



# Fishin' Tales

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY FOR OVER 35 YEARS

## November Meeting

- **When:**  
Tuesday, November 27, 2012  
7:30pm
- **Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
North West corner  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured :**  
Mark Stosiak on  
Fiberglass Restoration
- **Other Happenings:**  
River Tournament news, Tackle  
Raffles , 50/50 & Every Member  
drawings.
- **Up-To-Date Information on  
the DAS website at:**  
[www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com)



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## DAS Guys Have Good Showing at Ludington and Manistee River/Pier Tournaments

There were back-to-back Steelhead tournaments – one on October 27, 2012, in Ludington from Michael's Bar & Grill and the other in Manistee, on November 3, 2012, from the Lake-shore Motel.

The tournament from Michael's was fished by the Almost Paradise Fishing Team consisting of Bob Paradise, Tom Thieda (TNT), Al Wiechert, and Pat Hoey, Gaspare Aragona. Most got on the pier at about 4:30 pm. The tournament officially began at midnight. TNT arrived on the pier at 8:00pm and Al wasn't far behind arriving around 11. With the exception of TNT and Al, fish were being caught in big numbers. About 4:00 am TNT's luck turned around.



Tom Thieda shows off the 'Big Tom Memorial Cup' and his 1st place prize

We ended up the session around 3:30 pm (15:30) so that we could be at the weigh in before 4:30 pm (16:30) in Ludington. All in all we ended up taking first, second, and third place at Michaels'. TNT ended the tournament in first place securing his place in tournament history with the Big Tom Memorial Cup; TNT was also awarded \$120 cash and an Okuma reel. Second place went to Bob Paradise who was awarded \$120 cash and Pat Hoey, Mark Beven's brother-in-law, rounded out the top three taking home a \$100 cash award. The weather wasn't too bad and everybody had a great time.

The following weekend in Manistee the Lakeshore tournament was a different story. The Almost Paradise Fishing Team consisted of Bob Paradise, Gaspare Aragona, Al Weichert, Adam Plank, Tom Thieda (TNT), and Don Mikros. Fishing was much slower. Everyone got out on the pier about 4:30 am. Except TNT and Don Mikros waited until about 11. They didn't end up with a prime spot – but that's to be expected. The fish did not start to bite until morning. Bob Paradise went 5 for 7 fish and his biggest came around 2:30 pm. Also on the pier were Doug Karakas and Dave Roehr – they arrived early to secure a good spot. However, even securing a prime spot didn't help them land a fish. Gaspare had two or three nice rips but his eyes weren't on the rod tips and he lost his opportunity to hook a fish. By 6 or 7 am there were 10 – 15 people on the pier. Besides Bob, only one other person got one fish. At the weigh in, of the 79 people that fished – 60% came up empty. It was a rough day with a rising barometer. Fishing the surf was Bill Stanley, Mark Stosiak, and Tom Gorguze. They had the same luck – zero fish! During the dinner and prizes, Bob Paradise ended up in second place by the narrowest of margins – .04 pounds! Unbelievable – but that's fishing. The ticket you received as an entry fee was used to raffle off the monies. At our table four out of ten people were winners collecting cash prizes of \$50, \$40, and \$20. So next year when they have the tournaments maybe a few more Steelheaders will show up for the great times and fishing.

## Membership News

New Membership **WELCOME!**

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Renew Memberships

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## Amazing Revelation: Some Pacific salmon DO feed During Spawning Run

**Anglers in Michigan rivers have long known that Chinook and coho salmon will bite on eggs and egg imitations. Salmon were believed to stop feeding in rivers, but recent research suggests this isn't always the case.**

Posted on October 24, 2012 by Dan O'Keefe, [Michigan State University](http://www.msue.msu.edu) Extension

Conventional wisdom is a funny thing – especially when it comes to Chinook and coho salmon in rivers. When these Pacific salmon species were initially stocked in Great Lakes waters, most people assumed that they would not bite once they entered rivers near the end of their life cycle. Snagging was legal for decades, in part, because of this erroneous assumption. If a stocked fish won't bite, then why let it go to waste?

There is no doubt that salmon can be tough to catch once they enter rivers, but they will hit stick baits, spinners, and a variety of other lures in addition to skein and spawn [bags](#), if conditions are right. Anglers who take advantage of this fact have long assumed that salmon hit strictly out of aggression or some feeding reflex left over from time spent in the big lake or ocean. While this might be true in the case of lures, new research suggests that (at least in some Alaskan rivers) salmon can, and do, continue to feed in rivers.

The preferred – in fact, the only – food item found in salmon stomachs was salmon eggs. This much should come as no surprise as salmon are often caught as they mouth skein or spawn bags on an angler's hook. Salmon obviously have a taste for their own eggs (or the eggs of other salmon, at least), but in some cases, they actually digest and derive energetic benefits from egg predation.

One coho jack was found to have 159 eggs in its stomach, and 13 percent of all salmon examined had consumed at least one egg. This type of feeding may prolong the life of spawning salmon slightly and give them a bit of extra energy for their difficult journey upstream and subsequent battles for prime breeding grounds and mates.

Some Alaskan rivers had higher feeding rates (up to 40 percent of female cohos ate eggs in one river) while others had lower feeding rates. Might Great Lakes salmon eat during their spawning run, or does the conventional belief that stomachs harden and shrink to the point of digestive atrophy hold true? While there is no published research available for Great Lakes runs, curious anglers might want to start checking stomachs when cleaning river-run salmon.

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Hook-jawed kings like this one are preparing to spawn and die. The difference between the stomach of a spawning-phase salmon and one fresh from the big lake is obvious. Lake-run fish are better able to digest large meals of fish, but new research suggests some salmon can and do digest small meals of eggs after entering the river.



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### Membership Application

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☐ Lifetime - \$150

☐ Senior (65 & over)- \$10 Yearly

☐ Address Change only

Amt. paid \_\_\_\_\_

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



## Salmon In The Classroom, Progress Report: November 9, 2012

On October 18 we purchased the tank and accessories through craigslist.com. Parts were reviewed for relevance to the fresh water application and the DNR requirements. The Yukon was repacked and Katy Engle (3rd grade teacher) drove it to school where it was unloaded and setup in a commons area for all the students to view. There were constant inquiries from the students, "What is in there?" and then later "When are the fish coming?"

Saturday, October 27, Katy visited Key Aquarium on 23 Mile and Van Dyke. The family run store had graduated three children from Oakland Christian Schools and was happy to give small discounts and lots of advice. The largest purchase was the chiller and submersible water pump for cooling the tank to the recommended temperatures during the Salmon growth cycle. Other purchases were made to complete the now functioning tank; ie. an additional (smaller) water filter, hose clamps, netting to cover the suction (feed) lines to the filters and pump, etc. Note that the tank needed to be running for 7 to 10 days before the introduction of the eggs. We also did chemical tests on Nov. 2 on the tank water, everything was '0'.

On November 6, Tuesday, I picked up Katy from school after doing some repair work on the tank. We made it to Kalamazoo in 2-1/2 hours and were in front of her parents' house ten minutes later. I stayed at the Red Roof Inn about 15 minutes away. We easily made the 9:00 am start time at Wolf Lake Hatchery and spent the rest of the day in a very enjoyable seminar by the DNR and the Wolf Lake personal. They supplied lunch. At 3:20 pm we started the car for the trip home with the eggs in a cooler. At 6:35 pm we walked into the school with the janitor unlocking the door. We spent another hour conditioning the eggs to our tank water and the water temperature (most important). A process of exchanging 25% of the water in the plastic Ziploc egg sack with the tank water for 15 minutes. So, an hour later, we slowly poured the eggs into the tank.

The last report from Katy, Thursday after school, was the eggs looked fine, she could see no dead eggs, and everything was working. The water chiller is maintaining 50.4 degrees (47 degrees is recommended) so I'm searching for Styrofoam to insulate the three sides of the tank.

So far, I've reimbursed Katy for anything she paid for. We will have additional purchases.

\$225.00 Tank, misc

\$680.84 Chiller, Pump, Test Kit, etc.

\$69.02 Water Filter, add. Filters, misc.

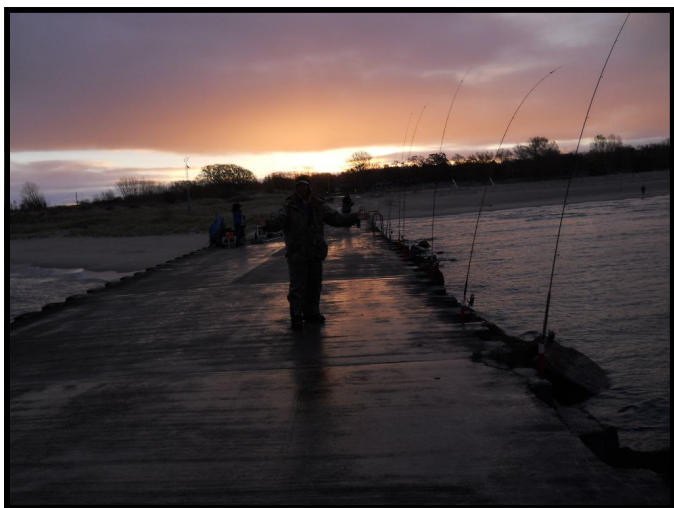
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Regards,  
Rodney K Elnick





## Ludington & Manistee River/Pier Photos



Comparison of Like Tournaments in 2011 &amp; 2012

			No. of	Total		Total Numbers of Each Species Caught					Largest			Total No.	Numbers by weight(of those weighed-in)			
Date		Tournament	Boats	No. Fish	1st Place Boat	Kings	Cohos	Steelhead	Browns	Lake trout	Fish	Species	Boat	Weighed-in	Under 10 lbs	10-15 Lbs	16-20 lbs	Over 20 lbs
5/5/2012		St. Joe	11	141	Blue Horizon	116	15	0	0	10	14.50	King	Bobby's Toy	88	75	13	0	0
4/30/2011		St. Joe	11	13	Vicki's Seacret	10	0	0	0	3	14.40	King	Hardtop & Tails	13	10	3	0	0
5/19/2012	5/20/2012	Grand Haven	12	94	Bobby's Toy	84	3	0	0	7	16.45	Lake Trout	Miss Dipsey	90	69	18	3	0
5/21/2011	5/22/2011	Grand Haven	12	41	Almost Paradise	32	0	8	0	1	14.50	King	Almost Paradise	41	33	8	0	0
6/23/2012		Olcott NY	7	49	Vicki's Seacret	24	0	24	0	1	29.45	King	Bobby's Toy	44	33	3	4	4
6/11/2011		Olcott NY	7	22	Bad Dog	10	3	2	0	7	12.95	King	Vicki's Seacret	22	20	2	0	0
8/4/2012		Ladies Day	8	37	Almost Paradise	32	2	2	0	1	19.40	King	Almost Paradise	36	14	18	4	0
8/6/2011		Ladies Day	6	23	Sea Hag	18	3	1	0	1	17.10	King	Bad Dog	23	9	11	3	0
8/11/2012		Ludington II	8	53	Almost Paradise	45	5	0	3	0	17.60	King	Almost Paradise	36	11	18	7	0
8/13/2011		Ludington II	8	56	Bad Dog	38	12	1	0	5	26.35	King	Bobby's Toy	52	24	15	11	2
8/25/2012		Manistee	9	41	Almost Paradise	28	11	0	0	2	18.10	King	Almost Paradise	32	10	20	2	0
8/27/2011		Manistee I	9	49	Almost Paradise	38	11	0	0	0	22.00	King	Almost Paradise	39	10	19	6	4
9/8/2012		Frankfort	6	21	Bad Dog	19	2	0	0	0	14.50		Hardtop & Tails	21	9	12	0	0
9/10/2011		Manistee II	9	58	Almost Paradise	42	2	10	0	4	18.30		Almost Paradise	53	38	10	5	0

## Ludington Fishery Workshop

Last year's workshop focused on options for reducing lakewide predation on forage fish in Lake Michigan. At this year's workshop, Jay Wesley of MDNR will discuss the final lakewide plan to reduce predation and present a port-by-port overview for stocking reductions in Michigan waters.

Other topics will include the Lake Michigan forage base, a new study of the Great Lakes charter fishing industry, and the Great Lakes Observing System, which develops products and online tools for mariners, researchers and anglers.

**WHEN:** 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013

**WHERE:**

Comfort Inn & Suites  
7576 S. Pere Marquette Hwy  
Pentwater, MI 49449

Registration is required. The workshop is free, but there will be a \$10/person charge for lunch provided by Subway and Comfort Inn. Cash or credit for lunch will only be accepted at the door.

## Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Director Elections

DAS By-Laws call for Board of Directors election at the annual meeting. This year's annual meeting will occur on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 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 28) 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 it - email it - or write it up and give it 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 21, 2010 Election

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

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

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

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

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





**Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates**

Tues. Nov. 27, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues. Dec. 11, 2012 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues. Dec. 18, 2012 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting (Christmas Party)</b> American Polish Cultural Center

**October Membership Meeting Facts**Attendance: 40Speaker: Jim Bedford50/50 Raffle Winner: \$70 Bill PerchEvery Member Drawing Name: Steve Banovic  
(Not Present)**Angler catches 58-pound Great Lakes muskellunge in Antrim County, breaks state record**

The Department of Natural Resources confirmed the catch of a new state-record Great Lakes muskellunge on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012.



The fish was caught by Joseph Seeberger of Portage, Mich., that same day on Lake Bellaire in Antrim County at 10:30 a.m. The fish weighed 58 pounds, measured 59 inches long and had a girth of 29 inches. Seeberger was actually bass fishing with a minnow at the time when he caught the fish. It took nearly two hours to land and required the help of two friends.

The record was verified by Patrick Hanchin, a DNR fisheries biologist at the Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station and Conservation Officer Steve Speigl.

The previous state-record Great Lakes muskellunge was caught by Kyle Anderson of Rapid City, Mich., on Torch Lake in Antrim County on Sept. 27, 2009. That fish weighed 50.5 pounds and measured 56.13 inches. "This fish shows that Michigan waters are capable of producing huge fish," said Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "Great waters coupled with appropriate management strategies can result in even more record fish."

State records are recognized by weight only. To qualify for a state record, fish must exceed the current listed state-record weight and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

For more information about fishing in Michigan, visit [www.michigan.gov/fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/fishing).

**Photo information:** Joseph Seeberger (at center in photo above) caught a state-record Great Lakes muskellunge on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012.

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