



## COOLER RAFFLE SET

### 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. As always the lucky winner will receive a **96 quart cooler full of cheer, a big assortment party snacks and \$100 in cash**; a prize well worth the buck investment.

Also, this year an incentive plan has been developed to help encourage you to help sell tickets for this raffle. The incentive will be that anyone who sells \$100 in raffle tickets will be entered into a drawing to win a **free one year membership in the DAS**.

Sell \$100 ( or at least turn in \$100) by the October meeting and you will be eligible to win in October, November or December.

Also, for the October membership meeting, for every \$15 of cooler ticket sales turned in by a member they will receive one chance at a **Hand Held Marine Radio**. 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 **\$100 gift certificate at Lakeside Tackle**. Contact Don Redmond (313) 469-8344 for additional tickets.

### CHRISTMAS MEETING DECEMBER 14

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### 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 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 Gene Burbary or Mike Lehto 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 candidates info and photos will appear in the November issue of Fishin' Tales.

### ATTENTION RIVER RATS

Winter tournament Schedules for 1993-94 River Rats. Patch up the waders, its time to

hit the river mouths and pierheads. River tournament chairman Doug Karakas has announced the following schedule:

**Oct 23 Manistee (pier/surf)**  
**Nov. 6 Manistee River- 3 way**  
**Dec. 4 AuSable River**  
**Jan. 15 Clinton River**  
**Feb. 5 Higgins Lake--Ice Fishing**  
**Mar. 5 Manistee River--W.A.T.A.**

Please don't forget your waders!

### ATTENDANCE AWARD!

Membership Attendance Incentive Program is now at **\$40**. You must be present to win. Last month, A.R. Scalzo missed out when his name was drawn and he was not present.

### DINNER DANCE

Get your tickets for the Dinner Dance from Doug Karakas. The cost is **\$50 per couple** prior to Jan. 1 and \$60 after Jan. 1. The dates is February 12. Location and basic format the same as in past years. There will be more details in an upcoming issue.

### NOVEMBER SPEAKER

John Hunter is the scheduled speaker for the November meeting. John is a river guide on the Manistee.



### **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING SET**

The Board of Directors has set a special Board meeting for January 18. The purpose of the meeting will be to formulate an action plan for the Detroit Area Steelheaders relative to the many environmental issues and governmental issues affecting our fishery. If you are interested or want to express an opinion, please contact any board member.

### **PHOTO CONTEST**

Submissions for the 1993 Detroit Area Steelheaders photo contest are due at the November meeting.

The Board will judge the entries at the December Board meeting and three prizes will be awarded at the Christmas meeting. The prizes will be \$50, \$25 and \$15 tackle packs. See Les Jump if you have a photo entry.

### **TEMPOTEC ON UP & UP????**

Newspaper articles report that a Montague man has been indicted on charges of tax evasion and illegally processing and selling tainted caviar. George Jackson faces the federal charges in connection with two New York companies, Tempotech Industries and Gehl Productions, Inc. He and Robert Gehl of Longboat Key, Fla. are accused of obtaining thousands of pounds of salmon eggs from New York fisherman and sending the eggs to a Tempotech facility in Hart, Mi. By shipping the eggs to Hart, the two made it appear that the eggs came from Michigan, the charges say. New York law forbids selling salmon eggs from that state for anything but bait because the eggs contain high levels of PCBs and the pesticide Mirex. Tempotech and

Jackson referred calls to Richard Zuckerman of Detroit, who was unavailable for comment.

Tempotech is paying less than a cent per pound for salmon. It is selling the flesh and eggs for millions of dollars. Whether Tempotech "bought" its lunatic deals from the state by bribing DNR officials is now the focus of a new state police probe.

If state police detectives find that Tempotech officials merely duped naive DNR personnel into giving them millions of dollars of profits, with no criminal corruption, there are certain to be charges of incompetence and malfeasance from sportsman and politicians. The DNR, these critics are expected to conclude, should have been getting a reasonable share of those profits to reinvest in its fisheries program.

### **LAKE HURON GILLNETS HURL BOATS LIKE SLINGSHOT**

Boats snagged in monofilament gill nets that lace the Straits of Macinac and northern Lake Huron are whipped backwards as if fired from a sling shot, when the twine stretches to its limit, according to a senior marine officer who investigated the recent drownings of three northern Michigan sportsmen.

Miles of the floating nets create fences in the lake, from the surface to as deep as 70 feet, from Detour to West of St. Ignace. They are made of 80-pound test monofilament and are set to catch salmon returning to northern streams to spawn.

Netters and wholesalers reportedly make millions off the salmon flesh and their eggs which can be converted to caviar.

Marine/commercial fish conservation officer, Vic Patrick of Charlevoix, says the nets are poorly marked and it is unlikely fisherman and other boaters who are not aware of, and looking for them will see them.

The nylon mesh stretches like monofilament fishing line, Patrick points out. If a moving boat becomes fouled in the nylon, it stretches, then retracts and whips the boat backwards "like a slingshot," Patrick explains. Marty Swikowski, his father James and a fishing companion, Dan Bard drowned when their boat apparently became fouled in one of the nets in St. Martin's Bay west of Hessel.

Their 19-foot fishing boat powered by two outboards, was found with "the net balled around it" when a tribal tug lifted the net, Patrick reports.

Conservation officers have complained for years that the floating nets make it unsafe to boat or fish in the Straits and along Northern Lake Huron from late summer into the Fall. They add that what could have been a building walleye fishery in St. Martin's Bay was doomed by the nets.

Ferries operating between Macinac Island and mainland ports have also sometimes found nets in their way. Lt. Jay Dell, Coast Guard at Sault St. Marie said that "we have at least three search and rescues involving gill nets and two non-fatal incidents where boats were trapped by them".

### **RUN FOR A DIRECTOR POSITION!**

# FRANKFORT IS A BLOW - ALMOST

## Frankfort + September = Windy!!!!

What a way to end the year. For the second year in a row, Mother Nature ALMOST got the better of us.

I arrived in Frankfort Thursday night and knew that we were in for trouble as soon as I pulled into Betsy River Campground and saw all of the limbs laying on the ground. The forecast said that the winds were going to switch and come down on Friday. They did..... from 30-40 down to 20-30 knots.

A trip out to the Platte River weir proved what I had heard about the fantastic coho fishery and limit catches that everyone was taking on Wednesday. We watched schools of coho moving up the Platte pushed by the strong Northwest winds. Finally, we were at Frankfort at the right time ; if we could only get out.

Saturday morning the wind had switched to the Southwest, but was still blowing too hard to start the tournament. A decision was made to postpone the start until the sun came up. Hopefully, the wind would continue to lay down. At 8:30 a ride outside the pier heads with Happy Bare showed us that the lake was fishable—but just barely.

The tournament finally got started at 9:30. The first fish call confirmed that it was going to be a long day. A total of 6 fish

were reported out of 28 boats. Everyone was marking good schools of bait fish, but the wind had turned the lake over and the fish had lockjaw. The 2nd fish call reported only 2 more fish had been caught.

Lines were pulled at 3:30 and everyone headed to the weigh-in line. **Les Jump on Alice's Angler came in the number one skipper** with Bob Mitchell on Kemo a close second. Although the fishing was disappointing, everyone had their usual good time at the picnic. Maybe next year the weather and the FISH will cooperate.

Tim Graskewicz

## **BENZIE KEEPS CUP**

The fishing was bad enough. The waves were bad enough. But to add insult to injury, the Benzie boys retained the challenge cup. A match of their boats versus ours showed their average catch to be higher. (It didn't take much!) Oh, well, can't win them all. We will be back!

## **TIPPER NEEDS HELP**

Hatchery Report from Lou:  
We had our meeting with the DNR about our hatchery operations this year. Even though there will be a shortage of steelhead in the state run hatcheries this year, the DNR assured me that we will get at least 40,000 steelhead to raise this Fall. We asked to have our meeting with them earlier this year as we made a strong plea

for moist fish food. But, we were turned down. We will have to use BIO-DRY 1000 to raise our fish on. Hopefully, by using the same diet all year we will be more successful with this food than we were last year.

To all hatchery supporters: I want to thank you and let you know that you are directly responsible for 115,305 steelhead smolts in Lake Michigan, 105,305 in the Betsy River and 10,000 in the Boardman River. Our losses over 3 years were 1.8% or only 2,158 fish.

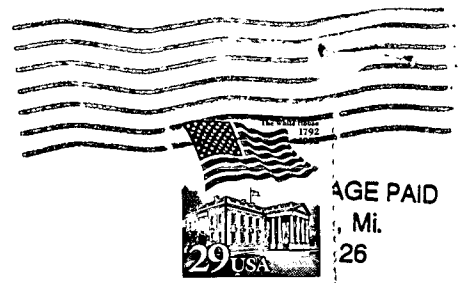
We have made a lot of changes in our operations to make our runways cleaner and have more uniformed oxygen diffusion in our water. This was made possible by a grant from Fish America, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Assn. and American Tackle Manufacturers. These organizations have supported our project and many others to improve fishing in our country.

I do not have a full crew to take care of the fish yet, but I am working on it. If you live in our area, we sure could use help.

We also need help from any Steelhead Group or any other club or individual to fin-clip our fish this year. This will be done on the weekend in November; probably the 6th or 7th. If you would like to help, please contact me at (616) 378-4134. Lewis E. Tipper

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