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MEETING RESCHEDULED FOR 24TH

New date set for Oct. 24th membership meeting

The membership meeting for October of 1995 has been moved one week earlier due to Halloween falling on the last Tuesday of the month. (President Karakas made the call when Mary said he couldn't go to the meeting and trick or treating on the same night).

The November meeting will remain the last Tuesday of the month; Nov. 28. The Christmas meeting will also be early. It is scheduled for Dec. 12. Make a note of it.

Dec. 19

COOLER OF CHEER!

The Detroit Area Steelheader annual cooler of cheer raffle will again take place this Fall. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Christmas meeting on Dec. 12. The lucky winner will receive **a 120 quart cooler full of cheer, a big assortment of party snacks and \$100 in cash;** a prize well worth the one buck investment.

As in the past, an incentive plan has been developed to help encourage you to sell tickets for this raffle.

For the October membership meeting, for every \$15 of cooler ticket sales turned in by a member, you will receive one

chance at a **Rod & Reel Combo**. You will have your name put in the drawing two times if you sell \$30 in tickets, 3 times for \$45. Names will remain in the drawing for the November monthly meeting where a lucky member will win a **Normark 50 lb electronic scale**. Finally, the overall top ticket seller will win a **Walleye charter on Lake Erie with Capt. Ted Kubinski**. (This is a charter for four, so you may want to talk to your crew and pool results.) Contact Paul Nowak (810) 294-3842 for additional tickets.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING DECEMBER 12

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS COMING DECEMBER

The annual election for the Detroit Area STEELHEADERS Board of Directors will take place at the Christmas meeting. There are six openings for election expected this year.

This is a chance to help direct our club and to give back some of what you have gained by being a member.

Interested parties should contact Mike Lehto or any other board member at the October meeting. All you have to do is

to fill out a short form stating your interests and how you can help; then get your picture taken. The candidate's info and photos will appear in the November issue of Fishin' Tales.

BIG "M" 3-WAY FISHOFF

The annual fish-off with Metro-West and Saginaw STEELHEADERS is set for November 4 on the Big Manistee and Little Manistee rivers.

The 1995 Edition of the Inter-club rivalry is the ninth annual tournament pitting the skills of each club against the other two. The coveted prize is a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the coming year.

Doug Karakas will again head the tournament for the DAS. The winner will be decided on the basis of total weight of fish caught (with a limit of three fish per man) divided by the number of each club's fishermen.

The tentative fishing hours are from 6am until 4 pm with a weigh-in from 4:30 pm til 5pm at Fisherman's Headquarters. Check with Doug to confirm.

All Detroit Area STEELHEADERS are encouraged to participate. You can sign up at the October meeting or at Fisherman's Headquarters in Wellston before

the tourney. If you need more information call Doug at 545-1181 or see him at the October meeting. This is a fabulous event; one that you won't want to miss. Beginners are especially welcome; and we are hoping for a large turnout. SEE YOU THERE! Doug

MSU RESEARCH DONATION

The Board of Directors authorized another donation to Michigan State University for fisheries' research. The \$500 donation will become part of an endowment to insure continued funding of research regarding the fishery in Michigan.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Bill Hicks is the scheduled speaker for the November meeting. Bill is the head of the Grand Traverse Sport Fishing Assoc. He will be speaking about many issues such as the DNR, gill netting, etc.

ATTENTION RIVER RATS

Winter tournament Schedules for 1994-95 River Rats. Patch up the waders, it's time to hit the river mouths and pierheads. River tournament chairman Doug Karakas has announced the following schedule:

- Nov. 4 Manistee River- 3 way**
- Dec. 2 Ausable River**
- Jan. Clinton River Clinic**
- Feb. Higgins Lake--Ice Fishing**
- Mar. Manistee River--W.A.T.A.**

**RUN FOR A DIRECTOR
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

SPECIAL PEOPLE OUTING ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!!!!!!!!!!

The club held its Special People outing on September 16 at Toledo Beach Marina. 15 club boats participated in a morning of perch fishing, followed by a picnic with trophies and award presentations. The Board wants to thank all Detroit Area skippers and individuals that contributed their time and made donations toward the success of the tournament.

The club received the following letter from the parent of one of our Special People. The letter expresses why we need to make this one of the club's main events every year. Hope you can make it too in 1996.

Dear Detroit Area STEELHEADERS: I would like to take a moment to thank you so very much for the time you took with all of the special children on Saturday, Sept. 16.

My son (Mark) who has Cerebral Palsy was one of the fortunate children who was privileged to take the trip. He caught about 30 perch while he was out there. This was also Mark's 18th birthday.

He had a birthday party in the afternoon and showed all of his friends his trophy and picture. he has a trophy from 1992, 1993, and now 1995. He is very proud all of them.

I hope you all know that you touch a lot of precious hearts when you take the time to give to these special children. I'm sure you all felt joy when you left on Saturday. Thank you for the t-shirts and hats and all of the

little things given to the children. The cookout was great.

My deepest appreciation to the club for Mark's time with men who give him these adventures in life. Thank you all very much.

A very appreciative parent.
(Note: Mark was a crew member on Blue Star with captain Stan Bilek. The letter was edited for length.)

DIMA WINS 1ST RIVER OUTING

Daniel Dima won the first River/Surf outing of the year with a 6 3/4 lb steelhead. Dan caught his fish at the Big Manistee outing October 7. Congratulations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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LETTER TO GOV. ENGLER

On the next page is a draft of a letter that could be sent to Governor John Engler.

This letter outlines a possible solution to two major problems facing our fishery. It has been endorsed by your Board.

Please read the letter and take some action to express your viewpoint to the Governor. Either sign the letter as is, compose your own letter or call Lansing and be heard!

SELL!
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Governor John Engler
State of Michigan
Executive Office
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Oct. 21, 1995

Dear Governor Engler,

I am writing to recommend a lifetime opportunity to regain control of our Great Lakes fishery.

Certain Indian tribes have treaty rights which federal courts have determined allows them to continue to use GILL NETS in the Great Lakes. These GILL NETS have been banned for all others because of their indiscriminate slaughter of fish. They are a non-selective net.

The State-owned fish weirs were under contract to Tempotech to harvest the salmon entering them. Evidence has clearly shown this to be an operation worth in excess of a million dollars a year. Now that Tempotech has lost the contract due to its felony conviction, I suggest the following;

1. Indian tribes must permanently give up all rights to use GILL NETS in the Great Lakes in exchange for the contract to operate the fish weirs.
2. Current Indian netters will still be allowed to fish commercially with selective trap nets and under State law. Perhaps the State could assist in this switch.

Weir operation revenue will benefit the tribes as a whole rather than a few select netters.

Regaining State control of one of our State's most important resources for the benefit of all should be a high priority. This is a win-win situation for everyone.

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