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## Cormorant Management in Lake Huron

Progress is being made under the new Cormorant Management Program in Saginaw Bay. A new permit system for states and tribes began in March. The country is divided into regions and Michigan belongs to the Interior zone with 23 other states. Up to 78,632 cormorants have been authorized to be killed in this region. Michigan is ready to implement the system, and was the only state to receive a permit. The state of Michigan can contract with other agencies to manage the bird. This year, DNR choose to use only USDA Wildlife Services. Our permit is or about 9,650 cormorants and 1,400 active nests. Probably, we will use only about 1/3 of the number of birds allowed to be taken.

The cormorant count for 2021 showed that the cormorants on Little Charity Island, which is the main nesting colony in the bay, nearly doubled to 1,837 nests compared to 2019 when the last survey was done. There were 142 nests on Spoils Island. This is the largest concentration of nests in the Michigan waters of the Great Lakes. At all the other locations around Michigan the count either remained nearly steady or went down.

The state cannot go on Charity Island to control the birds because it is federally owned, however, the state is working with the Fish and Wildlife Service to calculate



a sustainable number of birds for the Island. It appears the final number will be in the 1,500 nest range so that might not allow a meaningful further reduction of birds in the bay. The state could stand outside the Island and shoot the birds but that is an inefficient method of culling the cormorants.

*From the August Lake Huron Citizens Advisory minutes. For more detailed information on the cormorant program and the other slide presentations, use this link:*

<https://sites.google.com/msu.edu/lhcfac/home/past-meetings/august-2021>

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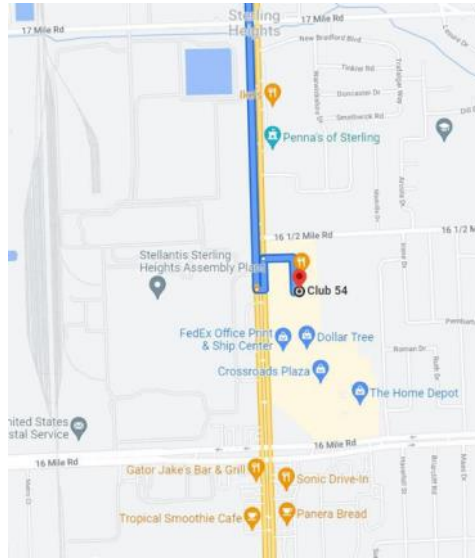
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# Tuesday, November 30, Member Meeting

Join us **7:30 pm** at **Club 54** in **Sterling Heights**. **Club 54** is located at 37722 Van Dyke Ave, in Sterling Heights. Just south of 16 1/2 Mile Rd., across from the Chrysler plant. The usual DAS stuff is on the agenda.....SOTY reports & upcoming info, fishing reports, tackle raffle, 50-50 raffle plus Every Member drawing. **COME CHECK OUT THE NEW MEETING SPOT**  
Dan Chisholm



## Our November Guest Speaker is Captain Joel Piatek



Capt. Joel Piatek is no stranger to members of the Detroit Area Steelheader's. Having grown up on the St. Clair Flats with over 30 years experience hunting and fishing the region, Captain Joel knows where to fish, and when. Joel is a hardcore outdoorsman who is at it year round. His enthusiasm for all things outdoors is unmatched. You'll enjoy catching up his latest endeavors, even if on you think Labor Day is the time to put your boat in storage.

### DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.

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Final AOTY Event..... December Lake Trout Outing



What: Detroit Area Steelheaders Annual Lake Trout Outing

When: December 11, 2021 from 6 am until 2 pm

Where: Caseville Harbor

Best 3 trout by weight

This has become one of our most popular outings. Whether you're casting spoons, crank baits, rubber shad, or minnows. Any legal means of harvesting is allowed. Be prepared for cold weather and dress accordingly. Entry is \$10 and there is an optional \$10 big fish pool. Enter by texting Blaise by the 9th so I can prepare for a lunch at 2:30 following our weigh-in. Contact me, Blaise Pewinski at 248 890 4517. See you there.

**WGD Returns!**

Save the date for our 2022 Sportsman's Dinner on Thursday, March 3rd. The return of our annual Sportsman's dinner is currently in the planning stages. Our new venue will be the Packard proving grounds in Shelby Township. Additional details will be available shortly.



Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings To Date													TODAY:	11/16/2021	Best 5
Entrant's Name	1-30 M	2-06 S	2-20 S	3-27 M	4-17 O	5-08 A	6-12 S	7-10 LV	9-11 M	9-25 M	10-30 M	11-06 M	12-11 CV		
1 BOB PARADISE	50	1	50	1	50	50	12	11	2	1	50	1	75	6	
2 GASPARE ARAGONA	1	16	50	4	50	9	50	15	4	2	1	4	75	12	
3 MARK WYRICK	4	5	50	50	50	6	4	2	50	3	50	5	75	18	
4 ROB PINSKEY	75	3	50	75	75	2	3	16	3	75	75	75	75	27	
5 DANIEL CHISHOLM	10	4	50	50	75	10	20	10	1	50	75	6	75	31	
6 ANNA KULPA	5	8	50	50	50	11	10	7	50	50	50	2	75	32	
7 MARK PIASECKI	3	7	50	50	50	75	21	75	75	75	50	75	75	131	
8 DINO RAPTIS	7	6	50	50	50	75	23	75	75	75	50	75	75	136	
9 RABIH ABDALLAH	50	50	50	2	50	75	75	75	75	75	50	3	75	155	
10 BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	2	50	50	75	50	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	160	
11 LAURIE GAMBLIN	50	9	50	50	50	75	75	75	75	50	3	50	75	162	
12 JAMES ANDERSON	50	13	50	3	50	75	75	75	75	50	50	50	75	166	
13 NATE CASE JR	6	50	75	75	75	50	50	13	50	50	75	75	75	169	
14 NATE CASE	2	50	50	50	75	50	25	50	50	50	75	75	75	177	
15 TOM GORGUZE	50	11	75	50	75	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	191	
16 DON JASMAN	50	50	75	50	75	12	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	212	
17 ED PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	1	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	228	
18 ART RING	75	75	75	75	75	3	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	234	
19 TONY YURGO	75	75	75	75	75	5	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	236	
20 DON MIKROS	75	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	5	75	75	75	75	239	
21 PAUL GJELDUM	75	75	75	75	75	75	17	1	75	75	75	75	75	243	
22 HARRY ORLOW	9	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	244	
23 SAMUEL ANDERSON	50	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	250	
24 FRED CHARTIER	75	75	75	50	75	75	1	50	75	75	75	75	75	251	

## Annual Election of Officers

In 2020 we did not have our December meeting, and consequently did not hold elections. At the time the board decided to extend expiring terms by one year. As a result, there are 10 positions on this year's ballot which includes eight returning members, and two new candidates. Ballots will be distributed to current members, and cast at our Tuesday, December 14th meeting. The candidates who receive the most votes will be elected to three-year terms. The remaining candidates will serve two-year terms. Directors elected for two-year terms will expire in December of 2023, and directors elected for three-year terms expire in December of 2024. You are eligible to vote for as many candidates as you choose. The nominees for election are James Anderson, Nate Case, Bob Feisel, Tom Gorguze, Carl Ventimiglia, Bob Paradise, Blaise Pewinski, Rod Elnick, Anthony Lewis, and Dan Chisholm.

### Steelhead Catch Limit Under Consideration

LANSING—Decreasing steelhead populations in some Michigan tributaries have prompted the state Natural Resources Commission to consider reducing the bag limit for anglers in those areas from three to one, but fisheries experts are not sure it will help.

The NRC considered an amendment Wednesday to reduce the bag limit for the prized game fish in Bear Creek, Manistee River, Pere Marquette, Muskegon River, and Carp River before ultimately tabling a decision to its December meeting. Introduced by Commissioner David Nyberg, who was not present Wednesday, the amendment would limit catches to protect dwindling steelhead populations.

The steelhead population in Lake Michigan has steadily declined from 3.5 million in 2011 to just under 3 million in 2018, according to the Department of Natural Resources. But limiting anglers' catch opportunities may not support the state's struggling steelhead populations in some areas, according to biologists with the state's Fisheries Division, who presented at the NRC's meeting. The presenters said declining water quality could be driving fish populations down.

Steelhead populations at Little Manistee Weir dropped significantly from just over 6,000 in 2002 to just under 2,000 in 2020. Jay Wesley, Lake Michigan basin coordinator for the Fisheries Division, said the decrease in fish correlates with increasing water clarity, a sign that the lakes lack the plankton and other small organisms that feed fish. "This is why habitats do far more for fish populations than stocking and regulations," Wesley said.

Michigan began stocking steelhead populations in 1876 and eventually established wild runs. Today, wild steelhead populations are consistent, while stocking populations are gradually declining.

According to Jory Jonas, research biologist for the Fisheries Division, another area of concern is steelhead mortality in streams which could be caused by changing water quality and aggressive steelhead breeding behaviors. Jonas said in streams, the steelhead mortality rate is four to six times that of populations in Lake Michigan. "The stress of spawning takes its toll, and it's rare for steelhead to spawn more than two times. It does occur, but it is not common," Jonas said.

Maintaining current steelhead populations does not require immediate action, such as reducing bag limits, according to Todd Grischk, assistant chief of the Fisheries Division. According to the DNR, only 58 percent of general anglers catch one steelhead a season, and 24 percent catch more than two. Wesley said many anglers generally do not harvest steelhead, preferring to catch and release.

Some fishing advisory council members say a tightened bag limit raises additional concerns among anglers. Randy Terrian, part of the Lake Huron Citizen's Fisheries Advisory Committee, said he is worried reducing bag limits would frustrate anglers, deterring them from reporting catches and communicating with fisheries.

"Angler observations are important," Terrian said. "This would sour them, and pretty soon, you won't get that cooperation."

According to the DNR, a handful of states have contemplated similar regulatory changes regarding steelheads. Jim Bos, a Pere Marquette Watershed Council member, said he is worried this may cause more anglers to frequent Michigan since some states have implemented no-kill restrictions on steelheads.

"That demand is going to transfer to Michigan, and looking forward, we have to protect the fish from it," Bos said. "Putting restrictions on the fish will have no risks. The recreation opportunity is still there."

*Courtesy of The Bridge Michigan, Zahir Ahmad author.*



## Salmon Claus Is Coming To Town



Join us Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at Club 54 to celebrate the holidays with your fishing friends. Each December, we celebrate fishing achievements, and recognize members who make our club special. The annual meeting is limited to members, spouses, members children, and grandchildren. All attendee's are eligible to participate in the 50:50 drawing, but only members will be eligible for door prizes. Your door prize ticket will be attached to the 2022 Officer Election ballot. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00PM. Club 54 is located at 37722 Van Dyke Ave. Sterling Hts. 48312

Every year Salmon Claus brings gifts for young fisherwomen and fishermen. We want to make sure that his elves have enough presents. As always, Club 54 will provide a cash bar. Membership dues must be current by December 2<sup>nd</sup> to attend.

**In order to make this a successful event, we ask everyone attending with young children to RSVP right away. The event is only two weeks out. Email Kellie Ventimiglia with the members name, number of children attending, along with each child's name and age. If information for your child is not received in advance, Salmon Claus may not have a gift for your child.**

**Email Kellie at: [ventimigliak@yahoo.com](mailto:ventimigliak@yahoo.com)**

## The Ultimate Fishing Show is back for 2022!

The Ultimate Fishing Show will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi, Thursday January 6th through Sunday January 9th, 2022. The 2021 show was canceled due to the pandemic. Many of us are looking forward to this year's show! As usual there will be a great boat display, many tackle suppliers, outfitters, and informative seminars.

The Detroit Area Steelheader's operate a booth at this show to showcase our club, and recruit new members. Every year I have members ask if free passes are available. Here's your opportunity to get FREE entrance to the show and promote your club – sign up to represent us in the booth. A 2-3 hour commitment is all we ask of you! At the November and December membership meetings, I will pass a sign-up sheet around with a selection of times and dates. Please make your selection early, as I have to add your name to the roster of members working the booth. You can contact me by email, phone, or text. Include your name, phone number, and choice of date and time. I will text a complete list of volunteers, times, and dates, before the show as a reminder. Mike Lolli and I work the first and the last time slots, as we assemble and remove the booth. Please contact me at [jezanke@yahoo.com](mailto:jezanke@yahoo.com) or 586-489-2041. Thank you, Jim Zanke

## 2022 TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>START TIME</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>
APRIL 30	ST JOSEPH	6:30	JOE DELISI
MAY 21-22	GRAND HAVEN (2-DAY)	6:00	JIM ZANKE
JUNE 4	PENTWATER	5:30	PAUL GJELDUM
JUNE 18	HARBOR BEACH	5:30	JOE VON GRABE
JULY 9	PRESQUE ISLE	5:30	BLAISE PEWINSKI
JULY 23	MANISTEE	6:00	NATHAN CASE
JULY 30	LUDINGTON	6:00	FRED CHARTIER
AUGUST 13	FRANKFORT	6:00	TOM GORGUZE

## December 30, AOTY Results

The Detroit Steelheaders had 16 members and guests show up for the first of our two River, Pier, and Surf outings. We had nine members fish the piers, and seven fish the Manistee River. There was two steelhead caught in the river, and two caught on the pier. First place went to Gaspare with the only 2 fish caught on the pier. Second place went to Dan Whitmill, and third place went to Laurie Gamblin. The weather was great but the fishing was slow,. Fishing should improve as the season heats up. Thanks to TNT for doing a good job organizing this, we had pizza and salad from Big Al's, And a big thanks to Robbie and Sara for bringing baklava for everyone.

### AOTY Manistee Outing - Sat. Oct. 30, 2021

Angler's Name	Entry Fe	Big Fish F	Total Wg	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Tot Pts	Largest Fish (lb.)	Place
1 GASPARE ARAGONA	\$10.00	\$10.00	14.95	2	10	24.95	8.51	1
2 DAN WHITMILL	\$10.00	\$10.00	4.85	1	5	9.85	4.85	2
3 LAURIE GAMBLIN	\$10.00	\$10.00	1.63	1	5	6.63	1.63	3
4 TOM THIEDA	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 BOB PARADISE	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 BOB FEISEL	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 ANNA KULPA	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 MARK WYRICK	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 DINO RAFTIS	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 MARK PIASECKI	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 RABIH ABDALLAH	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 JAMES ANDERSON	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 SAMUEL ANDERSON	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 SAHAR ELMALLAH	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 AL DAVID	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4
4 GIL GRAFTON	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	4

Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers
\$160.00	16

Total Big Fish Fees
\$160.00

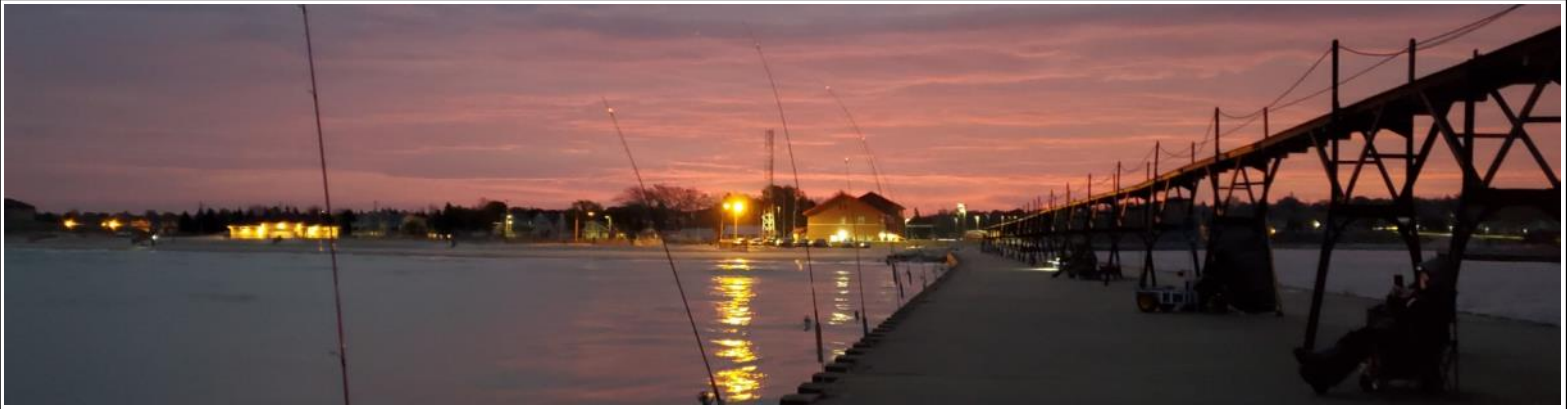
Angler	Largest Fish	Payout
GASPARE ARAGONA	8.51	\$80.00

Angler	2nd Largest Fish	Payout
DAN WHITMILL	4.85	\$48.00

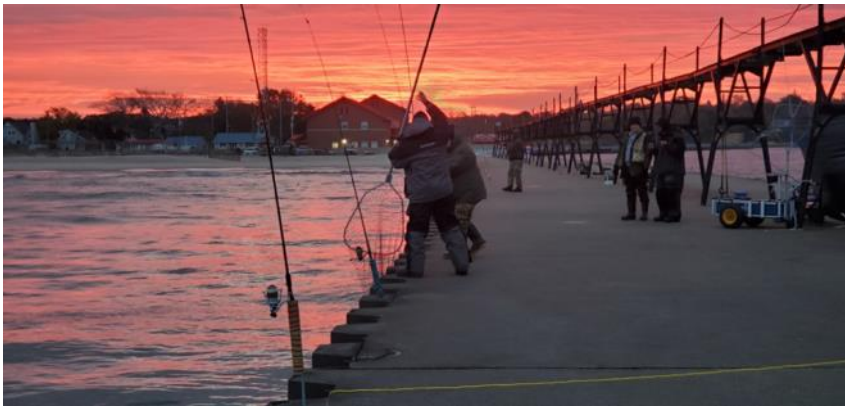
Angler	3rd Largest Fish	Payout
LAURIE GAMBLIN	1.63	\$32.00



## November AOTY Results



The Detroit Area Steelheaders dominated the fish off against Metro West on November 7th., It was 10 for DAS to 1 for Metro West. Anna Kulpa had the hot spot on the pier going 3 for 7. Everyone on the pier caught fish. Robbie Abdallah landed the biggest steelhead at 8.96 lbs. We had 9 members and 2 guests show up for the outing, The weather was ideal for pier fishing. SSW winds at 20kts.



**AOTY Manistee Outing - Sat. Nov. 6, 2021**

Angler's Name	Entry Fee	Big Fish F	Total Wg	Qty Fish	Fish Pts	Tot Pts	Longest Fish (in.)	Place
1 BOB PARADISE	\$10.00	\$10.00	23.44	3	15	38.44	8.66	1
2 ANNA KULPA	\$10.00	\$10.00	18.09	3	15	33.09	7.86	2
3 RABIH ABDALLAH	\$10.00	\$10.00	8.96	1	5	13.96	8.96	3
4 GASPARE ARAGONA	\$10.00	\$10.00	8.00	1	5	13.00	8.00	4
5 MARK WYRICK	\$10.00	\$10.00	6.64	1	5	11.64	0.00	5
6 DANIEL CHISHOLM	\$10.00	\$10.00	5.26	1	5	10.26	0.00	6
7 DAN WHITMILL	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7 JAMES ANDERSON	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7 LAURIE GAMBLIN	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7 GUEST1	\$10.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7 GUEST2	\$10.00		0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7			0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7			0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7			0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7			0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7

Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers
\$110.00	9

Total Big Fish Fees
\$100.00

Angler	Largest Fish	Payout
RABIH ABDALLAH	8.96	\$50.00

Angler	2nd Largest Fish	Payout
BOB PARADISE	8.66	\$30.00

Angler	3rd Largest Fish	Payout
GASPARE ARAGONA	8.00	\$20.00

When you visit the Message Board from the website link you will see a message stating that this board has no forums. **To view the message board, you must login with your user name and password.** If you forgot your password, just click on the "I forgot my password" link and you can reset your password.

I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Please e-mail Bob any concerns or issues in regards to the DAS Message Board or any other website concerns.

The "Old Farmer's Almanac of 2022" is predicting a cold winter for Michigan and much of the northern U.S. and Canada, although precipitation levels vary in Michigan between the state's two peninsulas. In most of the Upper Peninsula and northern lower peninsula, the almanac predicts a cold and wet winter.

**November Sale**  
**DAS Shirt & Hat**  
**All Shirts \$10 Each**  
**All Hat's \$15 each**  
**Free DAS Mask w/Purchase**

### **Upcoming Dates:**

**Nov 30 Membership Meeting at Club 54**

**Dec 11 Caseville AOTY Lake Trout Outing**

**Dec 14 Christmas Party at Club 54**

**Jan 9 Ultimate Fishing Show**

**Jan 11 DAS BOD Meeting**

**Jan 28 Membership Meeting at Club 54**

**Feb 19-20 Free Fishing Weekend**

**Mar 3 WGD**