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Take a Free Weir Tour During Fall Egg Take

If you've ever wondered how the DNR gets the eggs it uses for fish production or wanted to see big Great Lakes fish up close and personal, think about catching a tour of one of the northern Michigan weirs.

The Boardman River Weir in downtown Traverse City, the Little Manistee River Weir in Manistee County and the Upper Platte River Weir in Benzie County will be open for free tours to the public and school groups from mid-September through the end of October.

This is the perfect time to see these weirs . structures that block fish from passing upstream . in action, because all three will be used to aid fall fish collection. The DNR will be collecting surplus chinook and coho salmon at the Boardman River Weir. Chinook salmon harvested at the Manistee River Weir support the DNR's work to collect fertilized eggs for this key fish species. Additionally, the weir at Platte River State Fish Hatchery helps staff collect coho salmon in order to extract fertilized eggs for continued production in the hatchery system.



During the tours, students and visitors will learn about salmon biology, how weirs and fish ladders work, invasive species, state fish hatcheries and the impact of egg-collection efforts on Michigan's fisheries. The programs tie in components of history, ecology, biology and stewardship.

Tours will begin Friday at the Boardman River Weir, Oct. 2 at the Little Manistee River Weir and Oct. 16 at the Platte River State Fish Hatchery. Group tours are available by appointment. [Schedule a group tour now.](#)

To learn more about state hatcheries and weirs, visit Michigan.gov/Hatcheries. Check for updates at two of the weirs throughout the season by calling their hotlines:

- Platte River: 231-325-4611, ext. 21
- Little Manistee River: 231-775-9727, ext. 6072

Questions? Contact [Tracy Page](#), 517-284-6033.

This article courtesy of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Limited time slots are available and arrangements should be made in advance.

July Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, September 24, 2019 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featuring**
Dan O'Keefe, Fishery updates
- **Other Happenings:**
Angler of the Year Outings,
SOTY Tournaments
Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web**
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Detroit Area Steelheaders

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| NEW MEMBER | DUE NOW | DUE NOW | 1 MONTH PAST |
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| DAN TITUS | JIM ZANKE | | JAMES LORENZETTI |

September Speaker, Dan O'Keefe

Tuesday, Sept. 24 - 7:30pm

Our featured Guest Speaker is Dan O'Keefe, Ph.D., Southwest District Extension Educator, from Michigan Sea Grant. Dan has spoken to us many times over the years and as usual has a lot of new information to share with us. He will be giving some updates on the diet study, Salmon Ambassadors, the new apps, and development of a Steelhead Ambassadors program. You won't want to miss this!



Worldwide Records for Salmon Fishing

Did you catch a monster salmon the other day? Did you think it might be a record catch? With the below information you'll now know if you've broken the IGFA (International Game and Fish Association) all-tackle worldwide record for salmon fishing.

- Hendrik Henriksen caught an Atlantic salmon (*salmo salar*) in the Tana River in Norway on January 1st, 1928 that weighed 35.89 kg (79 lbs. 2 oz.)
- Les Anderson caught a Chinook salmon (*oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) in the Kenai River in Alaska, USA on May 17th, 1985 that weighed 44.11 kg (97 lbs. 4 oz.)
- Todd Johansson caught a Chum salmon (*oncorhynchus keta*) in Edye Pass, BC in Canada on July 11th, 1995 that weighed 15.87 kg (35 lbs. 0 oz.)
- Jerry Lifton caught a Coho salmon (*oncorhynchus kisutch*) in the Salmon River in New York, USA on September 27th, 1989 that weighed 15.08 (33 lbs. 4 oz.)
- Alexander Minerich caught a Pink salmon (*oncorhynchus gorbuscha*) in Washington, USA on September 30th, 2001 that weighed 6.74 kg (14 lbs. 13 oz.)
- Stan Roach caught a Sockeye salmon (*oncorhynchus nerka*) in the Kenai River, Alaska USA on August 9th, 1987 that weighed 6.88 (15 lbs. 3 oz.)

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Late afternoon on Thursday August 1st, after making offers to several people to come along with no takers, Jamie and I motored down towards Bass Lake north of Pentwater to hopefully redeem our previous four empty box trips and a cancelled attempt the night before due to a bad battery bank. We set down to fish and immediately the autopilot started having issues and would not hold course. The lake was nice enough so we set lines and dealt with it. Our streak of fails quickly ended when Jamie brought in a 26lb and a 28lb king in the first couple hours. We kept on trolling and just after dark while Jamie was bringing in fish number 5, a smaller lake trout, the Powerpro Diver with a Moonshine RV Blue Hulk back 115' took off. I grabbed it and let it run. Jamie got her laker to the



boat, and I foolishly put my fish in the rod holder while I netted for her. Once her fish was in the boat, she took over on the dipsey rod. We had one line in, one fish on, and 4 lines left in the water. I pulled the two long lines while Jamie was fighting the fish so we could maneuver a little better. I am a fan of keeping the big fish behind the boat at all costs, and working with whoever is fighting the fish to speed up or slow down to control fish or let the person fighting get some line. We fought with the fish for probably 40 minutes

til she got it close. I knew when I saw it in the underwater lighting that it was a beast, so netting, my heart was pounding. I scooped it up and when I dumped it out of the bag onto the boat floor, I knew immediately it was the biggest fish I or we had ever caught. I put it on my 30lb boga grip on the boat, and it buried the scale. I called Scott from Capt. Chucks and told him I had a fish that was dwarfing the 28lbr that I had in the boat already. He came up to the store at 11:15 at night, and when we put it on the scale, it came in at 35.56lbs. Bested my personal best by over 5lbs. My goal for the summer was to get one 30lbr, so this was a fish of a lifetime.



As you can imagine, all of a sudden, everybody wanted to go fishing.. After several successful trips and lots of 20lb+ fish since our trophy, early afternoon on Sunday, Aug 11th, we headed up to Big Sable Point, out to 400fow where we had caught 9 fish the night before. We had some out of town friends who had to drive back across the state, so we said we were only fishing til 6pm. We had three nice steel-head in the boat, and were 9 minutes from pulling lines, when a 7 color goes off. Canyon grabbed the rod and the fish was 800+' from the boat before we knew it. I had slowed to boat down, but there was no moving this fish while in gear. We started pulling other lines, as we were past our cut-off time anyway. I worked the boat in and out of gear until we got the board off, but even then, the fish wouldn't budge. Finally after 45 minutes, lots of in and out of gear, and a few circles, we boated his 30.13lb king.

We definitely didn't catch the most silver fish we ever have this summer, but definitely caught the biggest. We had 9 full-limit laker trips in a row before the kings got here, and 11 guests landed the biggest fish they've ever caught on the boat. We had several skunks as well, but you have to suck it up thru the bad to really appreciate the great.

Jason Adam - 'Outcast'

With all the large fish being caught this year, we invite all our members to share their stories. We will feature our fisherman friends, along with photos, documenting their pursuit of 30 pound salmon. If you are a member of the thirty pound club, get your story to Tom Gorguze at tgorguze@aol.com to be included in a future newsletter.



Sterling State Park Perch Outing Results

We had a good turn out of 23 people at the perch outing. The lake was a bit rough and the bite was slow. We all tried our best. I believe everyone caught some fish. I was impressed at the determination of our Club. Everyone was having a great time at the lunch and weigh in. We enjoyed burgers, potato salad, fresh tomatoes and onions from Bob Paradise's garden. Thanks to Charlie Denning for providing the tasty cupcakes and Anna Kulpa for the delicious assortment of cookies!

The top 10 places were:

- 1) Bob Paradise 2.48 lbs.
- 2) Blaise Pewinski 2.41 lbs.
- 3) Jim Zanke 2.00 lbs.
- 4) Chris Nytko 1.71 lbs.
- 5) Charlie Denning 1.15 lbs. Big Fish 1.15 lbs.
- 6) Gaspare Aragona 1.39 lbs.
- 7) Dan Chisholm 1.25 lbs.
- 8) John Martens 1.13 lbs.
- 9) Don Mikros 14.4 oz.
- 10) Paul Gjeldum 8.6 oz



Thanks to all that participated and looking forward to our next outing!

Gaspare



Platte River Outing Details

Saturday Sept 28th

- 6:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
- Weigh-in: 1:00 PM restrooms at river mouth parking
- Best 3 trout or salmon by weight
- \$10 per person (\$5 Big Fish, \$5 Entry)
- lunch following
- fishing permitted anywhere river to the mouth
- including Surf

Call Bob Paradise 586 457-4073

Rogers City SOTY Results



Saturday was our last trolling tournament. We were blessed with good weather for a change. Adverse winds the day before flipped the lake temps and the kings were hard to find, Moonshot took first place with a couple of nice kings to win big fish plus the \$150.00 bonus prize money. Bobbies Toy placed second with a nice steelhead and a laker to win 70.00. Everyone caught fish and we all got to order our lunch at Scills Grill. The next day provided some good action and resulted in some quality catches.



| Rogers City Standings 8/24/2019 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------------------|---------|--------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Place | Boat Name | Skipper | # of Fish | Catch by Species & Weights | | | Best King Weight | Best Steelhead Weight | Defensive Points | Photo Points | Total Points | Place | |
| 1 | Moonshot | Brad Walton | 5 | K 18.16 | K 18.66 | L 4.40 | L 3.20 | L 3.55 | 48.25 | 73.25 | NONE | 0.00 | 73.25 |
| 2 | Bobby's Toy | Bob Jones | 5 | L 9.21 | S 7.76 | S 4.73 | L 4.65 | L 4.69 | 32.85 | 57.95 | NONE | 0.00 | 57.95 |
| 3 | Hardtop & Tails | Jim Zinke | 3 | L 6.46 | L 4.10 | L 4.00 | | | 18.50 | 33.50 | NONE | 0.00 | 33.50 |
| 4 | Warrior | Eric Kruczynski | 2 | K 15.73 | L 4.30 | | | | 19.95 | 29.95 | NONE | 0.00 | 29.95 |
| 5 | Big Ma Ma | Don Mikros | 2 | L 6.50 | L 5.43 | | | | 13.95 | 23.95 | NONE | 0.00 | 23.95 |
| 6 | Trapshooter | Ken Clone | 2 | L 6.50 | L 4.93 | | | | 11.45 | 21.45 | NONE | 0.00 | 21.45 |
| 7 | Vick's Secret | Bob Felsel | 1 | L 3.65 | | | | | 3.65 | 8.65 | NONE | 0.00 | 8.65 |

| Boat Name | Species | Wgt | Points | Total |
|--------------|----------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Moonshot | Salmon | 18.10 | | |
| Moonshot | Pool Salmon | 18.10 | \$70 | |
| Moonshot | King | 18.10 | 3 | |
| Moonshot | Pool King | 18.10 | | |
| | Coho | 0.00 | 0 | |
| | Pool Coho | 0.00 | | |
| Bobby's Toy | Lake Trout | 9.25 | 15 | |
| Bobby's Toy | Pool LT | 9.25 | \$35 | |
| Bobby's Toy | Steelhead | 7.70 | 2 | |
| Bobby's Toy | Pool Steelhead | 7.70 | \$35 | |
| | Brown | 0.00 | 0 | |
| | Atlantic | 0.00 | 0 | |
| | Pool Atlantic | 0.00 | | |
| | Pink | 0.00 | 0 | |
| | Pool Pink | 0.00 | | |
| Total | | | | 20 |

| Boatman Code (2000) | Meaning |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| LTSM | = Late To Skipper's Mip |
| LTW | = Late To Weigh-in |
| SMFC | = No Answer 1 Fish Call |
| SMFC | = No Answer 2 Fish Calls |
| UCC | = Unweighted Cover Chg |
| DQ | = Disqualified |

August Speaker Recap

Our August speaker was our own Bob Paradise. Bob gave us the lowdown on the upcoming Platte River outing. He covered river technique's and locations for the fabled Coho run. The clear shallow water of the Platte not only makes this fishery unique, it dictates anglers must be persistent. It's not uncommon for anglers to have schooling fish darting about, often within arm's reach. We scheduled our September 28th outing is a little earlier this year in hopes of coinciding with an early fall push. If you missed the presentation and would like to join us, just give Bob a call.



Celebrity Sightings

On his recent vacation, Paul Gjeldum was able to swap fish stories with Wicked Tuna celebrity Capt. Dave Marcino. No doubt Paul was sharing coordinates for his favorite Great Lakes honey holes!



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2019 AOTY Leaderboard

Event

| 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 | 10/26/2019 | 11/2/2019 | 12/7/2019 | |
|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|
| Member | Mitchell's Bay | Bay City Saginaw | Steelhead Challenge | Oscoda Ausable | Algonac Walleye | St. Clair River | Sebewaing Beach | Sterling State Park | Platte River | Big Tom | Lakeshore Motel | Caseville Lake Trout | Best 5 |
| Bob Paradise | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 21 | 50 | 1 | | | | | 15 |
| Gaspere Aragona | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 13 | 8 | 6 | | | | | 16 |
| Blaise Pewinski | 4 | 6 | 50 | 25 | 4 | 1 | 50 | 2 | | | | | 17 |
| Dan Chisholm | 6 | 25 | 50 | 25 | 13 | 18 | 9 | 7 | | | | | 53 |
| Mark Wyrick | 50 | 50 | 25 | 1 | 25 | 16 | 3 | 50 | | | | | 70 |
| Tom Gorguze | 5 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 7 | 50 | 50 | 50 | | | | | 87 |
| Anna Kulpa | 50 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 | 9 | 5 | 25 | | | | | 89 |
| Don Jasman | 50 | 50 | 25 | 50 | 25 | 15 | 6 | 25 | | | | | 96 |
| Cheryl Jasman | 50 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 25 | 10 | 7 | 12 | | | | | 104 |
| James Anderson | 50 | 1 | 4 | 25 | 25 | 50 | 50 | 50 | | | | | 105 |
| Steve Prout | 50 | 50 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 50 | 50 | 50 | | | | | 109 |

Upcoming 2019 DAS Key Dates

- Tue Sep 24, 2019 General Membership Meeting
- Sat Sep 28, 2019 Platte River Outing
- Tue Oct 15, 2019 BOD Meeting
- Sat Oct 26, 2019 Big Tom Pier, Surf, & River Outing
- Tue Oct 29, 2019 General Membership Meeting

2019 August Membership Meeting Facts

- Attendance: 19
- Featured Guest: Bob Paradise
- Featured Presentations: River Fishing
- 50/50 Raffle Winner: George Vidusic \$95
- Every Member Draw: Rodney Elnick (No Winner, left early)