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## May Membership Meeting

- **When:**  
Tuesday, June 25, 2019 7:30pm
- **Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featuring**  
EL- LIN charter captains  
Bob Mitchell  
Dave Even
- **Other Happenings:**  
Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,  
SOTY Tournaments  
Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,  
Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**  
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## Great Lakes Fishery Commission unveils project to combat invasive species

DETROIT, MI – The Great Lakes Fishery Commission has unveiled plans at its annual meeting for a \$22 million FishPass project in Michigan that seeks to better combat invasive species by sorting them out from native fish. FishPass, which will be located on the Boardman River in Traverse City, Michigan, is a project aimed at solving one of the world’s most difficult fishery management challenges: how to pass fish around barriers and dams while still blocking harmful species like sea lampreys.

FishPass is the capstone of a 20-year whole-river restoration project on the Boardman River. Jim McKane, the Commission’s chair, explained: “Tens of thousands of dams fragment habitat throughout the Great Lakes basin. This fragmentation is not always conducive to fishery restoration or management. That said, those dams also block invasive sea lampreys, each one of which will destroy 40 pounds of Great Lakes fish. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission believes technology can be developed to have it both ways: to automatically sort a mixed assemblage of fish so that desirable species can pass an obstruction and destructive species like sea lampreys can be stopped.”

FishPass will be constructed on the Boardman River in downtown Traverse City at the location of the existing, but deteriorating, Union Street Dam. It will consist of a sea lamprey barrier just upstream of the to-be-removed dam, a channel downstream of the sea lamprey barrier to test fish-sorting techniques and technologies, and a natural river channel for recreation and normal river flow. The location also will be an improved city park so that visitors can observe the “living laboratory” that FishPass will provide. Many of the FishPass Partners were on-hand for the unveiling. In addition to members of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, officials present included Jim Carruthers, mayor of Traverse City; Mark Wilson, a councilor for the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians; Marty Coburn, city manager of Traverse City; Gary Whelan, program manager for the Michigan DNR; Frank Dituri, director of public services for Traverse City; Carl Platz, Great Lakes program manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Brett Fessel, a biologist with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.



“The final design for FishPass reflects the project’s engineering requirements, the agencies’ fishery management goals, and the community’s desires,” said Doug Stang, the Commission’s vice-chair. “The Commission and its partners have held scores of public meetings and workshops over the past few years to ensure the project is sound and is a welcomed addition to Traverse City. The design that was unveiled demonstrates we have hit

the mark—a project where form meets function and has the potential to change the way fisheries are managed, both in the Great Lakes basin and worldwide.” The Army Corps of Engineers, in collaboration with the firm AECOM, developed the FishPass design with input from the partners and the community. Construction of FishPass should begin in early 2020. *This article has been reprinted from the Inland Seas Angler, Great lakes Basin Report*

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## Boat Rigging Presentation at the May meeting

If you missed the May general membership meeting, you missed a lot. We had a boat rigging presentation with several members boats and this year a fishing kayak included. Thanks to Bob Feisel for binging Vicki's Seacret, Brad Walton and the Moonshot, and Jason Jones for bringing his fishing kayak.

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## Detroit Steelheaders Special Friends Outing June 8, 2019

We had the tent, the tables, the chairs, the banner, the food, guests, volunteers, boats and boat captains. We were all dressed up and ready to go with a day of fishing and fun with our Special Friends. Toledo Beach Marina welcomed us back for another year and was a marvelous host as they always are. What we did not have was the opportunity to take our guests out onto Lake Erie because of sustained winds out of the east at 15/20 mph. The high-water levels compounded the problem with the east wind pushing lake water into the marina and flooding the docks and roads.

After our guests arrived, we did a quick groupthink meeting to discuss our options and see if there was any way we could salvage the day. Getting out on the lake was not an option as the marina charter boats had already cancelled their charters for the day. If they can not get on the lake safely it is certain we would not be safe out there. Our food preparation for the shore, picnic lunch was not going to be ready until 11:00 am so we had to have a way to entertain our guests for several hours without taking them onto our boats. After discussion it was decided our best option was to cancel Special Friends 2019 while our guests still had their guardians and rides with them at the marina. There was a fond farewell to our guests, and we parted friends while we all hope for better weather luck for Special Friends 2020.

### Special Thank You To:

Toledo Beach Marina always a gracious and generous host (11840 Toledo Beach Rd., La Salle, MI 48145)

Jeff's Bait and Tackle (Domka Outdoors) 14750 Laplance Rd., Monroe, MI. 48161

Boats and crew: Blue Horizon, Paul Gjeldum (Rich Janis), Angel Crue, Jose Angeles (Ken Cione), Fish Hawk, Tom Stockton (Andrew Stockton), Hard Top N Tails, Jim Zanke (Mike Lolli), Vicki's Seacret, Bob Feisel (Ty Voit), Bad Dog, Tom Gorguze (John Reinhard), Channing, Dan Chisholm (Danielle Titus).

Ground Crew Volunteers: Rod Elnick, Gaspare Aragona, Sam Anderson, Mary Chisholm, Dave Roehr, Marie Jackson, Jon Martens, Harriet and BobWolborg, Linda and Ray Banbury, Doug and Mary Karakas, and Linda Bredernitz

## Captains Bob Mitchell and Dave Even to speak at June membership meeting



Capt. Dave Even and Bob Mitchell, of EL-LIN Sport-fishing Charters, will be our featured guest speakers. Both Dave and Bob are lifetime DAS members and have served on the Board of Directors as well as President of the Club. They operate the EL-LIN in Ludington and will be speaking with loads of tips and information just in advance of our Ludington and Manistee SOTY tournaments in July. You won't want to miss this if your planning on fishing either of those tournaments!



## Results from St Clair River Walleye Outing

On Saturday June 15th we had a bottom bouncing event targeting walleye in the St. Clair river. There were 11 boats with 30 members and guests that ventured out in heavy south winds from the St. Clair launch. Everyone was able to get in on a good catch of walleye. Blaise Pewinski took first place with a five fish weight of 12.64 lbs. Louie Blaze was second with 11.90 lbs., Paul Gjeldum was third with 11.54lbs, and Chris Nytko fourth with 11.26 lbs., and Mark Paradise rounded out the top five finishes with 11.23 lbs..

The biggest fish was won by Luke Paradise who brought a 3.71 lb. whopper to the scale. We also had a payout for the smallest legal walleye. That prize went to Dan Chisholm with a .60 lb fish. Everyone had fun trying for the smallest fish, as well as the big fish.

Thanks to all who participated.

Jim and Ed Paehlig

## HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT

**WHEN:** Saturday June 22, 2019

**WHERE:** Harbor Beach Municipal Marina

**SKIPPERS MEETING:** 5:00 a.m. Near Marina Office

**TOURNAMENT START:** 6:00 a.m.

**FISH CALLS:** Channel 72 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**PULL LINES:** 1:00 p.m.

**WEIGH-IN:** 2:00 p.m. (must be in line by) Park next to Marina

**PORT CAPTAIN:** Joe Von Grabe (Sloppy Joe) 586-945-4334 Cell

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell

Bob Ksionzek (Last Dime) 586-531-9198 Cell

**REMINDERS: Lake Trout – 15" Minimum Creel 3 You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.**

## LUDINGTON TOURNAMENT

**WHEN:** Saturday July 13, 2019 **WHERE:** Municipal Marina

**SKIPPERS MEETING:** 5:00 a.m.

**TOURNAMENT START:** 6:00 a.m.

**FISH CALLS:** Channel 72 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Saturday

**PULL LINES:** 1:00 p.m. Saturday

**WEIGH-IN:** 2:00 p.m., Saturday Municipal Marina

**PORT CAPTAIN:** Bob Jones (Bobby's Toy II) 734-751-1767 Cell

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell

Bob Ksionzek (Last Dime) 586-531-9198 Cell

**REMINDERS: Lake Trout- Size 15" minimum, Creel 3. You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.**

## Angler of the year Outing July 6, 2019

Please join us at the Sebewaing Harbor Marina Walleye only outing. **Captains Meeting** 5:30 am.

**Drop lines** at 6:00 am.

**Weigh-in** by 1:00 pm with shore lunch to follow.

**Outing registration:** \$5.00 per person (shore lunch).

**Big fish pool** \$5.00 (voluntary).

As of this writing the marina is having some electrical work done that is affecting the power throughout the marina. Therefore, the location of the Captains meeting, weigh-in, and shore lunch will be determined the day of the outing. This is a beautiful marina with lots of parking and space for a weigh-in and shore lunch so I believe a pavilion will be available. Launch fee is \$7 to \$10. The marina has 80 boat slips. If you want to reserve a slip there should be one available (\$20 per night). Sebewaing has several motels/hotels/campgrounds if you wish to make it a weekend or overnight it should not be a problem but reserve early.

### Competition Rules

All State of Michigan DNR rules apply. Walleye only

All DAS Angler of the Year rules apply. Angler of the Year rules are available on the DAS website.

This is an individual angler event. Not a per boat event. Be prepared to separate each fish according to the angler who caught each fish.

The individual angler will select the fish within his/her catch to be entered in the weigh-in and entered for the big fish pool.

Total weight of four Walleye selected by the angler will determine each anglers result. In the event of a tie in total weight of the four fish selected, the winner will be determined by the weight of the heaviest fish in the four fish selection. If that's still a tie the length of the heaviest fish will determine the anglers overall result.

**No culling will be allowed. Culling will result in a disqualification.**

**Big Fish Pool :**Big fish will be determined by weight of the biggest fish.

Ties will be decided by length. Winner takes all of the big fish pool. I will be providing a shore lunch so I need to know how many people to expect. Boat captains please let me know how many people will be at the outing (fishing or observing) so I can provide for everyone.

You can reach the marina at: Sebewaingharbor.com (989) 883 9024

Dan Chisholm (586) 530 9171 dan.chisholm223@gmail.com

## MAY MEETING continued

In addition to boat rigging presentations, we also had a swap meet at the May meeting. Participation was good and lot's of gear went home with new owners.

River walleye specialists Jim and Ed Paehlig also shared many of their secrets on running crawler harnesses in a swift river. In addition to a great presentation, They had tackle available to help everyone get ready for the St. Clair outing. Thanks Guys!



### KIDS FISHING DERBYS



The Detroit Area Steelheaders sponsor several area fishing derby's designed to introduce youngsters to fishing. The Detroit Kids Derby on June 22nd at Palmer Park, the Shelby Kids Fishing Derby and the Auburn Hills Fishing Derby which were both held on June 8th, and the 'Gone Fishin' Kid's Day at the Carpenter Lake nature preserve in Southfield coming up on July 27. Our financial support of these events helps introduce hundreds of future sports men and women to the joys of fishing.



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Membership Expires:



Skipper of the Year Standings 2019										6-19-19			Best 1		
Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Ludington	Manistee	Olcott NY	Rogers City	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8			
1 Fish the F On	Brett Mauk	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	1	301	376	451			
2 Vicki's Seacret	Bob Fiesel	3	1	75	75	75	75	75	1	229	304	379			
3 Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	2	302	377	452			
4 Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	4	2	75	75	75	75	75	2	231	306	381			
5 Channing	Dan Chisholm	6	3	75	75	75	75	75	3	234	309	384			
6 Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	4	304	379	454			
7 Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	5	5	75	75	75	75	75	5	235	310	385			
8 Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	425	500			



Number Caught	No. of Boats	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Ludington	Manistee	Olcott NY	Rogers City	Total For Year
		Kings	4	8	0	0	0	0	0
Cohos	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Lake Trout	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	18	
Steelhead	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	20	10	0	0	0	0	0	30	

Largest Fish of the Year			
Species	Wgt. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	24.80	The Office	Grand Haven
Coho	2.25	Fish the F On	St. Joe
Lake Trout	13.85	Channing	Grand Haven
Steelhead	2.95	Fish the F On	St. Joe
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		

**Upcoming 2019 DAS Key Dates**

- Sat June 22, 2019 Harbor Beach Tournament
- Tue June 25, 2019 General Membership Meeting
- Sat July 6, 2019 Sebewing Walleye Outing
- Sat July 13, 2019 Ludington Trolling Tournament
- Tue July 25, 2019 General Membership Meeting

**2019 MAY Membership Meeting Facts**

- Attendance: 40
- Featured Guest: Jim & Ed Paehlig
- Featured Presentations: Walleyes on Crawlers
- 50/50 Raffle Winner: Mark Wyrick \$90
- Every Member Draw: No Drawing held