



# Fishin' Tales

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## December Meeting

### •When:

Tues. Dec. 21, 2010  
7:30pm

### •Where:

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

### •Featured :

DAS Xmas party with a special appearance by "Salmon Clause"

### • Other Happenings:

Boat Trolling Awards, "Joe Bazot-ski" Award, Director of the Year & Member of the Year Awards presentations

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

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

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Be sure and not to miss the DAS Christmas party – meeting on Tuesday, December 21 at 7:30 pm. For the kids, there will be a surprise visit from "Salmon Clause" and he'll have presents for all the good little girls and boys.

In addition, there will be trophy presentations for Skipper of the Year, Big Fish of the Year, the coveted "Joe Bazot-ski" award as well as Director of the Year and Member of the Year awards. Bring the whole family and share in the fun!

## Did You Miss the November Meeting?

Vice-president Bob Mitchell, filling in for President Mark Williams, who was on business in the U.P., called the meeting to order at 7:45pm. Bob was deliberate in stalling the meeting start as we awaited the arrival of our featured speaker, Jim Fenner, from the Ludington Charter Boat Association. Unfortunately, because of unforeseen circumstances Jim could not make it.

On the last minute's notice, Jerry Zabel and Doug Karakas talked about the Steelhead fishing on the Lower Huron River. They talked about the various methods and techniques that have given them success while fishing the rather surprisingly up-north wild-feel stretches of this close to home stream. Mark Stosiak also did a short discussion on the latest rage hitting Michigan rivers ..... spey rod fishing. Mark was quite excited about his experiences using this new technique and shared those with everyone in attendance. You can get more info on this method just by doing a Google search on-line for spey fishing. Thanks for the impromptu presentations from

Check out these nice couple of Jumbo Perch that Blaise Pewinski caught last spring ice fishing on



Mitchell's Bay, Ont. See his article inside about the ice fishing outing that he & Bob Paradise are planning on Saturday, January 29, 2011

Jerry, Doug and Mark.

After the break, Jerry Zabel gave a report on the Manistee River tournament where the DAS boys gave quite the spanking to the Metro-West river fisherman (See article in the November Fishin' Tales). Bob Ksionzek gave a plea for member articles for the newsletter. Any kind of article related to the salmon and steelhead fishing whether it be how-to's, techniques, equipment or even personal experiences would be greatly appreciated. You can e-mail those to Bob at [rkzek@comcast.net](mailto:rkzek@comcast.net)

The tackle raffles featured the usual great prizes. In the 75/25 drawings, Ed Hill won the \$64 1st prize and for the 2nd month in a row Gaspare Aragona claimed the 2nd prize, \$32. Unfortunately, Clement L. Foston II was not in attendance to take home the \$100 cash in the Every Member drawing. Clement might consider attending more meetings as this was the 2nd time his name was drawn this year. There were 45 members & guests attending.

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## River & Pier Events

### Whitefish off Tawas Cancelled

Because of high winds & nasty weather creating unsafe conditions, the Tawas Pier Whitefish outing scheduled for the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 26 was cancelled.

Al Wiechert  
"Thor's Hammer"

### Lower Huron River

The guys met at Kate's Kitchen for breakfast and conversation Sat. morning, before getting started. Our Metro-West buddies were there also, Jeff Bustos and Mark Le-wellen fished up high near the dam, Matt Banushka and Fred Batton boat fished and caught the only 2 fish taken for the day (See photos below). DAS members Mark Stosiak and Bill Stanley fished in Mark's home built drift boat, Doug Karakas and Scott Obar-zanek also drift boated, but couldn't hold on to their fish. Denis Harper, Mike Tomlan and Steve Genoff fished from shore. Every-one agreed that it was a good day for fishing and enjoyed themselves anyway!!

Jerry Zabel  
River, Surf & Pier Director



## Membership News

### Renewals

Bruce Haywood	Dan Whitmill
Ed Hill	Nancy Wood
Scott Orbarzanek	

### Memberships Expired or Expiring Soon

Hermann Christoph	Galen Hull
Ken Cione	Les Jump
Tom Gorguze	Ted Lewicki
David Hopcroft	Dave Stachnik

## FEDERAL JUDGE SHOTS DOWN 5 STATE PLEA TO FORCE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO STOP ASIAN CARP MIGRATION

(Reprinted from Michigan Out-of-Doors mag., Dec. 3, 2010)  
Michigan yesterday lost another battle in the effort to stop the Asian carp from migrating into the Great Lakes. U.S. District Court Judge Robert M. Dow Jr. for the Northern District of Illinois rejected the motion for preliminary injunction by Michigan, five other states and intervening plaintiffs, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, that would have required the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to close navigational locks in the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS), instal permanent gates, screens and block nets and use other methods to stop Asian carp from migrating into the Great Lakes.

In a [61 page opinion](#), Judge Dow concluded that Michigan and other plaintiffs did not show that the potential harms associated with the relief sought (i.e., potential increased flooding, sanitary issues and economic hardships to the Chicago area) "outweigh the more remote harm associated with the possibility that Asian carp will breach the electronic barriers in significant numbers ... and establish a sustainable population in Lake Michigan."

Mandatory preliminary injunctions such as those sought by do require a showing of either "a sufficient likelihood of success" on substantive claims that otherwise would be brought for non-mandatory preliminary injunctions or "a sufficient prospect of irreparable harm absent the requested injunction. Despite acknowledging that the potential harm posed by Asian carp is significant, Judge Dow held that Michigan and other plaintiffs did not satisfy the high evidentiary burden required for a preliminary injunction.

Despite the continued somber news on the lack of aggressive legal, administrative or legislative response to the Asian carp crisis, recognition is owed to Attorney General Mike Cox and his team for giving yet another good ol' college try in the courts. Add that to the previous attempt to re-open the Water Diversion case as an original action in the U.S. Supreme Court (twice), to U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow's and U.S. Rep. Dave Camp's sponsorship of and Michigan's Congressional delegation's support of the [CARP Act legislation](#), to the legal support and perspective of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, to our [30 hour, 30 species Fish-a-Thon](#) to raise Asian carp awareness, to the numerous resolutions and calls to action from Michigan legislators to additional support from the Michigan DNRE and Office of the Great Lakes in hosting last week's Asian Carp Workshop, it's fair to say that Michigan is banding together to find solutions on stopping Asian carp. Just a little more support from the White House would be nice.

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**MITCHELL'S BAY PERCH**

It's hard water time, the time to put those river rods down and also time to stop dreaming of silver sided kings which are still months away. What I'm talking about is Mitchells Bay PERCH on the east side of Lake St. Clair.

Over the last few years I've had the experience of ice fishing for perch with some of the best in the DAS. Guys like Rob Pinsky, Walter Romaniuk, Bob Paradise and Gasper Aragona have all shown each other some great techniques for icing Mitchells Bay slab perch. The most common technique between us incorporates the use of long silver spoons called Slab Grabbers made in the thumb of Michigan. The technique used is to lower the spoon to bottom and lift 6 to 16 inches very quickly and allow the spoon to flutter back down; most hits happen on the flutter down or the short pause before you lift again. These spoons come in a variety of shapes from kites, dove tail, diamonds, or tear drop. We all have our own special style, and they come with different colored plastic beads stuck on the hooks, red, green or chartreuse and white seem to be the most popular. My best last year was a 2 inch tear drop with a chartreuse bead on it, while Bob's was a diamond with a white bead and Rob liked the kite shape with a red bead as for Gasper it didn't matter he could catch jumbos on anything. On the terminal end, I prefer to use the smallest cross lock snap I can find, about 16 inches above that I tie the smallest barrel swivel possible. This keeps the line from twisting when I give my presentation. I like to use 4# test Berkley ICE line which seems to hold up well while sliding those over sized Perch through a 6 inch hole. A few other lures do stand out on some days like the jigging Rapala with a red Jensen egg on the middle hook, Ken's lures makes a yellow and orange spoon with a large bend also with a Jensen egg on it and my all time favorite is a Mark's custom bait. It's green on top, pearl in middle and chartreuse on bottom, model #60017, again with a red Jensen egg. Minnows work well; I've watched the Canadians use this method many times. They make a party of it by parking 4 or 5 ATV'S or snowmobiles in a circle and drill a bunch of holes inside the circle. Each hole is loaded with a wood stick balanced on a base with a perch spreader and minnows lowered to the bottom. When one of the sticks slams down signaling a bite one of the group drops his beer and pulls the perch in. Every time I watch them, I want to join them. They seem to have a blast.

Bob Paradise and I are planning a Mitchell's Bay outing on January 29, 2011 with our DAS friends. We will meet 7:00—7:30 am at the Municipal parking lot by the lake. If you forgot anything or need minnows there is a shop 1 block away. Be there early or let Bob or myself know if you need transportation both to Mitchells Bay or on the ice. I plan on bringing 2 ATV'S, 3 Fish Trap ice houses and a pull behind sled for those in need. If the snow is light on the ice I could pull my trailer with a few people on it. A note for those bringing ATV'S it is Canadian law to wear a helmet, another do not bring anything in a glass container.

It takes about an hour and 20 minutes from the Blue Water bridge or the tunnel to get there, and don't forget your Passport or Enhanced Drivers License. I plan on bringing my propane cooker so we can have chili and hot dogs or even hot chocolate while out there, feel free to bring something to pass and we will make a picnic out of this event.

Anyone interested please call **Blaise Pewinski @ 248-890-4517** or **Bob Paradise @ 586-457-4073**

**SEE YA ON THE FROZEN POND!**

**Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors Election**

This year we are losing some key people who have served the club well but are choosing to step down to committee positions or will leave the BOD entirely. **It is imperative that new people step into these positions or it will be difficult to keep the club running smoothly. Your club needs you. Please consider placing yourself in nomination for a club BOD position.**

To submit a name for this year's ballot:

Fill out the form below and e-mail it to me or give it to me at the December 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  
[channing7737@sbcglobal.net](mailto:channing7737@sbcglobal.net)

Nomination to DAS BOD ----- December 21, 2010 Election

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**2010 - 2011 DAS Key Dates**

December 21, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Xmas Party Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
December 25, 2010	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>
January 1, 2011	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>
January 11, 2011 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
January 25, 2011 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

**CHECK YOUR LABEL**

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is below the address label. If it's highlighted yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150. See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to:

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