



# FISHIN' TALES

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## December Meeting

- When:**  
Tuesday, December 17, 2013  
7:30pm
- Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
North West corner  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Guest:**  
"Salmon Clause"
- Also Featured**  
Presentations of:  
"Skipper of the Year" Awards  
"Big Fish" Awards  
"Director of the Year" Award  
"Member of the Year" Award
- Other Happenings:**  
Christmas Party, Turkey, Ham &  
Holiday Cheer 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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## 'Salmon Claus', Awards, Raffles Highlight DAS Christmas Party

The Board of Directors of the Detroit Area Steelheaders urge all Members AND their families to plan on attending the annual Christmas party/meeting on Tuesday, December 17 at the American Polish Cultural Center. Festivities begin at 7:30pm.

Highlights include presentation of the "Skipper of the Year" awards and the Big Fish trophies, plus elections for the Board of Directors for next year.

There will also be a door prize drawing featuring smoked hams and turkeys from Country Smokehouse in Almont, along with bottles of your favorite holiday cheer!



Every member and their spouse (our by-laws state the spouses are members too) will receive a ballot for the directors elections and a raffle ticket for the door prize drawing. We will also have a 50/50 drawing in which tickets can be purchased for \$1 each or 7 for \$5 and our "Every Member" Drawing where a member who is in attendance and their name is drawn will win \$100

However, the big moment of the evening will featuring the traditional appearance of "Salmon Claus" who will have gifts for all the kids on hand.

It promises to be a fun-filled evening so we hope to see all DAS members and their families there.

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## BoatUS Membership Discount

Save 50%!  
Our group Number is GA82750B.  
Be sure and take advantage of it.



## CASEVILLE LAKE TROUT OUTING 2013

Dec. 14, 2013 7:30am till 12:30pm

This could be a great event for the angler that doesn't have a lot of experience at pier fishing. All that you need is a casting rod with 8 - 12 lbs. test line, a hand full of your favorite casting spoons, a net and waders are optional.

The last few years the waters inside Caseville harbor have produced some of the nicest trout Lake Huron has to offer. The season on Lakers closes on Sept. 30 each year and reopens on Jan. 1 in the lake but stays open year around in the harbor. The area that needs to be defined as harbor according to the local CO. is the end of land on each side of the river or break wall, this line of land changes with the water level on Lake Huron. Last year we where able to fish for trout about half way down the break wall, this year I will try to get a hold of the local CO and try to get that line flagged off. That should ease any confusion while out there.

For those who do wish to try the end of the pier, you will be able to catch some dandy Walleye and Steelhead, just remember to release any lake trout. Caseville trout are in the harbor feeding on

small emerald shiners and alewife, so try to match the size lure to the bait size. I prefer the 2/5 oz. little Cleo or KO Wobbler in silver with blue or orange or glow green early in the morning. Some people use Long A Bombers, Hot N Tots and mag Silver Streaks to entice these beautiful trout. All you need to do is cast and vary your retrieve and depth until you start catching, some times they hold on bottom other just under surface.

I have caught a few fish only 4 to 5 feet away from shore while lifting my lure out of the water. What a blast! These fish fight a whole lot different than out on the lake while trolling that's for sure.

After we get done fishing, the Caseville Resort and Marina is willing to allow us to use the club house for lunch and to warm up. Directions to come at event. Only 1/4 mile away. Hope to see you there!

**Blaise Pewinski**  
**'SEA HAG'**  
**248-890-4517**



One morning's catch at a Caseville outing last year

**Membership News**

*New Membership*

*Welcome!*

**DAVID CHRISTENSON**

*Renewed Memberships*

**RODNEY ELNICK**

**CARL VENTIMIGLIA**

*Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired*

**JIM FITCH**

**WILLIAM PEARCH**

**CAPT. STEVE JONES**

**GARY RUPRICH**

**MIKE LEHTO**

**DAN WHITMILL**

**Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Director Elections**

DAS By-Laws call for Board of Directors elections at the Annual Meeting. This year the annual meeting will occur on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at our normal meeting location (APCC).

Any dues paying member or officer can place a nomination. A nomination must be submitted at least 20 days (November 27) before the election. It should be in writing and signed. If you wish to become involved in the operation of the DAS you are welcome to run for election to the BOD.

New people bring new ideas, different perspective, and enthusiasm. Your club needs you.

Please consider placing yourself in nomination for a club BOD position.

To submit a name for this year's ballot:

Mail - email - or write up & give to me at any monthly membership meeting.

Include the person's name and contact information.

Have the nominated person sign it.

So we all know he/she is willing to serve if elected.

**Dan Chisholm**

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Nomination to DAS BOD ----- December 17, 2013 Election

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

BIO: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.**

P.O. Box 1255 Sterling Hgts., MI 48311-1255

**Membership Application**

New Member - \$35 Yearly

Renewal - \$35 Yearly

Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly

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| ADDRESS         |                |            |
| CITY, STATE ZIP | HOME PHONE     | CELL PHONE |
| BOAT NAME       | E-MAIL ADDRESS |            |



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## DAS Board To Lose 2 Valuable Members

Two long time members of the DAS Board of Directors are retiring at the end of this year.

Bob Jones has served for 10 years on the BOD. He has been a past President, working hard in that position for 2 years. For the past 4 years, Bob has been ticket chairman for the Wild Game Dinner. This is a thankless job that requires countless hours of making sure ticket requests are handled, monies are accounted for and table seating arrangements are made. This is an especially hectic job for the 2 weeks prior to the Dinner. He also served a Raffle Chairman for 3 years. Bob has also been an avid Boat Troller participating in almost every Boat Tournament over the last 10 years.

This is Tom Moores' 20th year on the Board and he has been Membership Chairman for all those 20 years. This is another thankless job that requires plenty of time keeping tabs on the membership and taking membership applications and dues to ensure all members are on the mailing list, most importantly so they may receive the Fishing Tales newsletter.

Tom has also been involved for the last 10 years with the Wild Game Dinner making arrangements for the caterer and hall set-up. Although not in recent years, Tom had been an avid Boat Troller in years past also.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors wishes to thank these gentlemen for their many years of service and their hard work will certainly be missed. Thank You and Good Fortune in the years to come to both Bob and Tom!

## Easy Baked Salmon Recipe

**PREP TIME: 15 mins.**

**COOK TIME: 45 mins.**

**READY IN: 2 hrs**

### Ingredients

- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 6 tablespoons light olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 2 (6 ounce) fillets salmon



### Directions

1. In a medium glass bowl, prepare marinade by mixing garlic, light olive oil, basil, salt, pepper, lemon juice and parsley. Place salmon fillets in a medium glass baking dish, and cover with the marinade. Marinate in the refrigerator about 1 hour, turning occasionally.
2. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
3. Place fillets in aluminum foil, cover with marinade, and seal. Place sealed salmon in the glass dish, and bake 35 to 45 minutes, until easily flaked with a fork.

## New Lamprey Estimates Suggest Decreased Population

*(Reprinted from Great Lakes Basin Report November 2013 issue)*

Recently released news is encouraging: the basin-wide sea lamprey population declined by 50% between 2012 and 2013.

### 2013 Adult Sea Lamprey Abundance Estimates

The annual estimate of the lamprey population is derived from a model that was developed in 2003 and improved during the ensuing years. Estimates are measured against the abundance targets set for each lake to determine the level of required sea lamprey control. The models differ for each lake, taking into account specific attributes like the sea lamprey treatment cycle and the number of lamprey-producing streams.

The 2013 estimates for sea lamprey abundances indicate that **populations are within the target range for Lakes Superior, Michigan, and Ontario**. Populations remain **above target in Lakes Huron and Erie**, yet they are trending in the right direction, toward target levels. Perhaps most notable is that the **total basin-wide abundance has decreased from last year by nearly half**. The total abundance of adult sea lampreys across the entire Great Lakes basin decreased from an estimated 511,000 during 2012 to an estimated 275,000 during 2013.

### Key Areas of Concern: Lakes Huron and Erie

#### Lake Huron

Sea lampreys are found in more than 200 streams throughout the Great Lakes basin, yet more than half of the 275,000 lamprey reside in just nineteen streams. Ten of these nineteen streams are tributaries to Lake Huron and account for 32% of the basin-wide total of adult sea lamprey. Indeed, Lake Huron presents a unique challenge to sea lamprey control because it is fed by some of the most prolific sea lamprey producing tributaries in the basin.

#### Lake Erie

Despite intensified treatments over the past five years, Lake Erie sea lamprey abundances remain quite high. Record sea lamprey abundance was recorded in 2009 and, for the fourth consecutive year, in 2013, adult sea lamprey numbers in Lake Erie exceeded pre-control populations. The sea lamprey control program has undertaken several initiatives to determine the source of Lake Erie sea lampreys, including extensive surveys of Lake Erie tributaries and preliminary evaluation of the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers (known as the Huron-Erie Corridor) as a possible new source of sea lampreys.

**Upcoming 2013-2014 DAS Key Dates**

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| Tues., Dec. 17, 2013<br>7:30pm                | <b>Membership Xmas Meeting/Party</b><br>American Polish Cultural Center |
| Thu., Jan. 9, 2013 thru<br>Sun., Jan 12, 2013 | <b>Ultimate Fishing Show</b><br>Suburban Collection Showplace           |
| Tues., Jan. 14, 2014<br>7:00pm                | <b>BOD Meeting</b><br>American Polish Cultural Center                   |
| Tues., Jan. 28, 2014<br>7:30pm                | <b>Membership Meeting</b><br>American Polish Cultural Center            |

**2013 November Membership Meeting Facts**

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| <b>Attendance:</b>           | 49   |
| <b>Featured Speaker :</b>    | Mark Williams<br>Status of Lake Michigan Fishery |
| <b>Also Featured :</b>       | Pot Luck Snack Night                             |
| <b>50/50 Raffle Winner:</b>  | \$80 Gaspare Aragona                             |
| <b>Every Member Drawing:</b> | \$100 Jim Zanke                                  |

**Asian Carp Update:**

**Grass Carp Spawn in Lake Erie**

**Silver Carp DNA Found in Sturgeon Bay**

(Reprinted from Michigan SeaGrant Fall 2013: West Michigan Fish Notes)

Recent evidence provides more cause for concern regarding Asian carp. Low numbers of grass carp have been found in the Great Lakes for many years, but evidence of spawning in the Great Lakes basin was reported for the first time in an article published last month.

Although grass carp do not feed on plankton, they could threaten native fish and waterfowl by consuming aquatic plants that serve as habitat for other species. Grass carp also have similar spawning requirements to plankton-eating silver carp and bighead carp. Along with recent studies of temperature and flow on spawning habitat suitability, this suggests that

bighead and silver carp may not have much trouble finding suitable spawning rivers in the Great Lakes basin.

Silver carp DNA was also found in one of 50 water samples taken from Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin in northern Lake Michigan. The samples were taken this spring and reported November 5th. Although no live silver carp have been captured in Great Lakes waters, this is not the first time that environmental DNA (eDNA) from silver carp has been detected. One sample from Calumet Harbor in Lake Michigan also tested positive, as have several samples from Lake Erie waters.

An ongoing ECALS study aims to improve interpretation of eDNA data. Although eDNA could indicate the presence of a live carp, a single positive result is less compelling evidence of invasion than a clear pattern of multiple positives would be.

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**Membership expires: 314**



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