



Fishin' Tales

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February Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, February 23, 2016 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Guest Speaker:**
Dan O'Keefe - Michigan Sea Grant
- **2nd Featured Guest Speaker:**
Roger Hinchcliff - Steelhead Manifesto
- **Other Happenings:**
Ice Fishing Outing reports., River Tournament Info., Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every Member Drawing
- **DAS website:** www.detroitsteelheaders.com
- **Be sure to check out**
The DAS Message Board on the website for the most up-to-date club news and information

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Study: Walleye, Trout Will Be Hardest Hit by Asian Carp



Walleye, prized for their taste and the sheer fun of hauling in a fish that can reach 20 pounds, would be among the most heavily affected in Lake Erie should

invasive Asian carp

establish themselves there.

Projections for other native species in the lake, however, are not quite as dire, according to researchers at the University of Michigan. In fact, some species may increase due to the presence of the voracious bighead and silver carp.

The Great Lakes have been under increasing threat from Asian carp in recent years as the invasive species has worked its way north through the Mississippi River system. The carp, which can quickly alter the food chain in ecosystems where it sets up a reproducing population, is seen as a major threat to the region's fishing and water recreation industries.

In a new study published last week, University of Michigan researcher Hyong Zhang identified walleye, rainbow trout, gizzard shad and emerald shiners as species that would be hardest hit by the arrival of Asian carp. In those instances, the carp would greatly reduce the traditional food sources of the native species.

Other species, such as smallmouth bass, could see as much as a 16 percent increase in its Lake Erie population. The fish-eating bass may find their food options increased with the arrival of Asian carp, according to UM projections.

Ultimately, Asian carp could account for as much as 34 percent of the overall fish weight in Lake Erie.

Fortunately, the percentage would not be as high as it is today in the Illinois River, where Asian carp have caused large changes in the ecosystem and have affected human use of the river, Zhang said in a press release.

Her research is a collaboration with other scientists at institutions such as the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor an arm of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It is the latest project on a subject that has produced varying predictions for Lake Erie over the years. Previous studies have forecast much more drastic impacts from Asian carp.

We don't know how these two Asian carp species are going to do in Lake Erie, so we have to incorporate that uncertainty into our model projections, said Doran Mason, a research ecologist at GLERL. It's like using computer models to predict a hurricane's path and intensity and including the margin of error in the forecast.

Feb. 20 Ice Fishing Outing Changed to Higgins Lake



Lodging

Am-Vets Lodge (989)821-6574

On the lake best place to stay for fishing and it's close to the lake trout grounds. It's \$33/night for members \$37/night for non members. Houghton lake is less than 10 miles away and there is a ton of lodging down there

Make sure your tip ups and reels are able to fish in deep water over 100 feet. You can jig or use live bait (smelt or grays). This time of the year you need to be near the bottom. The perch bite is pretty good right now too live bait (wrigglers and waxies) off the north state park you will see the groups of shanties.

We should plan to be on the ice by 7 am and everyone fishing should call Blaise the night before when you arrive so we can plan a meeting place for the morning, we will plan a spot closest to the hot bite. This way everyone can fish together and we do not leave anyone behind.

Carl Ventimiglia

MEMBERSHIP NEWS**Currently: 149 Members****New Memberships Welcome!**

ANDY GORSKE	JASON JONES	DENNIS KELLEY	RUTH SMITH
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Re-Newed Memberships

FRED CHARTIER	DONALD JASMAN	GARY RUPRICH	NANCY WOOD
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Memberships Expired**2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:**

TED LEWICKI

1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:

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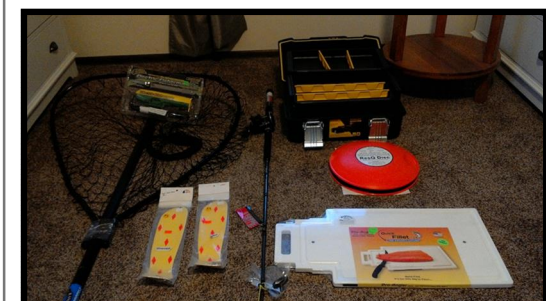
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**Tackle Matters**

This month's featured items are pictured above. The total value of all the prizes on the table this month adds up to \$248.83. I put the Dream Weaver paddles on the table for this month after listening to Dan Keating speak on Lake Michigan big water fishing. Dan was the speaker at the Feb-

ruary Metro West meeting and he uses paddles a lot. The ResQdisk is a safety item that we should all have on our boats and the Daiwa walleye combo is there for all the walleye fishermen. The remaining items on the February tackle raffle table are all things that will come in handy if you fish a lot.

Next month tackle raffle teaser! The March DAS meeting tackle raffle table will feature a Shimano 90 Talora dipsey combo with an Okuma Convector CV 45 D reel. Total value \$130. Don't miss this opportunity!

Thank you for supporting the clubs raffles, have fun with it because it is a club benefit. Please let me know your ideas on what type of stuff you would like to see on the tackle raffle table.

Dan Chisholm**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.**

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Membership Application

New Member - \$35 Yearly

Renewal - \$35 Yearly

Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly

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At 92, Godfather of Michigan Sport Fishing Turns to Small Fry to Carry on Legacy.



DUSTIN WALSH - CRAIN'S DETROIT BUSINESS
Staff Blog: Manufacturing, auto suppliers, steel and business of law



Howard Tanner, former director of the Michigan DNR, is on a mission to recruitment new anglers, and conservationists, to take on new problems facing the Great Lakes and our river systems.

Howard Tanner, former director of the **Michigan Department of Natural Resources**, understands how small things can make a large impact.

Prior, during and after his tenure as the state's top environmentalist, Tanner watched the effects of invasive species decimate fish populations and alter the biology of the Great Lakes.

Former Michigan DNR Director Howard Tanner talks to students at New Morning School in Plymouth Township on Wednesday as part of Project F.I.S.H., a fishing and conservation education program run out of Michigan State University. The program's goal is to create stewardship for the state's lakes and rivers.

Now, at 92 years old and sitting in a small chair in front of the schoolchildren of **New Morning School** in Plymouth Township on Wednesday, Tanner is dedicated to recruiting the newest generations to takeover as watchmen of the Great Lakes.

What I worry about, what keeps me up at night, is that a lot of people don't think about the Great Lakes, Tanner told the children. We need leaders of our public waters. The word public means it belongs to the people, not the state, but it doesn't really belong to anyone; the responsibility to keep them great belongs to the public - belongs to you.

Tanner spoke to the school kids as part of **Project F.I.S.H.**, a fishing and conservation education program run out of **Michigan State University**. The program's goal is to create stewardship for the state's lakes and rivers.

The students at New Morning School raise salmon in a fish tank, later to be released in the Red Cedar River tributary in April.

The release of the salmon parr into the Red Cedar will mark the 50th anniversary of the species' introduction in the Great Lakes by Tanner.

In 1966, Tanner, then the fisheries chief for the **Department of Conservation**, spearheaded the effort to introduce Coho salmon and later Chinook salmon into Lake Michigan after its lake trout populations were decimated by commercial overfishing and the invasive parasitic sea lamprey.

The transformative plan to introduce the salmon, first into the Platte and Bear Creek rivers, created a ripple effect across the state's waterways that reopened beaches and thrust Michigan toward its standing of the

Project F.I.S.H. (Cont'd on Pg.4)

Project F.I.S.H. (Cont'd from Pg.3)

third largest recreational fishing economy in the U.S.

The sea lamprey entered the Great Lakes following the completion of the **Welland Canal**, which created a shipping route between the Atlantic Ocean and Great Lakes port cities, including Detroit, in 1829.

The invasive parasite fish has a voracious appetite and feeds on large predatory fish and nearly wiped out the state's lake trout and whitefish populations by the 1960s.



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fishing in the state, one that would surpass an economic impact of \$2.4 billion by 2011, outpacing hunting as the top wildlife activity. An estimated 1.2 million anglers descend on Michigan lakes, rivers, creeks and ponds each year. That decision 50 years ago made Tanner the godfather of Michigan sport fishing.

Yet Tanner believes his work is not done and the recruitment of new anglers, and conservationists, is critical to take on new problems facing the Great Lakes and our river systems.

Tanner said he's concerned with **Enbridge Inc.'s** Line 5, a major oil pipeline running beneath the Straits of Mackinac between Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. The pipeline is old, built in 1953, and is capable of carrying 540,000 barrels of oil per day.

The aging pipeline could pose a major risk to the Great Lakes, Tanner said, referencing the 2010 Kalamazoo River oil spill near Marshall. A 6-foot break in the Enbridge pipeline there caused 1.1 million gallons of crude oil to spill into the river, resulting in the largest inland oil spill in U.S. history.

"We have dozens of pipelines and I don't know whether a problem will occur, but people need to be thinking about them," Tanner told the students at New Morning School. "There are complexities out there and you need to be aware of them when you become leaders (of this state)."

But Project F.I.S.H.'s goal remains in jeopardy as it struggles to fund its mission, said Mark Stephens, coordinator of the program. The program is seeking a \$1.2 million endowment, he said.

"We really need business to step up," Stephens said. "It's critical to our survival and the mission to educate the state's children on the importance of our Great Lakes and rivers."

Beachgoers were also suffering due to an overabundance of a fish species known as the alewife, a food fish for the depleted lake trout population, that would die and wash up on the state's beaches.

But Tanner's decision to introduce salmon, which many anglers feared would eradicate other species, fixed more problems that it would ever create.

By 1967, the salmon fishing season in Michigan became a boom.

Fishermen came from everywhere, Tanner told *The Grand Rapids Press* in 2011. They had no downriggers, no fish finders. They had small boats and no experience. People who never thought of catching salmon were able to go out and catch their limit. The fish were porpoising and they fished with whatever they had."

Salmon fishing spawned a new era of recreational

Sportsman's Dinner A Virtual Sell-Out!



The Annual Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner is a Virtual Sell-Out!! What this means is that the target ticket sales of 550 tickets are spoken for but not necessarily paid for. Some of those spoken for tickets

could become available at a later date.

If you wish to put an e-mail ticket request in to our Ticket Sales Director, you can do so at gltrroller2003@yahoo.com. Be sure to specify your name, number of tickets and phone number in the e-

mail. You will be put on a waiting list and called if tickets become available.

You can still PAY FOR TICKETS THAT YOU HAVE by visiting our website. On the home page, click on Tournaments & Events, then on that page click on the Wild Game Dinner button and on that page click on the PAY NOW button on the bottom of the page. You can also pay for those tickets at the February membership meeting. Just see Bob Jones there.

Thanks for supporting our only fundraiser and we're hoping to see every one there on March 5.

Recent posts on the DAS Message Board:

Re: Ice Fishing 1-23 & 24 2016

by Ken Robinette » Wed Jan 27, 2016 2:50 pm

Hi my name is ken robinette iam new to the club and new to ice fishing I need help on where to go I have the gear any help would be great

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Ken Robinette

Posts: 1
Joined: Wed Jan 20, 2016 1:41 am
Contact:

Re: Ice Fishing 1-23 & 24 2016

by Bob Paradise » Wed Jan 27, 2016 9:23 pm

Ken we will be having an outing this Saturday at St. Lukes , this is Canadian waters, Not sure if we will be driving are quads and snowmobiles, but I will be bringing mine over there. Anyone who wants to make the trip give me a call at (586-457-4073) . We fished there last weekend and did pretty good.

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Bob Paradise

Posts: 16
Joined: Mon Feb 16, 2015 10:50 pm
Contact:

Re: Ice Fishing 1-23 & 24 2016

by channing » Sun Jan 31, 2016 5:18 pm

The DAS LSC ice outing turned out to be on Mitchell's Bay instead of St. Luke's. The turnout was pretty good with 7 of us on Mitchell's Bay and a few more on St. Luke's Bay. Those of us on Mitchell's Bay caught perch all day long. The size was not what we would have preferred but with persistence and much sorting we all came home with a very good catch. I'm probably the worst guy out there and I'm sure I caught around 250 perch in order to take home 49. Why 49? Because I don't like recounting so when I hit 49 I stop just in case I miss counted. You will seldom see fish pictures from me because my crank phone takes a poopy pictures. That's why I did not include any photo.

We fished about two miles straight out in 5 fow. Just about anything would get a hit but most of the fish were caught on 1 1/2 inch Guster spoons with ant-freeze beads. Just to try something different for bigger perch I went to a perch jig rappala for a short time. It was not much different, still a lot of sorting but it takes longer to remove the small ones from a jig rap so I stopped using it. However, after a few minutes jigging with the jig rap I got the hit I was looking for. My perch rod bent in two and I thought I had a prize until I got it up and found a 6" perch on the front hook and a 7" perch on the back hook. Bummer! Never had that happen before.

Everyone was off the ice by 1 pm and bottom line, everyone caught perch and had fun.

How was the ice? No ice is safe ice but we had 5" to 6" of ice in most areas but you had to be careful where you went. There is an open crack out there where we fished and we were only able to stay out there because the wind direction was favorable for Mitchell's Bay, locking the ice in.

I do not recommend going out there until after this thaw and "if" we get a good re-freeze to make things better.

That's my story.....Dan

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Posts: 14
Joined: Mon Feb 16, 2015 2:14 am
Contact:

Re: Ice Fishing 1-23 & 24 2016

by Bad Dog » Tue Feb 02, 2016 12:03 am

The Mitchell's Bay outing was great fun! Definitely my best day on the ice. I couldn't find my rods and tackle on Friday, but was able to borrow a hot set up from Blaise. When a big fish ran off with the antifreeze Guster I was using, Baise was kind enough to sell me a red Guster. It was just as hot. Crossing the border at Algonac, was just a half hour drive to Mitchell's Bay. If you've been on the fence about getting a Canadian fishing license, act now while the US dollar worth 40% more than the Loonie.

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Bad Dog

Posts: 47
Joined: Mon Feb 16, 2015 5:26 pm
Contact:

DAS 2015-2016 Fall/Winter River, Surf, Pier & Ice Fishing Tournaments/Outings

Sat., Dec. 12, 2015

Caseville

Lake Trout River Outing

Sat., Jan. 30, 2016

Mitchell's Bay

Perch Ice Fishing Outing

Sat., Feb. 20, 2016

Higgins Lake

Ice Fishing Outing

Contact: Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517

Sat., Mar. 16, 2016

Manistee Watershed

Tournament vs. Metro-West Steelheaders

Contact: Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073

Sat., Apr. 2, 2016

Island Lake

Trout Outing (Catch & Release)

Contact: Anthony Lewis (517) 449-3036

2016 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Date

April 30

(6:00am - 1:00pm)

Port

St. Joseph

plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club

Port Captain

Blaise Pewinski/Dan Chisholm

May 21

(6:00am - 1:00pm)

Grand Haven

Bob Feisel

May 22

(6:00am - 11:00am)

June 4

(6:00am - 1:00pm)

Harbor Beach

Jim Zanke

July 30

(6:00am - 1:00pm)

Port Austin

Bob Jones/Bob Ksionzek

August 13

(6:00am - 1:00pm)

Manistee

Tom Gorguze

August 27

(6:00am - 1:00pm)

Ludington

Joe Von Grabe

Upcoming 2016 DAS Key Dates

Sat., Feb. 20, 2016	Ice Fishing Outing Higgins Lake
Tues., Feb. 23, 2016 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues., Mar. 1, 2016 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Mar. 5, 2016 5:00pm - 10:00pm	DAS Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Mar. 16, 2016	Tournament vs. Metro-West Steelheaders Manistee River Watershed

2016 January Membership Meeting Facts

<u>Attendance:</u>	65
<u>Featured :</u>	Capt. Ande Gorske Frank's Great outdoors Ice Fishing Safety & Smart Sense
<u>Also Featured :</u>	Free Pizza Night
<u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u>	\$110 - Bob Feisel
<u>Every Member Draw:</u>	\$100 - Carl Ventimiglia Sr. Present

Enjoy These Other Newsletters and Reports

Here are some links to other newsletters and reports:

Woods-N-Water News

(<http://www.woods-n-waternews.com/>)

(Press the CTRL key + click on the link to open the link)

Basin Report Newsletters

(<http://www.great-lakes.org/basinreports/basinreports.html>)

(Press the CTRL key + click on the link to open the link)

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Metro-West Steelheaders Newsletters

(<http://www.metroweststeelheaders.org/newsletters.php>)

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