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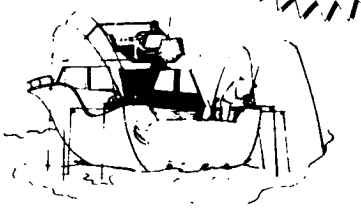

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ANNUAL CONTEST FOR BIG MANISTEE "BRAGGING RIGHTS" IS SCHEDULED

Inter-Chapter meet on Big Manistee

Saturday, November 1, will see the Detroit Area Steelheaders' tenth annual Big Manistee River Tournament, an inter-chapter event with the Saginaw and Metro-West Chapters supplying the competition.

I hope there will be plenty of fish in the river then. At this writing, both wheels are open at Tippy Dam (because of the recent heavy rains!), making the fishing a "high water" situation.

Both steelhead and brown trout 18 inches long and longer are eligible for weighing in. The contest among the three clubs will be decided by the total weight of fish caught (limit of three fish per angler) divided by the number of each club's members participating. There will also be trophies for the two largest fish caught by Detroit Area Steelheaders in each division—boaters and waders.

You can sign up for the tourney by seeing me at the October Members meeting, or by telephone at 532-1687. You may also sign up at Fisherman's Headquarters (tournament headquarters) *prior to the start* of the tournament. The entry fee is $5.00 per person.

Tournament fishing hours are from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The weigh-in will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. back at Fisherman's Headquarters. *ALL* fish *MUST* be in the weigh-in line by 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the competition. Contestants may fish the river from Tippy Dam downstream to the M-55 bridge.

A traditional get-together will be held after the fishing at the V.F.W. Hall in Wellston, at a cost of approximately $7.00. This year, in addition to lots of newer members participating, I would like to have some of the long-time members such as Tom Schneider of our club, George "Budda" Riedle from the Saginaw Chapter, and others participate. Let's try to make it a reunion of sorts!

This tourney should be a fun event that provides a good chance to meet with the 'river rats' from Saginaw and Metro-West. I hope many of you will come on up to the Big Manistee. You'll not only represent your club, but I think you'll stand a good chance of catching a steelhead!

—**John Tymensky**, 532-1687
On-Site Tournament Chairman

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Tymensky to present drift boat talk

JOHN TYMENSKY, pictured here in his 'natural' habitat, will present an excellent and informative program on drift boat fishing at this month's meeting. John is one of the foremost 'river rats' in the Detroit Area Steelheader ranks, and will be serving as On-Site Chairman for the Inter-Chapter tournament with Saginaw and Metro-West on the Big Manistee River next month (see article above).

SPECIAL NOTICE

In the interests of maximum enjoyment, and to ensure adequate space for everyone, the Board of Directors has secured a different location for the December meeting, also known as the Detroit Area Steelheaders' Christmas Party. The meeting, on December 16, will be held at:

ROYALTY HOUSE
8201 East Thirteen Mile Road
(just east of Van Dyke)
Warren, Michigan 48092

Bring your family and join in the festivities! We hope to see ALL of you there.

—**Board of Directors**

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Holiday Cooler Raffle set

The annual "Cooler Full of Cheer" Raffle is here again! Bob Kring and Jim Legenzoff are already hard at work getting this popular raffle prize together!!

As it has been in years past, the Grand Prize in the raffle is a real "Holiday Catch"—a 120-quart Gott cooler (45½" long, 21½" wide, 19¾" high) filled with assorted bottles of 'beverages' and a variety of foods. This prize easily has a value of over $500.

We have had only a limited number of tickets printed for this drawing, so your chances of winning are pretty good. The tickets are priced at only $1 each. Don't miss out on this chance at a real goodie!

All proceeds from this raffle will go to help fund worthwhile projects which the Detroit Area Steelheaders wish to support, namely:

1. The Special Olympics
2. Maintaining and improving the monthly newsletter, **Fishin' Tales**

Last year, Detroit Area Steelheaders gave monies to the Lexington fish cleaning station project, and to Dr. Howard Tanner for his Great Lakes fisheries research endowment.

Ticket-holders who are present for the drawing will also have the chance to win consolation prizes, so hold onto your tickets after the Grand Prize drawing—you may still win something!

If you can help out with ticket-selling, or would like more information, call Bob Kring at 625-8397 or Jim Legenzoff at 839-8958.

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Director elections coming

Calling all members! It's election time again, and YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!! Here is your chance to take a more active part in the day-to-day operation of the Detroit Area Steelheaders. As a director, you will have the opportunity to plan and carry out programs, projects and club functions. Also, you NEED NOT be an expert fisherman to become a director.

We urge ALL CLUB MEMBERS to participate in this year's election. If you want to become a director—and we urgently need new blood on the Board of Directors—see me at the October meeting. We'll have your picture taken and you can submit a BRIEF resumé. These will be included in the November issue of **Fishin' Tales,** and members will be able to familiarize themselves with the candidates before voting on next year's directors at the December meeting. Don't sit back and wait for someone else to do it . . . GET INVOLVED!

—**Dennis Holoway,** Membership Committee

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren

October 28, 1986 ▪ November 25, 1986 ▪ December 16, 1986

PLEASE NOTE: Vendors are welcome to set up and sell at the back of the hall during Member meetings. See President Mitchell regarding set-up fees and table placements.

REPORT ALL POACHING

PHONE: 1-800-292-7800

No surf action at Ludington

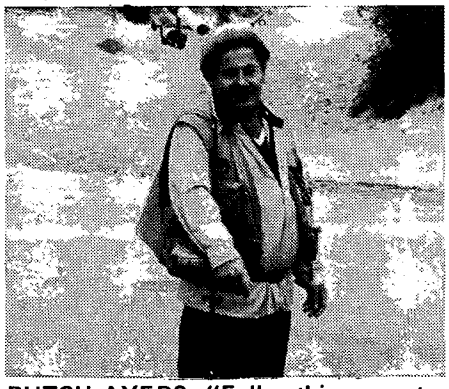
Ah, Ludington . . . . The name MEANS surf fishing to me! I've waited all year for the Ludington Surf Tournament, the kick-off of our River/Surf tourney season. The wind . . . the waves . . . the fish . . . .

On the morning of the tournament, the alarm goes off at 5:00 a.m. Let's get moving—the tourney starts at 6 o'clock. Oh no, I forgot to go to Old Hamlin Restaurant to meet everyone. I'm truly sorry. I hope all of you who waited there for me will forgive me. My thanks to Greg Pawlik for registering everyone for me!

On with the fishing. The all-night thunder and lightning is dying down now. The wind is up off the lake, and the breakers are high in front of the Bath House. It's still dark, but we're all excited.

On with the waders, vest, foul-weather gear, lug the lanterns, rod holders and rods down to the beach. Brave the wind and water . . . trudge through the sand . . . set everything up . . . cast those lines out . . . . Ooops! Boy, am I out of practice!!

We had a very good turn-out, 16 people. We all tried all morning, but when noon came, no one had any fish. We tried everything; Gene Burbary even tried swimming!



BUTCH AYERS: "Folks, this was not a surf tournament. More realistically, it was a 'Smurf' tournament!"

DON SCHELE, Chuck Gryzb and Greg Pawlik spot some fish porpoising.

He took one step too many, and ooops, down he went!! We hoped he would come out of it with a fish in his waders, but no such luck, there was only water.

I want to thank all the people who showed up and helped make it a wonderful day even without any fish. As it turned out, the highlight of the day was watching Rod fly his kite! What a beautiful sight!! Thanks to Joel Garinger, Greg Pawlik, Bill Galvin, Rod Elnick, Rich Redmond, Bob Ksionzek, Bob Brummer, Tom Schrinel, Butch Ayers, Chuck Gryzb, Don Schele, Gene Burbary and Kathy, Jason and James, and Jimmy Hardrick.

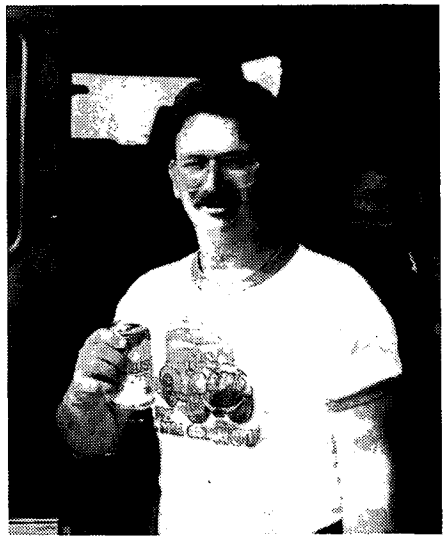
I hope to see you at the next tourney on the Betsie River on October 18. The tourney meeting is at 5:30 a.m. at the Homestead Dam parking lot, with the fishing starting at 6 o'clock. For more information, call me at 774-8248.

—Dick Leonard
River/Surf Tournament Chairman

BOB BRUMER (l.) suggests going elsewhere to Bob Ksionzek (center) and Rod Elnick.

BILL GALVIN: "Where are the fish, Jocko?"

GENE AND KATHY BURBARY set up for their first surf tournament.



RICH REDMOND: "This was my first surf tournament . . . ."

Frankfort finale features fine fishing!

Once again during the 1986 Boat Trolling Tournament season, the Detroit Area Steelheaders tourney fleet went into a new port for a boat trolling tournament and impressed the local fishermen with a fine catch! This time around, the action was at Frankfort, on Saturday, September 6, as we closed out another good season of trolling competition.

The top ten boats in the tourney fleet recorded a combined catch of 66 fish, and everyone involved enjoyed themselves so much that we held an unscheduled team tournament on Sunday! Our visit to Frankfort provided a very fine finish to a very fine year.

At this time, I would like to thank all the skippers and all their crew members—men, women and children. Without your participation, support, assistance and patience throughout the season, this year would not have provided nearly as much fun and success for everyone as it did. Over the years, our club has had some really great tournaments. I don't know if we had any of those this year, but we certainly did have some good ones!

I would appreciate hearing from all the skippers with any comments about this season, and any suggestions for improvements, but I would especially welcome hearing from the skippers who fished only one or two events. I would like to know why you did not participate in more of the tournaments—if it had anything to do with the club, the way the tourneys are set up, etc.

Whatever the reasons may have been, we would like to see you at all the events, so maybe we can do something to help you fish more often, catch more fish, and/or have more fun fishing!

Thank you all . . . good luck and good fishing. Let's have an even better year in 1987!!

—**Ted Warrow,** "Eagle"
Boat Tournament Chairman

FIRST PLACE: "SUMMERDAZE" with Captain John Vanderlind and crew members Dave Steinman, Doug Gourtade, Karl Mihitah, John Snodgrass and Kon H. Kim proudly displaying their Frankfort catch.

FOR MORE TROLLING COVERAGE SEE PAGE SIX . . .

- ✓ **Frankfort Sunday Team Results**
- ✓ **Complete Final "Skipper of the Year" Results**
- ✓ **Final "Largest Tournament Fish" Results**

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FRANKFORT TOURNAMENT RESULTS (9/6/86)

	BOAT/SKIPPER	CATCH (By species and weight of individual fish)	PTS.
1)	SUMMERDAZE (John Vanderlind)	K13.0, S10.3, S8.3, S7.5, S7.2, S5.15, S5.3, C4.9	141.08
2)	EAGLE (Ted Warrow)	K15.11, K13.14, K12.8, K8.1, S6.15, C5.2, S4.9	136.12
2)	TRENA DAWN (Don Redmond)	K15.8, K13.11, K10.7, K8.7, K7.11, K5.12, K5.4	136.12
4)	LISA KAY (John Blanchard)	K14.4, C8.0, C6.15, C5.4, C5.3, C5.1, C5.1, C4.13	134.09
5)	KEMO (Bob Mitchell)	K16.7, K10.14, K7.1, S6.8, S5.2, S4.3, K4.2	124.05
6)	CAPT'N HOOK (Doug Karakas)	K11.10, S7.13, S6.11, C5.7, C5.3, C4.6, K2.13	113.15
7)	TEACHER'S PET (Dave Even)	K11.8, S9.6, K8.5, K7.9, S6.12, S5.3	108.11
8)	OLDSQUAW (Bill Fletcher)	K14.1, K7.14, S5.0, S4.4, K4.1, K3.10	98.14
9)	SWEET LORRAINE (Ed McIntosh)	K10.13, S7.15, S7.13, K6.8, S3.13	86.14
10)	LIL SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	K11.5, S7.6, K6.4, C4.5, K4.4	83.08

	BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
11)	PREDATOR (Chuck Wood)	77.15
12)	SEA HAG (Blaise Pewinski)	72.09
13)	SARAH K (Dan Dwyer)	72.06
14)	IRENE (Vince Dermyer)	67.03
15)	ARTESIAN (John Nehil)	65.06
16)	HAPPY BARE (Don Anton)	64.12
17)	WISHFULL (Jerry Zabel)	56.10
18)	REEL THING (Gene Muczinski)	52.14
19)	ALICE'S ANGLER (Les Jump)	38.03
20)	SLIPPERY (Bill Rozek)	36.13
21)	DIAMOND GIRL (Gene Burbary)	33.09
22)	SWEET JEANETTE (George Schneider)	17.13
23)	FORMULATOR (Larry Gaiownik)	13.06
24)	MISERY III (Al Schultz)	

NOTES— a) Key for species: C = Coho K = King S = Steelhead
b) Numbers to left of point (.) designate pounds, numbers to right of point (.) designate ounces of weight
c) Scoring is based on ten points per fish (maximum of eight fish) and one point per pound and ounce of weight

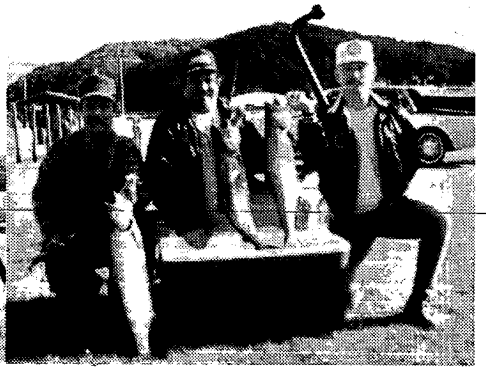
SECOND PLACE: "EAGLE" with Ted Warrow, Darlene Kraus, Gary Houdeshell, Brian Mitchell Sr., Brian Mitchell Jr., and Bob Corbin.

SECOND PLACE: "TRENA DAWN" with Don Redmond, Rod Elnick, Rich Redmond, Dick Leonard and Paul Sellaback.

FOURTH PLACE: "LISA KAY" with John Blanchard, Jim Gingrich and Bruce Leonard.

FIFTH PLACE: "KEMO" with Bob Mitchell, Bob Gilbert, Leslie Gilbert, John Fair and Dave Herman.

SIXTH PLACE: "CAPT'N HOOK" with Doug Karakas, Mary Karakas, Bob Allen and Jim Hardrick.



SEVENTH PLACE: "TEACHER'S PET" with Dave Even, Kevin Even and Ray Even.

EIGHTH PLACE: "OLDSQUAW" with Bill Fletcher, Tom Ducharme, Al Fulwiler and J. Ferry.

ELEVENTH PLACE: "PREDATOR" with Chuck Wood, Ed Stuart, Ed Allard and John Chicchiani.

SIXTEENTH PLACE: "HAPPY BARE" with Don Anton, Bob Percha, Don Clapp and Bill.

Please...

Experienced sportfishermen often make strange discoveries while cleaning their catches! They find that the fish have gobbled all kinds of man-made objects that have fallen into the water. Key rings, false teeth, bottle tops, paper and plastic objects are just a few.

Many things that boaters casually toss overboard can be lethal to fish, especially items which resemble familiar foods. Filter tips from cigarettes can look temptingly like grubs. Crumpled bits of foil from candy wrappers become attention-getting reflectors of light as they flutter down through the water. Wads of chewing gum look like fish eggs or other morsels.

Often a hungry fish will swallow any such item tossed overboard. As most of these objects are indigestible, they can harm or even kill a fish.

Also, as part of the sportfishing scene, it's a fact that litter from unconcerned boaters often helps to ruin the fishing grounds.

As the above examples so clearly show, littering by some pleasure boaters does happen, and it has all kinds of consequences. Be a boater who cares.

...Don't Litter!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Thanks to the following individuals who supplied photographs to FISHIN' TALES for boat trolling tournament coverage during the past season:

- ★ DAVE EVEN
- ★ LES JUMP
- ★ DOUG KARAKAS
- ★ JASON GREEN

Joel Garinger, *Editor*

Skipper of the Year

(Final Standings)

Bob Mitchell is the "Skipper of the Year" for 1986. He clinched top honors at the Manistee tournament, but Bob and his crew on board "Kemo" were nevertheless on hand to wrap up the season at Frankfort, where they earned a fifth place finish. Greg Clifford and his crew aboard "Outlaw" took second place in the "Skipper of the Year" contest, while third place in the season-long competion was shared by three skippers: Chuck Wood and his crew aboard "Predator," Dave Even and his crew on "Teacher's Pet," and Blaise Pewinski and his crew from "Sea Hag." Great work, guys!! Ed McIntosh of "Sweet Lorraine" and Ted Warrow of "Eagle" tied for sixth place, with Gene Muczinski of "Reel Thing," Doug Karakas of "Capt'n Hook II," and Dick Shirk of "Lil Scratch" taking eighth, ninth and tenth places, respectively. Listed below are the final standings of the 32 boats that fished the required three-tournament minimum. In addition, 16 boats competed in two tourneys, and 20 boats were on hand for one event; these 36 boats are also listed below, in order. Overall, then, a total of 68 different boats participated in the eight different tournaments, with 41 of them receiving at least one trophy or plaque. However, only nine boats fish all eight tourneys. Perhaps we can get more regular participation next season—let me know if you have any ideas on this. All in all, I think it was another good season for the Detroit Area Steelheaders.

—**Ted Warrow,** Boat Tournament Chairman

Place	Skipper	Boat	BH	LE	HB	OS	PA	LU	MA	FR	Total
1)	BOB MITCHELL	KEMO	4	1	7	1	7	1	3	5	10
2)	GREG CLIFFORD	OUTLAW	1	18	1	6	1	3	15	75	26
3)	CHUCK WOOD	PREDATOR	3	9	9	75	75	5	11	11	37
3)	DAVE EVEN	TEACHER'S PET	6	3	13	15	15	19	8	7	37
3)	BLAISE PEWINSKI	SEA HAG	9	75	75	5	15	10	1	12	37
6)	ED McINTOSH	SWEET LORRAINE	20	13	2	8	14	7	23	9	39
6)	TED WARROW	EAGLE	14	8	21	2	7	24	13	2	39
8)	GENE MUCZINSKI	REEL THING	7	12	28	10	75	16	2	18	47
9)	DOUG KARAKAS	CAPT'N HOOK II	31	2	5	19	13	27	20	6	52
10)	DICK SHIRK	LIL SCRATCH	75	4	4	75	75	11	25	10	54
11)	LES JUMP	ALICE'S ANGLER	10	14	3	14	75	17	27	19	58
12)	VINCE DERMYER	IRENE	28	18	19	3	15	15	12	14	62
13)	BOB JESTER	SKYBIRD	24	6	14	16	75	12	26	75	72
14)	BILL ROZEK	SLIPPERY	12	18	75	75	75	18	7	20	75
15)	DON ANTON	HAPPY BARE	5	75	15	75	75	23	24	16	83
16)	AL SCHULTZ	MISERY III	17	18	24	11	15	26	18	24	88
17)	LARRY GAIOWNIK	FORMULATOR	39	18	25	17	15	14	17	23	89
17)	GENE BURBARY	DIAMOND GIRL	40	10	18	21	6	31	19	21	89
19)	STEVE FROIAS	FISH-A-HOLIC	8	18	17	22	75	75	75	75	140
20)	DENIS HARPER	LADY'S CHOICE	32	18	11	75	15	6	75	75	142
21)	BILL SHACKLETON	BOUNTY HUNTER	19	18	26	75	75	75	14	75	152
22)	JOHN NEHIL	ARTESIAN	41	75	75	18	75	75	6	15	155
23)	BILL MURRAY	SEA HUNTER	11	5	8	75	75	75	75	75	174
24)	DON REDMOND	TRENA DAWN	75	75	75	75	3	21	10	2	183
25)	BILL FLETCHER	OLDSQUAW	75	16	75	12	5	75	75	8	186
26)	BOB KSIONZEK	LAST DIME	29	75	10	4	75	75	75	75	193
27)	JOHN BLANCHARD	LISA KAY	75	18	75	22	75	75	75	4	194
28)	DENNIS WITTBRODT	MAD DOG	75	18	27	13	9	75	75	75	208
29)	PHIL ORLANDO	M & M II	35	18	16	75	75	75	75	75	219
30)	DOUG TOUCHETTE	FOXY I	27	18	28	75	75	75	75	75	223
31)	GEORGE SCHNEIDER	SWEET JEANETTE	34	18	75	75	75	75	75	22	224
32)	ED SKEES	CONSPIRACY	38	75	75	75	75	22	21	75	231

TWO TOURNAMENTS: JOEL GARINGER, "Fishbusters"; DICK McENDARFFER, "Seahawk"; JOE BRYKALSKI, "Falcon"; JERRY ZABEL, "Wishfull"; PAUL DEDENBACH, "Headstrong"; JIM SIMPSON, "Mar Lynn"; ART DENNIS, "Nuf-4-Me"; LARRY WYNNE, "Yin Yan"; JOHN RICHARDSON, "Thriller"; BOB FITCHPATRICK, "Shamrock": MANCE SINGLETON, "Lumbee"; KEN ROGERS, "Boston Whaler"; MIKE McGREGOR, "Get-Da-Net"; RICH CYBULSKI, "Lady C"; CHUCK HUXFORD, "Chuzy II"; DAVE ERICKSON "Jim Adcy".

ONE TOURNAMENT: TOM SCHRINEL, "Woodstock"; STEVE POTTER, "Boy-O-Buoy"; MIKE DOMINGUEZ, "Aurora"; GARY CLARK, "Rum Runner"; BOB BALSLEY, "Blue Thunder"; RONALD HUEY, "Tooth Fairy"; GORDON LEE, "Flashback"; JOHN WIEFERMAN, "Four-Banger"; DOUG MILLER, "Tackle Twister"; BOB KANAS, "More 'N' Likely"; LUTHER GOODMAN, "Southern Comfort"; MIKE ZELKOWSKI, "Elvira"; BILL DEGA, "Black Fin"; DAN DWYER, "Sarah K"; BOB HERMAN, "Blue Streak"; RAY GLINIE, "Half R's"; BRIAN MITCHELL, "The Natural"; 'ARCHIE', "Archie Bunker's Junker"; MIKE PATTERSON, "Joe Kool"; JOHN VANDERLIND, "Summerdaze".

NOTES– a) Omit two worst two scores, use five best scores to determine the "Skipper of the Year"
b) A score of 75 is assigned when a boat did not compete in a particular tournament
c) Port Austin Ladies Day Tournament results do not count in "Skipper of the Year" tabulations

FRANKFORT TEAM TOURNEY RESULTS (9/7/86)

1)	IRENE	127.8	
	ARTESIAN	53.1	181.20
2)	WISHFULL	78.0	
	OLDSQUAW	37.7	115.70
3)	TRENA DAWN	38.13	
	SWEET JEANETTE	29.15	107.12

LARGEST TOURNAMENT FISH CAUGHT TO DATE–1986

Species	Weight	Boat	Skipper
BROWN TROUT	12 POUNDS, 9 OUNCES	REEL THING	GENE MUCZINSKI
COHO SALMON	12 POUNDS, 6 OUNCES	BOUNTY HUNTER	BILL SHACKLETON
KING SALMON	22 POUNDS, 11 OUNCES	NUF-4-ME	ART DENNIS
LAKE TROUT	15 POUNDS, 5 OUNCES	OUTLAW	GREG CLIFFORD
STEELHEAD	13 POUNDS, 6 OUNCES	FALCON	JOE BRYKALSKI

The Lamprey Time Bomb

Some charter boat captains operating in Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are convinced that the sea lampreys that once nearly depleted fish stocks in the Great Lakes are back, threatening lake trout, whitefish, even salmon. They worry that fishery authorities have lost control and the pests will wreak the same kind of destruction they did a couple of decades ago.

Federal and state government fisheries say matters have not gotten out of hand. Their monitoring shows no increase in lampreys, except in one small part of northern Lake Huron. In other words, the immediate fears of fishermen are not justified.

But a long-term threat may be looming. To understand that threat, it's necessary to review what happened before with the parasite. The sea lamprey, an eel-like creature with a circular mouth and chewing teeth, is a salt-water creature that got into the lakes through the shipping canal systems. It finally settled in the colder Great Lakes — Huron, Michigan and Superior — and multiplied rapidly.

The lamprey lay eggs that hatch in six days. The larvae tumble down the breeding streams, and burrow into river beds, where they remain in the mud for from three to 18 years, depending on water temperatures. Adults go into the lakes, attach themselves like limpets to their two favorite species, lake trout and salmon, and consume 40 to 50 pounds of fish during their 12- to 20-month life span. Then they return to the rivers, spawn, and die.

A couple of decades ago, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Fisheries and Oceans Canada together discovered a selective toxin that can be poured into breeding streams to kill lamprey larvae. Although the lampreys were not eliminated, the populations were drastically reduced, enough that lake trout and whitefish recovered and became plentiful again.

Now, however, it seems that the lamprey has adapted to the control measures. Specialists say the fish have begun to secrete their larvae in the broad bed of the St. Mary's River, where they have not been before. The lamprey was helped in this adaptation by a massive cleanup of pollution on the Canadian side of the St. Mary's River. When the water became pure, the lamprey went into the river and, today, it's estimated that 20-million larvae are in the mud, waiting for their time to emerge. Further, 300,000 are transforming into adults annually. Carlos Fetterolf, Executive Secretary of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, says, "Those 300,000 lampreys aren't sucking on rocks."

In other words, the larvae in the St. Mary's River are a sort of ticking time bomb, waiting to explode on the Great Lakes. To make matters worse, the St. Mary's River is difficult to treat with the selective toxin as it is broad, has a swift current, and a deepship navigation channel. A single treatment would cost no less than $4 million, perhaps as much as $7 million.

Researchers are working on a scheme to capture lampreys, sterilize the males, and send them back to the spawning grounds to destroy the breeding. But that solution is years away at best. For now, the toxin treatment offers the only hope of stopping a massive infestation in northern Lake Huron and Lake Michigan from the St. Mary's.

So far, the fisheries folks say, the Gramm/Rudman/Hollings budget cuts haven't affected them. The Fisheries Commission had some reserves which were used to cover the cuts. Next year is another matter, however. In a time of crisis, the Commission might face a cut capable of crippling the lamprey control program.

Rather than taking an across-the-board hatchet to its own programs under Gramm/Rudman/Hollings, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should keep intact its sea lamprey control program. If the contest between the fish biologists and the lamprey is tilted at this time in favor of the lamprey, it will cost far more millions to regain control five or ten years down the road than it would to maintain a successful program now.

There are a number of Fish and Wildlife Service programs that easily could be turned over to local government—the Michigan whitefish hatchery, for instance—if the Service feels the pinch of the deficit reduction law. But the sea lamprey program, an international problem, is not one of them. If officials ignore the infestation even for a year or two, the sea lamprey might again gain the upper hand on Great Lakes fisheries, and once more threaten to destroy our precious fish resource.

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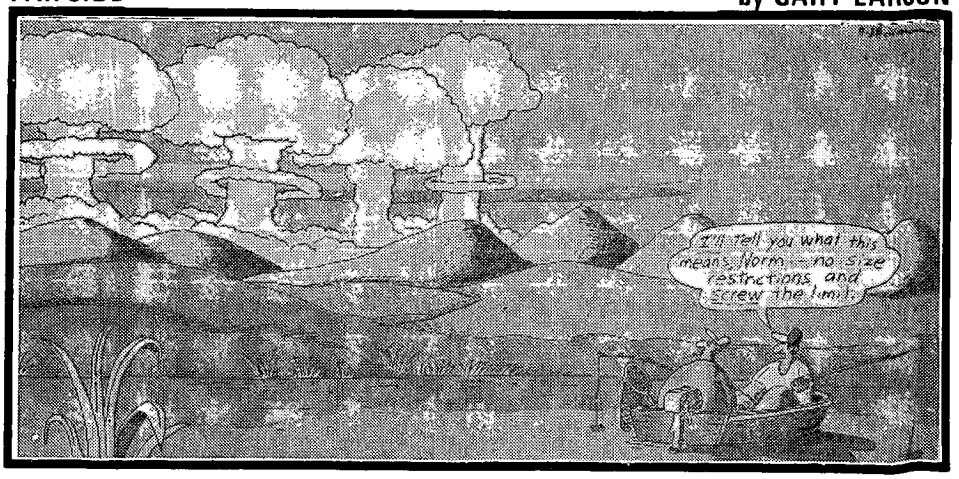

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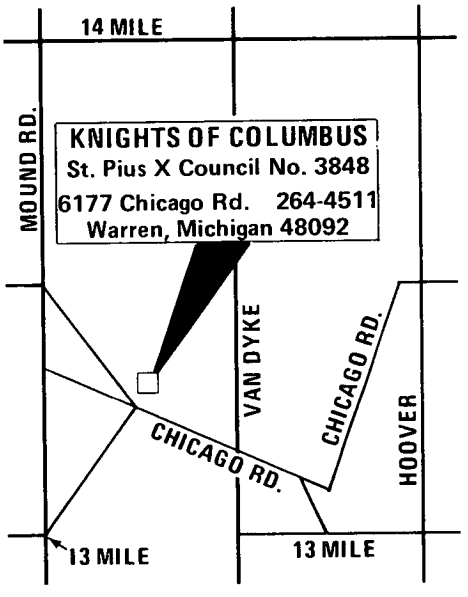

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