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# CACC NEWS

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## WHEATLAND

**Be a part of a great team of volunteers!**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Wheatland Music Festival is coming up soon – September 9-11, near Remus, Michigan. This annual event features first class music, a juried arts and crafts show, dance and instrument instruction, full children's and teen programs, and free camping! It's also CACC's opportunity to raise funds for the coming year. 85% of our annual budget comes from the operation of our food concession, one of the largest at the Festival and we've been doing it since 1978! You can be part of the solution to our environmental problems and enjoy the weekend as well.

Festival tickets have been sold out since early July, so volunteering is your only way to attend this memorable event.

If you haven't contacted us already, please contact our volunteer coordinator Laura Sanderson at [sandershaw@gmail.com](mailto:sandershaw@gmail.com) or 989-529-1495. Shifts are still open, and the perks are generous (partial ticket reimbursement, half-price food when you're not working, free when you are, hospitality tent).

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## Potential wilderness designation raises tension in Western UP

Ontonogan County's Ehlco forest features 16,000 acres of gently sloping land covered by hardwoods and conifers, bisected by the Big Iron River, and inhabited by deer, black bears and wolves. Further west, 25,000 acres in the Trap Hills features a boreal and northern hardwood forest with cedar swamps, rugged slopes and sheer cliffs from which you can see 40 miles. These two are among four chunks of federal land that advocates want to see designated as 'wilderness,' prohibiting resource extraction and restricting almost all vehicle access. This land is already contained in the Ottawa National Forest, but national forest designation doesn't prevent logging, mining and other resource extraction, nor does it prohibit roads, vehicle access, campgrounds, etc.

The Michigan Senate is considering a resolution in opposition to this designation, led by Senator Ed McBroom, R-Vulcan, who noted that the main contention from area residents is that the areas would go from "hardly ever cutting trees to never cutting trees." Proponents of the designation note that certain areas should never be logged, and should be protected from exploitation for coming generations.

MLive, 07/24/2022, <https://tinyurl.com/yckte7aa>

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## Climate Change and Michigan Crops

By the end of the century, we could have the climate of Georgia in southern Michigan.<sup>1</sup>

We're already seeing an impact on agriculture on our farms. The increased temperatures increase stress on plants, which brings down the yield.<sup>2</sup>

The crops that are the most vulnerable to climate change are the fruit crops. We haven't hit the point where the weather makes it unsuitable to grow fruit -- but one can imagine that in 20 or 30 years we will make it to that point. Warmer and wetter climates promote plant diseases and pest infestation, affecting quality and yield.<sup>3</sup>

Extreme rainfall events and flooding have increased during the last century, and scientists predict these trends will continue. Very heavy rain events (the heaviest 1% of storms) now drop 31% more precipitation in the Midwest than they did 50 years ago. These events are leading to more flooding, erosion, and runoff into our waterways and declining water quality. More intense storm events are resulting in negative impacts on transportation, agriculture, human health, and infrastructure.<sup>4</sup>

Solutions include switching to clean energy alternatives, electrifying transportation, fight for climate policies at our local and national level and VOLUNTEERING FOR CACC. CACC has been and is now a diligent and active promoter of healthy environmental action.

Murry DeSanto, CACC Board Chairperson

<sup>1</sup> Tyler Basset is a botanist and plant ecologist with Michigan Natural Features Inventory. This organization promotes conservation of Michigan biodiversity through scientific expertise. <sup>2</sup> Kate Madigan, director at Michigan Climate Action Network <sup>3</sup> Phil Robertson, researcher at Michigan State University's Kellogg Biological Station <sup>4</sup> Michigan Climate Action Network

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## RED SNAPPER SEASIDE

*From Connie*

2 lb red snapper fillets, fresh or frozen

3 T melted fat or oil

2 T orange juice

2 t grated orange rind

1 t salt

Dash each of pepper and nutmeg

Thaw fillets, if frozen, and cut into serving-size pieces. Place fillets in a single layer, skin side down, in a well-greased baking dish, 2x8x12 inches. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over fish. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Serves 6.

## US SUPREME COURT HOBBLER GOVERNMENT POWER TO RESTRICT EMISSIONS

In a 6-3 decision announced June 30, the US Supreme Court has ruled in favor of West Virginia in determining how the Environmental Protection Agency and other regulatory agencies can regulate emissions from the energy sector which have been demonstrated to highly impact climate change and global warming. This case has profound repercussions in how Executive Department regulatory agencies do their work under Congressionally-mandated regulations.



Ironically, the original suit brought by West Virginia and backed by a host of other Republican-led states, was filed over the Clean Power Plan, an Obama-era strategy to cut emissions from coal-fired power plants. The strategy never came into effect, and the Biden Administration sought to have the case dropped, but SCOTUS ruled anyway.

Not only was this case about a regulation that does not exist, that never took effect, and which would have imposed obligations on the energy sector that it would have met regardless. It also involves two legal doctrines that are not mentioned in the Constitution and that most scholars agree have no basis in any federal statute. The ruling will have sweeping consequences for the federal government's ability to set standards and regulate in other areas, such as clean air and water, consumer protections, banking, workplace safety and public health. It may prove a landmark moment in conservative ambitions to dismantle the regulatory system, stripping away protections across a wide range of areas.

There is no appealing a Supreme Court decision. The only check available on their power is for Congress to enact legislation to codify what has been ruled against.

Oliver Milman, The Guardian, 06/30/2022, <https://tinyurl.com/32yup756>

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## MPSC REOPENS RECORD IN LINE 5 TUNNEL APPLICATION

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) announced on July 7 that they are reopening the record in Enbridge Energy's application to construct a tunnel under the Straits of Mackinaw to carry its Line 5 pipeline from Canada through Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula to terminals in Sarnia, Ontario. Noting deficiencies in the critical matters of engineering and safety, the commission stated it needed more information to make a decision.

Specific information requested includes information, documents and any other relevant information to develop a full and complete record on matters including tunnel engineering and safety, electrical equipment and risk of fire and/or explosion, and the safety of the current dual pipelines, including leak detection systems and shut-down procedures. There will be no briefing as part of the request for additional information.

This latest action by the MPSC does not impact the decision-making process for other regulatory agencies such as the Army Corps of Engineers.

MPSC, 07/07/2022, <https://tinyurl.com/2t59rtvx>



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