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IMPACT OF GREAT LAKES INVASIVE SPECIES  
REVEALED IN SDHC NOV.13 PUBLIC PROGRAM

NOV. 1, 2019 -- The history of invasive species in the Great Lakes will be explained at Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's next free public monthly program on Wednesday, November 13, starting at 7pm in the Old School House, 130 Center Street, Douglas.

Presenter Steve Pothoven, fishery biologist with NOAA/Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory's Lake Michigan Field Station in Muskegon since 1998, will provide an overview of how various invasive species have entered and affected the Great Lakes ecosystem, with an emphasis on the most recent trends and research regarding some of the more recent invaders in Lake Michigan, most notably quagga mussels.

Pothoven's research at NOAA/GLERL focusses on management and ecology of fish and macroinvertebrates in the Great Lakes. His specific research topics have included the effects of invasive species on Great Lakes planktivores; feeding ecology, bioenergetics, and condition of planktivorous and benthivorous fish in the Great Lakes; and life history and population dynamics of *Mysis relicta* (a shrimp-like crustacean) and *Bythotrephes longimanus* (the spiny water flea), both native to lakes of Northern Europe before coming here.

A frequent environmental speaker and author in scientific journals, Pothoven holds an M.S. in fisheries and wildlife from University of Minnesota and a B.A. in biology from Augustana College in Illinois.

Saugatuck-Douglas History Center's free monthly program series presents entertaining and informative insights into local history and community life. For more information about the History Center, its Museum in Saugatuck and Old School House in Douglas, and its activities planned for the months ahead, visit [www.MySDHistory.org](http://www.MySDHistory.org).

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Caption: Lake Michigan's quagga mussel problem updated in SDHC's Nov.13 public program.