



The 1860s-built former 'Fishtown' fish shanty at left, a remnant of Saugatuck's commercial fishing era now victim of looding in its new home on Water Street, is target of a joint preservation effort between owner Sean Steele and the Saugatuck-Douglas History Center. (Photo courtesy SDHC archives)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

History on move: Working together to save waterfront heritage

To the editor,
Early last month, The Commercial Record reported that high water threatened a significant piece of Saugatuck's maritime history: the fishing shanty at 720 Water St. We are thrilled to share news that one of the last sur-

viving fishing buildings in West Michigan will have a new life as it moves to drier land in the next two weeks. The Saugatuck-Douglas History Center continues to work with Saugatuck business owner Sean Steele to raise the building out of the

water and move it to a dry location off site for assessment. It will then be relocated to a new home in our community where its history can be shared with locals and the many people who visit the area each year. The History Center relies

on supporters and volunteers to preserve local history and will share updates on how you can help in the months ahead. For now, keep an eye out for "history on the move" as the fish shanty rises from the water. We will share regular

updates on our website and social media as well as in The Commercial Record.
Eric Gollanek
SDHC Executive Director

TRIPPING THRU TIME with THE COMMERCIAL

By Jack Sheridan



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Good Luck

Capt. Mike Peel reports that fishing in Lake Michigan has been fantastic. The fish are being caught in 80 feet of water, at depths about 40 feet down, on chrome and blue chargers and chartreuse flutterspoons. Peel said that a school of chinook has been off Saugatuck for two weeks this spring, although they usually don't show up until mid-May.

Jack sez: Forty three years later the fishing still great!

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