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Boat Winterization & Spring Prep Topics for September

We are pleased to have Bill Rose of Rose Marine Service as guest speaker at our September meeting. Bill will answer your questions and speak on the subject of winter and spring boat preparations. Rose Marine is a family owned business specializing outboard motor sales, parts, and service. Bill Rose Sr., and Jr. are certified mechanics for most brands of marine motors. In addition to servicing boats and motors, Rose Marine is a dealer of Ranger, Lund, Avalon, and Manitou boats. They are located in Clay Twp. just outside Algonac on M-29.

Four generations of Rose's have hunted, trapped, fished, and called the St. Clair Flats home. A visit to their shop confirms their outdoor heritage. A collection of duck and pike decoys are displayed by many of the areas prominent carvers. Also displayed are many local scenes captured by Bill's grandfather who was a noted local wildlife artist.

*Tom Gorguze
President*

Season Finale at Ludington Disappoints!

A good blow earlier in the week had really played havoc with water temperatures and it was probably the main reason why the fishing was not so good at the Boat Trolling Tournament in Ludington this past Saturday, August 27.



8 boats were on hand for the delayed start on Saturday morning because of threatening weather. Once it did get started, it rained for most of the morning until about 11:30 am and then when the rain stopped the wind kicked up and made for tough trolling conditions. Most boats had a hard time finding fish and it showed at the weigh-in where only 13 fish were brought to the scales.

Strong south winds throughout the week had pushed a lot of warm water against the Ludington shoreline. On Friday you had to go down to 100-120 feet to find 50 degree water. On Saturday, we found the thermocline at 75 feet. Above the break the water temp was in the 70s. The warm temperatures had given the fish a serious case of lockjaw.

*Co-Tournament Director
Bob Feisel*

There were only 13 fish weighed in at the Ludington tournament but one of them was this huge 26.55 lb. King caught by Joe Von Grabe fishing aboard "Tyger".

Skipper Fred Chartier and his crew aboard the "Lake Buzzard IV" had a nice 15 lb. average for three fish to take 1st place. Congratulations to Fred and his crew on their 1st tournament win! "Tyger", skippered by Ty Voigt & his crew weighed a dandy 26.55 lb. King that was good for Big Fish. Nice Job, Tyger!

The poor fishing certainly wasn't the best way to end the 2016 Boat Trolling season but everyone still managed to enjoy themselves. Port Captain Joe Von Grabe had a great KFC Chicken luncheon following the weigh-in and Charlie Denning brought his usual tasty cupcakes for dessert. It pretty much has become the norm for the DAS tournaments to feature a great meal and this was no exception.

*Bob Ksionzek
Co-Tournament Director*

The complete Ludington final results & additional photos can be found on Page 3

September Meeting

- When:**
Tuesday, September 27, 2016 7:30pm
- Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Guest Speaker :**
Bill Rose, Rose Marine Service, Algonac
Boat Winterization & Spring Preparation
- Other Happenings:**
Outing 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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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Currently: **155 Members**

New Memberships Welcome!

JAMES LORENZETTI

Re-Newed Memberships

GABE MCDUGALL JOEL PIATEK BRAD WALTON

Memberships Expired

2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:

1 Mo. Ago First Reminder: GEORGE VIDUSIC

This Month: KIM BENBOW JOEL GARINGER DENNIS HOLOWAY JIM ZANKE
 CHARLES EDDY LANCE HINATSU MARK McCLUTCHEY

Detroit Area Steelheaders is on Facebook.



Attention DAS Members!

The club needs your help. The Fishing Tales publication is in danger of going the way of the Lake Huron Salmon. Soon our long serving Publisher/Editor will retire from the position.

With the DAS Board of Director elections coming at the Annual Christmas meeting in December, this is an excellent opportunity for someone to step forward and explore their creative skills while keeping members up-to-date on club news & activities. Please contact President Tom Gorguze (öBad Dogö), if you have any interest in helping the club with this important position.

FALL RIVER, SURF & PIER TOURNAMENT/OUTING SCHEDULE

Sat, Oct 22 Manistee Outing
Manistee River Shed
 Contact Tom Theida (586)206-5902

Sat, Nov. 5 @Manistee
Lakeshore Motel Tournament
 Contact Bob Paradise (586)781-2543

Sat, Nov. 12 @Ludington
Michael's Bar & Grill Tournament
 Contact Tom Theida (586)206-5902

Sat, Dec. 3 @Caseville
Lake Trout Outing
 Contact Blaise Pewinski (248)343-8397

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Membership Application

New Member - \$35 Yearly Renewal - \$35 Yearly
 Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly Address Change only Amt. Paid \$_____

NAME		DATE	
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BOAT NAME		E-MAIL ADDRESS	



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Ludington Standings		8/27/2016						Best 8	Best 8	Deduction	Points	Total	Place
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight				Total Wgt.	Total Pts	Code	Deducted	Points	
1	Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Chartier	0	K 15.80	K 15.35	K 14.45	-----	45.60	60.60	NONE	0.00	60.60	1
2	Tyger	Ty Voigt	0	K 26.55	K 9.10	K 6.60	-----	42.25	57.25	NONE	0.00	57.25	2
3	Just Wastin' Time	Don Jasmin	0	K 10.95	K 8.40	-----	-----	19.35	29.35	NONE	0.00	29.35	3
4	Channing	Dan Chisholm	0	K 7.85	L 5.15	-----	-----	13.00	23.00	NONE	0.00	23.00	4
5	Saluki	John Meade	0	K 16.30	-----	-----	-----	16.30	21.30	NONE	0.00	21.30	5
6	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	0	K 6.35	K 2.35	-----	-----	8.70	18.70	LTWI	0.00	18.70	6
7	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	1.00	LTWI	2.00	1.00	7
8	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	1.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	8
9	-	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	0.00	9
10	-	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	0.00	10
11	-	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	0.00	11
12	-	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	0.00	12

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Tyger	King	26.55	
	Tyger	King	26.55	12
LARGEST		Coho	0.00	0
	Channing	Lake Trout	5.15	1
		Steelhead	0.00	0
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				13

8 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



Aug. 27, 2016 DAS Ludington Tournament
1st Place - "Lake Buzzard IV" - Skipper Fred Chartier



Aug. 26, 2016 Ludington On-the-Water Seminar
Winners & Crew aboard Silver Addiction



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August 1, 2016

Mr. Thomas Gorguze, President
Detroit Area Steelheaders Inc.
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Dear Mr. Gorguze,

It is an honor to acknowledge special contributions such as your gift to establish the Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship. To witness firsthand the impact of scholarship support like yours on the lives of our students is tremendously rewarding as President of this great institution.

Your organization's contribution helps improve and enhance the LSSU experience and impact in the upper Great Lakes. LSSU prides itself in providing high quality experiential learning in a private school-like environment at public tuition prices. This would not be possible without the generous support of people like you.

On behalf of the entire LSSU community, I want to thank you and the members of the Detroit Area Steelheaders for your generosity in support of our students at Lake Superior State University.

Best Regards,

Thomas C. Pleger, PhD
President

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Skipper of the Year Standings 2016

FINAL

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	6	11	15	21
2	Saluki	John Meade	5	2	2	75	4	5	13	18	93
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	1	75	1	2	11	50	15	65	140
4	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	3	1	3	75	8	50	15	65	140
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	4	67	142	217
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	2	89	164	239
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	3	140	215	290
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	1	156	231	306
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	8	56
	Kings	2	7	0	1	40	12	62
	Cohos	30	43	0	2	4	0	79
	Lake Trout	30	2	49	6	0	1	88
	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	13	241

Species	Wgt. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	26.55	Tyger	Ludington
Coho	8.45	Lake Buzzard IV	Manistee
Lake Trout	15.70	Blue Horizon	St. Joe
Steelhead	7.55	Saluki	Grand Haven
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		



Ups and Downs of Lake Michigan Fishing

Is this the end of Lake Michigan fishing? Recent news stories have focused on the decline of salmon but Dr. Dan O'Keefe will share the rest of the story.

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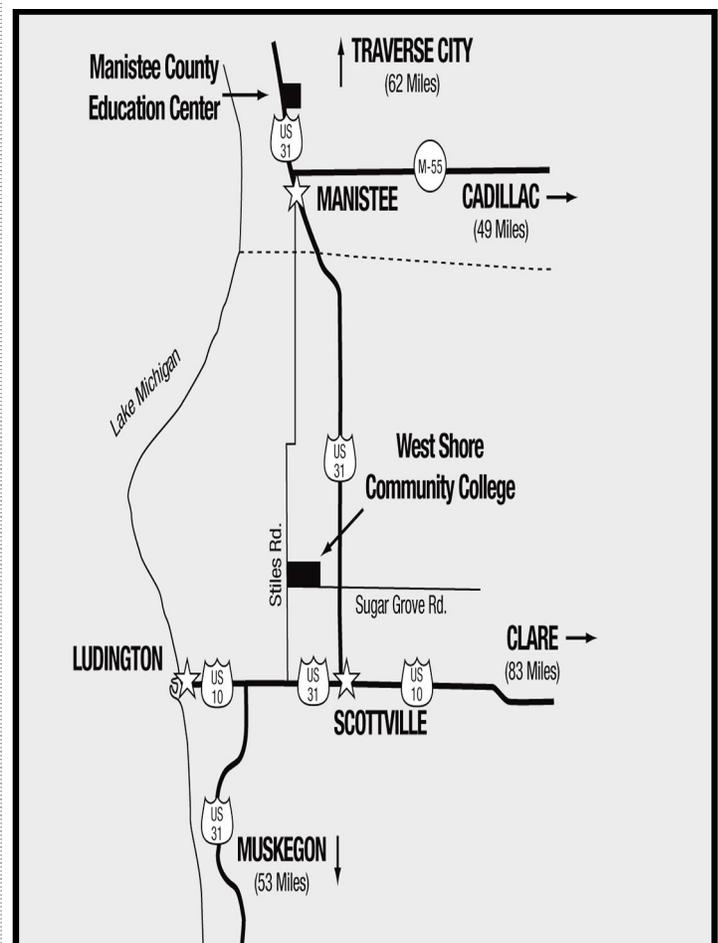
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
Offered at two times: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

WHERE:

West Michigan Community College - Schoenherr Center
Room 751
3000 N. Stiles Rd.
Scottville, MI 49454

REGISTRATION:

This program is free. RSVP to Cara Mitchell
cemitchell@westshore.edu



Fast Facts on Lake Michigan Salmon and Trout

Fisheries managers issued a new proposal to reduce stocking of Chinook salmon and lake trout. Anglers should get the facts before deciding how to react.

Posted on August 26, 2016 by [Dan O'Keefe](#), Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Sea Grant



Before forming an opinion on the new stocking proposal it is worth considering the latest science on the state of the Lake Michigan fishery. Photo: Michigan Sea Grant

Many anglers, charter captains, and community leaders along the shores of Lake Michigan are wondering how a reduction in Chinook salmon stocking might affect fishing and tourism. Some question the need for a stocking reduction, some believe that stocking of another predator (lake trout) should also be reduced, and many are reporting that this year's fishing has been a big improvement over 2015.

In June, fisheries agencies issued a [proposal](#) to reduce Chinook salmon stocking in Lake Michigan by 62 percent. That proposal was recently revised to include a 50 percent reduction in Chinook salmon stocking and additional measures to decrease lake trout stocking by about 21 percent and increase lake trout harvest. The Michigan DNR hosted [public meetings](#) on Sept. 7 in Ludington and Sept. 13 in South Haven to discuss details of the revised proposal and hear comments.

Before forming an opinion on the new proposal it is worth considering the latest science on the state of the Lake Michigan fishery.

Most Chinook salmon caught in Lake Michigan are wild

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's [Great Lakes Mass Marking Program](#), wild-spawned Chinook salmon made up 71 percent of the Chinook catch for Michigan anglers in 2014-2015. In Wisconsin waters, wild Chinooks made up 53 percent of the catch.

Even ports that are not near spawning rivers rely mostly on wild fish

Grand Haven is a good example of a southern Michigan port that does not support natural reproduction. Volunteers with the Salmon Ambassadors program found that 74 percent of Chinook salmon caught in the Grand Haven area in 2015 were wild. More than 90 percent of the stocked fish caught in Grand Haven were stocked elsewhere.

Alewife are at a historic low

The USGS Great Lakes Science Center's bottom trawl survey found that yearling and older alewife biomass density dropped to 0.14 kg/ha in 2015, the lowest since monitoring began in 1973. This does not mean that alewife completely disappeared from the lake, but it does mean that less food is available for predators in open water. Also, Age 8 alewife were once common, but no alewife over Age 6 were found in 2015 surveys.

Last year the fishery appeared to be on the brink of disaster

The Predator-Prey Ratio for Chinook salmon and alewife was 0.108 in 2015. This means less than ten pounds of prey per pound of predator in Lake Michigan, which is similar to Lake Huron before the collapse. Ecosystems cannot support such a predator-prey imbalance for very long. Although the situation may have improved this year judging by angler reports, the Predator-Prey Ratio is based on a variety of data sources that take time to collect and analyze. The ratio for 2016 probably will not be available until March of 2017.

Chinook salmon eat more prey fish than lake trout

According to [Michigan DNR](#) consumption estimates, lake trout consumption of prey fish rose from 14.9 kilotons (kt) in 2011 to 23.1 kt in 2015. However, Chinook salmon consumption is still higher than lake trout (33.1 kt). Anglers and biologists realize that lake trout are increasingly important in terms of their impact on prey fish, but Chinooks are still king's when it comes to bait consumption.

Fast Facts (Cont'd. on Pg. 7)

Fast Facts (Cont'd. from Pg. 6) **Lake trout do not eat more alewife than Chinook salmon**

Chinook diet is around 95 percent alewife while lake trout diet is typically 60 percent alewife or less, so in 2015 Chinook salmon consumed over 30 kt of alewife in Lake Michigan while lake trout consumed less than 14 kt of alewife.

Lake trout are not entirely dependent on alewife

According to a recent USFWS stable isotope study, lake trout rely more heavily on offshore bottom-dwelling prey than Chinooks do. Sculpin and goby are examples of bottom-dwelling fish have been doing better than alewife since the invasion of quagga mussels and related food web changes.

Lake trout are not managed by the federal government

A federal agency (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service [USFWS]) does rear lake trout in hatcheries, but does not ultimately make decisions regarding the total number of lake trout stocked in Lake Michigan. State and tribal agencies on the Lake Michigan Committee (under the auspices of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission) arrive at consensus on stocking decisions.

The [2000 Consent Decree](#) does influence stocking, harvest, and management of a variety of fish species in [1836 Treaty waters](#). The USFWS is a party to the 2000 Consent Decree along with five tribes and the state of Michigan, and the USFWS is also a member of the Technical Fisheries Committee. The role of USFWS is to provide technical assistance. Management decisions are made by state and tribal governments.

Stocking in public waters of Michigan must ultimately be approved and permitted by Michigan Department of Natural Resources. However, lake trout stocking in northern Lake Michigan portions of the 1836 Treaty waters is required by the 2000 Consent Decree to reflect an expanded commitment to lake trout rehabilitation and avoid lowering the established lake trout harvest limit.

Lake trout stocking was already being reduced as of 2015

In 2015, the Lake Michigan Committee approved a lake trout stocking reduction of 550,000 fall fingerlings (220,000 yearling equivalents). This reduction is being implemented in fall of 2016 independent of any Chinook salmon cut or additional measures related to lake trout.

The role of science

No matter which side of the argument you are on, it is important to support your position with the best available information. All of the statements above are based on the best available scientific information ó but scientists will be the first to point out that öbest availableö does not mean perfect. Science is always improving, and scientists are always looking for better ways to make sense of patterns in the natural world.

Understanding the best available science is only the first step toward good decision-making, but it is an important one. Science does not dictate or result in a specific decision, but it can inform us of the risk associated with different options. In this case, we face a greater risk of alewife and salmon collapse over the long term if we do not reduce stocking. In the short term, severe stocking cuts could have a noticeable effect on catches in some areas of the lake. Good science will help us assess the relative risks, but ultimately we must decide which risks are acceptable and which are not.

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Upcoming 2016 DAS Key Dates

Tues., Sept. 27, 2016 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues., Oct. 11 2016 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Oct. 22, 2016	Manistee River, Surf & Pier Outing Manistee River Water Shed
Tues., Oct. 25, 2016 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

2016 August Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 44

Featured Speaker: Capt. Joel Piatek
Fishing Lake St. Clair

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$85 Mike Rideout

Every Member Draw: \$0 Carl Ventimiglia
(Not Present)

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

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

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Newsletters of the Metro-West Steelheaders, a Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishing Association (MSSFA). From this page of their website you can also link to newsletters published by other chapters of MSSFA.

What's Really Going On with Salmon in Lake Michigan

(<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDNR/bulletins/164c3e2>)

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