks that speed boats should be slowed down as they ruin the boats that are tied up along the shore.
21. North Algoma Boat Livery--2218 St. Clair River Drive, Algoma. 2 1/2 boats. Has private boats there, too. Kept creel census record for first 3 days and then stopped. Poor cooperation.
22. Walter Schmucknecht--2010 St. Clair River Drive, Algoma. 5 boats. Has been sick in bed but has taken a few records. Fair cooperation.
23. George Douglas (next door south to Schmucknecht)--Algoma. 6 boats. Said the fishing was very poor but had filled out blanks for all the fishing from his boats. One hundred per cent cooperative.
24. Lindeman's Boat Livery--702 South St. Clair River Drive. 10 boats. Contacted for first time July 6 and will be glad to cooperate. Fishing has been poor this spring.
25. Weill's Landing--Harvey Weill, Sans Souci, Harsen's Island. 30 boats and 2 motor launches. Has been in business 20 years (3 years here and 17 years on Anchor Bay). Canadians have better fishing than we because there is less pollution over there. Carp fishermen should not be allowed to fish at certain times of the year. Has restaurant also and does ferry and freight service. Has kept a few records but is just too busy to do a complete job of it. Fair cooperation.
26. Leire's Boat Livery--6169 South River Drive, Pearl Beach, Algoma. 15 boats. Has kept fine records. One hundred per cent cooperation.
27. Deckers Landing--Anchor Bay, Fair Haven. 25 boats and several motor launches. Has not filled in any blanks. No cooperation.
28. Bank Walters--Guide near Decker's Landing. Takes out fishing parties in his private boat. Has kept good records of such fishing. Good cooperation.
29. Cassey's Boat Livery--9093 Anchor Bay Road. 20 boats. Have taken no records. Boat man left about two weeks ago but new man is interested and will keep good records from now on.
30. Maliskey Brothers Boat Livery--7389 Anchor Bay Drive, Fair Haven. 2 boats. Commercial fishermen (especially carp) should not be allowed to seine during bass spawning season. On July 7 they complained that the coast guard restrictions have practically put them out of business. Took a few creel census records. Poor cooperation.

31. Fern's Boat Livery--Norman Whitford, 7707 Dyke Road, Fair Haven. 17 boats. He has defense job and she runs livery and restaurant. Says coast guard restrictions have ruined business. Have taken no creel census. No cooperation.
32. Ed's Place--Ed Sonnenberg, 7795 Dixie Highway, Fair Haven. 6 boats. Has rented no boats for fishing up to July 7. Coast guard permits have ruined the fishing. Not too willing to cooperate.
33. Bud's Boat Livery--8287 Dixie Highway, Fair Haven. 22 boats. No records kept. No cooperation.
34. Klein's Boat Livery--8350 Dixie Highway, Fair Haven. 22 boats. Said that perch fishing was terrible. Took some good records. Good cooperation.
35. Walt's Boat Livery--8372 Dixie Highway, Fair Haven. 25 boats. Said that more conservation officers are needed in this area and commercial fishing should be limited. Fishing has been so poor he has been ashamed to rent a boat. Took a few records at the beginning but none since June 1. Poor cooperation.
36. Tip's Place--8423 Dixie Highway, Fair Haven. 10 boats. Fishing has been poor. Took only a few records early in the season, but none since June 7. Poor cooperation.
37. Seaside Boat Livery--F. Wakeman, 7738 Dixie Highway, Fair Haven. 20 boats. Contacted for first time July 7. Is willing to cooperate and take census. Says fishing should not be allowed before June 25. All winter spearing for pike should be stopped. Cooperative.
38. Mar-Chuk Boat Livery--Chas. Easterly, 8635 Dixie Highway, Fair Haven. 21 boats. Filled in a few census blanks. Poor cooperation.
39. Anchorville Boat Livery--H. C. Joswick, 9691 Dixie Highway, Anchorville. 15 boats. This man was arrested when contacted for the first time on May 21. However he has kept very good records of all fish brought in. One hundred per cent cooperation. X
40. Chester Bowers, Courtesy Boats--10329 Bowers Court, Anchorville. 51 boats. Kept very good records of all catches. One hundred per cent cooperation.

Officer Earl Goff

1. Lozen Boat Livery--Foot of Washington Street, New Baltimore. 10 boats. Thinks fishing should be stopped for two years. On July 7 he said the bass and perch seasons should not open until July 1. Has only one record so far this year but will keep more. Poor cooperation.
2. Abe Goulette Boat Livery--New Baltimore. 10 boats. Cannot read nor write. Had anglers fill in blanks. Good cooperation.
3. Frank's Livery--New Baltimore. Not home when called in May. Couldn't find the place in July.

4. Joe's Boat Livery--Joseph Weisenberger, 3005 Bayshore Drive, New Baltimore. 14 boats and 3 motor launches. Not home when called on in May. Contacted for first time July 7. Will try to keep track of all records. Cooperative.
5. Champine's Boat Livery--A. H. Champine, 3553 James Street, New Baltimore. Located on Salt River. 12 boats. Canadian commercial fishing should be stopped. Had taken some records but had not transferred them to our blanks.
6. Foot's Boat Livery--Next to one listed above. 6 boats. Did not keep many records and didn't keep track of the hours. Said that most of the fishing was done in the morning. Poor cooperation.
7. Bill's Boat Livery--Bill Champine, next to one listed above. 15 boats. Got disgusted because fishing was so poor so didn't fill out the blanks. Will start again to take census. Poor cooperation.
8. Harry's Boat Livery--2037 Private Drive, on River View. This livery is just 3 miles north of Selfridge Field. 10 boats. Has kept complete record of all catches, even those of private boats tied up at his dock. One hundred per cent cooperation.
9. Christie Schmidt Boat Livery--1220 Rosso Road, Mt. Clemens. One mile from Selfridge Field. 30 boats. Not at home on July 7. Had left a man in charge but hadn't told him anything about creel census. No cooperation.
10. Marten's Boat Livery--1223 Rosso Road, Mt. Clemens. 17 boats. Boy in charge of boats said he had a few. When we went out to get blanks he gave the one on which he was writing and it was dated May 24. All blanks were discarded. No cooperation.
11. Gil's Boat Livery--6282 N. River Road, Mt. Clemens. On Clinton River. 2 boats now (May 21). When visited July 7 said he did not rent boats.
12. Bonick Boat Livery--6165 N. River Road, Mt. Clemens. On Clinton River. 28 boats. Kept records of only those fishermen who caught fish. Fair cooperation.
13. Daniel's Boat Livery--N. River Road, Mt. Clemens. On Clinton River. 12 boats. Didn't think the fishing was worthwhile recording. No cooperation.
14. Chas. J. Meldrum--6525 N. River Road, Mt. Clemens. On Clinton River. 25 boats. Department should plant more perch here. Sometime during June his houseboat sank and he lost the records. Said he would keep them from now on.
15. Larry's Boat Works--On south side of Clinton River. Not home when called on in May. Rents only very few boats as he goes in for power boats and not rowboats.

16. Wood Boat Livery--South River Road, on Clinton River. 16 boats. Said we could have number of boats but he couldn't keep track of numbers of fish and fishermen. No cooperation. Said he rented 2,700 to 3,000 boats last year.
17. Martell's Boat Livery--South River Road, on Clinton River. 13 boats. Had creel census cards through June 5 but none since. Poor cooperation.
18. Repp's Boat Livery--South River Road, on Clinton River. 20 boats. Not at home either time we called.
19. Lindman's Boat Livery--South River Road, on Clinton River. 10 boats. Closed. Boats all piled up on shore.
20. Gasow's Boat Livery--8635 South River Road, on Clinton River, Mt. Clemens. 24 boats. Did not keep any records of creel census. Loaned us the records of all muskellunge brought in to his dock since the spring of 1939.
21. Barney's Boat Livery--Thomas Barney, 6881 South River Road, Mt. Clemens. 18 boats. Perch is the most important fish in Lake St. Clair. The size of perch is getting smaller each year. Thinks there should be a closed season on perch during February, March and perhaps April. Pike, perch and walleyes should be given a chance to spawn. Kept complete records of every boat rented so far this year. One hundred per cent cooperation.
22. Lakewood Boat Livery--Albert H. Hutton, Mt. Clemens. 17 boats. Thought we wanted only the big catches and there haven't been any so he didn't keep any records. No cooperation.
23. Supple Boat Livery--R.F.D. #6, Mt. Clemens. 13 boats. Didn't understand the creel census so didn't take any. Are going out of business soon.
24. Huron Boat Livery--Mt. Clemens. Refused to cooperate in no uncertain manner. No cooperation.
25. Beckman Boat Livery--Mt. Clemens. Out of business.
26. Lakeside Boathouse--R.F.D. #6, Mt. Clemens. 14 boats. Neither man nor wife can read or write. These people had the anglers themselves fill in more than a full record sheet. Good cooperation.
27. E. Velger's Boat Livery--2229 Jefferson Avenue, Mt. Clemens. 25 boats. Hasn't time to fill out blanks. Nine muskellunge have been brought in here ranging from 18-26 $\frac{1}{4}$ pounds. Will try to keep records from now on.

Officer Fred A. Bokhout

1. Frey's Boat Livery--Joseph C. Frey, 11601, Klenk Avenue, Detroit. 35 boats. Has kept no records at all because fishing has been so bad. No cooperation.

2. Klank Boat Livery--Walter Gorda, 1167 1/2 Klank Avenue, Detroit. 38 boats. Has kept some records but has been sick in bed for nearly a month. Will keep better records now. Good cooperation.
3. Rose Boat Livery--11505 Riverside Road, Detroit. 30 boats. Has kept no records at all. No cooperation.

Officer Isaac Peabody

1. Clark's Boat Livery--1389 West Jefferson, Ecorse. 32 boats. Said his wife was doing all she could to keep records but the fishermen didn't cooperate. Fair cooperation.
2. Buzza Boat Livery--Joe Buzza, 1409 Hogan's Ct., Ecorse. This man refused to cooperate and said so in good plain English. No cooperation.
3. Albert S. Palmer--1137 West Jefferson, Ecorse. 9 boats. Had filled out some blanks. Good cooperation.
4. Cavanaugh Boat Livery--1137 West Jefferson, Ecorse. 1 boat. Evidently made no effort to take creel census. No cooperation.
5. Spade's Boat Livery--1633 West Jefferson, Ecorse. 11 boats. Made considerable effort and took good records. Good cooperation.
6. Eagen Boat Livery--1635 West Jefferson, Ecorse. 8 boats. Have taken no records so far. Mrs. Eagen said that they mind their business and we'd better mind ours. No cooperation.
7. Oert's Boat Livery--167 Middle Street, Wyandotte. 31 boats but none of them in the water. Is keeping record of the dock fishermen.

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