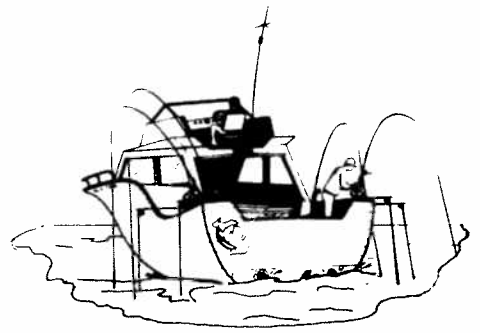


FISHING TALES



DETROIT AREA CHAPTER
MICHIGAN STEELHEAD AND SALMON FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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CASS LAKE RESEARCH TRIP

by the 'ole Pres

The sun stood low on the horizon as members of the DAC began their research of Cass Lk. Boats of all sizes were readying to take Cass Lake by storm.

But alas, again our spirits were dampened by the fish who failed to cooperate. (3) 9" Lakers some Smallmouth Bass were caught and very few fish were marked by our graphs during the day. When we went back at night there were fish all over the graphs.

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LOCAL DNR SPEAKER AT JUNE MEETING

Ron Spitler, will be our guest speaker at the June 26th meeting. Ron joined the DNR in January 1966 as a fish habitat biologist and was assigned to Jackson District. Transferred in March 1967 to Plainwell than promoted again and reassigned in January 1969 to the Pontiac Lake District as a fisheries biologist.

Ron attended Ohio State 1963, graduated with BS in biology and MS from University of Michigan in fisheries biology.

Note: Ron Spitler holds the state record for kokanee salmon caught in the Clinton River, Oakland county. The salmon weighed 1 lb. 14 oz. and was 17.5"

Super raffle and door prizes. Lots of talk on where to go trolling and how. An update of the tournaments to come and future events plus an update on the Hotline progress.

The meeting will be held on June 30th 8:00 PM at the Troy Hilton, Bring a friend.

NO DEBATE AS SNAGGING IS OK'd

We thought some of you may be interested in how Dr. Tody, DNR, gets the opposition to bow under to his views on snagging.

Reprinted from
"The Northwoods Call"

Without debate, the Natural Resources Commission has authorized salmon snagging this fall in 22 locations, in 15 rivers and one lake.

After years of battling legalized snag fishing, conservationists and sportsmen raised no objection to this year's expansion of the snagging.

The most controversial snagging area in the state—AuSable River below Foote dam—was opened to snagging by the commission. In past years, Oscoda area sportsmen and nonresidents have stubbornly opposed snagging. This year they agreed not to object when threatened with loss of salmon and trout plants if their resistance continued.

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PCB's

The Michigan DNR rules for control of PCB's have been formulated and are now under review. Basically, these rules limit the PCB concentration in a product to 100 ppm or .01%. The normal concentration of PCB's in products which have contaminated the Great Lakes is in the range of 1% - 25% and therefore, the .01% limitation will essentially eliminate the use of PCB's in all products. Exemptions are allowed for electrical, transformers and capacitors with these uses to be monitored by the DNR to assure proper safeguards during use and disposal.

Other Great Lakes States and Ontario have similar legislation pending with Indiana having passed a similar bill. More details on this later.

The health factor related to eating PCB contaminated fish has taken a more serious turn based on the expectation that the USFDA will lower the allowable limit of PCB's in Great Lakes fish from 5 to 2 ppm. Some insight into the health question may be obtained by

noting that the current USFDA limit for the chemically related PBB, recently found in Michigan cattle, is 0.3 ppm and the State of Michigan is proposing to lower this limit. Hopefully, a lowering of the FDA limit will result in immediate enactment of legislation by Great Lakes States and at the Federal level and a strict enforcement of PCB regulations.

Finally, MUCC is urging the DNR to include a "Hazardous" warning regarding the consumption of Great Lakes Trout & Salmon on next years Fishing Regulation Booklet. The Steelheaders have requested, by letter from Tom Mandigo, that should such a warning be used, that it be accompanied by an additional statement that "enforcement of the State ban on PCB's and Public Support for a Nationwide Ban will help to eliminate this problem in the near future". We feel that such a Statement will add an optimistic view to the problem, maintain support for the Great Lakes Fishery and point out the need for a nationwide ban on PCB's.

Jeff Luckritz shows off a Lake Trout caught in Charlevoix tourney.



MAKELA WINS THE SOUTH HAVEN TOURNAMENT

IRVINE TAKES HONORS AT CHARLEVOIX

The weather couldn't have been more beautiful for our first tournament of the year!!! It started raining Friday, May 28 and didn't quit until Sunday. As the sun rose in the sky on tournament day it went unnoticed, not because we were all so busy fishing, but because the fog didn't clear until late Saturday afternoon and when it did, we couldn't see the sun for the rain clouds.

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A decidedly biased paper acknowledging the editors viewpoint that there's only one way permissible to catch the planted anadromous strain and lake trout — hook and line; and those employing any other method be eyed with suspicion nay, cast into the lot of outlaws and be regarded as such.

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COMING EVENTS

June 24-25 — MSSFA Fishing Tournament — Grand Haven
June 30 — Chapter Membership Meeting
July 3 — Chapter Ladies Day — Alpena
July 17 — Chapter Fishing Tournament — Alpena
July 24 — Chapter Research Trip — Grindstone City
August 11 — Chapter Fishing Tournament — Ludington

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The board of directors met at Tom Schneider's house earlier this month.

Of significant interest was the affirmative vote to provide the fundraising committee with monies to purchase a single large raffle prize in addition to being able to buy other tackle for the drawings at meetings. These extra purchases will compliment the already fine assortment of prizes given away each month.

The board was unanimous in it's resolve to purchases the prizes from the tackle dealers who have contributed free tackle in the past and also to those same merchants who have supported this paper with advertising.

Murrell Blackburn reported on his progress in setting up a chapter "Hot Line" and his compilation of a chapter boat directory. Both are proceeding according to schedule and an update will be given at the June 30 membership meeting.

The newsletter committee reported that some general operating funds are being used to finance the newsletter since advertising has been unable to completely cover the costs.

John Makela reported that the chapter "Charter Raffle" will be continued again this summer. Members can participate in the drawing to win a fishing (trolling) trip for two. Chances will be drawn for about six winners to get a trip out on Lakes Michigan or Huron each month. The receipts from this raffle will be used to help support this newsletter and to help offset the 50% increased hall rental for membership meetings.

Tom Schneider reported on the DNR committee; Ken Bonin on environmental committee; Harry Levitan on Fund Raising; Bob Rutt on new by-laws; Dave Gresham on research trips and planning (membership meetings); Elton Luckritz on tournaments and chapter arm patches; Larry Serafin on the "Suggestion Box" and submitted bids on a new membership table back-drop; John Makela reported for the "Fishing Partner" service that interest has slackened.

Chapter members interested in more details of any club function are invited to ask for reports at membership meetings or contact your directors.

LADIES & GENTS TOURNAMENT JULY 3rd !

On July 3th the Detroit Area Chapter is holding it's annual Ladies & Gents fishing tournament on Thunder Bay.

Now is the chance ladies to see if your husbands really do catch those fish they bring home. Besides being an excellent time to catch Browns in Thunder Bay, a great time is expected with the festivities before and after the tournament.

Sign up at the June meeting. All details will be discussed at that time.

We're sorry the tournament is so expensive but that inflation. So everyone be prepared to pay out the grand total of 50 cents.

SIGN UP FOR FISHIN' PARTNERS

Chapter skippers are very receptive to members' requests to go trolling. This is especially true during research trips and chapter tournaments.

Some skippers frequently fish 3 or 4 day weekends and most take a week or ten days vacation on the big lakes. Judging from the "Fishin' Partner" file, many of the boat owners are frequently looking for partners to accompany them trolling.

If you would like to participate in a chapter tournament, but do not have a boat, contact Elton Luckritz, 268-6698. There's one more research trip this year and usually there's space on boats. Call Dave Gresham at 623-6923.

For weekend or one-day trolling trips you can call the chapter "Partner" Service at 583-1910 for details.

THE SUGGESTION BOX

A suggestion box is furnished at each meeting and is intended for your comments. So here they are from last month:

—what about a fishing tourney in the Detroit River this fall?

We're trying to arrange a tournament on DRIFT II.

—what is new with the Walleye commercial netting situation on Lake St. Clair? Are we sitting and waiting till after they start?

Contact, Tom Schneider or Lakeside Tackle

—let's not knock west state fishing, Lake Michigan is our lake also!

I didn't realize we were. I love Lake Michigan fishing.

—why petition against non-returnables while we're drinking "stubbies" at our meetings?

You're right, an effort will be made to change that.

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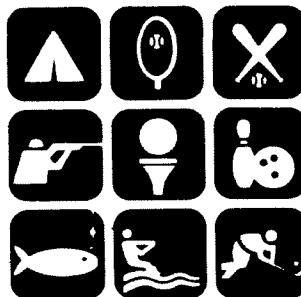
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Most conservationists officers continue to oppose snagging. They report that children are snagging everything from smelt (no kidding), perch and bluegills to trout and salmon, year around. Thousands of youngsters are growing up who will never relate to sports fishing ethics, angry officers charge. They say this non-sportsmanship attitude carries over into hunting.

Areas open to snagging this year, in addition to the AuSable from Foote downstream to Rhea Red., are portions of the Sable, Manistique, Big Manistee, Manistee Lake, Pere Marquette, Muskegon (four areas), Grand, Thornapple, Flat, Fish Creek, Maple, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph (two areas), Cass and Huron.

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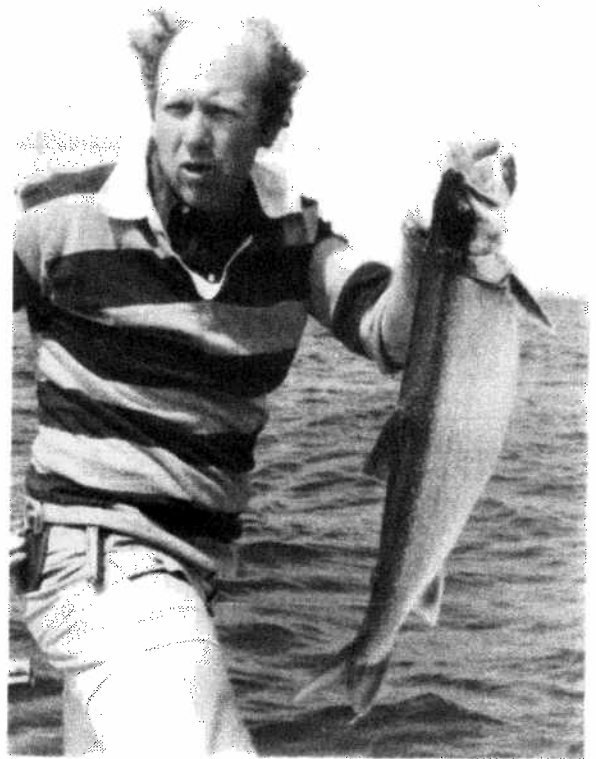
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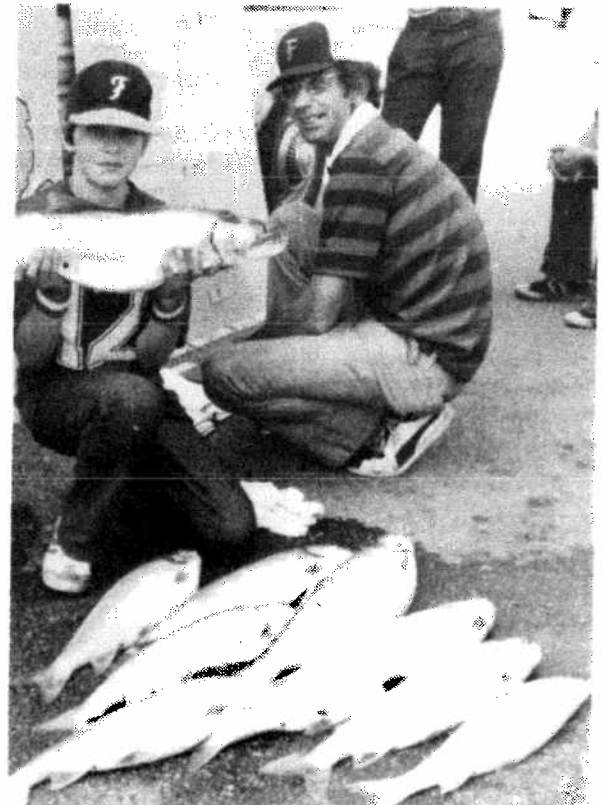
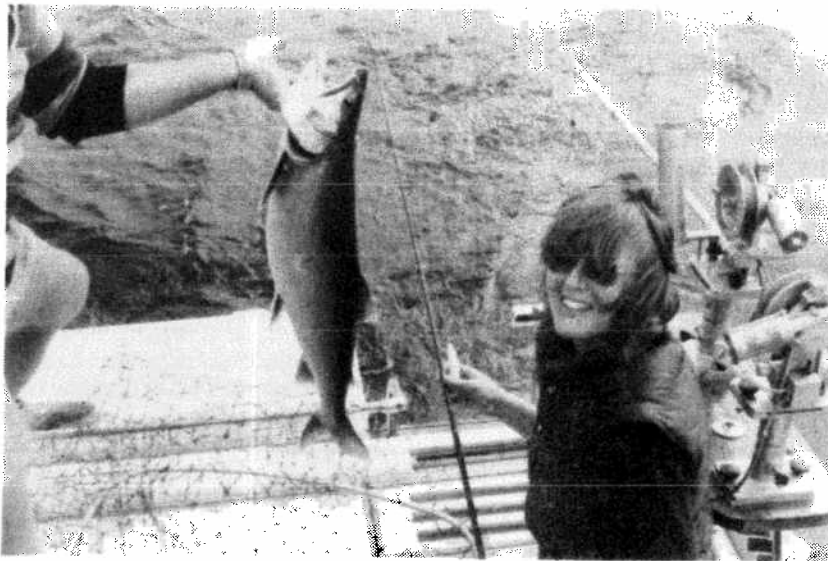
Karen Serafin, one of the hand-picked crew of the Yellow Jacket catches the first fish of the day.



John Makela, the winner of the South Haven Tournament on Memorial weekend. Seven fish with the largest a nice 20 pounder.



Paul Irvine, the winner of the Charleviox tournament on June 12th. With his all women crew and two stow-a-ways, the Yellow Jacket came in with 11 Lakers.




The two stow-a-ways, Jeff Luckritz and Elton, the tournament chairman weigh Irvine's catch.

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Good catches of Coho, Browns, & Lake Trout off Muskegon fishing 2-4 miles out and trolling down 40 to 80 ft.

Pentwater reports good catches of Lake Trout and Coho fishing in 100 to 120' of water, trolling 60 to 80 ft. down.

Ludington fair success with Lake Trout off Big Sauble Pt.

Manistee is still reporting fair to good catches of Brown Trout

The "Hot Spot" is reported to be off Frankfort and in Platte Bay. Lake Trout & Chinook up to 25 lb. are being taken off Frankfort and excellent Brown Trout in Platt Bay have allowed charters to limit out in two hours with one charter reporting 32 fish and another 29 in one day.

Good catches of Lake Trout at Charlevoix & Petoskey with some nice catches of Brown Trout being taken in Lake Charlevoix.

Smallmouth Bass are in the shallows of East Grand Traverse Bay.

Lake Huron reports good catches of Walleyes and Perch in the Cheboygan River.

Brown Trout fishing only fair Thunder Bay.

Very good catches of Lake Trout & Splake off Harrisville about one mile west NW of harbor by buoys.

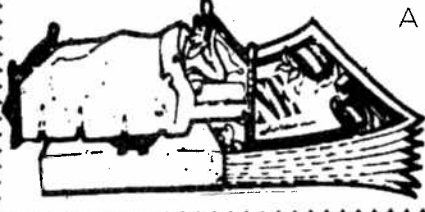
Only fair catches of Trout being reported in the Thumb area.


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Cass Lake Research
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Some very exciting things did happen to make the day memorable. Was that the Tuna Boat, that well-equipped fishing machine, pulling waterskiers? No, Charlie was probably trolling for krockadiles. And who was it that launched his boat on dry land and skidded it into the water on the motor?

Personally, the day was a disaster. I broke one rod, lost

three cannonballs and one fish on a bad knot, and to top things off, a downrigger fell off my boat on the way home. I feel, I have a vested interest in Cass Lake. I shall return this fall when the traffic clears . . .

After 2 towns

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South Haven & Charlevoix Tournaments
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Some put in early Sat. morning and were somewhere out in Lake Michigan getting lost. Others stayed in bed and listened to the rain and thunder and watched the boats slowly slip in and out of the fog.

I think for most it was a day, to test out equipment, boat motor and rain gear. For others like John Makela, Murrell Blackburn, William Brandt and Steve Hamilton it was a time to fish and fish they did.

When the tournament ended these skippers came in 1st to 4th in that order. John Makela caught 7 fish, the largest was 20 lbs. to give him top honors. Close behind was Murrell Blackburn with 9 fish, five points behind John. It was a wet, wet weekend.

On June 12th, we held the Charlevoix tournament. There was some concern that the weather may casue a postponement, but after waiting an extra hour to start we were under way at 8:00 am.

Charlevoix is basically Lake Trout water and this day didn't prove that wrong. At the day's end it was all Lake Trout. Leading pack and placing first, was Paul Irvine and his select, hand-picked crew of three girls and two stow-aways. The stow-aways were Elton Luckritz and his son, Jeff. Elton sneaked aboard when his boat broke down. Paul caught 11 fish, good for 194 pts. Close behind again was Murrell Blackburn with 11 fish and 187 pts. Paul told Murrell to leave the lures in their mouths then they weigh more. John Makela was 3rd with 185 pts. and 4th went to Jerome Vaerten with 105 pts. All in all we had a great time.

There are still 5 tournaments left, which means 5 more great weekends. We have a great time at these club functions, not only is it a way to get to know your fellow members, but it's a chance to support the club. It doesn't matter if you catch 1 or 10 fish, what's important is that you cared about the club. So sign up at the June meeting!

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½ green pepper, finely chopped
3 c peeled potatoes in ½" dice
2 bouillon cubes
1 can (1 lb.) tomatoes
½ t crumbled thyme leaves
1½ t salt
¼ t. pepper
1 lb. salmon, poached & liquid
reserved
2T sherry (optional)

Heat oil in heavy 3 to 4 qt.
kettle or dutch oven. Add
next 3 ingredients and sauté,
stirring, 5 minutes. Add 3 cups
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chunks & the salmon liquid. Add
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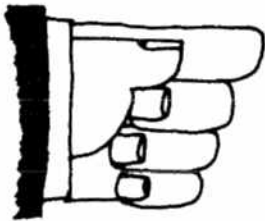
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