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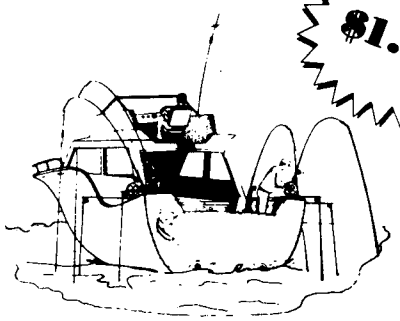

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MEMBER ASKS: ARE WE GETTING TOO GOOD AT WHAT WE DO?

Is the spring fishing TOO good?

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CHAPTER PRESIDENT STEVE HAMILTON investigates Bob Kesterke's truckload of fish which were filleted for the Venetian Festival at Benton Harbor to be held on July 4. The fish were donated by the Southwestern Area Chapter.

Each spring we hear stories of boats coming in off the Great Lakes with limit after limit of spring Cohos or Chinooks. Catches of 50 fish or more are not uncommon. Along with stories are explanations that half the fish were shakers; some released, some not.

Let me pose a few questions. Does our increased proficiency in catching these spring fish have anything to do with reduced catches later in the year? How many of these spring shakers do we kill each year?

There is no question that thousands of small fish are killed each spring. Obviously, these fish never provide the sport of full-grown fish. Am I saying we should discontinue spring fishing? I don't think so, but maybe we should investigate the situation. Are we harming the resource?

If the answer is yes, maybe we need to change some laws. Should there be an opening day such as April 15, or May 1? Should the limit in spring be reduced to two fish? Should it be illegal to release legal fish so we limit out faster?

Myself, I've made a commitment to fish single hooks on lures next spring. I believe single hooks will allow for the safe release of more shakers and still not substantially reduce my catch.

I don't claim to know all the answers. I only raise the questions to initiate the debate. Maybe there is no problem—or maybe there is.

—Bob Mitchell

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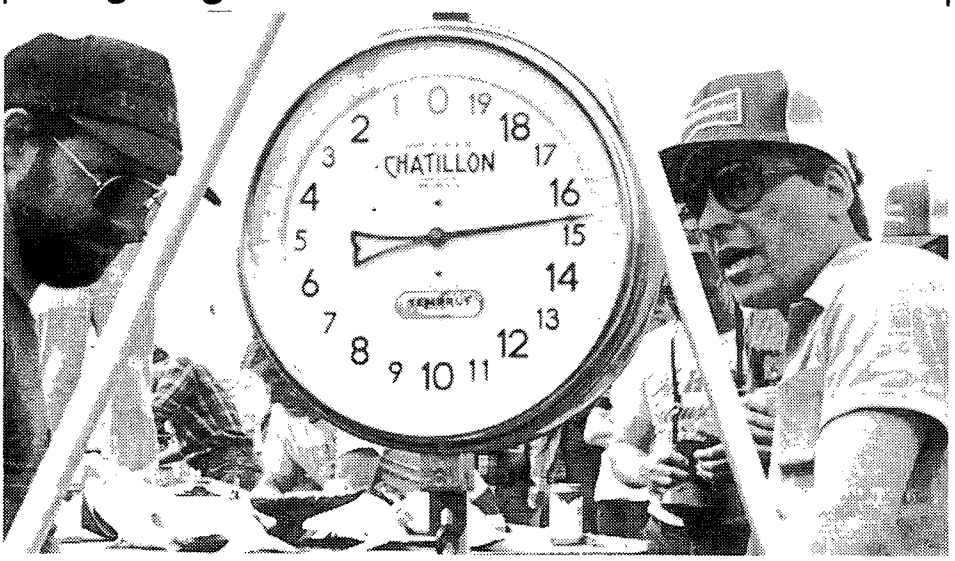
Weighing in at Benton Harbor



KING . . . 15 POUNDS, 6 OUNCES! Bill Ciurzenski (l.) and Bob Kanas conducted the weigh-in Saturday and Sunday at the Chapter Benton Harbor Tournament. A full tournament report, photos and standings can be found elsewhere in this issue.

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Port Austin is next up!

The next Detroit Area Chapter Boat Trolling Tournament will be held at Port Austin on Saturday, July 23. The skippers' meeting will take place at 6:00 a.m. at the park area near the bath house in front of the State docks. Fishing will begin at 7:00 a.m. and run until 3:00 p.m. The weigh-in will be at 4:00 p.m., again at the park area. Hot dogs and beer will be available and we will have our usual tackle drawing.

There is limited dockage available at the State facilities, but most of the marinas in the area are full with seasonal boats at this time of the year. There is camping available at Port Crescent State Park about six miles west of town, and at Dugan's Family Campground about eight miles west. Both campgrounds and the motels in the area fill up by the weekend, so I suggest making reservations in advance as soon as possible.

The fishing at Port Austin at this time of the year is predominantly for lake trout in 100 ft. of water and more, which is to be found five to six miles offshore. The same methods used at Oscoda will work well here.

I will have maps available at the June Members' Meeting. I hope we have a good turnout—I'll see you there!

Good Fishin'!

—Bob Ksionzek,
Boat Trolling Tournament Chairman

Coming Events

MEMBERS' MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Behnan Social Hall, 25536 Lahser Road, Southfield

June 28, 1983 ▪ **July 26, 1983** ▪ **August 30, 1983**

SPECIAL CHAPTER EVENTS

"EXTRA" CHAPTER RAFFLE Tuesday, June 28, 1983

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS

DATE	LOCATION	CO-ORDINATOR
June 25	Oscoda	Bob Kring
July 23	Port Austin	To Be Announced
August 6	Frankfort (Ladies Day)	To Be Announced
August 20-21	Ludington	Bill Ciurzenski

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1983 "SKIPPER OF THE YEAR" STANDINGS

	BOAT	LEX.	B.H.	TOTAL
1)	JAWBUSTER	37	25	62
2)	SEA HAG	35	24	59
3)	LEAST LIKELY	36	17	53
4)	VALHALLA	31	21	52
5)	HORSEFLY	23	26	49
5)	RUM RUNNER	33	16	49
5)	SEA HAWK	26	23	49
8)	SEA WEED	28	20	48
9)	SNOWMAN	34	12	46
10)	BON VIVANT	24	18	42
11)	DONDI	32	9	41
12)	TERRY'S TOY II	30	7	37
13)	CANNONBALL	21	15	36
13)	PATTY GEE	22	14	36
15)	WOODSTOCK	27	5	32
16)	HAWG WILD	29	2	31
17)	MORRIE'S TOY	25	–	25
18)	LITTLE BIG JOHN	–	22	22
19)	DICKENS	20	–	20
20)	DRIFTER	–	19	19
21)	LAST DIME	–	13	13
22)	KEMO	–	11	11
23)	DALMATION	–	10	10
24)	CAD-JAY	–	8	8
25)	KNEEKNOCKER	–	6	6
26)	FISHIN' FEVER	–	4	4
27)	FANTASY II	–	3	3
28)	SHIRLEY K.	–	1	1
29)	HIGH SPIRIT	–	–	–

Chapter News

FUNDRAISING CHAIRMAN THANKS RAFFLE PRIZE DONORS, URGES INCREASED MEMBER PARTICIPATION

I would like to express my appreciation to all those who attend and participate in the Chapter Tackle Raffles and Super Raffles held at the monthly Members' Meetings.

I will continue to work hard to keep both the quality and the quantity of the tackle and other prizes as high as possible, thus giving the utmost in value to the winners.

I urge you Chapter members to remember that the money raised by these raffles enables the Chapter to meet the expenses connected with the renting of the hall for our meeting place.

We wish to thank all the prize contributors to our Tackle Raffles for their continuing support of our Chapter, and we encourage Chapter members to support those contributors when it comes time to make tackle purchases.

Here is a list of companies which have donated prizes for our raffles:

Lakeside Tackle Shop
Custom Steelheader Accessories (Dave Geistler)
Visioneering Specialties (John Makela)
Pak All Lite Company (Howard Mills)
Jerry's Sportfishing Charters (Jerry Lee)

At each monthly Members' Meeting, all ladies attending receive complimentary tickets for our special Ladies Raffle. Hope to see you ladies!!

—Art Przysiecki
Fundraising Chairman

CHAPTER SCHEDULES "EXTRA" RAFFLE—GRAPH AND REEL ARE THE PRIZES!

There will be a limited "Extra" Raffle held during the June Members' Meeting on Tuesday, June 28.

First prize is a "Graph" President Model No. 410, and second prize is a Zebco spinning reel, Model No. 6050.

Tickets for the Raffle are $2.00 each, and they will be available at the Membership Booth at the meeting, and from other members and Directors helping out with the ticket sales.

Anyone who is unable to attend the meeting and who wishes to purchase a ticket or two can contact Dennis Holloway at 898-4329. Dennis will see to it that you get them. Only a limited number of tickets is available, so everyone participating should have a pretty good chance to win.

The prizes have been donated by Ken Darwin, editor of **Michigan Fisherman** magazine.

Ken has, in the past, similarly donated the rods and reels which were raffled off in a free raffle for new and renewing Chapter members who joined at the Chapter Spring Show.

Many thanks from the Detroit Area Chapter to **Michigan Fisherman** and Ken Darwin.

BIG MANISTEE CLEAN-UP SET FOR JULY 9-10—PRESIDENT ASKS BIG CHAPTER TURNOUT

The Wellston Area Tourist Association and the Manistee Valley Chapter of the M.S.S.F.A. are jointly sponsoring the annual clean-up on the Big Manistee River at Tippy Dam. The clean-up will take place on the weekend of July 9-10.

The tentative schedule (from Consumers Power Co.) shows that the dam will be down from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

The following gear and equipment will be needed: diving and scuba gear, sharp shears and/or knives (necessary to cut line snags), waders, hip boots or tennis shoes.

Refreshments will be served by the Tourist Association and the Manistee Valley Chapter at 12:00 noon on the north side of the river above the coffer dam where the boats are stored.

This is an excellent opportunity to show that we Steelheaders are concerned about the fishery resource, and willing to work to help preserve it. I hope to see the Detroit Area Chapter well-represented at this worthwhile event.

For more detailed information, call Bob Kusibab at Fisherman Headquarters, (616) 848-4242.

—Steve Hamilton

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SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!

Benton Harbor: The fishing was fantastic!

The Detroit Area Chapter's second boat trolling tournament of 1983 at Benton Harbor on May 21-22 was a welcome relief after the rather poor fishing we experienced at Lexington. Twenty-seven boats signed up for the two-day event, a surprisingly good turnout, and the fishing was nothing short of fantastic!

Saturday was a perfect day for being on the lake, with sunny skies, mild temperatures and calm seas. The fish were being caught almost anywhere in 35 ft. to 150 ft. of water from 15 ft. to 70 ft. down on practically any baits. Most of the boats brought in from ten to 20 fish, with only eight fish allowed to be weighed in, as per our rules.

Sunday was a little different story. Mother Nature provided us with rain for a good part of the morning and when the skies did finally clear, the wind kicked up the lake to over four foot waves by the time fishing ended at 1:30 p.m. Fishing was still good, although it required a little more work than on Saturday.

Mike Boroniec, captain of "Horsefly," who held first place after Saturday's fishing, managed to hang on and win the tournament. The fleet weighed in a total of 302 fish for both days - 167 kings, 104 lakers, 24 coho, six steelhead and one brown. Saturday's Big Fish Pool ended in a tie for first place, with both Mike Boroniec and Gary Clark, skipper of "Rum Runner," weighing in 16 lb. 12 oz. kings. Third place went to Blaise Pewinski, captain of "Sea Hag," with a 15 lb. 13 oz. king.

There was the usual hot dogs and beer served following the weigh-in, and everyone was in good spirits after the great fishing. Three winners were drawn from the weigh-in sheets for nice tackle packages: "Horsefly," "Little Big John," and "Shirley K."

FIRST PLACE: "HORSEFLY" with Michael Boroniec, Al Boroniec, Toby Lampi, and Skip Ledwan.

Sunday's Big Fish Pool was taken by Gerry Ciurzenski, skipper of "Jawbuster," with a real nice 19 lb. 7 oz. king. John Chwalibog, of "Little Big John," took second with an 18 lb. 14 oz. king, and Ed Yankoski II, of "Least Likely," won third place with a 17 lb. 5 oz. king.

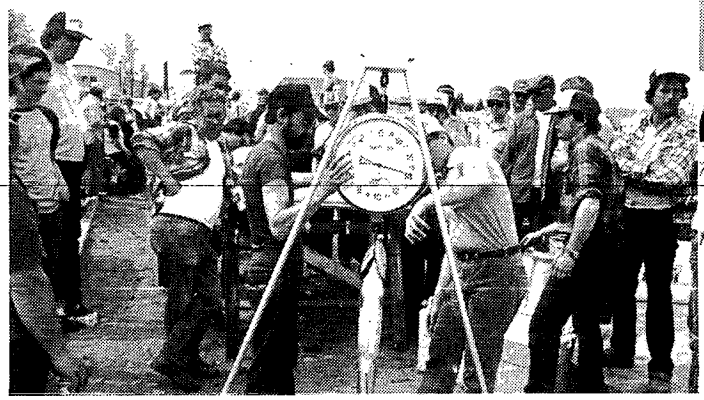
I felt this tournament was very successful, and I just wish we could have six "Benton Harbors" a year. I would like to thank Bob Kring who did a heck of a job helping to co-ordinate the tourney. I also want to thank Bob Mitchell for getting the hot dogs there and helping me tabulate the scores. Thanks go to Don Jakubiak for a super job cooking the hot dogs, and to Bill Ciurzenski and Bob Kanas for handling all the fish during the weigh-in. Finally, thanks to everyone who participated and made this tournament a good event.

Good Fishin'!

—Bob Ksionzek,
Boat Trolling Tournament Chairman

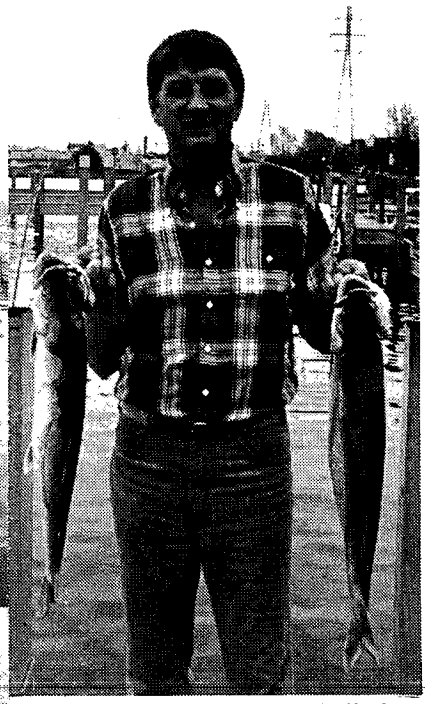
LEAST LIKELY (above) with Bob Kanas, Ed Yankoski II, Brian Glaser and D. Gaspereto and DRIFTER (left) with Bob Kring, Steve Farkas and John Makela are shown on their 'way in' to the weigh-in.

SECOND PLACE: "JAWBUSTER" with Gary Curzenski, Gerry Ciurzenski, Bill Ciurzenski, Mike Curzenski, Gary Curzenski, Jr.

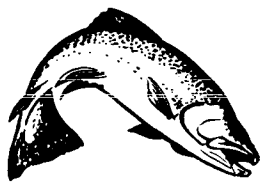


THIRD PLACE: Blaise Pewinski of "Sea Hag" and crew watch as their catch is weighed in for the third place tally.

BOB KSIONZEK, skipper of "Last Dime" and Boat Tournament Director holds up a 10 pound, and a 9+ pound lake trout.



DON "JAKE" JAKUBIAK displays two lake trout taken off the "Last Dime." Jake also cooked the hot dogs at the tournament. Thanks, Jake!!



BENTON HARBOR TOURNAMENT RESULTS

	BOAT/SKIPPER	CATCH (By day, species & weight of individual fish)	PTS.
1)	HORSEFLY (Mike Boroniec)	Sat.: K16.12, K15.06, K14.02, K11.12, K11.06, K10.09, K9.04, L8.01 Sun.: L9.13, L7.14, L6.05, K6.03, K4.10, K4.04, K4.03, K3.09	304.01
2)	JAWBUSTER (Gerry Ciurzenski)	Sat.: K6.04, L5.01, K4.11, K4.08, K4.07, L4.05, K4.03, C4.01 Sun.: K19.07, K16.03, K15.01, K14.12, K12.13, K8.09, L8.05, K7.15	300.09
3)	SEA HAG (Blaise Pewinski)	Sat.: K15.13, K14.13, K14.04, K12.06, K9.04, L7.09 Sun.: K14.00, K11.09, K10.11, K5.05, C4.12, L4.08, C4.01, C3.15	272.14
4)	SEA HAWK (R. J. Branham)	Sat.: K15.05, K13.10, K13.03, K10.14, K9.01, L6.04, K5.10, L5.04 Sun.: K10.02, L8.09, K7.09, K4.15, L4.06, L4.01, K3.09	272.06
5)	LITTLE BIG JOHN (John Chwalibog)	Sat.: K11.02, L7.14, L6.05, L6.00, L4.15, K4.11, L3.14 Sun.: K18.14, K8.02, L7.15, L7.14, L6.06, K6.00, L6.00, K3.13	259.13
6)	VALHALLA (Steve Hamilton)	Sat.: K12.02, K11.13, K9.10, K5.00, K4.09, K4.04, K4.01, C3.09 Sun.: K9.08, L6.09, L5.02, K4.15, K4.08, L4.02, S3.12, L3.10	257.02
7)	SEA WEED (Tom Chojnowski)	Sat.: K9.15, L8.01, L6.12, K6.02, L5.01, L4.08, K4.04, C4.03 Sun.: K17.03, K15.04, K8.07, L7.15, K7.02, L5.07	250.04
8)	DRIFTER (Bob Kring)	Sat.: 8 Fish/36.00 — Sun.: 8 Fish/52.02	248.02
9)	BON VIVANT (Marvin Olds)	Sat.: K12.06, L8.00, L6.08, L5.04, L5.00, K4.12, L4.10, L4.08 Sun.: L7.02, L5.05, K4.08, L4.07, K4.06, L4.01, L3.09, L3.09	247.15
10)	LEAST LIKELY (Ed Yankoski II)	Sat.: K6.12, K6.04, K6.02, K5.10, L4.11, K4.10, K4.06, K4.05 Sun.: K17.05, K16.08, L8.03, C5.05, L4.05, C3.04	237.10
11)	RUM RUNNER (Gary Clark)	Sat.: K16.12, K9.00, K5.04, K4.12, C3.14, K3.12, C3.09, C3.07 Sun.: K12.03, K6.08, L5.03, K3.14, K3.03, K2.15	224.04
12)	CANNONBALL (Jewell Harris)	Sat.: K11.06, K8.13, L6.12, K6.04, K6.04, L6.03, L4.12, K4.09 Sun.: L6.12, L5.14, L5.02, S4.07, S4.06	211.08
13)	PATTY GEE (Pat Gardner)	Sat.: K13.03, L5.10, L5.08, L5.07, L5.06, L5.06, C4.14, K4.10 Sun.: K11.03, L8.15, L6.10, K5.00	201.12
14)	LAST DIME (Bob Ksionzek)	Sat.: L10.00, L8.01, K6.14, L5.12, K5.09, L4.15, K4.04, L3.10 Sun.: L7.03, K4.09, L3.13, K3.08, K3.07	201.09
15)	SNOWMAN (Bob Kozar)	Sat.: K14.02, K11.02, L5.06, L5.04, L5.03, K4.13, S4.12, K4.02 Sun.: K5.05, K4.10, K4.05, K4.03	193.03
16)	KEMO (Bob Mitchell)	Sat.: K10.10, L7.00, L6.15, L5.10, K5.05, K4.11, K4.10, K4.08—Sun.: K5.14, L5.12, K4.14	175.13
17)	DALMATION (Len Canterbury)	Sat.: 3 Fish/8.09 — Sun.: 8 Fish/54.04	172.13
18)	DONDI (Don Dissett)	Sat.: K4.11, C4.03, K3.12, K3.12, K3.09, K3.08, K3.07, K3.06—Sun.: K11.15, L6.00, K4.08	162.11
19)	CAD-JAY (Dennis Holloway)	Sat.: L8.04, L5.07, L4.11, L4.10, K3.13, C3.13, L3.08, C3.02 — Sun.: C4.03, C4.00	145.07
20)	TERRY'S TOY II (Terry McCaffrey)	Sat.: No fish — Sun.: K13.12, K11.15, K9.02, L6.14, L6.03, K5.12, K5.10, K5.08	144.12
21)	KNEEKNOCKER (Bruce Choinski)	Sat.: K8.10, K7.09, K7.03, L5.04, C4.08, K4.05, L4.01, L3.11 — Sun.: No fish	125.03
22)	WOODSTOCK (Tom Schrinel)	Sat.: L9.14, K6.06, K5.06, K4.13, L4.10, L4.06, K4.05, K4.02 — Sun.: No fish	123.14
23)	FISHIN' FEVER (Gar Vineyard)	Sat.: L8.14, K6.02, C3.09 — Sun.: K4.09, C4.02, K3.10, C2.14	103.12
24)	FANTASY II (Mike Wawrzyniak)	Sat.: K5.10, L4.03, L4.02, K3.12, K3.05, C3.00, K2.13 — Sun.: No fish	96.13
25)	HAWG WILD (Dave Demars)	Sat.: K15.10, K8.03, L6.11 — Sun.: No fish	60.08
26)	SHIRLEY K. (Mark Trowbridge)	Sat.: S4.09 — Sun.: No fish	14.09

NOTES: a) Key for species is: K=King C=Coho S=Steelhead L=Lake Trout B=Brown Trout
b) Numbers to left of point (.) designate pounds, numbers to right of point (.) designate ounces of weight
c) Scoring is based on 10 points/fish (maximum of 8 per day) and one point/pound & ounce of weight
d) Scores of Drifter (8) and Dalmation (17) based on certified weigh-in sheets from another tournament held from same port on same dates

Extend your Steelhead river season - try Canada!

As the spring season for river steelhead ends in Michigan, it just begins in Ontario, Canada at the northeastern end of Lake Superior. The area in and around Lake Superior Provincial Park is a wilderness fishery that can only be compared, I guess, to the western rivers of Washington and Oregon.

With it being only 150 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie (and underfished!), my old fishing partner Bill Wedlake and I decided to take full advantage of it.

The "locals" in Wawa told Bill that the week after Michigan's opening day of the regular trout season is "prime time" up there in the spring to catch the prize of all prizes, the river-run steelhead. I had never been to that part of the world before and, after being told by Bill how fantastic it is, I was really excited about the prospect of the trip and could hardly wait to get up there and begin fishing!

I was awed by the beauty of the mountainous terrain, the Lake Superior bays, the gigantic waterfalls and the beautiful rivers. As if all the scenery wasn't majestic enough to keep me satisfied, I kept seeing mental pictures showing me what this country must look like during the fall color season. However, I was caught by complete surprise to find all the inland lakes still covered with ice, and to see snow still piled up by the roadside after the first week of May!

photo/Joel Garinger

BILL WEDLAKE showing a nice female from the Michipicoten.

In all, we fished four rivers in our allotted three days up there: the Magpie (tributary to the Michipicoten), the Old Women, the Sand, and the Michipicoten iteself. All these were easy to get to by car because the access sites were either close to or just off Highway 17 (the Trans-Canada).

We did not fish spawning redds, but concentrated instead on the deeper holes and whirlpools in front of waterfalls and dams. Our most productive spots were in front of the first dam on the Michipicoten, and at the first falls on the Sand. We did not catch fish (or even have any fish on) at the lower Magpie falls, or along a half-mile stretch of the Old Women near its mouth.

Bill used straight four pound test fluorescent blue Stren line and nightcrawlers (pork chops) to catch his fish, and I used ten pound test backing, and four pound Royal Bonyl II or six pound test Aeon leaders with spawn bags to catch mine. The spawn bags took more fish, but "pork chops" took the largest single fish, a six pound hen.

The boulders and cobblestone bottoms of these rivers proved to be real good split shot takers—I lost nearly one pound of them! I was rigged with the conventional three-way swivel, which I used most of the time without a bobber. I caught fish both with and without the bobber, but I feel that

photo/Bill Wedlake

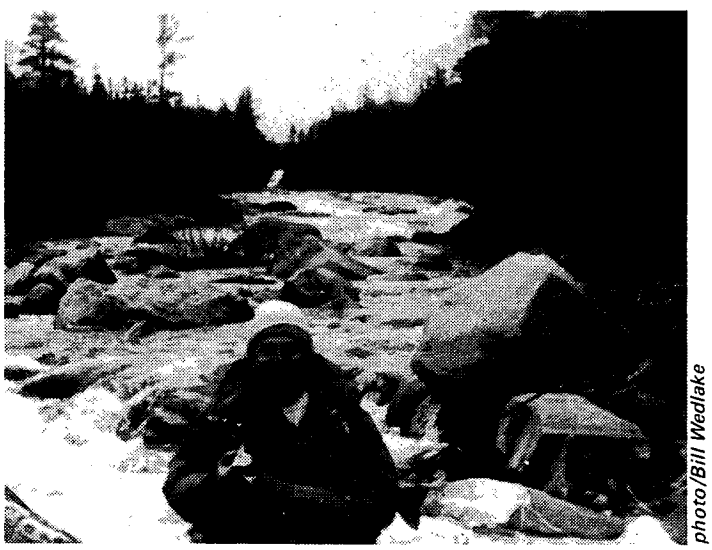
MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES personnel are shown taking scale samples and other vital statistics from Bill's fish.

using the bobber inhibited my casting ability. Bill just squeezed on one or two split shots directly onto his line, cast, pulled out a little extra line from his reel spool, and let the current take the rig through the drift.

Fishing those four rivers was great fun, but, believe it or not, there are other river close by that are equally as good, including the Montreal, Cold Water, Barrett, Bald Head and the Agawa.

I would recommend this trip to any of our Chapter members. I think the area has potential for all types of steelheaders: waders, driftboaters, regular boaters and even surfers all would do well in these waters, in my opinion.

If you like solitude, wilderness beauty, good steelhead fishing until the first week of June, and fishing with no people around, then you and I have a lot in common. Bill and I are already planning another trip up there this fall.



photo/Bill Wedlake

THE AUTHOR is shown holding a prize from the Sand.

However, if the Canadian and/or Ontario governments foolishly raise the price of a non-resident fishing license to one of the ridiculous amounts being mentioned, then a fishing trip to this beautiful country would be ill-advised financially. As of now, though, with a 20+ percent premium for American currency and gasoline going for less than 80 cents per gallon (19 cents per liter Canadian!), it figures out to be a pretty good deal.

—Joel Garinger

Cook's Corner: CANNING SALMON

Don't let your fish get freezer-burned. Start canning as soon as you have enough for a pressure canner load. Thaw, fillet, remove skin, trim away all the dark meat along the lateral line, and remove a good portion of the belly. This removes most of the contaminants and strong taste.

Cut the fish into one inch cubes. Wash and rinse pint jars in the dishwasher. Check top rim of all jars and do not use any that are chipped. Cold pack salmon in jars and release all air bubbles by running a table knife down the side of the jar while pressing down fish with your fingers. Leave fish down one inch from the lids to prevent boilover.

To the pint jars add ½ teaspoon of salt (Kosher preferred), 1 teaspoon of cooking oil and two or three teaspoons of tomatot catsup to each jar. Do not add any liquid. Wipe top of jars clean. Follow directions with the lids for heating in water before using, then put on lids and screw down tight with ordinary hand strength.

Process in pressure canner for 90 minutes at ten pounds pressure. Follow the instructions you received with your pressure canner.

Add one tablespoon of vinegar or one teaspoon of cream of tartar to the water in your pressure canner to help prevent stains in the canner or on the jars. The amount of water in the canner varies with different types of pressure canners. Follow manufacturer's directions.

THE FOLLOWING IS IMPORTANT: Leave petcock or vent open, allowing steam to escape for at least ten minutes to get rid of air that could cause cold spots, resulting in some or all of the jars of fish spoiling from underprocessing. Then close petcock or apply vent weight to bring pressure up to ten pounds. After this is done, start counting the 90 minute processing time. When the time is up, shut off the heat and, if using an electric stove, carefully remove from the burner and allow to cool until the pressure drops to zero. Follow manufacturer's directions for opening the pressure canner.

CAUTION: Do not use cold water to cool the canner. This will cause boilover of the jars. The canner must cool down by itself.

Use a jar lifter to remove the jars and place them on several thicknesses of cloth or towels and space three or four inches apart to cool—they must be out of any draft. Do not retighten jars after processing. Keep in an upright position and do not move the jars for about 12 hours. Tap the lids with a teaspoon—if you hear a clear ring that means you have a good seal. I have experimented with adding different amounts and ingredients, but this is the one I like best of all so far.

Processing time is the same for quarts as well as for pints. Salt is optional. I have canned coho, chinook and lake trout using the above method.

If you are a deer hunter, you should consider canning venison. That requires a different processing time and it is easier to can than fish.

—Bob Johnson

Tips for Fishermen

Touch a lighted match to the end of the braided line in a J-Plug harness to keep the line from fraying and the knot from coming undone.

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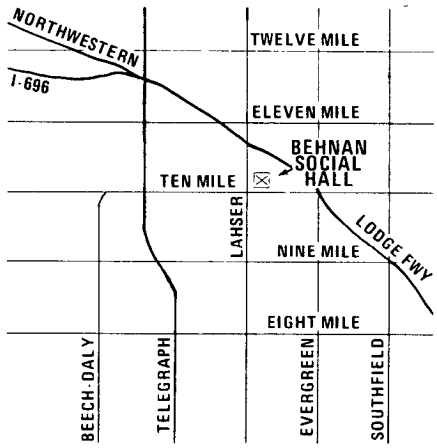

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