



## SWAP MEET - NEXT MEETING

### MARCH 29 MEETING

One of the feature attractions of the next meeting will be a swap meet. We expect this to become an annual event. At the old Spring Shows, the swap table was one of the most popular attractions. With no Spring Show we still want to offer this concept to the membership.

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 electrics? Bring them to the next meeting. Sell them. Trade them..... and get something you really need! If you don't have any extra stuff; just bring cash! There will be bargains galore!

### RIVER CRAB TOURNEY APRIL 30

REMINDER, DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS; the Chuck Muer River Crab Salmon Stakes is coming on April 30.

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. In addition, the sponsors of the tournament will pay \$100 for any fin clipped Chinook weighed in.

A \$10 ticket includes your individual entry fee, a raffle ticket where first prize is a trip for two aboard the River Queen Steamboat cruising the mighty Mississippi for 3 days and 3 nights. 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 29 membership meeting, the April 26th 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.

### RATING TWO TOP LAKES

For the second year in a row, chinook salmon anglers caught fish at a better rate in Lake Huron than in Lake Michigan. But, when all salmonoid species are considered, Lake Michigan still comes out on top, data from the Michigan DNR shows.

Lake Huron's chinook salmon catch rate for all fishermen (charter and non-charter) from April through July was 4.69 fish per 100 hours, compared to 1.25 per 100 hours in Lake Michigan.

"It's 275% better," said Jerry Rakoczy, the DNR biologist who tracks Great Lakes recreational fishing.

In 1992, the chinook catch rate was about 175% better in Lake Huron than that of Lake Michigan. "That's the reverse of what was the case in 1985, 1986 and 1987," Rakoczy said. "It was two times better on Lake Michigan in those years."

By compiling the catch rates at eight Lake Huron ports - including

Rogers City, Rockport, Alpena, Harrisville, Oscoda, Grindstone City/Harbor Beach, Port Sanilac and Lexington - Rakoczy found that lake Huron chinook fishing is better now than in the mid-1980s.

"The catch rate was 3.74 (chinooks per 100 hours)," Rakoczy said.

However, Lake Michigan still outproduces Lake Huron in overall salmonoid catch rates. For all salmonoids, Lake Michigan produced 11.64 fish per 100 hours, compared to 8.27 in Lake Huron.

"The Lake Huron fishery is mainly chinooks, but the lake trout fishery is in very poor shape," Rakoczy said. "This year, the catch rate is .98 lakera per 100 hours compared to 4.05 in 1987."

There is no stocking of cohos in Lake Huron because of poor returns. However, other salmonoids show better signs of adapting to Huron's waters.

"Browns are still a small portion of the catch, but they have really been coming on the last couple of years," Rakoczy said. "The same thing for steelhead."  
From- Bob Gwizdz, Field & Stream, March 1994

### RIVER CRAB STRATEGY

The 1994 River Crab is upon us and the Detroit Area Steelheaders will be out in force on April 30, 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. Our cold and wet Spring this 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 and 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. The River Crab most recent 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. 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.

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 fishing 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 bait, such as the Bomber in the popular colors is a good pattern to start with. Avoid the boat traffic as much possible. The fish will be scattered up and down the shoreline.

Let's have everyone work together and help each other out as much as possible. The club has several new boats and they need the experienced crews help them out. Don't forget your zone maps and remember to weigh in all 18" fish. 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

## **Economic Importance of Sport Fishing in the United States**

**\$24 Billion—Expenditures**

**\$2.1 Billion—Federal Income Taxes**

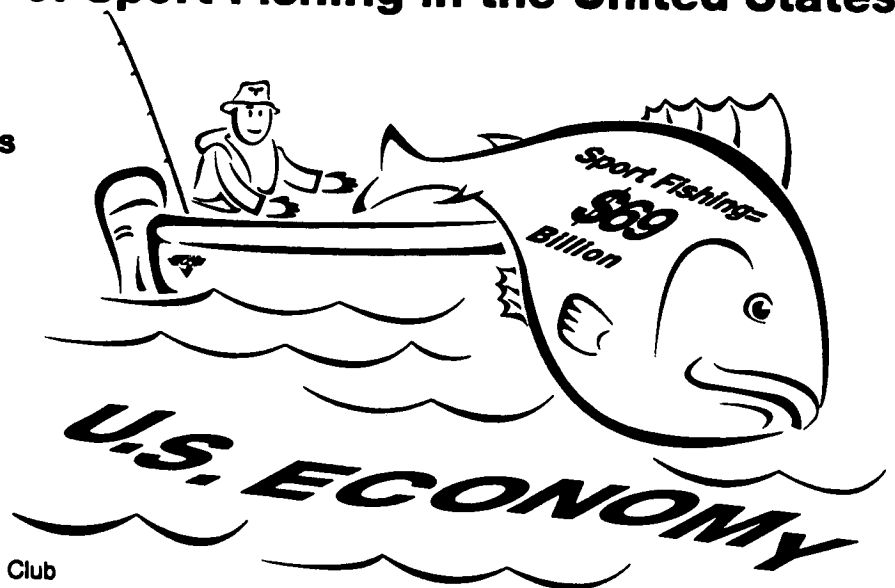
**\$69 Billion—Economic Output**

**\$1.1 Billion—State Sales Taxes**

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Source: Sport Fishing Institute/North American Fishing Club

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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 1994. 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.

For further questions, please call Mary Karakas at 545-1181.



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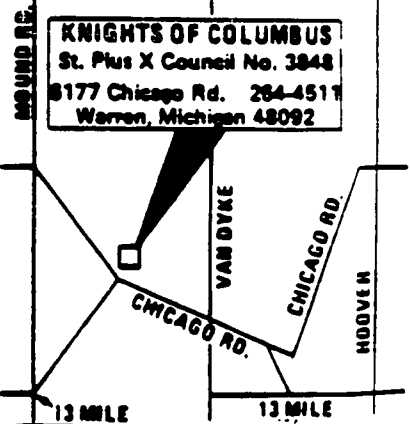
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