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2021 Manistee River & Manistee Beach/Pier Spring Tournament

On March 27th we will have our 4th AOTY outing, and annual Spring Steelhead Challenge with the Metro-West Steelheaders. As in years past, things will pretty much be the same. Fishing is allowed anywhere along the Manistee River, including the pier, beach, and river. Please note: no boats fishing below the Insta-launch RR bridge are eligible.



Fishing starts at 6:00 am, but you may start later. Weight and hot lunch will be at the Tippie Dam access on the north side of the river at 5:00PM. Registration Fee to participate in the AOTY contest is \$10. This also covers the luncheon after the weigh-in. For those who would like to participate, there is a Big Fish Contest for DAS members. The big fish pool is a separate fee of \$10. Collection for both registration and Fish Pool will be taken at the weigh-in after

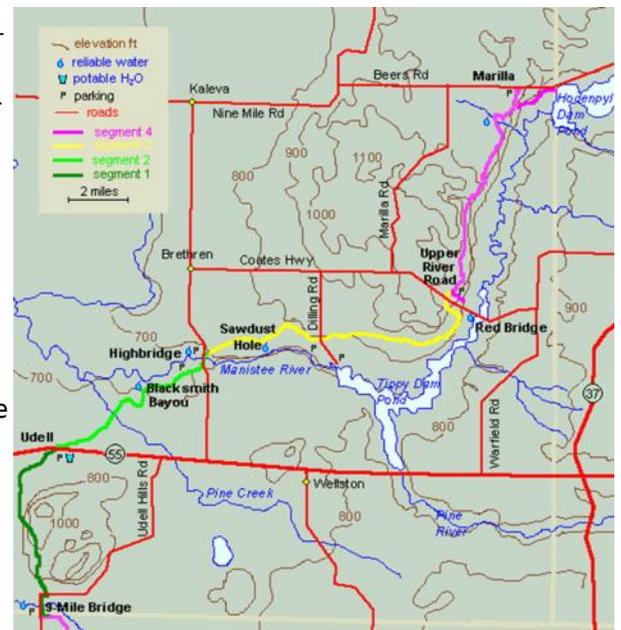
the outing. Please make sure to pay even if you do not catch fish, if you are participating for the outing and fish pool. Please do not be late or you will be disqualified after 5:00PM.

Target species is 3 Best Steelhead/Rainbows which are the only eligible species with a minimum of 15" to be considered for weigh-in. A simple tally of the total weight between the two clubs will determine the 2021 Spring Steelhead Challenge winning club.

If you wish to attend the Spring Manistee Outing or have any questions, please contact Mark Wyrick (248) 568-6972, or Anna Kulpa (586) 291-4555 via text message, or phone call prior to the outing for a headcount. Registration is required so please contact either one of us by no later than 6:00 am the day of the outing. This will help us keep track of all attendees since most of us will be fishing anywhere from Tippy dam to the pier.

In addition, one lucky club member will be awarded a rod and reel combo at the weigh-in, but you must be present to win. Thank you and looking forward to fishing with DAS members.

FISH ON!!!



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NOTICE: Annual Fundraiser Raffle

The COVID has caused us to rethink how we generate funds. Our only fundraiser, the Wild Game Dinner, will not happen this year.

This year we are selling 100 tickets at \$100 each. There will be 10 winners splitting half the total collected, divided evenly. Carl Ventimiglia has been assigning numbers (and posting them on our website), as payments are received. The drawing will take place at Dooley's during our March 30, 2021 membership meeting. You can watch the drawing live, in person, or live on our Group FaceBook page. PLEASE SHARE IN THE FUN, AND HELP US GET THESE SOLD! Come to the March meeting, or reach out to Carl at (586) 615-7459 to buy a ticket.

2021 SOTY Boat Trolling Tournaments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Port Captain</u>
May 1	St Joe	Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517
May 15-16	Grand Haven	Jim Zanke (586) 489-2041
June 5	Manistee	Fred Chartier (248) 496-9512
June 19	Harbor Beach	Joe von Grabe (586) 945-4334
July 31	Ludington	Bob Jones (734) 751-1767
August 7	Onekama	Tom Gorguze (248) 343-8397
August 28	Rogers City	Brad Walton (248) 343-0291

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Consent Decree Update: Issues facing Sport fishers-Allocation

This update is presented by the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources, an association of sportfishing and natural resource organizations participating in the negotiations. It is the second in the series of updates that we will be posting to let those interested in the sport and commercial fisheries of the Great Lakes know what is happening in the negotiation of a new agreement between the State, the Federal government and the five Michigan tribes holding a Treaty right to fish in the Michigan portion of the Great Lakes. The first update gave you some background on the negotiations. This update addresses the issues facing sport fishers in the sharing of the Great Lakes fisheries with the Tribes.

Since 1985, the arrangement between the Tribes, the State of Michigan and the Federal government to share the fisheries of the Great Lakes has been contained in two agreements that were negotiated by the parties and then put in place by the Federal Court in west Michigan as a "Consent Decree." The first Decree was implemented in 1985. It had a 15-year term. In 2000, a second Decree was put in place by the Court. It had a 20-year term. It expired last year but has been extended by the Court while the parties negotiate a new agreement.

A critical issue to the past two agreements, and one that will be critical to a new agreement, is the division of the Great Lakes fishery between the Tribes and those fishers who are licensed by the State. The 1985 agreement allocated the Great Lakes fishery among the parties by lake, zones, species, and catch limits. It was premised on a roughly 50-50 allocation of the fishery between the State and the Tribes. The Tribes were principally allocated whitefish stocks and the State was principally allocated salmon stocks. Lake trout stocks were shared with the allocation to each party differing based on the area of the Great Lakes at issue. Generally, the Tribes were allocated more lake trout in areas where they were pursuing whitefish and State licensed fishers were allocated more in traditional sportfishing areas. Overall, however, the fishery resources were generally shared equally. Further, the zones created for State and Tribally licensed fishers reduced gear conflict between commercial nets, particularly gill nets and traditional sport fishing gear.

The agreement reached in 2000 took a slightly different approach while maintaining the roughly equal division of the fishery between the State and the Tribes. The agreement created Commercial Fishing Zones where Tribal or State licensed commercial fishing was permitted. Within those zones certain areas had gear limitations, such as trap net only areas, closed areas, such as near harbor mouths or near refuges reserved for lake trout rehabilitation, and reserved areas designated for a particular Tribe, such as zone reserved for the Grand Traverse Band in the Grand Traverse Bay area and one reserved for small boat fishers of the Bay Mills Indian Community in the Hammond Bay area of Lake Huron.

Critical to this shared resource was the allocation of lake trout between the State and the Tribes. The lake trout available for catch by commercial or sport fishers in each lake trout management unit within the tribal waters of Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior was divided and allocated. The table below, with a very general indication of where each management unit is located, shows the various allocations:

MANAGEMENT UNIT	TRIBAL SHARE	STATE SHARE
MH-1 (Lk. Huron north of Rogers	88%	12%
MH-2 (South of Rogers City to	5%	95%
MM-1/2/3 (Northern Lake Michi-	90%	10%
MM-4 (Grand Traverse Bay)	55%	45%
MM-5 (Leland south to Arcadia)	40%	60%
MM-6/7 (Arcadia south to Grand	10%	90%
MI-5 (Lk. Superior from Mar-	5%	95%
MI-6 (Munising Bay area east to	50%	50%
MI-7 (Au Sable Point east to Little	70%	30%

These allocations generally reserved more lake trout for sport fishing in those areas where Great Lakes sport fishing is more prevalent. In terms of the available lake trout stocks, these allocations shared the resource fairly equally.

Since 2000, the Great Lakes fishery has changed. Whitefish generally reserved to the Tribes and salmon reserved to the State are not as prevalent now. For whitefish, the harvest by both State and Tribal fishers in Lake Michigan is half what it was several years ago. For salmon, both State and Tribal harvests of chinook salmon are one quarter of what they were at its peak just a few years ago. Lake trout have experienced some natural reproduction in recent years but are under duress in some parts of the lakes. Preserving lake trout spawning stocks will be critical to the future of that fishery. Taken as a whole, the fisheries of the Treaty areas of the Great Lakes are producing far less than a few years ago. These changes present huge difficulties in negotiating a new agreement as there are simply not the stocks that were available a few years ago. Nevertheless, this is a shared resource that requires allocation on a roughly 50-50 basis.

March 30th Meeting Announcement

We are pleased to announce we are returning to 'in person' member meetings at **Dooley's Tavern, 51748 Van Dyke, in Shelby Twp.** The meeting starts at 7:30 PM.

Great Lakes Reel to Reel podcast hosts Captains Adam Knudsen, and Mark Williams and will share a presentation discussing **Spring King Fishing**. Their podcasts focus on the Great Lakes lifestyle with conversations about boats, fishing, and destinations around the Great Lakes. Take a moment; check out, like, and subscribe to their Facebook, and Reel 2 Reel Outdoors YouTube pages.

In addition to our featured speakers, we will be holding our New Annual Fund Raiser Raffle, as well as finally handing out the various awards for last year's Angler of the Year (AOTY), Skipper of the Year (SOTY), Director of the Year, and Member of the Year. Plus, there will be news about upcoming DAS events.

Their February presentation *Where to begin*, emphasized the value of networking, weather, and flexibility when heading to your fishing hole.

We'll have our April meeting at Dooley's also. When the weather warms, we'll be heading back to River Bends park in May and hold our summer meetings outside.

Dan Chisholm
President



AOTY Schedule

Sat., March 27 Manistee River Steelhead Challenge w/Metro-West

- Best 3 Steelhead by weight

Chairs **Anna Kulpa (586) 291-4555 / Mark Wyrick(248) 568-6972**

Sat., April 17 AuSable River - Steelhead Outing

- Best 3 Steelhead by weight
- Chairperson: **Gary Gross (586) 291-1290**

Sat., May 8 Algonac - St. Clair River - Walleye Drifting Outing

- Best 5 Walleye by weight
- Chairperson: **Tom Gorguze (248) 343-8397**

Sat., June 12 St. Clair - St. Clair River - Walleye Trolling Outing

- Best 5 Walleye by weight
- Chairs: **Ed Paehlig (810) 305-4536 / Rob Pinskey (810) 543-3191**

Sat., July 10 Sebawaing - Walleye Outing

- Best 5 Walleye by weight
- Chairpersons: **T.B.D.**

Sat., September 11 Sterling State Park on Lake Erie - Perch

- Best 5 Perch by length
- Chairperson: **Gaspere Aragona (248) 330-1774**

Sat., September 25 Manistee - Pier/Surf Outing

- Best 3 Trout or Salmon by weight
- James Anderson (313) 330-3680 / Laurie Gamblin (810) 730-2373**

Sat., October 30 Manistee

- Best 3 Steelhead
- Chairperson: **T.B.D.**

Sat., November 6 Manistee - Manistee Watershed

- Fish-Off with Metro-West Steelheaders
- Best 3 Steelhead by weight

Chairperson: **T.B.D.**

Sat., December 11 Caseville - Lake Trout Outing

- Best 3 Lake Trout by weight
- Chairperson: **Blaise Pewinski (248) 890-4517**

AuSable River Steelhead AOTY Outing

On Saturday April 17th we will have our second AuSable river outing in Oscoda. Fishing will be allowed from Fort Dam to the mouth of the river. The weigh in will be at the AuSable River Store located at 680 West River Road at the 1 o'clock. The luncheon location will be announced at the weigh in.



MOTELS

If you want to stay at one of these motels, tell them that you are with the Detroit Area Steelheaders. Make your reservations now!!!!

Lake Trail motel: 5400 US_23, telephone 989-739-2096

Northern Traveler: 5493 US-23, Telephone 989-739-9261

\$59.00 per night two beds. \$49.00 per night one bed

OUTING INFORMATION

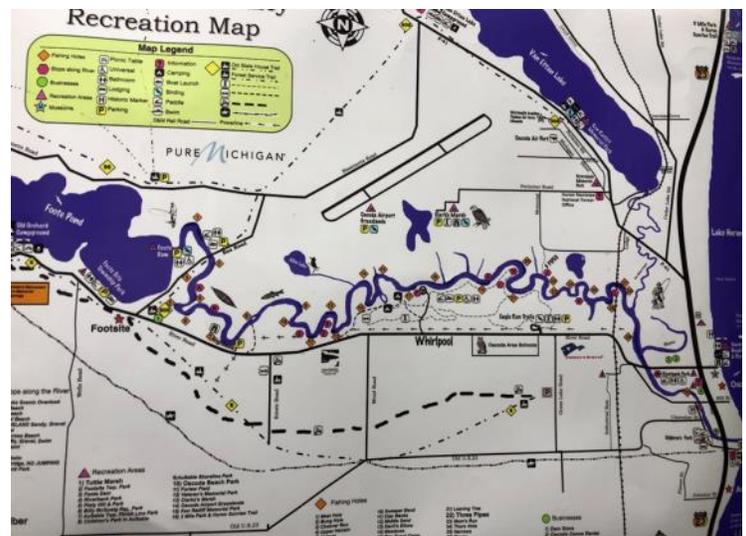
You must call or text Gary Gross at 586 291-1290 or e-mail me at ggtroll48@gmail.com before April 13, 2021 to enter the outing. Also tell me if you want to get into the big fish contest. I need to know how many people are going to lunch so they can order the food. \$10 will be collected from each person for the outing, and \$10 will be collected from anybody who wants to enter into the big fish pool contest.

- Start time is 6:00am
- Three steelhead only
- Weigh in will be total weight of the three fish
- Weigh in at 1 P.M at the AuSable River Store
- Fish from dam to mouth of river.

BAIT AND TACKLE STORES

AuSable River Store: 680 W River Rd. The owner can help you with all of your bait and tackle needs, can tell you where, and how to fish the river. He is going to be there at 5:30AM just for us and will have the coffee ready. They will clean your fish, plus vacuum pack the filets for \$5.00 per fish. Tell him that you are with the Detroit Area Steelheaders. This is also where the weigh in will be held.

Dam Store: 1879 W River road also has flies and bait.



AOTY Leaderboard

After Three Events:

- 1 Mark Wyrick
- 2 Mark Piasecki
- 3 Anna Kulpa
- 3 Dino Raptis
- 5 Dan Chisholm
- 6 Gaspare Aragona
- 7 Harry Orlow
- 8 Bob Paradise
- 9 Nate Case
- 10 Nate Case Jr

2021 Annual T-Shirts



This year we will be offering a men's and women's style t-shirt. The shirt will be a mid weight, grey cotton blend. If you want to reserve your size contact Tom Gorguze at 248 343-8397 or, email to tgorguze@aol.com by April 17th. Shirts will be available to purchase at the April meeting.

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MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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Membership Expires:



Upcoming Dates

~~March 25-28, 2021 Ultimate Fishing Show~~
March 27 AOTY Manistee River vs. Metro West
March 30 7PM Membership Meeting
April 8 BOD Meeting
April 17 Abusable River Outing
April 26 Membership meeting at Dooley's
May 1, SOTY St. Joseph
May 8, AOTY Algonac Walleye
May 11, BOD Meeting
May 15-16, SOTY Grand Haven
May 25 Membership Mtg at River Bends Park

We need your e-mail address.

There a dozen annual members, and over 30 lifetime members who do not have their e-mail address on file. If you would need to update your email address, please reach out to Bob Ksionzek, or Steve Prout.

Memberships should be current to post scores in SOTY and AOTY events. After two months have passed, you will be removed from the mailing list. Please take a moment to check your expiration date and renew your membership.

COVID 19 ANNOUNCEMENT

DAS activities are resuming with modifications to encourage social distancing, and promote safe practices. Face masks are suggested at gatherings, and we should practice good social distancing. We hope to see a good turnout as we emerge from the COVID-19 shutdown. It may be prudent for individuals with special health concerns to continue isolation. Please follow our website, message forums, and Facebook pages for more details on precautions, revised procedures, and event updates.