



MICHIGAN STEELHEAD AND SALMON FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Detroit Area Chapter

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AUGUST 27TH -- 7:30 P.M.

The August meeting of the Detroit Chapter, MSSFA, will be held at the Troy-Hilton Inn. Located in Troy at 15-Mile Road & Stephenson Hiway, all members are urged to attend. The next two meetings will be held at the same place same time on the last Wednesday of September and October.

There will be the usual super door prizes and this month the Steelheader who signs-up the most new members will receive the top prize.

BOB HASS, DNR RESEARCHER IS THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT AUG. MEET'G

The DNR Fisheries Biologist In Charge St. Clair-Great Lakes Station, will be the guest speaker at our August meeting. Mr Bob Hass will narrate a slide presentation and show a new film, "A Line On Chinook".

DETROIT CHAPTER KING CONTEST SET FOR SEPT. 6TH IN OSCODA

Our second chapter tournament will be in Oscoda, Michigan on September 6th. Many boats will haul-in 25 - 35 pound Chinooks. Oscoda has become one of the nations best ports for fishing 'cause of huge plantings year after year. The launch facilities are excellent & plenty of parking available. A large school of kings has already been sighted and fish over 27 lbs. have been caught. Chapter member Bob Bartus, skipper of the 24 ft. "My Harem", at this writing leads the Oscoda tourney with a 27 lb.-plus pounder. Contact Elton Luckritz (313) 268-6698).

SIX WIN FREE CHARTER TRIP AT JULY MEETING

The following Steelheaders paid two bucks for a ticket to win a free fishing trip this month.

ABOARD THE 'BIG FOOT TWO' --

Rick Dzieszkowski Detroit
Jim Labash Drayton Plains
Toby Dill Centerline
Jim Garcia Mt. Pleasant

Capt. Fern Gruber will host these four gents out of Manistee. A letter of thanks has been sent.

ABOARD THE SUE YA II --

Bob Kaminski Walled Lake
Joe Godzinski Garden City

Skipper Bob Rutt, chapter director, generously donated his craft and experience for a day out of South Haven.

The fishing trips drawing is a fund raiser for our chapter. A big thanks to the charter captains and steelheader

DNR DISTRICT FISHERIES BIOLOGIST TO RECEIVE NEW GRAPH AT MEETING!

Detroit Chapter Steelheaders will present Ron Spitler, District Fisheries Biologist-Pontiac, with a new Aqua Scope-100 recording depth-finder/fish locator. The presentation will be made at the August meeting.

A plaque will be mounted on the case of the unit inscribed "Donated by Detroit Area Chapter - Michigan Steelheaders - To Dept. Natural Resources - August 27, 1975".

DOUBLE FEATURE AT NEXT MEETING

A brand new fishing movie on King Salmon will be the highlight of the August meeting on the 27th.

Our chapter is fortunate in being one of the first to see the film, "A Line On Chinook". The added attraction is a slide presentation narrated by our distinguished speaker, Mr. Bob Hass.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, THANK YOU.

The chapter is in need of a few members to help in various activities. One project we'd like to get into is a 'boat directory'. Our files and each troller should know other chapter members out on the lake. We need a volunteer (or more) to compile such a list. Information required would be the boat name, size, color, type of radio, area fished and the skippers name. Contact John Makela 583-1910

The publicity committee wants to expand the newsletter to a format similar to the state steelheaders "Fish-Line". We need someone with ideas for a layout, a cartoonist, a fast reliable print shop and help in mail preparation. Contact Gale Spallinger 731-2596

VOTE FOR STATE DIRECTORS - PLEASE

Most of you have received the latest MSSFA "Fish Line" newsletter. Within is a ballot for seats on the board of directors - state level. You're urged to vote! At this time the Detroit Chapter has only two representatives. Consider for one-year terms, the following nominees: 1, 5, 7 & 8. Your chapter executive and nominating committees endorse these candidates - AND also one write-in for a one year term: Ed Raquel, Armada, Michigan. Ed is the chapter treasurer and one of the most active officers. Additional ballots will be available at the meet.

HOT LINE NUMBERS - 1975

For the latest info on where the fish are being caught - give these numbers a try.....

be a rather rough experience. Saturday morning (July 19) broke with a terrific thunderstorm and high winds that carried thru' the day. The small craft advisory was posted and the research expedition was put off until the next day/

However, many of us spent the day fishing for smallmouth and perch. The perch fishing was great with fish running 12 to 17 inches. Not a bad bonus for what looked like a poor start.

Sunday dawned with a lot of haze, the lake was flat and those who stayed the extra day went trolling. About ten-thirty the wind was picking up again and by noon most of us were forced off the lake.

But the trip was not a total loss. Bob Crosby, skipper of the craft, "Whitwater" caught an 18½ lb. King Salmon which took top honors. Many thanks for all those who participated and showed support for this type of trip. We hope to have many more in the future.

GRINDSTONE WINNER (Bob Crosby, Member)

Without prior planning it was decided to hook-up the boat and head for Grindstone City for the Chapters first research trip. Why not wet some lines and see some real fishing (for my first time) by the Steelheaders?

The excitement of the trip began when I arrived at the launch - with the members talking about the rigs, areas to fish and exchanging ideas on locating the fish. Director Dave Gresham had everything under control except the weather.

However on Sunday morning I arrived at the launch to see mostly parked cars and empty trailers. Everyone had beat it out sooner than I expected. I decided to run straight out (40 degrees) into 65 feet of water, rig up, and start trolling east into deeper water. One downrigger was lowered 48 feet with a flutter spoon run clean and 20 feet behind the boat. The other was dropped 55 feet with an Andy Reeker running 30 feet behind the weight.

After about a half hour and in 95 feet of water, 'WHAP', the line was screaming out...a fish on...the Andy Reeker. After the most furious fight that I have ever had with any fish, and the most trouble boating, I stood and gazed at the biggest fish I'd ever caught. (And couldn't identify - as everybody up there soon found out.)

My 18½ pound, 34" Chinook had won the day, an outstanding trophy and a plaque for my first mate, John Beer. Many thanks to all those who make the research trips possible.

At this writing we have few details on the winners at our first tournament. Those turkeys are probably up there still looking for the fish.

We can report this: The wind and waves were high and so must have been the Browns because they weren't too active.

Steve Hamilton was tossed by a mighty wave - bounced off a SiSu rod which promptly bounced right back off the skippers head.....Elton apparently felt the seas were too rough for his boat - last seen he was atop the bridge of a 38-footer jiggin' a crawler.... Chuck Cartwright cheats: 2 smallmouth, an 8" steelhead and a 12" lake trout to keep his two Browns company.

WANTED - DETROIT RIVER GUIDES

The chapter has been approached by a public relations firm in the employ of greater detroit C of C's. They want us to provide smarts, boats & equipment and time to host celebrity sportsmen-writers & TV outdoor personalities. The top thirty in the country will be invited for a couple days of Detroit River fishing this fall. Our efforts will be handsomely rewarded if and when the event takes place - CASH for the treasury, dinner and functions with the guests and sponsors, prizes and personal expenses. When the contest gets underway the chapter will provide 15 boats for the river with 5 back-ups, all 20 footers or larger.

The problem is -- not many of us have trolled the Detroit River. Those who have are needed and we beg your assistance as 'first mates' aboard the fishing boats.

The free publicity alone will be dynamite for our chapter. And there will be nationwide publicity by the guests. Lets hope we can set up a mutually agreeable contract and become involved. If you can help, please get in touch with Ed Raquel, 585-2232 (ASAP).

WIN A FREE FISHING TRIP

The publicity committee plans on expanding and dressing-up this once a month mud slinger. Somethin like the "Fish Line" probably, but we're asking you to send in a name for our paper.

If your entry wins you can plan on a King or two aboard the SiSu next month. Aend your entry on a post card to the address above. Chapter members only.

KEEP ON CHUGGIN

John Makela, Editor