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## COME LEARN ABOUT HEALING OUR FRESHWATER HABITATS AT THE DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM

**DETROIT:** The Detroit Historical Society is pleased to announce the opening of a new exhibition, ***Troubled Waters: Healing our Freshwater Habitats***, which opens this weekend at the **Dossin Great Lakes Museum** on Belle Isle.

Exploring the ways that humans have interacted with and impacted the Huron-Erie region ecosystem, this exhibit will tell the story of the many changes that have transpired on Detroit's waterways over the past 300 years and present all that is being done to assure that their beauty and legacy will be preserved and protected for years to come. *Troubled Waters* will illustrate how the Detroit River impacts the larger Great Lakes ecosystem and vice versa, how the ecosystem has changed throughout the past few hundred years, and how Detroit's pivotal role as a major manufacturing and population hub has impacted the health of this ecosystem throughout history.

The exhibit also will examine the Great Lakes in the context of the larger environmental movement, focusing on the important role played by individuals such as Rachel Carson, Teddy Roosevelt and Sigurd Olsen, as well as the creation of environmental agencies and departments such as The Nature Conservancy, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. To demonstrate these efforts, this section of the exhibit will explore the Erie Marsh Preserve and other projects within the Huron-Erie corridor.

Lastly, the exhibit will demonstrate how current efforts to address the health of the Huron-Erie region and the Detroit River are making an impact. Visitors will learn about the science behind the ecology of the Huron-Erie region. Armed with microscopes and samples of water from the Detroit River, visitors will learn how and why scientists carefully monitor the water—and then they can do so themselves.

The exhibit opens in time for the Dossin's extended summer hours. The Museum is now open on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. all summer through Labor Day weekend (except Friday, July 4).

The **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**, located at 100 Strand Drive on Belle Isle, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free for all, all the time. Permanent exhibits include *Built by the River* in the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation Gallery, the *Miss Pepsi* vintage 1950s championship hydroplane, the Gothic Room from the *City of Detroit III*, a bow anchor from the *S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald*, the pilothouse from the Great Lakes freighter *S.S. William Clay Ford* in the Wayne and Joan Webber Gallery and one of the largest known collections of scale model ships in the world.

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