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This last year, because of COVID, three of our schools chose to utilize the DNR's video/ZOOM option of raising Salmon. Our three other schools stayed with the live program. Pine Knob Elementary of Clarkston was our first release, on April 24, Saturday. Being on Saturday meant the parents were bringing the students to Yates Park across from the cider mill. The lead teacher, Miss Megan, had divided the students into four groups to alleviate crowding and help with parking. The release went very well with the parents enjoying it as much as the students. Pine Knob started with 151 eggs and released 74 Salmon. Along with the egg losses, a number of hatchlings (Alevin) experienced deformities, appearing to be in the spine. They were curled and could not straighten their bodies. These were discarded and the total reported to the DNR.

Near the end of the month, we will be delivering kits to the students in the classroom, composed of a lure blank and several colored tapes. They will be able to complete a lure to take home to Dad and Mom. Thank you, Dreamweaver Lure Co for the materials.

On May 5, Wednesday, Oakland Christian Schools in Auburn Hills did their release at Yates Park. They brought two busloads comprised of; 31 fourth graders, 10 seventh graders, 6 teachers/admin, and 3 volunteers. Wow. We had Doug Karakas, Ken Cione, Blaise Pewinski, Dan Chisholm, Mike Lolly, and Jim Zanke. And a number of mothers who stopped by to watch.



We set up five stations and divided the students to rotate around. The 1st station was to measure & release the Parr. The 2nd station was searching for invertebrates in piles of mud on plastic trays. The 3rd station was learning to cast & retrieve in the river. The 4th station was building lures from lure blanks and tape which they took home. The 5th station was a field game with large balls, an effort to burn off a lot of energy.



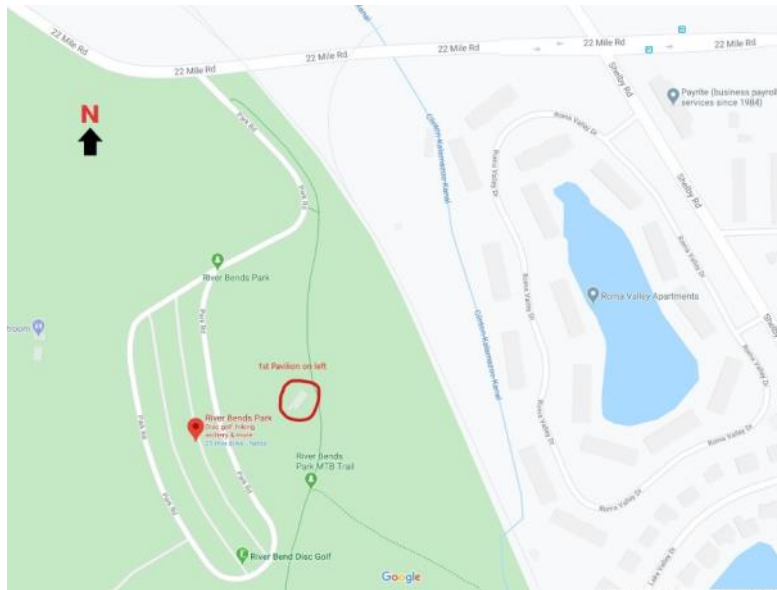
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Membership Meetings Return to River Bends Park This Week!

Fishing friends unite! The Detroit Area Steelheaders return to Shelby Township's, River Bends Park. **We have made arraignment's to hold all our summer monthly membership meetings outdoors.** We are very looking forward to holding all this summers meeting and the he first one is this Tuesday, May 25th at 7:30 PM.

The guest speakers will be our own Walleye Guru's, Rob Pinskey and Ed Paehlig. If you plan on fishing the upcoming St. Clair outing, you won't want to miss their presentation. These gentlemen are accomplished walleye anglers and will share their secrets on the how to, and where to, get your walleye limits.

Our meetings will be held at the Hickory Grove Pavillion. It's the first pavilion on the left as you enter River Bends Park. Please bring your own refreshments. We will discuss the remaining SOTY tournaments, results from Harbor Beach and St. Clair, have our usual tackle, 50/50, and 'every member' raffles also. We expect a good turnout as we emerge from the long COVID-19 shut-down.



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2021 SOTY Boat Trolling Tournaments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Port Captain</u>	
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	Onkama	Tom Gorguze	(248) 343-8397
August 28	Rogers City	Brad Walton	(248) 343-0291

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- Address Change only

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

Instructional Charter Raffle



Less than 40 tickets remain for the Silver Addiction instructional charter. The winner will be drawn at our membership meeting on Tuesday. Our gratitude goes out to Capt Mark Williams for his generous gift. Capt. Mark will host an instructional 4 man/woman 4-hour afternoon charter on Friday July 30, 2021 out of Ludington, Michigan. The lucky winners will fish new Silver Addiction, a 38' Tiara. Captain Mark is a lifetime DAS member, past president, former Skipper of the Year, and repre-

sents the DAS on the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Board. This is a perfect day for DAS members as our trolling series has us in Ludington for our Skipper of the Year trolling outing on Saturday, July 31. Two winners will be drawn and each winner gets to choose one person to take along (4 people total). The winners may transfer their ticket to someone else if they wish. We will sell 100 tickets maximum at \$20 each during April and May. The drawing will be held during our May membership meeting. You can get your ticket online, at the May 25^h meeting, or call Carl Ventimiglia at (586) 615-7459.



April Meeting Recap

The April membership meeting was the fourth and last in a series of Great Lakes Reel to Reel Outdoors Podcasts created for DAS by Adam Knudsen (Hiatus Charters) and Mark Williams (Silver Addiction) as they worked with us to get through the challenge of Covid-19. The focus for April was Spring salmon fishing on Lake Michigan out of St. Joseph and Grand Haven. The featured speaker was Winn Wolfe (Win-N-Angel) as he led us through tips and tricks out from the great port of Grand Haven.

My notes from his talk are a little bit scattered but basically:

Watch the weather reports for several days prior to the outing to help determine where the optimal water temperature will be. Fish the top 50 to 60 feet of water with Super Slims and Stingers. Green with black dots or white with black dots will serve you well. Best speed will be around 3.2 mph. Best direction out of port is likely to be SSW. Paddles and meat are not your best bet. That is what I was able to capture and hopefully some of it will work.

I am very happy to report that the next five Detroit Steelheaders membership meetings will be conducted outdoors under a pavilion located in Shelby Townships River Bends Park. We met there several times last year and it worked out very well. With some luck the weather will treat us kindly and we can conduct business as usual with speakers, fishing reports, raffles, and comradery. Still the last Tuesday each month and still at 7:30 pm.

During the May member meeting we will also complete our special charter raffle where two people will win the opportunity to enjoy an afternoon charter on board Silver Addiction out of Ludington on Friday July 30, 2021. The day before our club outing scheduled for Saturday July 31. Tickets are still available and easy to get. When you open the DAS club website the first thing you will see will be the opportunity to purchase tickets. This was a generous donation by Mark Williams of Silver Addiction and the club could really use the income in this challenging year.

Dan Chisholm

Manistee SOTY June 6th

Manistee is a historic Victorian city with its roots in lumber, and more recently, it enjoys a reputation as a top Great Lakes sportfishing destination. Manistee is a very familiar port to many of our DAS skippers. Regular annual plants ensure a good return of fish and fisherman, each fall. To keep it fresh, we'll be shaking it up a bit and timing this year's visit to intercept the spring King migration. Early reports are starting to come in, and so are the king's.

Our Manistee port captain is Fred Chartier, aka the Lake Buzzard. Fred enjoys fishing Manistee so much; he keeps two boats there, and can be a great source for local intel. If Fred won't say where he's been fishing, there is a broad network of DAS Manistee skippers who are always eager to help out.

The structure of the lake in this area gives fisherman lots of options. You've got great structure from Pointe Sable to the south, all along the shelf that stretches to Frankfort, to the Barrel north of Onekama.

Give Fred a call with any questions, and be sure to sign up early, so we have a tentative head count for lunch. Don't forget you can sign-up in advance on our website, See you on the lake!

2021 DAS SOTY MANISTEE TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Saturday June 5, 2021

WHERE: Municipal Marina 1-800-447-2757 or www.midnrreservations.com Transient and seasonal slips available.

TOURNAMENT START: 5:30 a.m. (Honor System Start – Roll Call will be taken by Port Captain within 1 hour after start)

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

PULL LINES: 12:30 p.m.

WEIGH-IN: 2:00 p.m. (must be in line by) Lions Pavilion at west end of County Launch Luncheon will be provided courtesy of Port Captain

PORT CAPTAIN: Fred Chartier (Lake Buzzard) 248-496-9512 Cell

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell ENTRY FEE: \$20 Entry Forms available @ <https://detroitsteelheaders.com/soty-tournaments>

BIG FISH POOL(Optional): \$20 \$10 towards BIG SALMON – Largest Salmon takes all \$5 towards BIG STEELHEAD – Largest Steelhead takes all \$5 towards BIG LAKE TROUT – Largest Lake Trout takes all

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 .

St. Clair Walleye Outing, June 12th

On Saturday, June 12, 2021 the Detroit Area Steelheaders will be holding the St. Clair Walleye Outing at the St. Clair City Marina. Fishing will start at 6:00am, pull lines by 12:00 noon. You must be at the weigh in by 1:00pm.

Launch fees are \$7.00 box/envelopes on pole where you back down to the ramp.

"ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME TO PULL YOUR BOAT OUT AND GET YOUR COOLER IN LINE, there is one ramp in/out and it can get congested".

For anyone with a boat that sits taller than 8'10" off the water, the bridge does not open until 8:00am and opens on the half hours. If you have a height problem, contact me. FOR THOSE EXCEPTIONS AND ONLY THOSE, you will be allowed to launch at Marysville as an alternative launch site.

We have the second pavilion reserved, same as last year (Southside of parking lot next to the large one with garage doors).

Entry fees are \$10.00 per person for the AOTY 5 fish per individual event, "MAKE SURE TO MARK/KEEP each person's fish separate". Big fish pool is \$10.00 per person. Payout will be 50% for 1st./heaviest fish, 30% for second, and 20% for third.

All participants in the same boat MUST be in fish pool or none.

Enter by TEXTING me, Rob at 810 543-3191 preferably on Thursday the 10th, but by no later than 6:pm on Friday June 11th.

Please!, so I can get a count on how much food we will be needing for the picnic.

Simply text the Boat name, and captain, followed by each crew members first and last names, and let me know if you are in the big fish pool or not.

Pay your entry fees at the picnic/weigh in.

**Good Luck,
Rob Pinskey**

SIC Release

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Miss Elise, the lead teacher, was responsible for digging out the mud and Mr Nickel, the Elementary Principal, stood in the river all morning with Dan Chisholm assisting each student with their release. OCS started with 150 eggs last November and they released 126 Parr, 3 to 4-1/2 inches long, a fine job. Paul Brown, emergency doctor at Grand Blanc Ascension Genesys Hospital was also in attendance to assist with any scraped knees and took most of the pictures for the school. Dreamweaver Lure Co supplied the lure blanks and lure tape which we are thankful for. The students look forward to artfully build their lure and presenting it to their parents. Independence Elementary of Clarkston did their release on Saturday, May 8. Much like our first release, the parents came in with the students but mostly within the first hour. Mr Klenow, the lead teacher, spent his morning in the water helping the Parr into the river. They started with 165 eggs last November and released 120 Parr this day. Mike Lolly and Jim Zanke are getting really good at bagging minnows, this being their third release. A few of the students didn't think 52* was cold as they were barefoot in the river while 3 or 4 others didn't bother removing their tennis shoes.



Algonac Outing Results

May 8 Detroit Area Steelheaders had their AOTY Outing on the Saint Clair River in Algonac for 5 best Walleye. The Algonac Walleye outing had 22 members and quests show up for a cold Saturday morning fishing tournament. The morning started out cold and a bit windy, and it picked up as the morning went by. The temperature was around 38 degrees. Lately the weather has been unpredictable making it hard to pick up fish. The fishing was not very good for this time of the year, we had a total of 9 people that did not catch any fish, including Bob. Some members did well, and fish were found. We only had 3 people that caught their limits, and they were all on the same boat! Here are our top 10 winners. 1st place Ed Paehlig; 2nd place Rob Pinsky; 3rd place Art Ring; 4th place Luke Paradise; 5th place Tony Yurgo; 6th place Mark Wyrick; 7th place Jay Gillian; 8th place Liz Kulpa; 9th place Mark Paradise; 10th place Dan Chisholm. I ordered chicken from Kroger for our lunch the day before, at 12 o'clock they called me up and said they could not do it, so we had pizza. In case you missed it, we enjoyed a DAS first thanks to Chris Nytko who livestreamed the weigh-in. Thanks to Bob Paradise for hosting the event, and everyone who helped during the weigh in. Another great AOTY Outing.



2021 DAS SOTY HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT

June 19th the Detroit Area Steelheaders fleet will be fishing out of Harbor Beach. To finish with the top boats in this tournament you will need to target Lake Trout.

You can catch Lake Trout higher in the water column with dipsey divers, lead core and copper setups but these fish will typically be smaller, (5-6 lbs.) You may also pick up a steelhead or maybe even a salmon. Fishing slow and bouncing bottom is the key to targeting the bigger Trout. These will usually run in the 7-9 lb. range with the occasional 10-12 pounder.

The normal tactic for this area is to station a crew member at each corner and constantly adjust the downrigger depths to bounce off the bottom. You do not want to drag bottom, especially further north toward Port Austin as the shale bottom tends to snag cannon balls. It is always a good idea to have a set of wire cutters handy in case you get hung up. On the riggers, try a Spin-n-Glo behind cow bells or a dodger. My favorite setup is a Chartreuse and Lime Spin-n-Glo with white wings behind a Tin Can dodger. Lead length should be about one and a half times the dodger length or about 22". The lead on Cow Bells can be shorter.

Areas to fish are anywhere from 60 - 120 feet of water, north, south, or straight out from the Harbor. My experience has been that at this time of the year, the better fishing will be north of the harbor. With the 20-mile radius from pier heads limit, you could fish all the way off of Light House Park or straight east of Grindstone City.

We no longer have Skippers Meetings. Tournament start is at 5:30 a.m. with fish calls at 9:00 and 11:00. Pull lines at 12:30 p.m. with the weigh-in at 1:30 p.m. at the Municipal Marina. The minimum size for Lake Trout is 15 inches with a creel limit of 3. Hope to see you there. Good Luck.

Joe von Grabe
"Sloppy Joe"
586-945-4334

WHEN: Saturday June 19, 2021

WHERE: Municipal Marina 1-800-447-2757 or www.midnrreservations.com Transient and seasonal slips available.

TOURNAMENT START: 5:30 a.m. (Honor System Start – Roll Call will be taken by Port Captain within 1 hour after start)

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

PULL LINES: 12:30 p.m. WEIGH-IN: 1:30 p.m. (must be in line by) Municipal Marina (Exact location T.B.D.) Lunch-eon will be provided courtesy of Port Captain

PORT CAPTAIN: Joe Von Grabe (Sloppy Joe) 586-945-4334 Cell TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell ENTRY FEE: \$20 Entry Forms available @ <https://detroitsteelheaders.com/soty-tournaments>

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AOTY Schedule

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 Sebewaing - 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**

2021 Annual T-Shirts

Your shirts are in. The rocket ship delivering our t-shirt order is scheduled to touchdown on Tuesday. We're looking forward to having shirts available at the May membership meeting. \$15 for most sizes.



Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings To Date

Entrant's Name	1-30 MB	2-06 SF	2-20 SB	3-27 MA	4-17 OS	5-08 AL	Best 5
1 GASPARE ARAGONA	1	16	50	4	50	9	80
2 MARK WYRICK	4	5	50	50	50	6	115
3 DANIEL CHISHOLM	10	4	50	50	75	10	124
3 ANNA KULPA	5	8	50	50	50	11	124
5 BOB PARADISE	50	1	50	1	50	50	152
6 MARK PIASECKI	3	7	50	50	50	75	160
7 DINO RAPTIS	7	6	50	50	50	75	163
8 JAMES ANDERSON	50	13	50	3	50	75	166
9 RABIH ABDALLAH	50	50	50	2	50	75	202
9 NATE CASE	2	50	50	50	75	50	202
11 ROB PINSKEY	75	3	50	75	75	2	205
12 LAURIE GAMBLIN	50	9	50	50	50	75	209
13 BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	2	50	50	75	50	227
14 DON JASMAN	50	50	75	50	75	12	237
15 HARRY ORLOW	9	10	75	75	75	75	244
16 NATE CASE JR	6	50	75	75	75	50	256
17 KAHLED ABDALLAH	8	50	50	75	75	75	258
18 TOM GORGUZE	50	11	75	50	75	75	261
19 TERRICK PATTERSON	50	13	50	75	75	75	263
20 JASON SHERRILL	75	13	75	50	75	75	288
21 SAMUEL ANDERSON	50	75	75	50	50	75	300
22 ED PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	1	301
23 ART RING	75	75	75	75	75	3	303
24 LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	4	304
25 LIZ KULPA	75	75	75	75	75	7	307
26 MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	8	308

Grand Weather in Grand Haven



Unlike St. Joe, the weather in Grand Haven was great for the entire weekend. A light South wind provided little to no wave action. Unfortunately, the water was still cold at 45 degrees top to bottom! Fishing was scattered. Those that venture way south did better than the rest.

Seven boats showed up for the two day tournament. Six out of seven weighed fish both days. A good number of non-weighable small Coho were taken. Most came in at the 16 to 18 inch range.

Vicki's Secret took both big King (26.4 lb.) and big Steelhead(5.00lb) on Saturday. No Lakers were caught all weekend! Sunday, Sloppy Joe caught the big King (17.65lb), Bobby's Toy caught the big Steelhead (8.25lb). Rangy Lil won the lottery for Laker on Saturday and Hardtop & Tails won the lottery for Laker on Sunday. Saturday we dined on a hot lunch of meatballs, gravy, pasta, veggies, rolls, watermelon, and cookies. Grand Haven standings are: #1 Vicki's Secret, #2 Bobby's Toy, #3 Channing , #4 Sloppy Joe, #5 Hardtop & tails, #6 Wonder, and #7 Rangy Lil. Good Luck in Manistee!

Jim Zanke

Grand Haven Day 2 Standings										5/16/2021									
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total Wgt	Best 5 Total Pts	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	2-Day Total Pts	Place				
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	Day 1	5	K 26.40	K 15.20	K 14.90	K 12.40	K 10.95	79.85	104.85	NONE	0.00	104.85	172.05	1			
			Day 2	4	K 16.85	K 16.75	K 10.95	C 2.65	-----	47.20	67.20	NONE	0.00	67.20					
2	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	Day 1	4	S 4.80	S 4.00	C 2.70	C 2.60	-----	14.10	34.10	NONE	0.00	34.10	70.85	2			
			Day 2	4	S 8.25	S 3.20	C 2.90	C 2.40	-----	16.75	36.75	NONE	0.00	36.75					
3	Channing	Dan Chisholm	Day 1	4	K 16.55	C 2.55	C 2.50	C 1.70	-----	23.30	43.30	NONE	0.00	43.30	50.30	3			
			Day 2	1	C 2.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.00	7.00	NONE	0.00	7.00					
4	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	Day 1	2	C 3.00	C 2.35	-----	-----	-----	5.35	15.35	NONE	0.00	15.35	38.00	4			
			Day 2	1	K 17.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.65	22.65	NONE	0.00	22.65					
5	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	Day 1	2	S 3.80	C 2.95	-----	-----	-----	6.75	16.75	NONE	0.00	16.75	24.70	5			
			Day 2	1	S 2.95	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.95	7.95	NONE	0.00	7.95					
6	Wonder	Joe Delisi	Day 1	1	C 2.35	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.35	7.35	NONE	0.00	7.35	16.05	6			
			Day 2	1	C 3.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.70	8.70	NONE	0.00	8.70					
7	Rangy Lil	Mike Mioduszewski	Day 1	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	2.00	7			
			Day 2	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00					

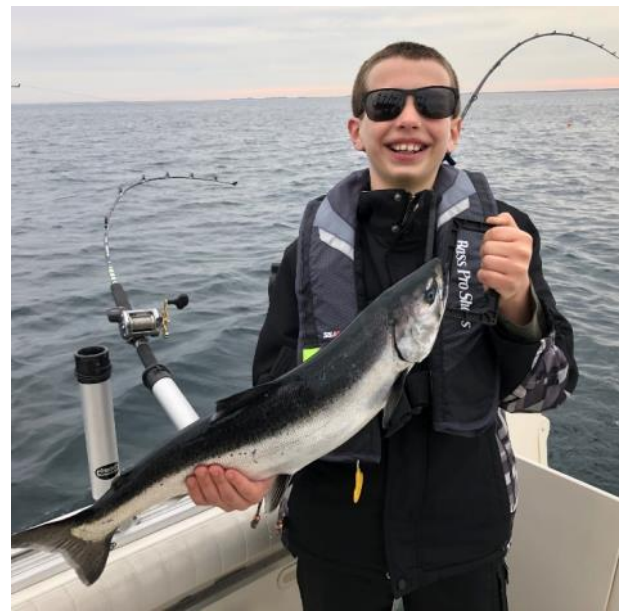
Day 1	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	
LARGEST	Vicki's Seacret	Salmon	26.40	7	
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool Salmon	26.40		\$70
	Vicki's Seacret	King	26.40		
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool King	26.40		
	Sloppy Joe	Coho	3.00		9
	Sloppy Joe	Pool Coho	3.00		
		Lake Trout	0.00		0
		Atlantic	0.00		
		Pool Atlantic	0.00		
		Pink	0.00		
		Pool Pink	0.00		
		Total		20	

7 Total Boats

Day 2	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	
LARGEST	Sloppy Joe	Salmon	17.65	4	
	Sloppy Joe	Pool Salmon	17.65		\$70
	Sloppy Joe	King	17.65		
	Sloppy Joe	Pool King	17.65		
	Wonder	Coho	3.70	5	
	Wonder	Pool Coho	3.70		
		Lake Trout	0.00	0	
		Atlantic	0.00		
		Pool Atlantic	0.00		
		Pink	0.00		
		Pool Pink	0.00		
		Total			12

2-day Totals
11
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32





Understanding Declining Productivity in the Offshore Regions of the Great Lakes

A report submitted to the International Joint Commission by the Great Lakes Science Advisory Board, Science Priority Committee Declining Offshore Productivity Work Group.

In June 2020, the International Joint Commission's Science Advisory Board (SAB) completed a report entitled Understanding Declining Productivity in the Offshore Regions of the Great Lakes. The report includes a number of findings and a recommendation aimed at improving coordination between water quality and fishery managers and improving the understanding of ecosystem impacts of nutrients in both nearshore and offshore waters of the Great Lakes. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement recognizes the complexity of the Great Lakes basin ecosystem and its interacting components of air, land, water and living organisms in lakes comprised of many different types of habitat in the nearshore and offshore regions. The Agreement embraces coordination, the ecosystem approach, adaptive management and science-based management as recommended principles and approaches. We find the subject report to be in line with these principles and approaches with advice to help managers evaluate and better understand the dichotomy between excess nutrient levels in the nearshore while levels are declining in the offshore. The reductions in the nutrient levels offshore are affecting services including restoration of fishery production. This report is a unique compilation of all available information about declining offshore productivity and shows this is a significant issue. This report explores the dual challenges of nearshore nutrient enrichment and reduced ecosystem productivity in the offshore, with particular emphasis on the latter, and includes the completion of a contractor report under the guidance of a multidisciplinary SAB work group. This report includes sections on a description of the problem, a literature Understanding review, an analysis of recent Great Lakes trends, an examination of various models, findings, knowledge gaps and a recommendation. The report identifies the need for Great Lakes water quality managers to partner with fishery managers to break down information silos and adopt an adaptive management framework that considers both the upper and lower food webs. Targets set for nutrient reductions under the GLWQA require an ecosystem-level analysis to consider potential impacts on offshore waters and strike a balance between ecosystem services. A key finding in the report describes how invasive mussels are implicated in sequestering nutrients in the nearshore. This underscores the importance of applied research and the work of the Invasive Mussel Collaborative to control invasive mussels. As such, GLEC may wish to explore with the Great Lakes Commission and the Invasive Mussel Collaborative how they might provide insight and support in addressing this issue. The Commission will partner with the Great Lakes Fishery Commission to communicate key messages from this study to, and seek feedback from, fishery managers and other organizations in the context of other work being carried out on nutrient management. We expect that this report will be useful to governments to inform actions under Annex 2 (Lake wide Action and Management Plans), Annex 4 (Nutrients) and Annex 10 (Science) as managers strive to control excess nutrients, maintain algal species consistent with healthy aquatic ecosystems while at the same time taking steps to restore and protect native fish species.²

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