



# Fishin' Tales

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- August Meeting**
- When:** Tuesday, August 30, 2016 7:30pm
  - Where:** American Polish Cultural Center NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
  - Featured Guest Speaker:** Capt. Joel Piatek Fish Head Charters - Lake St. Clair
  - Other Happenings:** Boat Trolling Tournament reports, Outing info., Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every Member Drawing
  - DAS website:** [www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://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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## Port Austin ... Fishin' Was Tough But Surprising!

For the first time since 2009, (8) crews & their boats descended upon the sleepy village of Port Austin for a DAS Boat Trolling tournament on Saturday, July 30. However, with the wind blowing pretty good out of the E-NE and waves in the 3ø to 4ø range offshore as forecasted, it was decided at the 5:00am Skipperø meeting to wait & see how bad things really were in daylight. Co-Tournament director Bob Ksionzek asked the crews to re-convene at 8:30am to see if some sort of tournament would be possible.

Meanwhile, Co-Tournament director Bob Feisel & crew took a boat ride out to the Port Austin lighthouse in Bobø's øVickieø's Seacretø to do an on-the-water assessment. They confirmed conditions as a 2ø-3ø chop with widely spaced 4ø rollers out beyond the PA light. With offshore conditions as such but better inside and to the west of the lighthouse, we decided we could do the Walleye outing we had planned for Sunday beginning at 9:30am Saturday and fishing until 1:30pm. A Big Fish pool was held for \$5 per boat. We would have the weigh-in at the Veteranø Park pavilion next door to the west of the Port Austin Marina and do our planned luncheon as well.

The walleye fishing had been very good the previous 2 weeks but this big blow out of the E-NE had cooled down the water 7 to 10 degrees and walleye were pretty hard to find. But surprisingly, the DAS fleet were catching some øsilverøfish. Co-Tournament director Bob Ksionzek made an on the water decision to add a 2<sup>nd</sup> \$5 Big Fish pool for Salmon & Trout. At the 11:30am Fish Call, all boats reported at least one fish. øBobbyø's Toyø had 2 steelhead and 1 coho, ø

Prior to the outing weigh-in, the crews enjoyed the delicious pizza and fresh ante pasta salad from Joeø's Pizzeria in town as well as cookies and the usual assortment of cold drinks. All boats weighed at least 1 fish. Only 2 walleye were weighed-in and øDianaø's Denø skippered by Dennis Harper managed to take the \$40 Big Walleye pool with a 2.8

lb. walleye. Skipper John Meade of the øSalukiø team took the Big Trout-Salmon pool with a 6.6 lb. steelhead which won the \$40 also.

Based on the forecast of lesser winds and waves 2ø or under, it was decided to have the regular tournament Sunday morning starting at 6:00am with no Skipperø's meeting. We would fish until 11:00am with one Fish Call at 9:00am. The weigh-in would be at the same place at 12:00pm., unfortunately John Meade had prior commitments on Sunday and could not stick around. Bob Feisel had re-occurring boat issues and decided he could not fish and put the øVickieø's Seacretø on the trailer and headed home. So we were down to 6 boats for Sundayø's event.

Sunday morning the waves were more like 2ø-3ø but it was very fishable with all 6 boats on the water for the 6:00am roll call. øDianaø's Denø being the smallest

boat and øSea Hagø were chosen as weather boats in case things got worse and a decision to continue fishing was needed. It stayed fishable all morning and most boats headed 4 to 5 miles off the PA light at about 30 degrees to fish the reef for lake trout. The better fishing was in 100 to 120 FOW but the lake trout that are usually in abundance here were hard to come by. But 5 of 6 boats brought some fish to the weigh-in including steelhead, coho, a few lakers and even a king!

Skipper Bob Jones and his crew on øBobbyø's Toyø brought 7 fish to the weigh-in but only 5 could be counted. However, those 5 were good for 57.05 pts and 1<sup>st</sup> Place. Congratulations, øBobbyø's Toyø! øSea Hagø with skipper Blaise Pewinski and crew weighed-in (2) lake trout, numbers well below his usual catch here, but they took 2<sup>nd</sup> place honors with 35.85 pts. Team øTygerø skippered by Ty Voigt brought a coho and a lake trout to the scales good for 23.40 pts and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Big Fish was a 16.25 lb. King caught aboard øBobbyø's Toyø by Rod Elnick. Nice, especially for Port Austin!

**Co-Tournament Director  
Bob Ksionzek**



No, your eyes are not playing tricks on you, that's a 16.25 lb. King caught by Rod Elnick aboard "Bobby's Toy". The Big Fish at the Port Austin Tournament, Sunday July 31.

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**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Currently: **149 Members**

**New Memberships Welcome!**

**Re-Newed Memberships**

|              |             |              |            |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| JEFF BUSTOS  | KEN CIONE   | GARY GROSS   | JOHN MEADE |
| MARK CARLSON | ANDY GORSKE | BOB KSIONZEK |            |

**Memberships Expired**

|                                  |                |               |                |
|----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| <b>2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:</b>  | DON ANTON      | MICHAEL GRANT | STEVE HAMILTON |
| <b>1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:</b> | DAVE ROEHR     |               |                |
| <b>This Month:</b>               | GEORGE VIDUSIC |               |                |

**Detroit Area Steelheaders is on Facebook.**



**Every Member Drawing News!**

The Board of Directors has revised the Every Member Drawing as follows:

If we have not awarded the \$100 to a member present at the monthly member meeting for three consecutive months, during the fourth month drawing we will continue to draw names until a present member's name is drawn and that member wins the \$100 Every member drawing.

Note: Because we did not draw a winning name going back to January, this was awarded during the June membership meeting. The lucky winner was Don Mikros.

Dan Chisholm



**Shelby Twp. Fishing Derby**

Shelby Twp. is having their Kids Fishing Derby at Heritage Gardens, Sat., August 27 at 52700 Van Dyke Rd. just south of 24 Mile rd. The Detroit Steelheaders is sponsoring this event.

I am looking for two volunteers to help Chris Nytko and myself at this event. If anyone would like to help out from 10:00am to 1:00pm please call me at 586-215-6264 or you can also text me at that number.

Thanks  
Rich Janis RJ



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**Membership Application**

New Member - \$35 Yearly

Renewal - \$35 Yearly

Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly

Address Change only

Amt. Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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|-----------------|--|----------------|------------|
| NAME            |  | DATE           |            |
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**Skipper of the Year Standings 2016**

8/23/16

Best 4

|    | Boat Name         | Skipper Name        | St. Joe | Grand Haven | Harbor Beach | Port Austin | Manistee | Ludington | Total Points | Best 5 | Best 6 |
|----|-------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|--------|--------|
| 1  | Bobby's Toy       | Bob Jones           | 4       | 3           | 4            | 1           | 3        | 75        | 11           | 15     | 90     |
| 2  | Saluki            | John Meade          | 5       | 2           | 2            | 75          | 4        | 75        | 13           | 88     | 163    |
| 3  | Sea Hag           | Blaise Pewinski     | 1       | 75          | 1            | 2           | 11       | 75        | 15           | 90     | 165    |
| 4  | Vicki's Seacret   | Bob Feisel          | 3       | 1           | 3            | 75          | 8        | 75        | 15           | 90     | 165    |
| 5  | Piece of Cake     | Charles Denning     | 7       | 6           | 5            | 75          | 75       | 75        | 93           | 168    | 243    |
| 6  | Hardtop & Tails   | Jim Zanke           | 8       | 7           | 11           | 75          | 75       | 75        | 101          | 176    | 251    |
| 7  | Loki-One          | Dave Roehr          | 75      | 5           | 50           | 50          | 10       | 75        | 115          | 190    | 265    |
| 8  | Channing          | Dan Chisholm        | 50      | 4           | 9            | 75          | 75       | 75        | 138          | 213    | 288    |
| 9  | Bad Dog           | Tom Gorguze         | 75      | 75          | 6            | 75          | 2        | 75        | 158          | 233    | 308    |
| 10 | Aquarius II       | Chris Nytko         | 75      | 75          | 7            | 4           | 75       | 75        | 161          | 236    | 311    |
| 11 | Tyger             | Ty Voigt            | 75      | 75          | 75           | 3           | 9        | 75        | 162          | 237    | 312    |
| 12 | Diana's Den       | Denis Harper        | 75      | 75          | 10           | 5           | 75       | 75        | 165          | 240    | 315    |
| 13 | Just Wastin' Time | Don Jasmin          | 75      | 75          | 50           | 75          | 12       | 75        | 212          | 287    | 362    |
| 14 | Almost Paradise   | Bob Paradise        | 75      | 75          | 75           | 75          | 1        | 75        | 226          | 301    | 376    |
| 15 | Silver Addiction  | Capt. Mark Williams | 2       | 75          | 75           | 75          | 75       | 75        | 227          | 302    | 377    |
| 16 | Lake Buzzard IV   | Fred Chartier       | 75      | 75          | 75           | 75          | 5        | 75        | 230          | 305    | 380    |
| 17 | Blue Horizon      | Paul Gjeldum        | 6       | 75          | 75           | 75          | 75       | 75        | 231          | 306    | 381    |
| 18 | Trapshooter       | Ken Cione           | 75      | 75          | 75           | 75          | 6        | 75        | 231          | 306    | 381    |
| 19 | Moonshot          | Brad Walton         | 75      | 75          | 75           | 75          | 7        | 75        | 232          | 307    | 382    |
| 20 | Money Tree        | Chuck Eddy          | 75      | 75          | 8            | 75          | 75       | 75        | 233          | 308    | 383    |
| 21 | Six Pack          | Chris Turak         | 9       | 75          | 75           | 75          | 75       | 75        | 234          | 309    | 384    |



|               |              | St. Joe | Grand Haven | Harbor Beach | Port Austin | Manistee | Ludington | Total For Year |
|---------------|--------------|---------|-------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| Number Caught | No. of Boats | 10      | 7           | 13           | 6           | 12       | 0         | 48             |
|               | Kings        | 2       | 7           | 0            | 1           | 40       | 0         | 50             |
|               | Cohos        | 30      | 43          | 0            | 2           | 4        | 0         | 79             |
|               | Lake Trout   | 30      | 2           | 49           | 6           | 0        | 0         | 87             |
|               | Steelhead    | 4       | 4           | 0            | 4           | 0        | 0         | 12             |
|               | Browns       | 0       | 0           | 0            | 0           | 0        | 0         | 0              |
|               | Atlantics    | 0       | 0           | 0            | 0           | 0        | 0         | 0              |
|               | Pinks        | 0       | 0           | 0            | 0           | 0        | 0         | 0              |
|               | Totals       | 66      | 56          | 49           | 13          | 44       | 0         | 228            |

| Species    | Wgt. (lbs.) | Boat Name       | Port        |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| King       | 24.90       | Bad Dog         | Manistee    |
| Coho       | 8.45        | Lake Buzzard IV | Manistee    |
| Lake Trout | 12.85       | Vicki's Seacret | Grand Haven |
| Steelhead  | 7.55        | Saluki          | Grand Haven |
| Brown      | 0.00        |                 |             |
| Atlantic   | 0.00        |                 |             |
| Pink       | 0.00        |                 |             |

**FALL RIVER, SURF & PIER  
TOURNAMENT/OUTING SCHEDULE  
(TENTATIVE)**

- Sept. 17 @Manistee - Manistee River Shed**
- Oct. 1 @Brethren - Manistee River Shed**
- Oct. 15 @Muskegon - Muskegon River**
- Oct. 19 @Baldwin - Pere Marquette River**  
(The 4 above events may include the Metro-West Steelheaders)
- Nov. 5 @Manistee Lakeshore Motel Tournament**
- Nov. 12 @Ludington Michael's Bar & Grill Tournament**



**2016 Boat Trolling Tournaments**

| Date                                  | Port                | Port Captain   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>April 30</b><br>(6:00am - 1:00pm)  | <b>St. Joseph</b>   | <b>Blaise Pewinski/Dan Chisholm</b><br><i>plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club</i> |
| <b>May 21</b><br>(6:00am - 1:00pm)    | <b>Grand Haven</b>  | <b>Bob Feisel</b>  |
| <b>May 22</b><br>(6:00am - 11:00am)   |                     |  |
| <b>June 4</b><br>(6:00am - 1:00pm)    | <b>Harbor Beach</b> | <b>Jim Zanke</b>   |
| <b>July 30</b><br>(6:00am - 1:00pm)   | <b>Port Austin</b>  | <b>Bob Jones/Bob Ksionzek</b>  |
| <b>August 13</b><br>(6:00am - 1:00pm) | <b>Manistee</b>     | <b>Tom Gorguze</b>   |
| <b>August 27</b><br>(6:00am - 1:00pm) | <b>Ludington</b>    | <b>Joe Von Grabe</b>   |

# Port Austin Tournament Photos



1st Place - %Bobby Toy+ - Skipper Bob Jones & Crew



2nd Place - %Sea Hag+ - Skipper Blaise Pewinski & Crew



3rd Place - %Tyger+ - Skipper Ty Voigt & Crew



4th Place - %Aquarius II+ - Skipper Chris Nytko & Crew



5th Place - %Diana Den+ - Skipper Dennis Harper & Crew



2nd Place - %Sea Hag+ - Skipper Blaise Pewinski & Crew

| Port Austin Standings |             |                 |                   |                           |        |        |        |        |  | 7/30/2016         |                   |                |                 |              |       |   |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|---|
| Place                 | Boat Name   | Skipper         | # of Fish Weighed | Catch by Species & Weight |        |        |        |        |  | Best 8 Total Wgt. | Best 8 Total Pts. | Deduction Code | Points Deducted | Total Points | Place |   |
| 1                     | Bobby's Toy | Bob Jones       | 5                 | K 16.25                   | S 5.10 | L 4.45 | S 3.85 | L 2.40 |  |                   | 32.05             | 57.05          | NONE            | 0.00         | 57.05 | 1 |
| 2                     | Sea Hag     | Blaise Pewinski | 3                 | L 9.45                    | L 8.50 | S 2.90 | -----  | -----  |  |                   | 20.85             | 35.85          | NONE            | 0.00         | 35.85 | 2 |
| 3                     | Tyger       | Ty Voigt        | 2                 | L 9.90                    | C 3.50 | -----  | -----  | -----  |  |                   | 13.40             | 23.40          | LTWI            | 2.00         | 23.40 | 3 |
| 4                     | Aquarius II | Chris Nytko     | 2                 | L 5.35                    | C 2.75 | -----  | -----  | -----  |  |                   | 8.10              | 18.10          | LTWI            | 4.00         | 18.10 | 4 |
| 5                     | Diana's Den | Denis Harper    | 1                 | S 6.20                    | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  |  |                   | 6.20              | 11.20          | NONE            | 0.00         | 11.20 | 5 |
| 6                     | Loki-One    | Dave Roehr      | 0                 | -----                     | -----  | -----  | -----  | -----  |  |                   | 0.00              | 1.00           | NONE            | 0.00         | 1.00  | 6 |

|   | Boat Name   | Species    | Wgt.  | Number Caught |
|---|-------------|------------|-------|---------------|
| BIG FISH<br>L<br>A<br>R<br>G<br>E<br>S<br>T | Bobby's Toy | King       | 16.25 |               |
|   | Bobby's Toy | King       | 16.25 | 1             |
|   | Tyger       | Coho       | 3.50  | 2             |
|   | Tyger       | Lake Trout | 9.90  | 6             |
|   | Diana's Den | Steelhead  | 6.20  | 4             |
|   |             | Brown      | 0.00  | 0             |
|   |             | Atlantic   | 0.00  | 0             |
|   | Pink        | 0.00       | 0     |               |
|   |             |            |       | 13            |

6 Total Boats

| Deduction Code LEGEND |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| LTSM                  | = Late To Skipper's Mtg. |
| LTWI                  | = Late To Weigh-In       |
| 1NFC                  | = No Answer 1 Fish Call  |
| 2NFC                  | = No Answer 2 Fish Calls |
| UCC                   | = Unauthorized Crew Chg. |
| DQ                    | = Disqualified           |

## Manistee .... There are Kings Left and Their Big!



Jason Adam caught this dandy King.... A Whopping 24.90 lbs! aboard the "Bad Dog" at the Manistee Tournament

We had a great showing of boats including 2 new ones, Moonshot & Trapshooter at the Manistee Tournament this past Saturday, August 13. The weather and lake conditions were also great. The fish were pretty cooperative especially considering how poor the spring and early summer was for kings and surprisingly the kings were big! Every boat caught fish and once again, Skipper Bob Paradise and his "Almost Paradise" crew prevailed at his home port with the best catch & 1st place. Congratulations to the "Almost Paradise" team!

Port Captain Tom Gorguze decided to shake up the Big Fish pool by raising it to \$5 a piece for Big King, Big Steelhead, Big Lake Trout & Best Box. Jason Adam fishing aboard "Bad Dog" with Skipper Tom Gorguze caught a dandy bruiser of a King that weighed 24.9 lbs. good for \$60 bucks. Because no one weighed-in a Steelhead or Lake Trout that money was rolled into the Big Box pool and paid \$180 to The "Almost Paradise" crew!

The fishing was good all along the shelf in 100 to 180 FOW from Manistee all the way down to Big Sable Point. Flashers & flies & J-plugs seemed to work the best off the riggers down 50' to 70'. In-line planers with 5 to 10 colors of lead or 200' to 300' of copper were catching fish too. But the bite was definitely early and most boats caught very few fish after 9:00 am.

Port Captain Tom Gorguze (actually his wife Diane) prepared a great meal of Sloppy Joes, fresh tomatoes, Corn on the cob, Potato salad and Charlie Denning had his usual delicious cupcakes for the weigh-in luncheon along with plenty of cold pop & water. Thanks to Diane, Tom, Charlie and all their helpers!

Thanks to all the skippers and their crews for making this what's become the premier event of the DAS Boat Trolling season. Hope to see everyone at the season finale on August 27 in Ludington!

Co-tournament Director  
Bob Ksionzek

| Manistee Standings |                   |                 |                   |                           |         |         |         |         |  | 8/13/2016         |                   |                |                 |              |        |    |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------|----|
| Place              | Boat Name         | Skipper         | # of Fish Weighed | Catch by Species & Weight |         |         |         |         |  | Best 8 Total Wgt. | Best 8 Total Pts. | Deduction Code | Points Deducted | Total Points | Place  |    |
| 1                  | Almost Paradise   | Bob Paradise    | 5                 | K 22.45                   | K 19.00 | K 17.70 | K 14.35 | K 14.25 |  |                   | 87.75             | 112.75         | LTWI            | 0.00         | 112.75 | 1  |
| 2                  | Bad Dog           | Tom Gorguze     | 5                 | K 24.90                   | K 15.35 | K 14.60 | K 14.55 | K 9.35  |  |                   | 78.75             | 103.75         | NONE            | 0.00         | 103.75 | 2  |
| 3                  | Bobby's Toy       | Bob Jones       | 5                 | K 20.95                   | K 14.35 | K 12.10 | K 6.55  | K 5.85  |  |                   | 59.80             | 84.80          | NONE            | 0.00         | 84.80  | 3  |
| 4                  | Saluki            | John Meade      | 5                 | K 18.20                   | K 16.55 | K 15.15 | C 5.20  | C 4.45  |  |                   | 59.55             | 84.55          | NONE            | 0.00         | 84.55  | 4  |
| 5                  | Lake Buzzard IV   | Fred Chartier   | 5                 | K 21.50                   | K 15.80 | C 8.45  | K 5.60  | K 5.45  |  |                   | 56.80             | 81.80          | NONE            | 0.00         | 81.80  | 5  |
| 6                  | Trapshooter       | Ken Cione       | 4                 | K 18.20                   | K 16.50 | K 15.75 | K 4.15  | -----   |  |                   | 54.60             | 59.60          | LTWI            | 15.00        | 59.60  | 6  |
| 7                  | Moonshot          | Brad Walton     | 3                 | K 14.75                   | C 6.20  | K 6.10  | -----   | -----   |  |                   | 27.05             | 42.05          | NONE            | 0.00         | 42.05  | 7  |
| 8                  | Vicki's Seacret   | Bob Feisel      | 2                 | K 15.00                   | K 11.45 | -----   | -----   | -----   |  |                   | 26.45             | 36.45          | NONE            | 0.00         | 36.45  | 8  |
| 9                  | Tyger             | Ty Voigt        | 2                 | K 17.40                   | K 8.25  | -----   | -----   | -----   |  |                   | 25.65             | 35.65          | NONE            | 0.00         | 35.65  | 9  |
| 10                 | Loki-One          | Dave Roehr      | 2                 | K 18.05                   | K 6.55  | -----   | -----   | -----   |  |                   | 24.60             | 32.60          | LTWI            | 2.00         | 32.60  | 10 |
| 11                 | Sea Hag           | Blaise Pewinski | 2                 | K 7.50                    | K 6.60  | -----   | -----   | -----   |  |                   | 14.10             | 24.10          | NONE            | 0.00         | 24.10  | 11 |
| 12                 | Just Wastin' Time | Don Jasmin      | 1                 | K 9.60                    | -----   | -----   | -----   | -----   |  |                   | 9.60              | 14.60          | NONE            | 0.00         | 14.60  | 12 |

|   | Boat Name       | Species    | Wgt.  | Number Caught |
|---|-----------------|------------|-------|---------------|
| BIG FISH<br>L<br>A<br>R<br>G<br>E<br>S<br>T | Bad Dog         | King       | 24.90 |               |
|   | Bad Dog         | King       | 24.90 | 40            |
|   | Lake Buzzard IV | Coho       | 8.45  | 4             |
|   |                 | Lake Trout | 0.00  | 0             |
|   |                 | Steelhead  | 0.00  | 0             |
|   |                 | Brown      | 0.00  | 0             |
|   |                 | Atlantic   | 0.00  | 0             |
|   | Pink            | 0.00       | 0     |               |
|   |                 |            |       | 44            |

12 Total Boats

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2nd Place - %Bad Dog+- Skipper Tom Gorguze & Crew



3rd Place - %Bobby's Toy+- Skipper Bob Jones & Crew

4th Place - %Saluki+- Skipper John Meade & Crew



5th Place - %Lake Buzzard IV+- Skipper Fred Chartier & Crew

8th Place - %Wick's Seacret+- Skipper Bob Feisel & Crew

## New Proposals on Lake Michigan Proposed Stocking Cuts

Since the Lake Michigan Committee (LMC) proposal to reduce Chinook salmon stocking by 62%, each agency has received consistent feedback from stakeholders that we should consider lake trout stocking reductions along with our proposal and not reduce the full 62% of Chinook salmon. We also heard of angler interest to increase harvest opportunity for lake trout. Below are proposals that the LMC has agreed to:

### Regulations

- Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois will pursue an increased lake trout bag limit from 2 fish per day to 3 fish per day. This will align with Michigan's regulations of 3 fish per day in MM6-8.
- Michigan will pursue a possession season of open all year for MM6-8 to align with Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois.
- Michigan will also pursue opening drowned river mouth lakes that currently have a closed season.

### Chinook Stocking Reduction Alternative

- A new proposal for a Chinook salmon stocking reduction is to only reduce stocking by 50% of current levels. The new proposal is described in the table below. Under this alternative proposal, Michigan's Chinook stocking would go from 560,000 to 300,000, which would be a reduction of 46% from current levels.

| State        | Current stocking | First Proposed | %            | New proposal   | %          |
|--------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| WIS          | 810,000          | 355,000        | 56%          | 425,000        | 47%        |
| MI           | 560,000          | 200,000        | 64%          | 300,000        | 46%        |
| ILL          | 230,000          | 90,000         | 61%          | 120,000        | 48%        |
| IND          | 200,000          | 45,000         | 78%          | 60,000         | 70%        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,800,000</b> | <b>690,000</b> | <b>61.5%</b> | <b>905,000</b> | <b>50%</b> |

### Lake Trout Stocking Reduction

The total lake trout stocking in yearling equivalents averaged about 3,190,000 in recent years. The proposal would reduce stocking to 2,540,000, which is about a 21% reduction in lake trout lake-wide. All reductions will be outside the 1836 Consent Decree waters until a plan for further lake trout reductions can be reviewed and approved by the consent decree Technical Fisheries Committee.

The lake trout reduction includes discontinuation of 550,000 fall fingerling (220,000 yearling equivalents) lake trout stocking that was approved by the LMC in 2015 and implemented in 2016.

### **Lake Michigan proposed stocking cuts**

The Mid-Lake Reef Complex (Sheboygan, Northeast, and Milwaukee reefs) will be reduced by 300,000 or 50%.

Second priority lake trout stocking sites outside consent decree waters will be reduced 100%. This includes Grand Haven (20,000), Holland (40,000), New Buffalo (20,000), Michigan City (40,000), Sturgeon Bay (80,000), Kewaunee (20,000), and Wind Point (50,000).

Future lake trout stocking changes will depend on negotiations with the 1836 Tribal Nations. We will propose to reduce all second priority stocking sites from Grand Haven to the north including Ludington, Manistee, Pointe Betsie, Good Harbor, Old Mission, Grand Traverse Bay Shoal, Torch Lake and Elk Rapids. If that plan is approved, we could redistribute some lake trout to areas that were reduced 100% to maintain nearshore fisheries.

The Michigan Marquette State Fish Hatchery raises about 49,500 lake trout for Grand Haven, Holland, and New Buffalo. We will continue to stock those fish with New Buffalo receiving 12,500 and Grand Haven and Holland each receiving 18,500.

The Lake Michigan Committee will more formally include lake trout management in future stocking decisions to help achieve predator and prey balance in Lake Michigan and also meet rehabilitation goals.

The Chinook salmon and lake trout proposals will be further discussed at Michigan public meetings:

**September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ludington City Hall**  
**Community Room**  
**400 S. Harrison St**  
**Ludington, MI 49431**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**South Haven Moose Lodge**  
**1025 Wells Street**  
**South Haven, MI 49090**

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| <b>Sat., August 27, 2016</b><br>6:00am - 1:00pm | <b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b><br>Ludington                 |
| <b>Tues., August 30, 2016</b><br>7:30pm         | <b>Membership Meeting</b><br>American Polish Cultural Center |
| <b>Tues., Sept. 13, 2016</b><br>7:00pm          | <b>BOD Meeting</b><br>American Polish Cultural Center        |
| <b>Sat., Sept. 17, 2016</b><br>(Tentative)      | <b>River, Surf &amp; Pier Outing</b><br>Manistee River Shed  |
| <b>Tues., Sept. 27, 2016</b><br>7:30pm          | <b>Membership Meeting</b><br>American Polish Cultural Center |

**2016 July Membership Meeting Facts**

**Attendance:** 52

**Featured Speaker:** Capt. Paul Nienaltowski  
Port Austin Fishing

**50/50 Raffle Winner:** \$108 Steve Genoff

**Every Member Draw:** \$0 Don Mikros - Not Present

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