



# FISHIN' TALES

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## March Meeting

### When:

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 7:30pm

### Where:

American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre

### Featured Guest Speaker :

Dan O'Keefe from Michigan Sea Grant  
"State of the Great Lakes and the  
Salmon Ambassadors Program"

### Other Happenings:

River Tournament report, Lexington  
Tournament info., Tackle raffles, 50/50  
raffle, Every member drawing

### Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:

[www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com)

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## DAS Threesome Retains Travelling Trophy

The weather was fantastic this weekend in Manistee. The milder temperatures and sunny skies took their toll on most of the river and much of lake ice. Thursday the river was frozen where it passes under M-55 near Manistee Lake. By Friday the river ice had cleared. Thursday Bill and Mark fished plugs between Rainbow Bend and the Farm without a bump. I joined them on Friday. We launched at Rainbow Bend and started fishing spawn and trout beads under bobbers. We weren't having any luck and eventually switched over to plugs in the afternoon. Shortly after making the switch we picked up our only fish for the day near the Farm. It came on a green and silver Wiggle Wart with a red mark under the bill.

On Saturday Morning were able to use the launch in town and decided to stick with a plug program. Word must have gotten out that the town ramp was clear because there were a lot of guys using the ramp. The lower section of the river was busy.

There were a lot of fisherman out Saturday and finding open holes was tough. It looked like our luck was about to change when we got to the Farm. The hole we pulled our only fish from on Friday



Bill Stanley, Tom Gorguze and Mark Stosiak with the winning fish from the Manistee River Fish-Off vs. Metro-West

was open. After three unsuccessful passes we headed back towards the ramp to see if we could find a fresh run fish transitioning from the lake. Shortly after 3:00 we hooked into a nice fish at the M55 bridge. After a ten minute battle we managed to get her in the boat. Saturdays fish came on the same lure that caught one the previous day. That was our only fish, but it proved to be a little bigger than the Steelie the

Metro West guys brought to the weigh-in. Metro West had about a dozen guys staying at the Northwoods Cabins in Wellston. We met them there for the weigh in, and a BBQ they prepared. Unfortunately we were the only DAS members that made it up for the fish off. The good news is we managed to retain the traveling trophy.

Tom Gorguze

## Wild Game Dinner --- One for the Record Books

The best one yet!!! First off a big thanks to all who attended this year's event. Without our guests, it would not be possible for us to keep up all the donations we make throughout the year. This event seems to go smoother each year we put it on. That is in a big part to all of the board members and volunteers that lend a hand.

This year we had a few changes, one being the new caterer Country Smoke House who took the food to a new level. We also had to bring in taxidermy to give the event that special touch. Well, John Lombardo from Lombardo's Taxidermy stepped up and did a fantastic job with his quality work. The hall did an amazing job as usual providing us with wait staff and helping set up throughout the day. This year we did 27 card raffles -- 22 guns, 3 meat packages, 2 Silver

Addiction fishing Charters, a quilt raffle and 8 50/50's. WOW!

As usual our ticket ladies did a great job and helped us pull that off. I would like to give a special thanks to Chuck Walters for selling 120 tickets for us. All that said, we had almost 600 people in the hall that night. That's a big crowd to please and we pulled it off with very little going wrong. A couple more thanks go out to Blaise Pewinski and Mark Williams. The three of us put in countless hours and many miles throughout the year to make this event a success. If you haven't been to the dinner before come check it out next year I'm sure you will enjoy it.



Carl Ventimiglia  
Wild Game Dinner Chairman



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### New Memberships WELCOME!

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### Re-Newed Memberships

HENRY BACYZNSKI	RON HUEY			
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### Memberships Expired

<b>2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:</b>	TOM GODEK	DAVID HOPCROFT	CHRISTOPHER A. TURAK	
	BRUCE HAYWOOD	RONALD PISARSKI	CHRISTOPHER TURAK	
<b>1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:</b>	ROBERT BUTKIEWICZ	MARK GAZDA	THOMAS OSENTOSKI	TRAVIS WHITE
	HERMANN CHRISTOPH	GALEN HULL	CARL VENTIMIGLIA	
<b>This Month:</b>	DAN CHISHOLM	JAMES LORENZETTI	ROB PINSKEY	BRUCE TURNAGE
	CHARLES DENNING	DAVID MAYFIELD	ANNE SCHAMBIE	
	ANTHONY LEWIS	PAUL NIENALTOWSKI	MIKE SCHAMBIE	

## 2015 DAS Membership Drive

With the New Year and the fishing shows upon us, the DAS is once again offering free tackle packs valued at \$35 with a fully paid new regular membership (\$35) or new senior membership (\$20).

This offer will begin with the Ultimate Fishing Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace held January 8th thru the 11th, 2015 and conclude on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, our April membership meeting. To qualify as a new membership, you must not have been a member of the DAS for a minimum of one year prior to your signing up.

The membership applications will be available at the Ultimate Fishing Show as well as at our membership meetings the last Tuesday of the month at the American Polish Cultural Center. You can also sign up on our website at [www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com). You will receive your free tackle pack instantly at the Ultimate Fishing Show or our membership meetings. If you sign up online, you can collect your tackle pack at any following membership meeting.



Salmon-In-the Classroom Tank at Oakland Christian School

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### **First Stop on the Tournament Trail**

**Lexington, April 18, 2015**

**Lexington Harbor (810-359-5600)**

**Captains meeting at 5:30 drop lines at 6:30**

(These times may change to coincide with Spring Fling Tournament)

**Must be in harbor by 2:00pm**

**Weigh-In 2:30 in the Park behind the marina**

Keep in mind since the Lexington harbor will not officially open until May 1. That makes all utilities and personal conveniences weather dependent. We may not have operating restrooms or fish cleaning station. Gas, water, and electricity may or may not be available depending upon how early the weather breaks and allows the State to get the harbor fully functioning. Ample parking is available right at the launch and annual or daily stickers are required.

It is not necessary to reserve the boat slips since it is so early in the season but keep in mind the Lake Huron Spring Fling two day tournament is running April 18 and 19. That's a popular \$200 money tournament operated by Anderson Pro Bait so that could make things pretty crowded. The tournament committee will be adjusting our times and rules so that DAS members may fish both tournaments simultaneously. For information on the Spring Fling call Anderson's Pro Bait (810-987-7722) or visit <http://lakehuronspringfling.wix.com/lakehuronspringfling>

Visit the DAS web site & message board for the latest tournament information. Port handout, tournament rules, food and lodging information are all there for you to use. Two additional local area web sites you can use:

<https://www.cros-lex-chamber.com/> [www.lexingtonmichigan.org](http://www.lexingtonmichigan.org)

Channing and crew will be in Lakeport State Park (810-327-6224) 11 miles south of Lexington. The State Park will be open and you can register online for a campsite or boat slip reservation (<http://www.midnrreservations.com>) or call (800)447-2757.

Get your boats ready, strip your lines, sharpen your hooks and get ready for the first tournament of the year in Lexington. Use the DAS web site to find crews or captains and get ready to break the winter grip.

Some information you can use to fish the Lexington area:

Fish are scattered so work until you find them. When you find them stay on them. A box with some big Lake Trout will outweigh a larger number of Steelhead. (However, if you fish the Spring Fling Tournament also, you can weigh-in up to 10 fish per day but only 1 of those 10 can be a Lake Trout). Some Salmon and Steelhead can be taken in 70 to 100 foot of water, North of the harbor with spoons off the downriggers and also on some 2,3, 5, and 10 color lead lines off the Offshore boards. The bright orange and black, black and white, silver and blue, and green colors will work. Lake Trout can be taken North, and straight out of the harbor in the 80 to 100 foot of water areas, using dodgers with the spin and glows, or clean spoons down 90 to 120 feet.

**See you in Lexington on April 18, Dan Chisholm**







## Killer Shrimp may be Next Invasive Species to hit Great Lakes

(Reprinted from March 2015 Great Lakes Basin Report)

A species of shrimp native to Eastern Europe is now a cause for concern for the Great Lakes. Its scientific name is *Dikerogammarus villosus*, but experts know this voracious crustacean simply as the killer shrimp. The shrimp itself is only about an inch long, but its large mandibles make it an aggressive predator and it is notable for its tendency to kill even when not hungry. Already a nuisance in Western European waters, researchers at McGill U. said that the killer shrimp could pose a problem for the Great Lakes before 2063.

In 50 years, the Great Lakes would be populated with many new invaders, most of which may come from waterways where Europe and Asia meet—the region around the Black Sea, stated the university. This region is the source of some of the most disruptive invaders in the Great Lakes today, such as the zebra mussel, and still has many species at a high risk of invading the North American lakes and rivers, such as the killer shrimp or the monkey goby. Researchers said that the danger these invasive species pose to North American waterways depends upon what kind of legislation is in place to protect against them. More than 180 non-native species moved into the Great Lakes over the past 200 years, but recent safeguards—such as rules on how ships can use ballast water—have dramatically lowered the chance for new species to get in.

No new species have been recorded since 2006. We may have closed the door on ballast water-mediated invasions. That remains to be seen. But other doors are still open.

They have a really big mouth and claws, and they literally shred their prey. They are very aggressive in any of the systems that they get into.

Killer shrimp are highly adaptable and are known to establish colonies in a number of environments, pushing native species—some vital to local food chains—out. ☐

## Summary of 2014 Chinook Tagging

This was the fourth year that all Chinook salmon stocked into Lake Michigan and the U.S. waters of Lake Huron received a coded wire tag and an adipose fin clip (ADCWT). Using two automated trailers, the lab tagged and clipped about 2.5 million Chinook salmon. Additionally, about 400,000 fish were adipose fin clipped only (AD only) and stocked into Lake Superior. These efforts required coordination and cooperation with seven state-administered hatcheries in Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois.

Table 1- Total Chinook salmon tagged and completion dates by hatchery in 2014

Hatchery	Agency	Number	Date
Jake Wolf	Ill DNR	265,547	3/16/2014
Mixsawbah	IN DNR	202,713	3/22/2014
Kettle Moraine	WI DNR	102,657	4/2/2014
Wild Rose	WI DNR	721,454	4/17/2014
Wolf Lake	MI DNR	236,178	4/2/2014
Platte River	MI DNR	978,800	4/30/2014
Thompson (ADCWT)	MI DNR	46,797	4/24/2014
Thompson (AD only)	MI DNR	399,668	4/29/2014
Total tagged:		2,953,814	

## Chinook Salmon Tagging Comparison 2010-14

This year had continued high performance in efficiency and throughput that is attributable to consistent operator experience, and hardware and software improvements. Average throughput has remained constant at over 8,700 fish/hour for the last two years and has risen from 6,800 fish/hour in 2010.

Table 2- Total Chinook salmon processed and average throughput for 2010 - 2014 tagging at all hatcheries

Year	# fish processed	# of machine run hours	Average fish/hour
2010	1,104,166	162.0	6,794
2011	4,689,947	667.4	7,241
2012	4,320,884	518.9	8,460
2013	2,856,038	319.0	8,749
2014	2,953,814	321.6	8,736



## 2015 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Date	Port	Port Captain
<b>April 18</b> (6:30am - 1:30pm)	<b>Lexington</b>	<b>Dan Chisholm</b>
<b>May 2</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>St. Joseph</b> plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club	<b>Blaise Pewinski</b>
<b>May 16</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Grand Haven</b>	<b>Bob Feisel</b>
<b>May 17</b> (6:00am - 11:00am)		
<b>June 13</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Harbor Beach</b>	<b>Paul Gjeldum</b>
<b>July 18</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Muskegon</b>	<b>John Meade</b>
<b>August 1</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Olcott, NY</b>	<b>Jim Zanke</b>
<b>August 15</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Ludington</b>	<b>Joe Von Grabe</b>
<b>August 29</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Manistee</b>	<b>Bob Paradise</b>



**Upcoming 2015 DAS Key Dates**

<b>Tues., Mar. 31, 2015</b> 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center
<b>Tues., Apr. 14, 2015</b> 7:00pm	<b>BOD Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center
<b>Sat., Apr. 18, 2015</b> 6:30am - 1:30pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> Lexington / Spring Fling
<b>Tues., Apr. 28, 2015</b> 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center
<b>Sat., May 2, 2015</b> 6:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> St. Joseph

**2015 February Membership Meeting Facts**

<b><u>Attendance:</u></b>	<b>60</b>
<b><u>Featured Speaker:</u></b>	<b>Roger Hinchcliff</b> "Plug Fishing for Steelhead"
<b><u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u></b>	<b>\$113 Mark Williams</b>
<b><u>Every Member Draw:</u></b>	<b>Dick Shirk - Not Present</b>

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