



# FISHIN' TALES

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY FOR OVER 35 YEARS

## March Meeting



**When:**  
Tuesday, March 25, 2014  
7:30pm

### •Where:

American Polish Cultural Center  
North West corner  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre

### •Featured Speaker:

Dan O'Keefe  
Michigan Sea Grant

### •Other Happenings:

Swap Meet, River 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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## Michigan Sea Grant's Dan O'Keefe Talks At March Meeting

*Status of the Great Lakes Fishery will be his topic*

### Dan's Professional Profile

#### Role

Works with coastal communities and businesses in southwest Michigan to apply science-based knowledge to address Great Lakes and southern Lake Michigan issues. The southwest district serves Mason, Oceana, Muskegon, Ottawa, Allegan, Van Buren, and Berrien counties.



Dan O'Keefe  
Michigan Sea Grant

#### Focus

- Assists Great Lakes charter boat, recreational, and commercial fishing industries in adapting to changing environmental, economic, and sociopolitical conditions.
- Promotes understanding of connections between watersheds, rivers, drowned river mouth lakes, and Lake Michigan to highlight impacts of inland communities on Great Lakes fisheries.

Works toward development of emerging fisheries, fishing methods, and seafood products.

#### Professional Interests

- Fisheries management

- Sport and commercial fishing
- Invasive species
- Environmental education

#### Professional Experience

- Developed a plan for conservation and management of paddlefish in Mississippi. The paddlefish is a commercially and recreationally utilized species that has declined in many areas of former abundance due to habitat alteration.
- Designed and procured funding for research projects involving assessment of gamefish populations in south Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina, restoration and ecology of paddlefish in the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway of Alabama and Mississippi, and distribution of red-horse suckers in Michigan streams.
- Seven years of on-the-water experience working for universities and consultants sampling fish populations using gill nets, trap nets, hoop nets, electrofishing equipment, and other gear types.
- Aquatic Education Specialist for Michigan DNR's Office of Information and Education.



**There's only 58 more days to the first DAS Boat Trolling Tournament of the season, but who's counting?**

## DAS Issues Statement in Support of Rep. Miller's Defending against Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2014

As an organization whose purpose is: "To teach, inform, and guide the public to respect and appreciate the Great Lakes, rivers, and land around us, and to promote and protect the fisheries resources therein." The issue of protecting the Great Lakes from the Asian Carp and all Invasive species is a high priority of the Detroit Area Steel Headers. As was seen in the port communities of Lake Huron, the decline of the Salmon Fishery is an economic disaster for them and the industries related to them, and the trickle-down effect to the small town, mom and pop businesses such as motels, restaurants and so on. Allowing our Great Lakes fishery, which is valued at 7 billion annually, to be exposed to this devastating threat is unfathomable. We as Sportsman and Women hold sacred the natural resources of our Great Lakes and support wholeheartedly the efforts of our congressional leaders to STOP these threats. The Defending against Aquatic Invasive Species Act of 2014 sponsored by Rep. Candice Miller provides for swift and effective measures to protect this resource. We urge our fellow clubs to help, in supporting our Congressional and U.S. Senate Representatives in this fight to protect our Great Lakes. We want to Thank Representative Miller for sponsoring this important bill and hope that your colleagues will follow your lead and support the funding of this necessary project to insure the preservation and protection of one of the United States' greatest natural resources.

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## New Memberships

WELCOME!

GALEN HULL	PAUL NIENALTOWSKI	MIKE SCHAMBIE
JAMES LORENZETTI	ANNE SCHAMBIE	ANDREW STOCKTON

## Re-Newed Memberships

ROBERT BUTKIEWICZ	TOM OSENTOSKI	CARL VENTIMIGLIA SR.
HERMANN CHRISTOPH	GIL PIESCZAK	AL WIECHERT

## Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

GASPARE ARAGONA	CHARLES DENNING	DENNIS HOLOWAY	BRYAN McNIGHT	MIKE VERMEESCH
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## Membership Is The Key to This Great Organization

## 2014 Membership Drive from now thru April 29, 2014

Current Annual members sponsoring a new member get their next annual membership free

Lifetime Members sponsoring a new member will receive a Tackle pack worth \$35

As an incentive for new members, the Board of Directors has begun a new membership drive for 2014. From now through April 29, 2014 (the April membership meeting date), any current annual member who sponsors a new member will receive his next annual membership for free. Likewise, any Lifetime member who sponsors a new member will receive a tackle pack worth \$35.

*So, members, please do your part to keep the DAS a thriving, growing club to protect and promote the Great Lakes fishery that we all have enjoyed for over 35 years!*

## Lake Huron Fisheries Workshops

*Workshops offer research and information related to status of Lake Huron fishery*

Michigan Sea Grant and partners will be hosting three evening regional workshops across Lake Huron's coastline. Workshops are open to the public, and will provide valuable information for anglers, charter captains, resource professionals, and others interested in attending. Workshops will include information and status updates on fish populations and angler catch data, resurgence of native species such as Lake Huron walleye and lake trout, forage fish surveys and results from the Lake Huron predator diet study, updates of fisheries management activities, among other Lake Huron related topics of local interest.

Approx. 3 hours each, they are open to the public at **no cost**. Workshop opportunities include:

- ☐ Port Huron: **April 9th** & hosted by Blue Water Sportfishing Association's scheduled meeting
- ☐ Alpena: **April 22nd** & hosted by NOAA Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Visitor Center
- ☐ Cedarville: **April 23rd** & hosted by local Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club

**To register:** Val Golding, Michigan Sea Grant - 989-354-9870, goldingv@anr.msu.edu

Workshop details available online: [www.miseagrant.umich.edu/explore/fisheries/fishery-workshops/](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/explore/fisheries/fishery-workshops/) ♦

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## Membership Application

New Member - \$35 Yearly

Renewal - \$35 Yearly

Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly

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## 2014 River, Surf & Pier Spring Schedule

**Save these dates!**

Date	Location/Event
March 15	Manistee Fish Off with Metro West
March 22	Clinton River Fun Fishing
April 5	Island Lake Trout Outing
April 12	Manistee II
April 26	St. Clair River Walleye Outing

To RSVP or for more info, call Bob Paradise at 586-457-4073 or Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036 or [ajlewis6@gmail.com](mailto:ajlewis6@gmail.com)

### Manistee River, Surf, Pier:

For more information, contact Bob Paradise at 586-457-4073 or Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036 or [ajlewis6@gmail.com](mailto:ajlewis6@gmail.com)

#### Date/Time/RSVP:

-Saturday, March 15, however early you prefer.....

-RSVP ASAP to Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036

#### Where to Fish:

-The Manistee river watershed, from the pier to the dam

#### Weigh in:

-5:00pm dinner at the North Woods Cabins - \$5 Suggested

Off M55 in Wellston

17448 Caberfae Hwy.

Wellston, MI 49689

#### Directions to Manistee:

-Take I 75 North to

- M-10 East to

- M-155 West

- M-55 West to town

#### Where to fish:

-The pier

-The upper river by the dam

#### Where to stay:

##### Days Inn Manistee

1462 Manistee St, Manistee, MI  
(231) 723-8385 () · [daysinn.com](http://daysinn.com)

##### Super 8 Manistee

220 Arthur St, Manistee, MI  
(231) 398-8888 () · [super8.com](http://super8.com)

##### Microtel Manistee

226 East Parkdale Avenue, Manistee, MI  
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##### The Ramsdell Inn

399 River St, Manistee, MI  
(231) 398-7901 () · [ramsdellinn.net](http://ramsdellinn.net)

##### Manistee Inn & Marina

378 River Street, Manistee, MI  
(231) 723-4000 () · [manisteeinn.com](http://manisteeinn.com)

##### Lake Shore Motel

101 Lakeshore Dr S, Manistee, MI  
(231) 723-2667 () · [lakeshoremotelmanistee.com](http://lakeshoremotelmanistee.com)

##### Little River Casino Resort

2700 Orchard Hwy, Manistee, MI  
(231) 723-1535 () · [lrcr.com](http://lrcr.com)

##### Manistee National Golf & Resort

4797 Grant Highway, Manistee, MI  
(231) 398-0123 () · [manisteenational.com](http://manisteenational.com)

##### River Side Motel & Marina

520 Water Street, Manistee, MI  
(231) 723-3554 ()

### Clinton River Outing:

For questions, concerns, or more information, or to RSVP: contact Anthony Lewis at 517-449-3036 or [ajlewis6@gmail.com](mailto:ajlewis6@gmail.com)

#### Date:

-Saturday, March 22

#### Starting Time:

-Meet at 6:30am at Yates Cider Mill Parking lot.

-If you arrive after 7am, the city will charge you \$5 to park.

#### Directions:

-Take M-59 to the Dequindre Rd Exit

-Take Dequindre North

-The park is on your left, just before 23 mile rd.

-I 990 East Avon Road, Rochester, MI

#### Where to fish:

-See attached map:

-The best sections are from the bridge to the dam.

-If it is too crowded there, try walking south on the nature path.

The park extends over a mile downstream.

#### Hints:

-Try pink spawn.

-The Clinton is pretty shallow. Consider using less weight than you normally use.

#### Weigh in:

-I am at the picnic tables in front parking lot.

#### Lunch:

-Provided graciously by Don Mikros! Please RSVP

## 2014 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Date	Port	Port Captain
<b>May 3</b> (6:30am - 1:30pm)	<b>St. Joseph</b> <i>plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club</i>	<b>Blaise Pewinski</b>
<b>May 17</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Grand Haven</b>	<b>Dan Chisholm</b>
<b>May 18</b> (6:00am - 11:00am)		
<b>June 21</b> (6:00am - 2:00pm)	<b>Olcott, NY</b>	<b>Jim Zanke</b>
<b>July 12</b> (7:00am - 2:00pm)	<b>Erieau, ONT</b>	<b>Carl Ventimiglia</b>
<b>July 19</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Port Austin</b>	<b>Bob Ksionzek</b>
<b>August 2</b> (6:00am - 1:00pm)	<b>Ludington</b> <i>Ladies Day</i>	<b>Bob Feisel</b>
<b>August 9</b> (6:00am - 2:00pm)	<b>Ludington II</b>	<b>Joe Von Grabe</b>
<b>August 23</b> (6:00am - 2:00pm)	<b>Manistee</b>	<b>Bob Paradise</b>





## Department of Natural Resources

### Showcasing the DNR: New License Options Coming in March

Starting Saturday, March 1, Michigan sportsmen and women will see something they haven't witnessed in many years: changes to the state's hunting, fishing and ORV license options . a lineup that hadn't undergone real change since 1997. The changes are happening for good reason.

The new license structure provides a simpler license-buying experience, brings Michigan's license options and prices in line with those of other states, and generates the revenue necessary to deliver the best in outdoor recreation opportunities.

The first thing customers will notice is an easier-to-navigate number of license choices . from 227 down to just over 40. Individual archery deer and firearm deer licenses? Gone. Restricted fishing license? Ditto. Pricing on several items has changed, too; some prices have risen, some remain the same, and others have decreased.

Department of Natural Resources Director Keith Creagh says the changes will provide valuable support for the work the DNR does in close cooperation with partner organizations.

"World-class natural resources belong to everybody in Michigan and define who we are as a state," Creagh said. "Those resources are fundamental to why people live in, visit and set up shop in Michigan . and that's vital to our state and local economies."

"We want to make it easier for people to get the licenses they need and ensure the funding that will allow the DNR and our partners to enhance and protect our natural resources for current and future generations," he added.

#### New for Hunters

All hunters will be required to purchase a base license, with different price points for resident, junior, senior and nonresident hunters. The base license (which allows the buyer to hunt small game) is needed to purchase any other licenses. Deer hunters will have the option of buying one deer license (\$20) or two-deer licenses (\$40). Hunters may choose one option or the other.

The single deer license replaces the separate firearm and archery season licenses of previous years, and is valid for archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons. Hunters who opt for the single tag won't be able to purchase a second, but they will be able to purchase antlerless licenses where available.

With the two-tag deer combo license, both licenses are valid for archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons. It includes one regular and one restricted license, as in previous years. Antler point restrictions will apply based on the area of the state.

Antlerless deer licenses cost \$20, and will continue to be available based on license quotas set for each deer management unit

(DMU); quotas should be finalized in July.

#### New for Anglers

The two previous options for fishing licenses . one for everything except trout and salmon and another that included trout and salmon . have been rolled into one license. A resident fishing license will cost \$26 and includes fishing for trout and salmon (down from \$28 if you bought the all-species license under the old system). A one-day fishing license will cost just \$10.

New fishing licenses are required beginning April 1.

The hook-and-bullet crowd can try the hunt/fish combo (the base license, a fishing license and two deer tags), which is available for \$76, a modest savings compared to buying them separately.

Discounts on some licenses will be available for youths and seniors. Active military and veterans with 100-percent disability who were or are Michigan residents will also be eligible for free licenses.

#### New for Off-roaders

Off-road vehicle (ORV) riders haven't seen a license price increase since 1996. Starting March 1, operators will pay \$26.25 for a license to operate on eligible county roads and national forest roads, state forest roads in the Upper Peninsula and the frozen surface of public waters. No license is needed for use on private land.

If you want to head out on state trails, routes or ORV areas, you'll need to pick up an additional \$10 ORV trail permit.

#### Return on Investment

The DNR anticipates the new license options, when fully implemented, could bring in up to \$18 million annually in new revenue. Director Creagh said residents will see these critical dollars reinvested into Michigan's natural resources in a number of meaningful ways.

- One dollar from the sale of every base hunting license, all-species fishing license and hunt/fish combo is earmarked to build public awareness about game and fish management, the role hunters, trappers and anglers play in conservation, and the overall economic impact of hunting and fishing. This program was included in statute and is based on a Colorado project that is yielding greater public acceptance of hunting and fishing since it was adopted.
- Anglers will see projects to improve habitat in inland waters, additional capacity for fish-rearing at state fish hatcheries, and increased creel surveys and assessments of both inland and Great Lakes waters.
- Hunters will benefit from more habitat improvement projects for both big game and small game, increased target-shooting opportunities at state game areas, and expanded access to hunting opportunities on public and private land.

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See **License Options** on Pg. 5



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- All outdoor recreation enthusiasts will benefit from the presence of additional conservation officers across the state.

ORV users will see an expanded trail system, as well as existing trails that are safer because of better grooming, brushing, signage and overall maintenance (including the replacement of failing bridges and culverts).

Changes like these . along with a grant program devoted to improvement of the state's wildlife and aquatic habitat . are exactly what the DNR had in mind. The department was pleased to see a broad range of outdoors, conservation and environmental groups lend their support to the restructured license package last year, in anticipation of just such deliverables.

### A Better Buying Experience

Michigan's new pricing structure is also accompanied by an easier, faster buying process. Retail license agents' terminal screens have been streamlined to clearly show available choices with new help options should an issue arise . and many of these changes were made in direct response to customers' requests and suggestions of how to best improve the system.

Sportsmen and women will only be able to purchase the licenses they qualify for, which DNR Licensing and Reservations Manager Denise Gruben says will eliminate potential confusion. Buying licenses online will get easier, too.

Our customers can take advantage of the mobile buying experience for smart phones and tablets, adding a whole new level of ease, Gruben explained. When you buy your license on a mobile device, it will save as a PDF on that device. You can print and laminate if you want, or just save it on your device to conveniently show an officer, if asked.

The bottom line? Starting March 1, Michigan's outdoor recreation community will be introduced to a simpler, fairer and more efficient license structure, and know that every dollar will be reinvested for the current and long-term good of the natural resources we all treasure.

If you would like to learn more about the new license structure . including pricing charts, frequently asked questions, [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and click on Learn about the restructuring of hunting, fishing and ORV licenses.

## Feb. 15, 2014 Ice Fishing Outing St. Lukes, Ont., Lake St. Clair





### Upcoming 2014 DAS Key Dates

Sat., Mar. 8, 2014 5:00pm - 10:00pm	<b>DAS Wild Game Dinner</b> American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Mar. 15, 2014 ??am - 4:00pm	<b>Manistee Fish Off with Metro West</b> Manistee Watershed
Sat., Mar. 22, 2014 6:30am - 11:00am	<b>Fun Fishing</b> Clinton River, Yates Cider Mill
Tues., Mar. 25, 2014 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., Apr. 5, 2014	<b>Trout Outing</b> Island Lake Recreation Area

### 2014 February Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 59

Featured Speaker: Chip Cartwright  
Wolverine Tackle  
%New Spoon Patterns for 2014+

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$111 Mark Carlson

Every Member Drawing : Al Wiechert  
Not Present

## MI DNR Creel Clerks Collecting Info This Winter

The Michigan DNR agency personnel will be interviewing anglers about their fishing trips. DNR creel clerks will ask anglers about how long they fished, what species they were targeting, what they caught and where they live. It usually takes only a couple of minutes to answer the questions. The DNR appreciates anglers cooperation. In some cases, the creel clerks may ask to measure or weigh fish and to take scale samples.

Creel clerks will be stationed at Saginaw Bay, the Au Sable River, the Les Cheneaux Islands, Munising, Au Train, Marquette, Keweenaw Bay, Little Bay de Noc and Menominee Harbor. Starting April 1, creel clerks will appear at Great Lakes boating access sites, fishing piers and shorelines across the entire Great Lakes coastline to survey spring, summer and fall fisheries. ✧

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