



# Fishin' Tales II

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## February Membership Meeting

- **When:**  
Tuesday, March 26, 2019 7:30pm
- **Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**  
Chris Patterson, Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources
- **Other Happenings:**  
Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,  
Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,  
Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**  
[www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com) Post to the message board and check out the entire site.



The 2019 DAS Wild Game Dinner was held Saturday March 2nd and it was a huge success! Pretty much flawless from start to finish with no unexpected surprises, like power outages or sound



**Tom Piatek has the Winner!**

equipment failures, to dampen the evening. This event is our only fundraiser and its success is very important to our mission of promoting and protecting the Great Lakes fisheries.



Our Main Sponsors really came thru as usual. The Country Smoke House served up a fantastic meal once again as comments from the crowd were nothing but great about all the items on the menu. The (2) Premium Meat Cooler Raffles they provided us with were stocked with a fantastic variety of meats. They were both met with enthusiasm and sold out quickly! Plenty of Thanks to Steve and Sue Francis and their Country Smoke House crew!

Michi-Gun provided a great selection for our (19) Gun Draws and those gun winners all went home very happy! They also provided the 450 Bushmaster rifle that was paired up with the Ted Nugent Pork Slam Hunt as the Grand Prize in that first-ever raffle. A Big Thanks to Richard Barch and the Michi-Gun Staff for all their support! Many thanks to John Lombardo of Lombardo's Taxidermy for the beautiful Wild Life display! Thanks also to Capt. Joel Piatek of Fish Headz Charters for the Charter of Your Choice Raffle Prize anywhere from Saginaw Bay down to Lake



Erie for 4 Anglers! The (4) \$1 and (1) \$5 Table Raffles and the (7) 50/50 Raffles were tremendously successful and experienced their best ever ticket sales! Thanks to all of our Sponsors for allowing us to present the great selection of prizes! See the complete list of sponsors below.

A Big Round of Applause for Mark Williams and Jason Adam for their excellent jobs as MC and keeping the evening's dinner, raffles and drawings at a great pace and ensuring everyone was able to get home early.

Thanks to Tracy Kallek for the great Sound set-up.

Many guests enjoyed the liquor tasting station provided by Iron Fish Distillery! A lot of very good compliments about a variety of their spirits came from many of the guests in attendance.

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# MANISTEE CHALLENGE

by Adam Trenz

On March 30th the Metro West and Detroit Area Steelheaders have our annual get together for a Spring Steelhead Challenge!

As in years in past, things will pretty much be the same. Folks have the freedom to fish where they please; on the pier, beach, or river. Boats fishing below the Insta-launch railroad bridge are not eligible.

You can start fishing as early as 6:00AM, and we will come together for the weigh-in at 5:00PM. The weigh in location will be Traks Bar and Grill, located at 5073 High Bridge Road, in Brethren. PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE – You be disqualified after 5PM!

A simple tally of total weight between the two clubs will determine the 2019 Spring Steelhead Challenge winning club. Steelhead/Rainbows are the only eligible species with a minimum size of 15" to be considered for weigh-in.

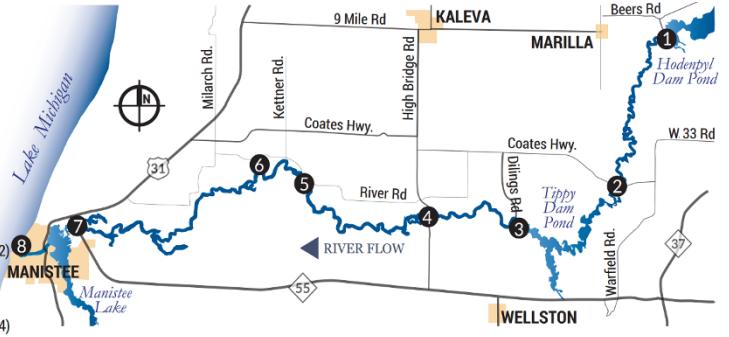
**Big Fish:** For those that wish to participate, we will have a \$5 big fish pot with 100% payout to the largest Steelhead by weight - regardless of whether it was river or beach/pier caught. If you wish to be included in the big fish pot, please contact me, or Bob Paradise at (586) 457-4073 no later than 12:00pm on 3/29.

**Food:** We will do a dinner after the weigh-in at Traks. Hopefully that covers it all, and I hope to see many familiar faces, and a few new ones up on the Manistee!!!

-Adam 810.569.4184 adamtrenz@gmail.com  
**Detroit Steelheaders can reach Bob Paradise at (586) 457-4073**

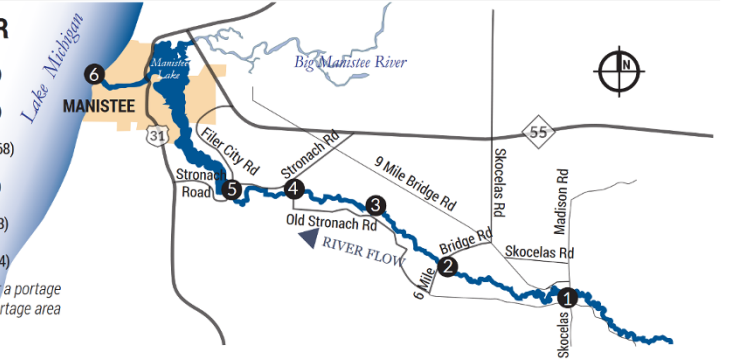
### BIG MANISTEE RIVER FLOAT TIMES/GPS

1. Hodenpyl (GPS: 44.364391, -85.820378)  
> 4.0 hrs
2. Red Bridge (GPS: 44.283926, -85.861507)  
> 3.5 hrs
3. Tippy Dam (GPS: 44.260968, -85.942526)  
> 2.0 hrs
4. High Bridge (GPS: 44.268282, -86.014527)  
> 3.0 hrs
5. Bear Creek (GPS: 44.291695, -86.113629)  
> 1.5 hrs
6. Rainbow Bend (GPS: 44.292040, -86.148992)  
> 4.0 hrs
7. M-55 Hwy (GPS: 44.264318, -86.295440)  
> 2.0 hrs
8. Lake Michigan (GPS: 44.251470, -86.347604)



### LITTLE MANISTEE RIVER FLOAT TIMES/GPS

1. 9 Mile Bridge (GPS: 44.170947, -86.103469)  
> 2.5 hrs
2. 6 Mile Bridge (GPS: 44.183827, -86.167510)  
> 1.0 hrs
3. Manistee Weir\* (GPS: 44.198328, -86.194568)  
> 2.5 hrs
4. Old Stronach (GPS: 44.210265, -86.245079)  
> 1.0 hrs
5. Stronach Park (GPS: 44.210049, -86.267803)  
> 2.5 hrs
6. Lake Michigan (GPS: 44.251470, -86.347604)



\*When paddling through the Manistee Weir a portage may be required. There is a designated portage area to the north of the weir/dam.



## Algonac Outing

It's just about a month until our St. Clair River walleye outing and fish fry on April 27th. Last year's outing was great. Everyone caught fish and the rain held off until most the fisherman got off the river. Well, at least there were lots of fish. Last year was a banner year for the St Clair River and the outlook is excellent for this year as well. The Algonac river outing has become a club favorite, in large part because of the generosity of club members who donate fish for the fish fry.

It won't be long before the last vestiges of winter give way to spring. That means it's almost time to peel the shrink wrap off my Alaskan, and get the trolling batteries charged. I was in Algonac this weekend and surprised that the river ice jammed in the North Channel most of this winter is gone. I know there will likely be more ice coming, my experience tells me that. I checked some recent satellite images of the great lakes. Sure enough, the ice is starting to give way. We had clear skies over most of the region back on March 12th, and you can see for yourself what happened in just a weeks' time. Cloud cover was present on the image from the 17th, but you can see where the ice has receded. Yep, It won't be long. Now where did I hide that new jigging rod?

**Great Lakes Ice Cover  
March 17 2019**



**Great Lakes Ice Cover  
March 12 2019**



## AUSABLE RIVER STEELHEAD OUTING Oscoda, MI Saturday, April 13, 2019

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be fishing the Ausable River in April. The Ausable is in the Lake Huron watershed and is recognized as a prolific Steelhead fishery. While the river originates in the middle of the state, Steelhead are found in the lower river, below the Foote Dam. It's 11 miles from the dam to where the river flows into Lake Huron at Oscoda. This section of river receives significant plants. Gary Gross is organizing this event. **Call Gary at 586-291-1290 before April 5, 2019 to enter into the outing.** He needs to know how many people are participating to order the food.

- \$10.00 will be collected from each person, \$5 is the tournament fee, and \$5 for the BIG FISH CONTEST (Biggest fish by weight).
- Start time is 6:00AM Fishing is open from the dam to mouth of river.
- This is a steelhead only tournament. Weigh in will be total weight of 3 fish
- The Weigh-in is at 1 P.M at the Ausable River Store, 680 West River Road

**LUNCH** Follows the weigh-in at the Hilltop Bar: 431 Hill St

**MOTELS** Tell them that you are with the Detroit Area Steelheaders

**Lake Trail Motel:** 5400 US\_23, telephone (989)739-2096 \$47.00 a night two people per room

Make your reservations now!!!!

**Northern Traveler:** 5493 US-23, Telephone 989-739-9261 (opens April 1, 2019)

### BAIT AND TACKLE STORES

**Ausable River Store:** 680 W. River Rd. The owner (Lynn) can help you with all of your bait and tackle, needs, and can recommend how and where to fish the river. He is going to be there at 5:30 am just for us, and will have the coffee ready. Lynn will clean your fish the way you want them plus vacuum pack the filets for \$3.50 per fish. Tell him that you are with the Detroit Area Steelheaders. This is where the weigh in will be held.

**Dam Store:** 1879 W River road



## February Speaker

Detroit Steelheaders February 2019 Monthly Member Meeting  
The Detroit Steelheaders monthly member meeting speaker for February 26, 2019 was Tracy Page. Tracy is the Aquatic Education Coordinator for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). When it comes to professional development or contact with the public Tracy could be seen as the "face of the Salmon in the Classroom" program. She interacts with the public in a variety of outdoor nature programs and educational opportunities. Salmon in the Classroom, teacher professional development and aquatic programs for the public are examples of areas she may have a hand in.

The Detroit Steelheaders support five schools involved in the DNR Salmon in the Classroom (SIC) project so we were delighted when Tracy agreed to present the inter-workings of the SIC program from the State DNR point of view. Her upbeat and informative presentation was entertaining and educational. Our members left with a better understanding of this valuable DNR program that reaches 270 schools, and over 25,000 students across the state each year.

Thank you, Tracy, for spending the evening with us.

## June 8, 2019 Special Friends Day

Each year our Detroit Area Steelheaders organization hosts a group of "Special Friends" for a day of fun and fishing. This is a social outing where our Steelheaders donate our time entertaining people with special needs as our guests having fun fishing and picnicking on Lake Erie out of Toledo Beach Marina. After fishing, lunch is provided under the big tent where our "Special Friends" socialize and show off their 'days catch'. The remainder of the event is filled with pictures, prizes, and fun.

DAS sponsors this event as our effort to give back to our community, but its success comes from the experience of our members. Each person who helps knows they are part of a worthwhile cause and the event is sustained because our members keep coming back. Special mention also goes out to Toledo Beach Marina. They donate the use of the marina each year and provide free launch, boat slips, ice and other items to help make this event a success.

There will be a sign-up sheet available at member meetings for anyone who is willing to work with us this. Can you help us by being a boat captain using your boat to take out a guest participant? Can you be a shore volunteer? Can you donate something for the participants goodie bag? Cash donation to help defray club costs? See me at any member meeting if you can help in any way. We need your help to make this work.

Dan Chisholm 586 530 9171.



### Chef's Table

## Sweet and Spicy Honey Sriracha Salmon

This is an easy recipe. It's the perfect combination of sweet and spicy. You can either bake or pan fry the salmon. Sweetness from the honey is paired with spicy Sriracha in this recipe. You can make it a meal adding rice and veggies.

### INGREDIENTS

- 4 salmon filets, skin on
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 tablespoons low sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons sriracha
- 3 tablespoons water
- ½ tablespoon olive oil, for pan fry method

### INSTRUCTIONS

In a large ziplock bag add together the garlic, soy sauce, honey, sriracha and water. Close the bag, and shake it to combine the ingredients.

Add the salmon pieces and place in the refrigerator. Let sit for an hour.

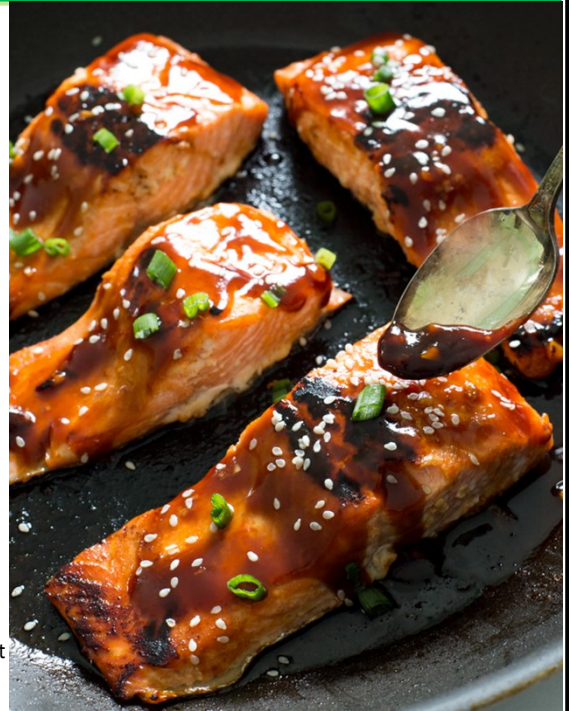
Take the salmon out of the marinade and discard the marinade.

Cook the salmon following either of the methods below.

Serve immediately with a sprinkle of green onions and sesame seeds for garnish.

**To Pan Fry:** Add olive oil to a large skillet. When the pan is hot, add in salmon skin side down. Cook for about 4-5 minutes on each side. The salmon should start to turn opaque. Take off of the heat. When the salmon is cool enough to handle peel off the skin.

**To Bake:** Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Spray a baking pan with cooking spray or layer with parchment paper. Place in the oven and cook for about 15 minutes or until the salmon is cooked through. Make sure not to overcook the salmon. When the salmon is cool enough to handle peel off the skin.



### Sportsmans Dinner

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The entire evening wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous effort from our WGD Chairman Carl Ventimiglia and his wife Kellie for putting the whole thing together. Many, many Thanks to them! And of course, the rest of the Board of Directors (BOD) of the DAS ----- Bob Ksionzek (President), Tom Gorguze (Vice President), Dan Chisholm (Secretary), Rod Elnick (Treasurer), Ken Cione, Bob Feisel, Bob Jones (WGD Ticket Chairman), Anthony Lewis, Jon Martens, Bob Paradise, Blaise Pewinski (WGD Committee), Tom Thieda and Jim Zanke as well as volunteers Linda and Ray Banbury, Mary and Doug Karakas, Vicki Feisel, Mary Chisholm, Don Mikros and others who worked behind the scenes.

### Our Raffle Prize Sponsors:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Anglers Avenue                | Jeanne Schabath           |
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| Jason & Jamie Adam            | Carl & Kellie Ventimiglia |

### New Boating and Fishing Laws to Prevent the Spread of Invasive Species

Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act has been amended with changes for boaters and anglers that take effect March 21, 2019. The changes are intended to strengthen protection for Michigan waterways against the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species.

**What boaters need to know:** Prior to the amendment, the law only required that a person not place watercraft or trailers in the waters of Michigan if an aquatic plant is attached. In addition to this requirement, the new changes require all of the following prior to transporting any watercraft over land:

Removing all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells.

Draining all water from any live wells and bilges.

Ensuring that the watercraft, trailer, and any conveyance used to transport the watercraft or trailer are free of aquatic organisms, including plants.

This means that after trailering boats, and before getting on the road, boaters must pull plugs, drain water and remove plants and debris.

Violation of the law is a state civil infraction and violators may be subject to fines up to \$100.

**What anglers need to know:** For anglers, these amendments codify the Michigan DNR's Fisheries Order 245 regarding the release of baitfish, collection and use of baitfish and cut bait, and release of captured fish, specifically:

A person shall not release baitfish in any waters of this state. A person who collects fish shall not use the fish as bait or cut bait except in the inland lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught, or in a connecting waterway of the inland lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught if the fish could freely move between the original location of capture and the location of release.

A person, who catches fish other than baitfish in a lake, stream, Great Lake, or connecting waterway shall only release the fish in the lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught, or in a connecting waterway of the lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught if the fish could freely move between the original location of capture and the location of release.

Whether purchased or collected, unused baitfish should be disposed of on land or in the trash – never in the water. Any baitfish an angler collects may be used only in the waters where it was originally collected.

Anglers who are catching and releasing fish should only release the fish back into the same water or in a connecting body of water the fish could have reached on its own.

Violation of the law is a state civil infraction and violators may be subject to fines up to \$100.

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Membership Expires:



| 2019 AOTY Leaderboard           |                |                  |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             |             |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Date                            | 1/19/2019      | 2/4/2019         | 3/30/2019           | 4/13/2019      | 4/27/2019       | 6/15/2019       | 7/6/2019      | 9/14/2019           | 9/28/2019    | #####            | 11/2/2019       | 12/7/2019            |             |             |
| Member                          | Mitchell's Bay | Bay City Saginaw | Steelhead Challenge | Oscoda Ausable | Algonac Walleye | St. Clair River | Linwood Beach | Sterling State Park | Platte River | Big Tom Memorial | Lakeshore Motel | Caseville Lake Trout | Best Finish | Best of Two |
| Bob Paradise                    | 1              | 3                |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 1           | 4           |
| James Anderson                  | 50             | 1                |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 1           | 51          |
| Gaspere Aragona                 | 2              | 5                |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 2           | 7           |
| Don Evan                        | 50             | 2                |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 2           | 52          |
| Mark Paradise                   | 3              | 50               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 3           | 53          |
| Blaise Pewinski                 | 4              | 6                |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 4           | 10          |
| Carl Ventimiglia                | 50             | 4                |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 4           | 54          |
| Tom Gorguze                     | 5              | 25               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 5           | 30          |
| Dan Chisholm                    | 6              | 25               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 6           | 31          |
| Luke Paradise                   | 7              | 50               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      | 7           | 57          |
| Anna Kulpa                      | 50             | 25               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             | 75          |
| Dennis Harper                   | 50             | 25               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             | 75          |
| Luiz Dasilva                    | 50             | 25               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             | 75          |
| Sam Anderson                    | 50             | 25               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             | 75          |
| Scott Grossbeck                 | 50             | 25               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             | 75          |
| Steve Genoff                    | 50             | 25               |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             | 75          |
| 25 points = did not weigh       |                |                  |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             |             |
| 50 points = did not participate |                |                  |                     |                |                 |                 |               |                     |              |                  |                 |                      |             |             |

**Upcoming 2019 DAS Key Dates**

Tuesday March 26, General Membership Meeting 7:30 PM

Saturday March 30, Manistee Challenge vs Metro West

Saturday April 13, Oscoda Outing

Tuesday April 16, BOD Meeting 7:00 PM

Saturday April 27, Algonac Outing

Tuesday April 30, General Membership Meeting 7:30 PM

**2018 February Membership Meeting Facts**

Attendance: 58

Featured Guest: Tracy Page

Featured Presentations: SIC Coordinator

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$125 Rod Einick

Every Member Draw: \$100 Bill Stanley (Not Present)