On November 1, the Minnesota Sea Grant Program (www.seagrant.umn.edu) will welcome about 500 people to a professional chef cook-off and tasting event focused on lake herring from Lake Superior.

The event is a tribute to the people involved in managing, harvesting, selling, studying and preparing Lake Superior’s commercially harvested fish. It is also a 100th birthday commemoration of Sea Grant founder Athelstan Spilhaus, former Dean of the University of Minnesota’s Institute of Technology from 1949-1967.

**Highlights of the ticketed (estimated $5) event will include:**

**A First-class Competition**
Up to ten of Minnesota’s top chefs will compete for money and accolades by preparing and displaying Lake Superior herring entrées on-site. American Culinary Federation judges will evaluate the dishes and announce a winner at the event.

**A Taste of the Lake**
Attendees will be able to sample up to ten different recipes incorporating lake herring from Lake Superior prepared in advance by the competing chefs. Birthday cake, coffee, water, lemonade, and a cash bar will also be available.

**Music by Michael Monroe**
A consummate performer and a Minnesota favorite, Monroe mesmerizes audiences with acoustically inspired compositions, sublime vocals, and art-guitars made with wood retrieved from the bottom of Lake Superior. www.MichaelMonroeMusic.com

**A Few Words**
People making a brief appearance at the microphone include University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler (pending), University of Minnesota Duluth Chancellor Lendley Black, and Minnesota Sea Grant Director Jeff Gunderson.

**Contact Nina Shepherd, event manager at 612-599-1148 or shep001.umn.edu for details.**

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