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SWAP MEET - VEGAS NIGHT

MARCH 28 MEETING

One of the feature attractions of the next meeting will be a **Swap Meet**. At the old Spring Shows, the swap table was one of the most popular attractions.

Now is the time to go through that tackle box and to pull out all those extra lures you have. Or, how about that spare reel your uncle gave you? Have a couple of manual downriggers you replaced with electric? Bring them to the next meeting. Sell them. Trade them..... and get something you really need! CASH!!! If you don't have any extra stuff; just bring cash! There will be bargains galore!

The Guest Speaker will be Don Krispin of the Coast Guard Auxillary. Topics will be new safety equipment needed on boats and other aspects of boating safety. We also hope to have a speaker on Lorans and GPS units.

VEGAS NIGHT - APRIL 1

Don't miss the time of your life on April 1. That night, the Detroit Area Steelheaders will host the second annual Las Vegas Night at the K. of C. Hall. This is the regular meeting site on 6177 Chicago Road in Warren.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and run until 12:30 a.m. There will be fun, games and refreshments. We all know fishermen are lucky, so this should be your chance to show just

how lucky you really are!

Besides the fun and games, this is the #1 fundraising event of 1995. This event was put into place when the membership and board decided against the Spring Show. (It sure will be a lot easier to bust our butts for one night rather than two days.) Your attendance is requested and hoped for. Please bring guests. It is open to the public.

We still need plenty of help. A practice run-thru will take place on Tue March 21. If you can help or for further questions, please call Mary Karakas at 545-1181.

RIVER CRAB TOURNEY APRIL 29

REMINDER, DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS; the Chuck Muer River Crab Salmon Stakes is coming on April 29.

This is a Boat Trolling Tournament that counts in our schedule towards determining "Skipper of the Year" award. It is also a tournament where we as a club will be competing for the 1st prize of \$5,000 for the most total weight. It is very important to our annual budget that we add this money to our treasury. Many of our club functions and our ability to make more contributions to worthy causes are directly affected by winning this prize.

The Blue Water Clinic, Blue Water sport fishing Assoc. and the C. A. Muer Corporation (River Crab Restaurant) co-sponsors donate proceeds to the Blue Waters Clinic's McKinnon Family Center and other child abuse/neglect programs throughout Michigan.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also have a special drawing at our May membership meeting. If the club wins the \$5,000 we will draw (5) \$100 prizes from a list of boats who weighed in at least one fish in the tournament. We will draw (1) \$100 prize if we don't win the club prize. Therefore, a single small fish could mean the difference between the club winning and you winning a \$100.

All fish must be 18 inches to count (Overall length, not just 18" to the fork) Please weight in any 18" fish you catch. Lake trout will not be eligible as lake trout season will not yet be open.

Prizes this year will be different. There will be a first place plaque and \$250 awarded for each category of King, Coho, Steelhead, Brown Trout and Super Skipper. You must be pre-registered to win one of these prizes.

A \$10 ticket includes your individual entry fee, a raffle ticket where first prize is a trip for four to Disney World. (5 days and 4 nights for 2

adults and 2 children) Second prize is a trip for two to Toronto for 3 days and two nights. There are three other great prizes, too. Dinner tickets are available for an additional \$12 per person.

So, benefit the charities, and give our club a chance at the \$5,000 club prize. Sign up at the March 28 membership meeting, the April 25th membership meeting. (The April meeting will be the last chance to sign up)... or call Don Redmond at (810) 469-8344 for information on mail in entries.

APRIL 25 MEETING

The manufacturer of the Pro-King spoon and top tournament winner, Dennis Neidlinger will be our guest speaker at the April 25th General Membership meeting.

Dennis will be speaking on procedures and techniques that have enabled him to win numerous tournaments throughout the Great Lakes fishing for salmon as well as walleye.

His spoon holds a world record catch for Northern Pike on 2lb. test line, along with a list of big fish too numerous to mention.

Dennis will have a complete selection of the Pro King line of spoons at the meeting, also. This will be your chance to add this pro's choice of his top spoons to your arsenal of baits.

Dennis will also have a lot of information on how to fish St. Joe/Benton Harbor due to that being his home port....and just before our May 6th outing there!

So, plan on attending the meeting. You will be smarter for it.

RIVER CRAB STRATEGY

The 1995 River Crab is upon us and the Detroit Area Steelheaders will be out in force on April 29, to battle the Blue Water Sportfishermen's Association for the bragging rights and the \$5,000.00 first place prize.

The key elements for success will depend on the weather the final few days before the tournament. The most important element will be the bait fish; which is the smelt. Look for reports of smelt running and you will know where to key your efforts. Keep your options open and be flexible as to where you launch. A cold and wet Spring will help keep the fish in the Southern portions of the lake. If the weather gets warm, be ready to move as the past history has shown the fish will move North and East to deeper water in a hurry. If you stick around too long in one place, you will have a light cooler.

It is IMPORTANT that you try to get the latest reports you can leading up to the tournament. Past River Crab winners and top finishers have been successful from Camp Cavell (TDS 308328 - 495512) up to Port Sanilac. Other excellent areas have been straight off Lexington or Lakeport where the 1994 winners trolled. Look for places where small creeks dump into Lake Huron.

If you have not kept your zone map, get a copy from a friend. We will also try to have some available at the meetings. The zone map will be an excellent tool to aid other club members when you are successful.

Running the usual Spring programs will still be a good way to start your search tournament morning. Start in close to shore; 40 ft or less and fish in the top 20 feet. Don't be afraid to run the planer boards or yellow birds up tight to shore. Try to find the warmest water you can or a color/mud line. The standard body baits, such as the Bomber or Rapala in the popular colors is a good pattern to start with. Colors can change, but try silver, pearl, chartreuse, glow green, etc. Listen for weird names like fire tiger, blueberry muffin. See what the salmon want and then get those colors down. Avoid the boat traffic as much possible: The fish will be scattered up and down the shoreline.

These just suggestions and are a good starting point. Remember to be flexible. Its time to get a fish on the line. I've really got the itch. I hope you do, too !!!!!!! Tight Lines Dave Even

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WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP !!

THE VEGAS COMMITTEE

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MICHIGAN REMOVES COHO FROM ADVISORY

LANSING - Because levels of PCBs and DDT in Great Lakes fish have declined significantly over the last 15-20 years, the Michigan Dept. of Public Health (MDPH) is relaxing advisories for several fish species in Lakes Michigan and Huron. The state's 1995 sport fish consumption advisory on coho salmon of all sizes, chinook salmon up to 32 inches, and brown trout up to 23 inches from Michigan waters of Lake Michigan are being lifted. Advice on smaller sizes of lake trout from northern Lake Michigan is being partially relaxed.

The good news for Lake Huron anglers is that restrictions on eating brown trout up to 21 inches and rainbow trout (steelhead) of all sizes are being removed. Advisories on

coho and chinook salmon from lake Huron were dropped in 1987. No changes are planned for Lakes Superior and Erie advisories.

Public Health Director Vernice Davis Anthony wants anglers to recognize that fish provide a diet high in protein and low in saturated fats. Many doctors suggest that eating a half pound of fish each week is helpful in preventing heart disease.

Anthony pointed out the estimated risk of getting cancer from smoking one pack of cigarettes per day over a lifetime is about 500 times greater than getting cancer from regularly eating even the more contaminated fish species such as lake trout from Lake

Michigan. The estimated risk is equal to that of passive exposure to cigarette smoke. Eating one meal per week of lake trout over a lifetime is also about the same as the lifetime risk of an individual drowning during fishing and other water activities.

Anthony emphasized "anglers should not stop eating fish because of contaminants, but use the information in the MDPH consumption advisory to select least contaminated species and to learn how to prepare fish to further reduce contaminant levels."

PCB and DDT levels in Lake Michigan fish have declined approximately 90 percent since the chemicals were banned in the 1970s.

THIAMINE IMPROVES SALMON FRY SURVIVAL

SPRINGFIELD - Although many experiments are still ongoing, it is now clear that thiamine, a.k.a. vitamin B₁, helps stop early mortality syndrome (EMS). Wisconsin and Michigan are conducting similar experiments.

Preliminary indications are water hardening of salmon eggs in thiamine helps prevent the late, pre-hatch eyed egg mortality. Experiments with post-hatch treatments indicate that 500 parts per million (ppm) of thiamine is the preferred level to prevent EMS.

Survival in the untreated control coho and chinook--those never treated with thiamine either as eggs or fry--was

poor. On treatment of small numbers of these salmon with 500 ppm thiamine, 95% of them survived. Of the untreated group, 95% died within ten days.

For the last couple of years, we have been having excessive early mortality with steelhead fry also. Due to the success of the coho and chinook treatments, thiamine therapy is planned for steelhead fry when they hatch in March.

It is obvious from these occurrences that serious nutritional problems have arisen in the salmon populations of Lake Michigan.

SEEFORRELLEN BROWN TROUT

New Record On Horizon?

With promises of a new world record brown trout coming out of Lake Michigan, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources biologist Brian Belonger recently spoke highly of the seeforellen strain brown actively being planted by Wisconsin.

Native to Europe and Asia, it is an alpine strain from Bavaria. Some important traits: it matures at an older age, is a later season and cooler water spawner, spawning in mid-November and December. Its counterpart spawns in October. Growing to a larger size, it lives to 12 years, versus 6 years, and is a lake dwelling stream spawning strain. All have an adipose clip and one other, are more costly to raise than the domestic strain, and feed on alewives.

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APRIL 29	RIVER CRAB
MAY 6	ST. JOE/BENTON HARBOR
MAY 20-21	HARBOR BEACH (2-day)
JUNE 3	PORT AUSTIN (Team Doubles) Sunday
JUNE 17	WALLEYE OUTING (Luna Pier) (Tentative)
JUNE 24	OSCODA (Ladies Day)
JULY 22	MANISTEE
AUGUST 5	LUDINGTON
AUGUST 26	RODGERS CITY
SEPT. 9	HARBOR BEACH
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Day Phone: 1-313-881-7800 • Evening Phone: 1-313-885-4418

YOUTH BOATING COURSE
STATE OF MICHIGAN CERTIFIED
DATE: Monday, May 1, 1995 • TIME: 3:45 PM and 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Grosse Pointe South High School / In the small auditorium
Ages: 12 - 16 • LENGTH: 3 Sessions - 2 Hours each
CONTACT: Bob Swando • Phone: 1-810-949-3322

FALL 1995 PUBLIC BOATING COURSE
DATE: Monday, September 11, 1995 • TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Grosse Pointe North High School / In the cafeteria
LENGTH: 10 Weeks
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