

Program Source International Lecture: History of Michigan's Largest Commercial Fishery



This Lecture documents the history of Michigan's largest commercial fishery on Saginaw Bay from the 1850's to current times. Early

records indicate Lower Saginaw, now known as Bay City, had the first fisheries. The fishing industry also developed at Bay Port, Essexville, East Tawas, Au Sable, Caseville, Oscoda, and Sebewaing. This 150 year visual history includes archival photos and rare film footage from fisheries around Saginaw Bay. Two years of research and first hand interviews gives proof Saginaw Bay was the world's largest freshwater fishery and is still a viable fishery today.



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