

2007 Key Dates

Oct. 30- Member Meeting
Fall Swap meet

Nov. 3 Fall River
Tournament

Nov. 27- Member Meeting

Dec. 18 Christmas Meeting

2007 Frankfort Tournament

The unofficial results of the 2007 Frankfort Tournament:

10 boats total
10 boats weighed in fish.
Total number of fish 76
65 Kings
11 Coho

10th Dredge	14.05
9th Happy Bare	37.65
8th Rupe	38.20
7th Bobby's Toy	82.05
6th Pride & Joy	99.45
5th Vicki's Seacret	104.60
4th Sloppy Joe	124.55
3rd TNT	125.40
2nd Thors Hammer	127.60
1st Almost Paradise	137.70

Big Fish 15.35# King, Almost Paradise, also \$50.00 Big Fish Pool winner.

Winner of \$50 gas card - Almost Paradise

DAS Conservation Scholarship

In September we awarded our first ever DAS Conservation Scholarship to a college student, Andrew Monnich. Congrats Andrew!

Check Your Label

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 the club post office box; P.O. Box 1255, Sterling Heights Mi. 48311-1255.

ELECTIONS

Elections for the Board of Directors will be coming in December. Have you thought about how you can support your club? Think about running for Director and contact one of the current directors. Tell them that you are interested in being on the board.

Fishin' Tales



reports, raffles, and short technical presentations where time allows. Hope to see you there.....Jason

Future Speakers

In November, Dan Keifer of the Clinton River Watershed Council will present an "Update on Fishing the Clinton River system".

For January, Steve Dennis of Fishbone charters is scheduled.

Up to date club information can be found on the DAS web site at www.detroitsteelheaders.org.

Fall River Fishing Time

Our first river tournament/ outing will be held as usual on the first weekend in November:

Date: Saturday - November 3rd, 2007.

Time: from when it gets light until it's dark.

Boundaries: from where the Big Manistee River enters into Manistee Lake to the Tippy Dam.

Weigh-in: probably 7:00pm at my campsite at Instalaunch. As with last year, we intend to have a pretty good pot-luck dinner.

With this being two weeks away, there is not much time to let me know how many boats, or shore fishermen will be involved.

See me at the meeting.
Thanks, Dave Stachnik

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FRANKFORT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Detroit Area Steelheaders closed out the 2007 trolling season with their final tournament held on September 8 at Frankfort.

Pre-fishing for this tournament was not possible due to strong south winds and big waves that started on Wednesday, got worse on Thursday, and became fierce on Friday. On Friday afternoon the storm front passed through with gale force winds that made walking difficult and had skippers scrambling to secure their boats to the docks.

On Friday night the winds shifted to the northeast and the lake settled down by Saturday morning. At the pre-tournament Captains meeting there were 10 boats registered for the competition. Fishing started at 6:30 am with gentle winds, clear skies, and waves of 1-2 feet.

The strong south winds of the previous days had pushed a lot of warm water into the area. Surface temperatures were in the high 60's, and you had to go deep to find cooler temperatures. Fishing was most productive with set-ups that were more than 90 feet down. Very few fish were caught on leadcore rigs. The Herring Hole, the "Bank", and the Platte Bay

areas all produced fish. A few mature Kings were also caught close to the pier heads in the early morning.

At the weigh-in, all ten boats had fish. The final standings were:

10th Dredge	14.05
9th Happy Bare	37.65
8th Rupe	38.20
7th Bobby's Toy	82.05
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Total number of fish 76; of which 65 were Kings and 11 were Coho.

Bob Paradise, captain of the "Almost Paradise" had exceptional good luck on this day. Along with his first place in the tournament, he also won the Big Fish prize with a 15.35# King, and he was the lucky winner of the \$50 gas card drawing. Congratulations Bob!

Boats that stayed in the area to fish again on Sunday were rewarded with another beautiful day of gentle breezes and calm seas. The weekend was a great way to end the summer fishing season.

Port Captain: Bob Feisel

Winterizing

To winterize your stern-drive just follow the steps here

Go ahead and put the battery in the garage and on your way back out grab a large

screwdriver, a drain pan, and some rags.

Start by draining and changing lube in the outdrive.

Grease all lubrication fitting well; a couple may be under little caps or otherwise hard to locate. Check your owner's manual for locations on your model.

Inspect all the rubber bellows, clamps, and hoses for cracks or deterioration and spray with a rubber preserver or silicone.

Replace any corroded Zinc anodes with new ones; be sure the area where zinc contacts drive is shiny aluminum for a good contact. The zinc will not prevent electrolysis on more expensive parts without a good ground. New zinc anodes are cheap and have done a fine job if they are eaten away by corrosion. Replace the *self-sacrificing zincs* yearly instead of your out-drive.

Remove the prop and spacer(s) and inspect the shaft and seal area (look for fishing line wrapped around near the seal behind the rear spacer). Lube prop shaft with a good waterproof grease or Perfect Seal from Mercury Marine. Replace prop and spacers and tighten and secure as necessary.

Now you need to touch up any areas with bare metal or missing paint. After it dries, wipe down entire outdrive with an oily rag or spray with a good corrosion and rust preventive spray.

Every 100 or so hours the U-joints require greasing. This task requires removal of outdrive, if you do this now, be sure to

check engine alignment and double-check the bellows and hoses.

Trim your drive to a complete down position so no water collects and freezes and you should be in pretty good shape for the winter. Before spring, check back for tips to get back in the water and have fun boating again.



Legal Ramblings

The Michigan legislature is still considering raising all hunting and fishing fees. Word is that they intend a 25% increase each of the next four years. That on top of an already 50% increase in camping fees and an income tax and a service sales tax hike makes it hard to understand. Let your Senator and Rep. know what you think.

Plates stolen from the Manistee weir

Some no good low lifes looking to cash in on the scrap metal market stole aluminum plates from the DNR. I called Mark Tonello at the DNR in Cadillac regarding the plates stolen from the Manistee weir. The fear was that egg taking would suffer as the DNR searched for funds amid a State Government shutdown threat.

Mark told me that the plates were aluminum dam boards

and have been replaced. In fact, they had a harvest to take eggs two days before I called him. The aluminum boards that were stolen kept water in the concrete ponds. The DNR couldn't turn the pumps on to fill the ponds until they were replaced.

Fortunately, they had some aluminum stock on hand so they only had to get it cut & welded. He said they got the OK to spend the budget and go 'er done.

Consent Decree

Here are answers to some of the questions non-Indian hunters and anglers are asking about the agreement.

QUESTION: Why didn't the state fight the Indian treaty rights in court?

ANSWER: That's the route Michigan took in the 1970s Great Lakes case and that Wisconsin and Minnesota elected to follow in the 1990s with even more disastrous results for sportsmen. Those other states got a series of rulings that not only upheld the treaty rights of the Indians but gave them 50% of the walleye quotas in inland lakes, allowed them to use gill nets and created inland commercial walleye fisheries.

Looking at the decisions in those states, its own history of adverse decisions from federal judges and recognizing its precarious legal position, Michigan in 2003 decided the smart thing to do was negotiate a settlement. One person involved in the negotiations said that non-Indians fail to understand the

importance that some tribal members place on traditional hunting and gathering rights and the subsequent effect that has on tribal politics.

"No (tribe) chairman or council member in his right mind would dare ignore these traditional activities. He'd be out of office if he did," the source said. "So if the tribe has a casino that's bringing in \$35 million a year, the chairman can say to the (traditionalists), 'Here's \$3 million. Go to court against the white guys and come back in 10 years and tell me how you made out.'

"The tribes have plenty of money for (legal actions), they have some of the best lawyers in the country and they take traditional rights very, very seriously."

Q: After 171 years, is that treaty still valid?

A: The federal government says it is. Judges have pointed out that it was written by white Americans who got signatures from Indians who may not have been authorized to cede the land, probably didn't speak English, almost certainly didn't write any language and had no concept of the idea of private property as understood by whites with a long history of personal land ownership.

The treaty said the Indians could enjoy traditional hunting and fishing activities on state land until it was needed for settlement. Courts have decided that vast acreages of land in state parks or forests don't count as settlement, so the treaty rights are still in effect there.