



# Fishin' Tales II

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## Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Update

The September meeting of the LMCAC was held at the MUCC headquarters in Lansing. A variety of topics were discussed regarding the health of the lake, and they were mostly positive. One positive sign was the recommendation to increase plants by 500,000 thousand chinooks next year. Surrounding states, especially Wisconsin will also be increasing their plants of chinook salmon. One thing still being discussed is where the plants will be made. The largest percentage of the plants will be in the St. Joe and Manistee areas. A statement made by the DNR, which to me was the best news, was that they feel they have avoided the crash that occurred in Lake Huron. However, they will continue on the path of conservative management to insure the health of the lake.

The other topic of interest was the prevailing opinion that while the fish are huge this year, the preference is to catch more fish instead of big fish. This opinion was echoed several times, and of course was followed by the comment, plant more fish. The response was simple and favorable from the DNR, "next year we should be able to increase plants, possibly to a million chinook in the very near future." The fact that they are even talking about this is a very good sign.

Dan O'Keefe gave an update on the Diet Study being done by Sea Grant, and as always, he mentioned the generous support of Sea Grant by the DAS. I was very proud to be a member and hear such high praise for the donations we have made in the past, present, and hopefully the future. Dan and Sea Grant really help our fishery and are certainly deserving of our continued support. Our next meeting was scheduled for April 2020.

Submitted by,  
Captain Mark Williams

## DAS Board of Directors Election

DAS By-Laws call for Board of Directors elections at the annual meeting each year. This year's annual meeting will occur on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at our normal meeting location American Polish Cultural Center (APCC) located on 15 Mile Road at Dequindre. The terms of five board members expire at the end of 2019. Any or all of those board members may run for reelection to continue the work they have been doing. However, new faces are always welcome to help out with new ideas and a different perspective. If you are interested, I strongly urge you to run for election this year.

Any dues paying member or officer can place a nomination. A nomination should be submitted at least 20 days before the December election date. It should be in writing and signed. If you wish to become involved in the operation of the DAS you are welcome to run for election to the Board of Directors (BOD). New people bring new ideas, different perspective, and enthusiasm. Your club needs you. Please consider placing yourself in nomination for a club BOD position.

To submit a name for this year's ballot; mail it, email it, or write it up, and give it to me at any membership meeting. Include the person's name and contact information. Have the nominated person sign it so we all know he/she is willing to serve if elected.

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The officers of the club consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four officer positions are selected from among the at-large members during the first board meeting each year. At large board members are elected for a three year term and are assigned or volunteer to serve on one of the ten "standing committees":

Fund Raising	Publicity	Speakers and Education	Shows
Newsletter	Boat Tournaments	River Tournaments	
Membership	Political Action Coalition	Special Events	

The board meets at 7:00 pm at the APCC two Tuesday's prior to the general membership meeting each Month. Food and beverages are provided. The board does not meet in August so there are 11 board meetings each year.

### October Membership Meeting

- **When:**
- Tuesday, October 29, 2019 7:30pm
- **Where:**
- American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker**
- Capt. Ryan Bullard, River & Pier presentation

### Other Happenings:

- Angler of the Year Outings,
- Center Pin Raffle tickets
- 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.

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## Detroit Area Steelheaders

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BOB KSIONZEK

ROD ELNICK

**DUE NOW**

BOB FEISEL

MIKE LOLLI

**1 MONTH PAST**

PHIL & SEAN SERAFINI

DENNIS HOLOWAY

**RENEWED**

JOEL GARINGER

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**DUE NOW**

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## October Guest Speaker is River and Pier Guide, Ryan Bullard



River and Pier guide Captain Ryan Bullard will be the guest speaker at our October 29th membership meeting. Ryan grew up fishing the Kalamazoo River and honing his skills pursuing steelhead and salmon. These days Ryan owns the Fishing Affair charter and guide service out of Ludington, Michigan. Captain Ryan runs a 31 Tiara out of Ludington in the summers. Spring and fall you will likely find him guiding on the Big Manistee and Pere Marquette rivers, or perhaps fishing the piers. You can expect Ryan will discuss multiple tactics and presentations for targeting Salmon and Steelhead. The timing is perfect for DAS members participating in the upcoming outings. Whether your looking to hone your river skills or, learn new techniques, you won't want to miss this presentation.

**Win a Lamiglass Centerpin rod, paired with a Sheffield Reel. This combo valued at \$800 will be raffled off at our December Christmas Party. Tickets are \$10 each and a maximum of 100 will be sold. Purchase tickets at a general membership meeting, or contact Bob Paradise at 586 457-4073**

"The Closer" centerpin series rods by Lamiglass are designed by Roger Hinchcliff. The Closer rod starts with a graphite composite blank, and features a fiberglass layer in the butt section for exceptional balance and power. The guides are over-sized recoils on the top to minimize icing, with durable and sleek ceramics on the bottom section. There are 'float-depth' indicators along the spine of the rod, to quickly calculate depth by hooking into the hook-keeper. The fixed reel seat is perfectly positioned on proprietary CFX Carbon-Weave Handles that warm to the touch, and grips phenomenally, even in cold wet weather. Mated with the Sheffield S1002 reel, All you'll need to add is a river.



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- Renewal - \$35 Yearly
- Address Change only

Amt. Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME		DATE
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
BOAT NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

## Platte River Results

The 9<sup>th</sup> event of the 2019 AOTY tournament season was held on September 28<sup>th</sup>. After a very rainy night, 13 members and one guest gathered on the banks of the Platte River in Benzie County. In the darkness, they searched for the perfect spot to intercept the hundreds of salmon that were cruising up and down the river. A variety of baits (spawn, spinners, flies, etc.) were used but only a few were successful.



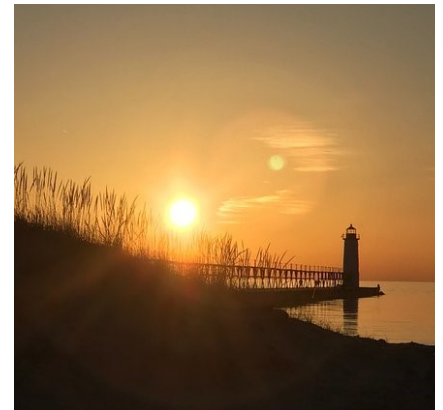
There were 5 fish caught. Gaspare Aragona started off the morning catching two Coho's. One was 8.5 lbs and the other 7 lbs. Then Bob Paradise landed a 8.5 lb Coho. Shortly after that I managed to entice a 5 lb Coho into taking a black and purple streamer up near the hatchery. As time was winding down, Bob's bobber, which marked the location of his spawn offering, went under. After a long battle up and down the river, Bob managed to lift an 18 lb King Salmon by the tail and secured first place.

With his latest 1<sup>st</sup> place finish and three more events scheduled, Bob Paradise has the lead for our 2019 AOTY title. After the weigh in, the anglers shared fish stories, camaraderie and a good meal at The Cherry Hut located in Beulah.

Respectfully,  
Adam Plank

## TNT's Manistee watershed steelhead outing October 26

We intended to hold our next outing in conjunction with the 'Big Tom Memorial' tournament in Ludington. Unfortunately, the tournament host has been sidelined with a back injury. Tom Theida is stepping up and organizing an event to fill this slot. The date is still Saturday, October 26, and we will be fishing the Manistee river watershed. Fishing is 4:00AM to 2:00PM. The weigh-in and picnic will be 3:00PM at the Lions pavilion in Manistee. This event is open to both members and guests. The entry fee is \$10 (\$5 for entry/lunch, and \$5 for big fish). Your best three Steelhead can be weighed for the tournament. Big fish prize money will also be awarded for the heaviest single fish. A Riversider pier combo will also be awarded by random drawing among DAS participants. Don't forget new members can join for only \$20 when participating at an outing. If you are attending, or have questions call Tom Theida at (586) 206-5902



## Consent Decree Update

The first meeting for the Tribal Consent Decree which expires in 2020, took place on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the ground rules for the negotiation. The tone of the meeting was positive and friendly. We can only hope this will continue. They did state that a GAG Order will be in effect, and information from the meetings will be behind closed doors and limited. With our support of MCBA Tribal Fund, we will be getting the most accurate information as possible. I will make sure this is passed on to the board and when possible, write a letter for the Fishing Tales. As always, the support of the MCBA Tribal Fund by the DAS, was greatly appreciated, as I was told by the Coalition and MCBA on several occasions. DAS is definitely recognized and appreciated during these negotiations. Updates will be made as they become available.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Williams DAS Lifetime Member.

## 30 Pound Club

As the leaves begin to turn, and I begin to put Silver Addiction away for her long winters nap, I notice the broken tackle in the chart box. Straightened hooks, bent hooks, broken hooks and even bent spoons are a reminder that 2019 is the year of the 30 pounders!

I was fortunate enough to grow up catching salmon when you didn't even think of taking a fish to the scale unless it was over 35 pounds. In our family alone, back in the 70's and early 80's we have a total of 18 fish on the wall that are over 38, with the largest being 41.8 pounds (caught by my mother off Big Point, 1979). This year I would say was the best, big king year I have had running Silver Addiction. My biggest problem as a charter captain was tempering my client's expectations. With all the social media attention on Ludington having all these 30 plus pounders, clients almost expected to catch one.

June is when the big boys started to show up. Looking back at my catch reports, I can say that from a pure number stand point, I caught more big fish in June than any other month. I was fortunate to target just Kings, while the rest of the fleet worked over the Lake Trout population. I put 4 of the 16, 30 pounders I caught this year in the month of June. In fact, the largest fish I saw was lost at the back of the boat. I had numerous 20 to 25-pound kings, and in the cold water they were very aggressive and fought that way until they were in the net. As the calendar changed to July the fish grew, and three to five fish between 25 and 28 pounds was becoming more common. In July we brought eight 30 pounders over the rail, and the biggest at 34.8 pounds. August rounded out our 30 pounders, and our final tally was 16, with five fish over 32 pounds.

### Great Late July Catch



I believe that the opportunity to catch a thirty pounder or a fish over 25 was there every trip. The decision just had to be made, on whether or not, you would take the time to target, fight and catch them. Most of the boats that brought in monsters, never had monster numbers. When fighting these brutes, pulling lines, practically stopping the boat, all during prime time made it difficult to achieve the big number catches. June had the longest bite window for Kings, and it steadily declined. I believe this is just due to the natural change of the lake as the summer season changed. All in all, the 2019 season was very exciting, with every drag that screamed a 30 pounder on the other end was a possibility. Maybe next year a 40? We have all winter to dream about it!

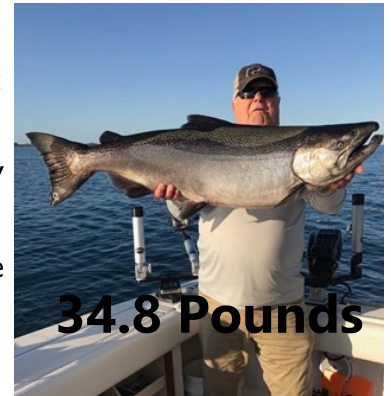
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### Some interesting observations:

- The big fish seem to come in pods. We had several doubles and triples where the fish were similar in size. Our two biggest hit at the same time on the same side of the boat. The 34.8 hit the low diver and a 32.78 hit the high diver. This was while we ere fighting a 26 pounder on a 300 copper.
- Mag Spoons made a return. Black Chilly Willy and Raspberry Carbon were studs in May and June. Blue Hulk and Blue Artic Ice came on in July with Green Dolphin, Blue Dolphin and Mongoose as well.
- Rotators and Flies out fished meat! Blue and Green Dragon Slayer Paddles fished well in June, but our old faithful's came to life in July. Pickled Sunshine, Silver Addiction and Blue Bubble flies behind a white rotator or paddle were the big fish killers. The 34.8 hit a white, slick Spin Doctor and Silver Addiction Fly 85 back on low wire. It stopped at 993, on the first run and made 2 other runs of 185 and 193. It was hooked in the corner of the jaw!
- Our meat bite was very poor. We ran it religiously and did catch nice fish but not with any consistency. I will admit that I ran to much of it during the tournaments, and it cost us.
- All fish were healthy and FULL of big Alweives. Kings, Coho, Lake Trout and Steelhead.
- Silver Addiction marked more bait than any other year. However, with all the wind and rain I do not think that the lake ever set up with consistent temperature, thus the bait was always moving, and it took a while for the fish to find it.
- We had more metal bent than broken line. I have always watched my line and terminal tackle religiously. I would almost say I am obsessed with checking and changing it. With that being said, I had hooks get bent, straightened or flat out broken. I know this is somewhat related to customer error, but some was just done by brute force, by big kings.
- Prior night info did help the bait selection for the next morning. Club Member Jason Adam, Outcast, fished mostly late evenings, and always texted me a report good or bad. Although I may not of fished the same water, the lure info was spot on. Thanks Jason!



June King



34.8 Pounds

Captain Mark Williams

Silver Addiction

## The 29th Annual Manistee Cup Steelhead Outing November 2nd

The Detroit Area Steelheaders have a River, Pier, and Surf outing in conjunction with the 2019 Manistee Cup Steelhead Tournament on November 2nd, 2019 in Manistee, MI. The tournament is hosted by Paul Stewart who is owner of the Lakeshore Motel, and a group of the regular participants. The host committee is conducting this year's tournament the same as last years, with the prize money being raffled off before the 50-50 drawing. You do not have to enter a fish to win cash, but you must be present at the banquet for the drawing which will be held at 6:30 p.m. at East Lake Hall. Biggest Steelhead entered will take home a plaque to keep and the Manistee Cup for 1 year and have first pick of the prize table. Cash and table prizes will be determined by number of entries.

Angler of the year points will be awarded to the DAS club members based on how they finished compared to all our club members. This is also a fish off with the Metro West Steelheaders. Call Bob Paradise with any questions at 586 457-4073.

Entry:

Please pay your \$30.00 entry fee in cash by 10:00 p.m. November 1st, 2019 at the Lakeshore Motel. A separate big fish pool is open to DAS members. It is \$5.00 each and should be paid to Bob Paradise in advance of fishing. Big fish money will be based on largest steelhead.

Rules:

- 1: You may start fishing at 6:30 a.m. November 2nd 2019
- 2: You may fish in any Michigan waters.
- 3: Only "legal" fishing methods may be used. (No snagging, spearing, netting)
- 4: You must have your fish weighed in between 4:00-4:30 November 2nd, 2019. Weigh-in will be held at the Lakeshore Motel.
- 5: The largest lake run Rainbow by weight will win the tournament. In the event of a tie, a flip of a coin will be used.
- 6: You may enter only one fish in each category. (Steelhead, Brown Trout, Coho, King and Menominee.)
- 7: Boat fishing will be restricted to inland lakes and rivers. Lake Michigan will be off limits to boat fishermen.
- 8: The Committee will handle all necessary decisions and they will be final.
- 9: Have Fun!

Paul Stewart, Host Committee Chair  
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 231-723-2667

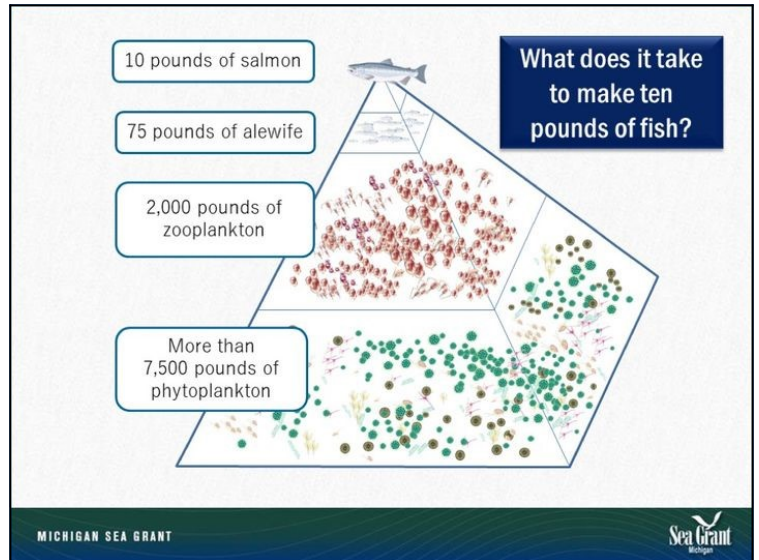
### September Speaker Recap - Dan O'Keefe



Our September guest speaker was Dan O'Keefe from Michigan Sea. Dan gave us a great update on the Lake Michigan fishery and some of the projects he is currently involved with. He included in his presentation updates to the Great Lakes Angler Diary which include, a closer look into food chain, and some early findings from ongoing stomach content studies. The Detroit Area Steelheaders help support Dan's work which aligns closely with the DAS mission.

### Where should Michigan increase stocking?

Site	Previous Stocking Level	Approved Odd Years Starting 2019	Approved Even Years Starting 2020	Proposed Odd	Proposed Even
Escanaba	12,000	0	0	0	0
Manistique	34,000	0	69,000	0	140,000
Medusa	72,000	72,000	0	92,000	0
Boardman	60,000	0	62,306	0	71,306
Manistee River	22,000	0	0	0	0
Little Manistee River	150,000	228,000	208,000	228,000	218,000
Big Sable River	38,000	0	0	0	0
Muskegon River	18,000	25,000	0	75,000	0
Grand Haven	59,000	89,306	0	129,306	0
Holland	15,000	0	35,000	0	50,000
Black River	15,000	0	55,000	0	75,000
Saugatuck	16,000	0	75,000	0	100,000
St. Joseph	48,000	90,000	0	130,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>559,000</b>	<b>504,306</b>	<b>504,306</b>	<b>654,306</b>	<b>654,306</b>



### STEELHEADERS WARNING

The following pictures may cause rapid heart-beats and shortness of breath!!!!!!




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**2019 AOTY Leaderboard**

**Event**

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	Lakeshore Motel	Caseville Lake Trout	Best 6
Bob Paradise	1	3	6	4	10	21	50	1	1				16
Gaspere Aragona	2	5	1	2	6	13	8	6	2				18
Blaise Pewinski	4	6	50	25	4	1	50	2	25				42
Dan Chisholm	6	25	50	25	13	18	9	7	50				78
Mark Wyrick	50	50	25	1	25	16	3	50	25				95
Anna Kulpa	50	25	25	25	25	9	5	25	25				114
James Anderson	50	1	4	25	25	50	50	50	25				130
Tom Gorguze	5	25	25	25	7	50	50	50	50				137
Don Mikros	50	50	50	25	14	17	50	8	25				139
Don Jasman	50	50	25	50	25	15	6	25	50				146
Brad Walton	50	50	25	25	25	50	2	50	25				152
Cheryl Jasman	50	50	50	50	25	10	7	12	50				154
Steve Prout	50	50	5	3	1	50	50	50	50				159
Mark Paradise	3	50	50	50	3	5	50	50	50				161
Luke Paradise	7	50	50	50	11	7	50	50	50				175
Fred Chartier	50	50	25	50	25	50	1	25	50				176

**Upcoming 2019 DAS Key Dates**

- Sat Oct 26, 2019 TNT's Manistee River, Pier, Surf Outing
- Tue Oct 29, 2019 General Membership Meeting
- Sat Nov 2, 2019 Lakeshore Motel & Metro West Outing
- Thur Nov 7, 2019 Captains Trolling Meeting
- Tue Nov 16, 2019 BOD Meeting
- Tue Nov 26, 2019 General Membership Meeting

**2019 September Membership Meeting Facts**

- Attendance: 41
- Featured Guest: Dan O'Keefe
- Featured Presentations: State of the fishery
- 50/50 Raffle Winner: Dan Titus \$85
- Every Member Draw: Nick Amicone—not present