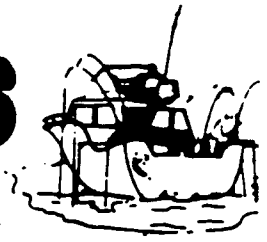




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RIVER CRAB --- MAY 1

The River Crab Salmon Stakes is coming May 1.

Participation in this event benefits the Blue Water Clinic's McCKinnon Family Center and other child abuse or neglect programs throughout Michigan.

This is a boat trolling tournament that counts towards determining our "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 fish in total weight. It is very important to our club that we add this money to our treasury so we can continue to support club functions and make worthy contributions to other organizations as we have in the past.

Salmon and trout 18 inches and over count in this tournament. You can also include lake trout, but.....

YOU CAN ONLY HAVE ONE LAKER IN YOUR COOLER AT THE WEIGH-IN!

You may be disqualified if you have 2 or more lakers at the scales!

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also have a special drawing at the May meeting. If the club wins the \$5,000, we will draw (5) \$100 prizes from a list of club boats that 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 small single fish could mean the difference between the club winning and you winning

\$100. Please weigh in any fish you catch over 18 inches. In addition, the sponsors of the tournament will pay \$100 for any finclipped Chinook weighed in.

A \$10 ticket includes your individual entry fee and a raffle ticket. The raffle is for a trip for 4 to Walt Disney World including lodging and airfare. (See ticket for details)

Benefit the charities and give our club a chance at the \$5,000 prize.

The last sign-up will be the April 27th membership meeting or call Don Redmond at 469-8344.

Harbor Beach Tournament Set for May 15.

Our third tournament of the season will take us to the port of Harbor Beach. The waters off Harbor Beach should be holding nice kings, but, if you can't locate them, don't be afraid to try for lakers.

We will try to have some information at the skippers meeting regarding patterns and locations. The skippers meeting will be held near the marina office at 5 am. on Saturday May 15. Remember the fish calls at 9am an 12 noon on channel 72. We will pull lines at 2:00 and you have to be in the weigh-in line by 3pm.

If you have never fished the area, please check your charts. There are some very shallow reefs that extend far out into the lake. Also remember that the shore in this

area doesn't travel exactly North and South, but more like Northwest to Southeast. If you take a dead South heading you could be....

Be sure to plot plenty of waypoints if you have a loran. If you don't, why not partner up with a boat that does? Our port captain for this outing will be Hank Baczynski. He will have information packs at the April meeting.

Hope to see you at Harbor Beach...Mike Wakulski

Attention Skippers.

If you plan on taking advantage of paying your annual trolling fees in advance, May 15 at Harbor beach will be the deadline. If you paid \$25 for the St. Joe tournament, you can apply that to the annual fee of \$125.

If you intend on participating in all or most of our tournaments, you could save \$75 versus the regular \$25 per tournament fee.

Contact Mike Wakulski regarding payment of fees or for any questions. 585-6307

SPRING RAFFLE

A Garmin 50 handheld GPS unit will be given away at the April 27 meeting. The unit has 250 waypoints, latitude, longitude, altitude(?) and runs on AA batteries!

Only 175 tickets were printed and they are \$10 each. See Bob Mitchell or Don Redmond .

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ATTENDANCE AWARD

Kevin Rowdalt missed out on winning the attendance award at the last meeting. His name will go back in the hat along with other active members for the April meeting drawing. If your name is drawn and you are present, you win \$70. Be there!

President Clinton gets lake trout proposal

Pres. Clinton, we read, is asking folks where he can save federal bucks and stimulate the economy. Fair 'nuff. We'll take a crack at it. If we find he's listening, we'll offer lots more.

Clinton should slash tens of millions of dollars by closing the three national Great Lakes lake trout hatcheries.

It is a monstrous waste to be flushing dollars down drains at the hatcheries when the fish they raise are released into an environment ravaged by gill nets and sea lamprey. The tiny-but shockingly expensive-trout are doomed before they ever travel down the tubes from the hatchery truck to the lakes.

Or, there's a smarter way to deal with this scandal.

First, invest enough in lamprey control to regain the upper hand, something Presidents Reagan and Bush neglected. Lamprey are rampant in northern Lake Huron and rapidly spreading to other lakes. The lake trout mortality rate is estimated at 90% plus in northern Lake Huron. It will become as high elsewhere if the source of the problem lamprey spawning grounds in the St. Mary's river-aren't dealt with soon.

Second, cutoff federal subsidies for

tribal gill netting and join the states in making U.S. judges understand that gill nets and a sustained fishery are not compatible. That will save millions more dollars...and fish. Without the federal financial assistance we would not have the gill nets.

With these measures in place, direct the hatcheries to rear far fewer, but far healthier and larger, lake trout.

Survival of these hardier planted Trout will soar if they are no longer running the lamprey-gill net gauntlet.

The end product? Resurgence of the lake trout sport fishery, putting tens of millions of dollars that have been lost to nets and lamprey.

Under reasonable sport fishing regulations, lake trout will become self sustaining in much of Lakes Superior and Huron and, possibly, Lake Michigan, allowing for sharp cutbacks in long term hatchery costs.

If you agree, send this editorial to Vice Pres., Al Gore, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20006.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

APRIL 24	ST JOE
MAY 1	RIVER CRAB
MAY 15	HARBOR BEACH
JUNE 5	PORT AUSTIN
JUNE 19	SPECIAL PEOPLE
JUNE 26	OSCODA
JULY 17	MANISTEE
JULY 31, AUG 1	PRESQUE ISLE
AUG 21&22	LUDINGTON
SEPT 11	FRANKFORT



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BOAT SAFETY

When navigating remember this phrase "RED- RIGHT- RETURNING" When you return to port from the big lake the red buoys should be kept to the right side of your boat...if you want to be in the channel.

Or "PORT RED WINE"..meaning the port side of a boat has red lights.(starboard green)

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RIVER CRAB STRATEGY

The 1993 River Crab is upon us and the Detroit Area Steelheaders will be out in force on May 1, to battle the Blue Water Sportfishermen's Association for the bragging rights and the \$5,000 first place prize.

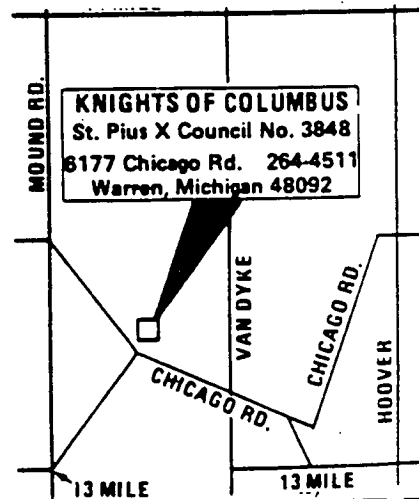
The key elements for success are the weather the final few days before tournament arrives and the bait fish (smelt) in the area. Keep your options open and be flexible as to where you launch.

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 on as the past history has shown the fish can move North and East to deeper water in a hurry. If you stick around too long 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 usual spring programs will still be a good way to start your search tournament morning. In close to shore, 40 ft or less and 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. Last year a key was to find clean water where the fish could see your lures.

The standard body baits 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. Remember to be flexible. Tight Lines ...Dave Even



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