

Monster Solutions

Cleaning Station Cleans-up This Wisconsin Harbor

Sheboygan, WI – With a deft flick of a long, sharp knife, Mark Staggs sliced off the heads of four freshly caught king salmon, drained the blood, removed a couple of undigested alewives that had rested in the bellies of the big fish, and washed it all down the hatch, never to be seen, or smelled again. No muss, no fuss.

"It goes down a grinder and gets ground up," said Staggs, a first mate with Dumper Dan's Charter Fishing Fleet, cleaning a customer's catch at the city's new fish cleaning station on the South Pier District peninsula.

The roughly \$224,000 station, restroom and equipment storage facility opened in 2005 on South Pier Drive, next to the Sheboygan River tie-ups where the charter boats regularly dock. The Monster Fish Cleaning Station, manufactured by JWC Environmental, features a stainless steel sink, replaceable cutting boards and water jets that rinse the unwanted fish parts into the grinder.

A 5HP (3.7kW) grinder then chews up the fish remains into small shreds, sending what's left to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

"Everything, fish heads and all,

PROBLEM: Smelly rotting fish remains left by fishermen in open dumpsters

SOLUTION: Monster Fish Cleaning Station

CONSULTANT: LJM Architects

(they go) down the chute," said Tom Holtan, the city's public works director and engineer.

Those coming in with their catches are also finding the station a great place to get photos of the big ones that didn't get away.

"All the boaters were coming in, they're excited; they're taking pictures," said Brian Luce, 39, of Chicago, who came to Blue Harbor last weekend for some catch-and-release fishing with his family, but found the new cleaning station catching his eye.

The South Pier cleaning station replaced one that was provided at

the old Reiss marina, before the city's Redevelopment Authority acquired the 42-acre peninsula. Last year, the charters made do with a table and a dumpster to dispose of the fish heads and other parts.

"That was stinky," Staggs said. "We were very happy to get this."

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Parks Foreman John Lawrence reports the station continues to run smoothly with no problems. "It's whisper quiet," he said. "I have yet to see anything jam it up - big fish heads and all go right through." The Parks Dept. likes the Monster Fish Cleaning Station so much - they've ordered a second Muffin Monster to replace a problematic garbage disposal at another site.



Jake Den Boer from Dumper Dan's cleans fish for clients utilizing the new Fish Cleaning Station.





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The Monster Fish Cleaning Station is the most efficient fish cleaning station available. It turns fish waste into small particles - easily flushed away. The self-contained unit uses a powerful Muffin Monster dual shafted grinder to shred solids, such as fish parts, cans, plates, utensils and fishing lures. This prevents clogging and protects downstream equipment. The Monster Fish Cleaning Station is clean, cost effective and reliable.

The Monster Fish Cleaning Station is an excellent way to provide a pleasant park experience for residents and visitors. Fishermen enjoy the ease and convenience of our Fish Cleaning Station. And best of all, long lasting Monster equipment is reliable, and requires little maintenance. Grind it up, flush it down!

About JWC Environmental

The Monster family of products is legendary for quality and reliability – including the Muffin Monster® and Channel Monster®

sewage grinders, Auger Monster® fine screen, Screenings Washer Monster® and Monster Separation System, incorporating a fine screen or band screen with superior screenings conditioning.

Our superior technology provides solutions for the most demanding applications including sludge grinders, sewage grinders, wastewater fine screens, CSO screens, washer compactors and septage receiving stations.

Founded in 1973, JWC Environmental and its worldwide family of employees are committed to providing customers with leading edge products, services and value. When it comes to the most demanding wastewater treatment challenges - you can trust Monster quality.

"Everything – fish heads and all, go down the chute."

"It's clean and convenient..."



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