



FISHIN' TALES

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GLSFC PRESIDENT DAN THOMAS TO SPEAK

MEMBER MEETING

Don't miss the March 31 member meeting. The main speaker will be Dan Thomas, President of the Great Lakes Sportfishing Council.

Dan is the driving force behind the Council and has done more to protect your fishery over the past years than anyone else. He is an accomplished speaker and is up to date on virtually every issue affecting the Great lakes fishery.

It doesn't matter what the subject is; hatcheries, gill netting, exotic species, lampreys, the state DNR, the Federal government, etc.; this is the man to tell it to you straight.

SWAP MEET

The March member meeting is also the occasion of our annual swap meet. The swap tables will open a half hour early at 7pm and shut down at 7:30 for the main speaker. You will also be able to browse the tables during the breaks.

Sort through your tackle and equipment to get those items you won't need in '98. Cash them in to buy the things you do at bargain prices.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

The Las Vegas Night was another success for the Detroit Area Steelheaders. It was great to see all

those grubby fishermen dressed in white shirts and bowties!

Most of the tables were filled all night with players taking on the skills of our DAS dealers. (Johnny Cash would have been proud.) The big wheel was turning and the roulette was spinning.

Special thanks go to everyone who helped with this event. Of course it could not have been done without the direction and effort of Mary Karakas. A giant ATA GIRL!

RIVER CRAB TOURNEY

This year's River Crab Salmon Stakes Tournament takes place on May 2. The River Crab is the second tournament on our club schedule.

The Bluewater Mental Health and Child Guidance Clinic of Port Huron and seven other Michigan agencies benefited from the tournament last year.

Again this year, there is a \$5,000 prize for the club with the heaviest catch. The Board of Directors would like to see all of our club members try to participate in this tournament. As an incentive, anyone who weighs in a fish will be eligible for a \$100 cash drawing. There will be five prizes if we win and one if we don't. In addition, the Board has voted to donate a portion of any winnings to the new Sanilac fish cleaning station.

Let's make this tournament the number one tournament on your schedule and help the club win the \$5,000.

Entry tickets (\$10) and dinner tickets (\$13) should be available at the meeting. If you have any further questions regarding the River Crab, contact Don Redmond (810) 469-8344 or Chris Nytko (810) 254-7426.

**DON'T FORGET TO
RENEW YOUR FISHING
LICENSE!!!**

SHOWS - Thank You

Once again this year, we had our display booth at the outdoor sports shows. As in past years, getting club members to sign up to staff the booth was very important. And as in past years the Detroit Area Steelheaders membership stepped up and made this another successful year.

I can't list all of you who volunteered to work the booth but I do want to thank all of you who did so. Your efforts help to spread the word that our club is one of the BEST fishing clubs around.

There are a few individuals who I want to mention here. Thanks to Mark and Dale Luff for putting up with my many

Table 1.—Total catch per hour, catch per excursion, number caught, and fishing effort (angler hours, trips, and charter excursions) for charter boats on Lake Michigan, 1997.

Species	Total catch per hour	Total catch per excursion	Month							Season
			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Coho salmon	0.0381	1.1244	636	2,618	1,309	1,154	3,510	2,414	289	11,930
Chinook salmon	0.0957	2.8227	382	5,088	4,276	5,063	11,608	3,381	151	29,949
Rainbow trout	0.0474	1.3969	372	1,884	2,886	3,306	3,942	1,645	786	14,821
Brown trout	0.0153	0.4505	1,288	1,132	607	647	858	181	67	4,780
Lake trout	0.0716	2.1125	39	2,479	5,072	8,165	6,274	381	4	22,414
Yellow perch	0.1388	4.0918	23,029	6,080	6,538	3,747	3,671	349	0	43,414
Walleye	0.0019	0.0546	7	42	175	208	106	19	22	579
Other	0.0009	0.0278	54	60	8	44	25	69	35	295
Lamprey on chinook salmon			3	7	17	11	21	7	0	66
Lamprey on lake trout			0	22	72	78	67	8	0	247
Angler hours			15,134	41,347	51,619	67,585	99,030	32,468	5,660	312,843
Angler trips			2,600	6,716	8,380	11,201	15,960	5,478	832	51,167
Anglers										
Resident			1,451	3,867	5,486	7,340	11,073	3,826	398	33,441
Nonresident			1,149	2,849	2,894	3,861	4,887	1,652	434	17,726
Charter excursions			320	1,221	1,701	2,373	3,483	1,285	227	10,610

Table 2.—Total catch per hour, catch per excursion, number caught, and fishing effort (angler hours, trips, and charter excursions) for charter boats on Lake Huron, 1997.

Species	Total catch per hour	Total catch per excursion	Month							Season
			Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Coho salmon	0.0025	0.0501	6	18	21	30	44	14	1	134
Chinook salmon	0.1850	3.7867	196	1,301	891	1,852	4,684	1,170	24	10,118
Rainbow trout	0.0200	0.4087	154	128	166	279	280	54	31	1,092
Brown trout	0.0036	0.0734	15	26	15	95	30	14	1	196
Lake trout	0.0984	2.0142	2	635	1,212	1,900	1,570	63	0	5,382
Yellow perch	0.0156	0.3200	0	0	3	236	579	37	0	855
Walleye	0.0298	0.6093	5	64	93	1,072	383	11	0	1,628
Other	0.0051	0.1048	3	4	30	134	101	8	0	280
Lamprey on chinook salmon			1	54	26	100	236	57	2	476
Lamprey on lake trout			0	13	47	64	38	0	0	162
Angler hours			1,545	5,697	7,217	14,661	19,937	5,196	438	54,691
Angler trips			235	994	1,230	2,573	3,602	928	67	9,629
Anglers										
Resident			212	932	1,114	2,117	3,040	797	61	8,273
Nonresident			23	62	116	456	562	131	6	1,356
Charter excursions			83	264	360	709	963	265	28	2,672

SPECIAL DATES

Member Meeting Mar 31
--- Swap table Mar 31
Vegas Party Mar 21
Member Meeting Apr 28

BOAT TOURNAMENTS

Lexington April 25
River Crab May 2
Grand Haven May 16
Pt Austin May 30
Special People June 13
Oscoda Ladies Day
June 27
Pt Austin Walleye
July 25
Presque Isle August 1
Ludington August 15
Manistee August 29
Harbor Beach Sept. 12

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Mac Ilsi computer w/monitor
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Black ink printer
Modem, CD-ROM, loads of
software.
\$500.00 Ed (810) 757-7365

WEB SITE
The Detroit Area Steelheaders are
now on the WWW. The URL (
address) is:

<http://great-lakes.org/mi/detroitsteelheaders>

Let us know what you think of the
page. It has a few great links to other
sites including the Great Lakes
Sportfishing Councils home page. E-
mail me at:
Sed970@aol.com

If you have a page on the web you
want to announce to the club e-mail
the URL to me. I'll try to get the
information in a future 'FISHING
TALES'. **Ed Wilczek**

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down, to Doug Karakas who helped
set up the Outdoorama during a very
difficult time for the Karakas family
and finally, to all the guys who
manned the fish-cleaning table at the
Outdoorama on very short notice.
Great job guys!

I have been told that we will have the
opportunity to clean fish at the
Outdoorama again in 1999. Please
keep in mind that we will need quite a
few people to participate in this to
make it worthwhile for the club.
Thanks again to everyone for your
help.
Ed Wilczek, Shows Committee

FOR RENT
3 bdr house in Lexington, Mi.
1 blk S. of DNR ramp
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MEETING NOTICE — PLEASE DO NOT DELAY!



**PLEASE CHECK YOUR LABEL FOR
YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION.**
You must be a member to
participate in the River Crab.

Thanks to Mike C. for the DNR
data!