



December Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, December 20, 2011
7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NorthWest corner
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured :**
Christmas Party, "Salmon Claus",
BOD Elections, Skipper of the Year
and Boat Trolling Awards presenta-
tion, Director and Member of the
Year Awards & more
- **Other Happenings:** Tackle Raffles
featuring Hams & Turkeys, 75-25
and Every Member drawings.
- **Up-To-Date Information on the
DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Fishin' Tales

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A Bit about Our First Speaker of the New Year

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 south-west 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 redbreast 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.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Did You Miss the November Meeting?

Tuesday November 29, 2011

With 36 members in attendance, President Bob Jones opened the meeting at 7:40pm. It was good to see Ed Horen there, who's doing much better after that nasty fall from the Manistee Pier.

Our Prez then introduced long time member and Charter Captain Doug Karakas, who gave a very thorough presentation on river fishing for steelhead from a boat. He covered his favorite baits and techniques which included drop-back fishing and casting with spinners. He offered plenty of little tricks and secrets that have been successful for him. Afterwards he fielded questions from the audience. Thanks to Doug for a job well-done!

After the break, Mr. Jones reminded us about the upcoming BOD elections at the December meet-

ing. (See Dan Chisholm's article on Page 3)

He then called on Anthony Lewis who had information about the then upcoming Dec. 10 outing on the Huron River.

Bob then took some fishing reports from the floor. There weren't too many as everyone had been focusing their attention on the fire arms deer season. The tackle raffles followed with the usual great tackle packs. In the 75/25 drawings, the 1st prize of \$68 was won by John Geising and Jim Zanke took home the \$34 2nd prize. In the Every Member drawing, Bob Paradise's name was drawn and seeing that he was present as usual, he won the \$100 cash. The meeting concluded at 9:20pm.

The Editor

Master Angler Steelhead



DAS member Tom Osentoski caught this monster Steelhead weighing 21.75 lbs. on September 9, 2011. It was caught out of Manistee over 610 FOW on a Silver Streak Magnum Yellow Tail spoon set 45 down on a downrigger. According to the taxidermist at Riverside Motel in Manistee, it's the largest Steelhead he has seen in 20 years. The Michigan DNR considers Steelhead weighing 17.0 lbs and over and measuring over 34 inches Master Angler fish. Caught on board the "Sea Hag" with Captain Blaise Pewinski and Dick Shirk on hand to assist Tom on reeling in & landing the fish of a lifetime. Congratulations, Tom!

Huron River Outing

Due to high water levels and flooding, the planned river outing scheduled for December 10, 2011 on the Huron River had to be cancelled. No plans at this time to reschedule.

Jerry Zabel & Anthony Lewis
River, Surf & Pier Chairmen

Trolling Committee To Meet

The Boat Trolling committee will meet on January 10, 2012 at the home of Co-Tournament Director Bob Ksionzek to decide the schedule for the 2012 Boat Trolling season. The committee is made up of the Top Ten skippers of the Year for 2011. Rule changes if necessary will also be discussed.



Submitted by Doug Karakas

Membership News

Renewed Memberships

Bob Feisel

Jim Fitch

John Meade

Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

Ken Cione

Bruce Haywood

Ed Hill

Gary Ruprich

Ty Voigt

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Ted Lewicki

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Board of Directors Election

The Detroit Area Steelheaders board of directors is made up of people elected at the clubs annual meeting held each December. Directors are elected to three year terms and to provide for continuity the terms of one third of the board members expire each year. In a perfect world this setup not only provides continuity but also brings in new people each year. New people bring with them fresh ideas and enthusiasm ultimately making the club a better organization.

At the January board meeting following the election, the board selects the clubs four principal officers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. After these four offices are filled annual Committee assignments are decided upon. Committee assignments are as follows: Wild Game Dinner (March 2012), Web-site, Trophies, Special People, Speakers & Education, Shows, Scholarships, River/Pier/Surf/Ice, Raffles, Publicity, Photography, Newsletter, Membership, Meeting P.A. System, Hats/Shirts/Jackets, Donations & Appropriations, Coalition, and Boat Trolling. Each board member has input into the committee or committees they will be assigned to. People must be satisfied that they can handle the assignment and have an interest in it. Keep in mind "many hands make light the work" so you will find some assignments have multiple members with one person in charge to coordinate things.

I have been a board member for two terms now and I am proud to tell you that the directors I have worked with are good, dedicated people who work hard to promote the interest of the club and its members. I trust each of them and would hate to lose any of them. However, we will be a better club when we start to bring in additional board members and add the enthusiasm and fresh perspective element. That's the reason I have written this newsletter article: to take the mystery out of the clubs election process and urge members to participate more fully in club business by being involved on the board of directors. The board members are all volunteers who meet once a month, two weeks prior to the general membership meeting. The board meetings begin at 7 pm and dinner is provided.

I urge you to become more involved in the operation of the club. If you have any questions contact me. I must know by December 17, so I can place you on this year's ballot. Dan Chisholm, 586-530-9171 or dan.chisholm223@gmail.com

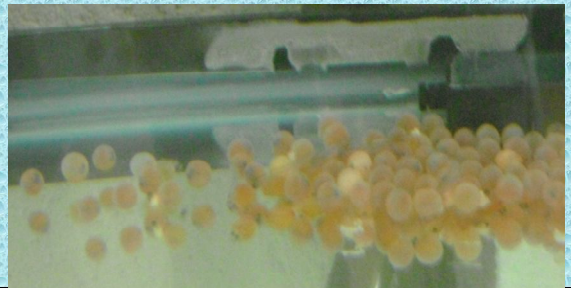
Salmon In the Classroom November- December 2nd

Mrs. Allemon's Classroom
2011-2012

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200 Eyed Eggs from Wolf Lake Hatchery 11/17/2011

- A few eggs arrived non-viable (dead), those appear very white in color.



First to Hatch 11/28/11

- "Fred" is our first to hatch, and heads out to explore. He will feed off his egg sac for the next two weeks.



Tales, Tales & More Tales! December 2, 2011.

- The kids were able to watch as more and more salmon squirmed their way out of their shells to show their full tails and egg sacs.



6th Hour Students

- The kids were excited to watch the salmon hatch and begin to swim/explore.



Upcoming 2011 DAS Key Dates

December 20, 2011 7:30pm	Christmas Party (W/ Special Guest Salmon Claus) American Polish Cultural Center
January 10, 2012 7:00pm	Boat Trolling Committee Meeting
January 17, 2012 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
January 31, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

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