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Newsletter Editor Changeover

Farewell to "Fishin' Tales II" and welcome to "Fishin' Tales III"

The Detroitsteelheaders "Fishin' Tales" newsletter is transitioning to a new editor starting with this issue. Many thanks to Tom Gorguze for leading us through the past several years while producing quality newsletters to inform and entertain. Beginning with this February 2022 issue the new editor is going to be Dan Chisholm. It is going to be a challenging transition since I have never worked with Publisher before today. Thankfully, Tom and Bob Ksionzek have agreed to help me work through this until I get the hang of it. From where I sit right now it will take a few monthly issues before I begin to feel comfortable doing this on my own. I ask for your patients as I begin the learning process.

DAS monthly membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month.

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Angler of the Year Outing—Saginaw Bay

The second AOTY outing for 2022 is scheduled for Saturday, February 19, 2022 on Saginaw Bay and the Saginaw River. Fishing times are from 7:00 am until 1:30 pm with the weigh-in following at 1:30 at Bay City State Park. Winners will be determined by best five walleye by weight, with length being the tie-breaker. Registration is by text to Nathan Case (248-730-2591), prior to 4:00 pm on Friday, February 19. Anglers registering are presumed to be "in" the big-fish pool unless they opt "out" of the big-fish pool within their registration text. \$20 registration covers weigh-in, shore lunch, and big-fish competition. \$10 registration covers shore lunch and AOTY weigh-in competition. First, second, and third big-fish winners will split the money pool 50%, 30%, and 20%.

The Party Dock Bait Shop is close to the Bay City State Park making it a good place to pick up bait or other necessities. Always keep in mind "there is no safe ice" and "don't cross the crack with the wind at your back". Saginaw Bay and the Saginaw River deserve your respect and concentration. Follow common sense and don't fish alone.

The February 9 DNR weekly fishing report on Saginaw Bay shows on the west side of the bay, walleye were caught at the Black Hole outside of Pinconning in 25 fow. Walleye were also caught at the Cigar in front of Linwood in 18 to 23 fow and at the old dumping grounds in 20 fow. On the Saginaw River, anglers reported slow fishing through most of Bay City with a lot of sub-legal walleye being caught and released in this area. Upstream in the south end of Bay City at Cass Avenue and in the vicinity, anglers did well catching good numbers of walleye with some limits taken. Anglers did well in this area fishing the edge of the channel in 29 to 25 fow jigging a blue and silver or orange jigging rapala. Anglers should plan on doing a lot of sorting as most walleye were running in the 13 to 16 inch size range. Elsewhere, walleye fishing was pretty slow at all points upstream around the Zillauke Bridge and through Saginaw.

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AOTY Metro Beach Outing January 29 Results

Twenty three anglers showed up for the Metro Beach outing. Seventeen of those anglers brought fish to the weigh-in. Needless to say, the fishing that day was not the greatest. Bob Paradise won the outing and was awarded one AOTY point placing him in first place for the 2022 AOTY competition. The big-fish pool was split up between Steve Prout (1st), Terrick Patterson (2nd), and Carl Ventimiglisa (3rd). Now its on to Saginaw Bay on February 19 as the race continues.

DAS Membership Meetings 2022

The success of the outdoors meetings at River Bends Park in 2021 has led the club leadership to continue those outdoor meetings into 2022. As of this writing, monthly membership meetings in January, February, March, April, and May, will be held in Club 54, 37722 Van Dyke Ave., Sterling Hts. The summer meetings in June, July, August, and September, will be held at River Bends Park, 5700 22 Mile Rd., Shelby Twp.

The October, November, and December membership meetings will return to Club 54 to finish off the 2022 meeting schedule.

With regrets: Membership is informed the Board of Directors of the Detroit Steelheaders has decided we will no longer be able to support the Special Friends outing. Co-vid, difficulty arranging for boats, and weather issues have brought us to the conclusion that our resources can be better applied elsewhere. Options are being explored at this time and include local kids fishing derbies. Many thanks to Mary Karakas, Linda Banbury, and your dedicated volunteers for your many years of service to this worthy outing.

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SPORTSWOMAN DINNER

MARCH 3, 2022

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Doors open at 5pm

DINNER BY:



Wild Game Meat and Cheese Tray
Michigan Cherry Salad
Dinner Rolls

Roasted Prime Rib
carved to order with Aujus and
Horseradish Cream Sauce

Garlic Herb Chicken with
Roasted Pepper Cream Sauce

Bistro Salmon

Garlic Redskin Mashed Potatoes

Garlic and Bacon Green Beans

Cinnamon Apple Bread Pudding
with Rum Sauce

Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks

Cash Bar Available

GUNS FROM:



TAXIDERMY DISPLAY BY:



MC FOR THE NIGHT:

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TICKETS:

\$80 EACH
10 raffle tickets
are included

**ONLY 250 TICKETS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR THIS YEAR**

Email cvvent@gmail.com for Tickets

Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources (CPMR) Consent Decree Update

This information came from Mark Williams, DAS representative from the Great Lakes Citizens Advisory Committee:

The negotiations for the consent decree, are still ongoing. They have been going on for 2.5 years with little progress. A lot of this is due to Covid and not being able to be face to face with all parties. However, the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources (CPMR) has been working diligently to keep the Michigan Fisherman in the fight. The meetings are heading to a fifth status conference, this January. At this time, there is little to no progress to report, which lends itself to the discussion moving to litigation. I have attached two important articles from Judge Enslin, who over saw the original decree, which is the basis for the current one we are trying to keep. The second article is from Retired Michigan Biologist Jim Johnson who has been through all the decrees as well, and is an integral part of the CPMR team. Please read these informative pieces, share them, and get the word out to all fisherman of the Great Lakes. The work that is done by the CPMR is voluntary, but as with any court proceedings, the legal aspects are not free. We are fortunate to have Steve Schultz as our attorney, who has been there from the start. He has donated countless hours, but the briefs that will be need will require funding. Therefore, CPMR will be launching a raffle to raise money to make sure we, the Michigan Fisherman are heard! Any support is encouraged and welcomed. You can go to the CPMR website and donate directly, and it is Tax Deductible, since the CPMR is a non profit. Our fishery is on a very positive trajectory, and the current decree will help keep it on that course!

A summary of Judge Enslin's opinion of 1985 with respect to the Coalition's "Three Criteria for a Starting Point in Negotiations"

Here we have listed some of Judge Enslin's opinions from: United States et al. v. Michigan et al., No. M26 73 CA (Western District of Michigan, May 31, 1985), Richard Enslin. Indian Law Reporter, August, 1985. We have categorized these views by our three criteria for a starting point in negotiations. These excerpts represent only a small fraction of his opinion but are representative of some of his more serious concerns – concerns that we, the Coalition for Protection of Michigan Resources, share.

Science-based harvest limits.

Without protection from overharvest, the resource is vulnerable to collapse and the consequent loss of fishing opportunities for all the parties. Estimates of the amount available for harvest is a prerequisite to allocation. "It is in the best interests of the resource and all of the parties to improve the gathering and exchange of technical data and to coordinate data collection efforts. These efforts should provide for information needs to protect and manage the fisheries resource on a long-term basis.... The designation of additional funds for fishery assessment contemplated by the stipulated agreement will increase the available technical data." "Rehabilitation of the lake trout requires a combination of three strategies: First, the total annual mortality from sea lamprey predation and premature and excessive harvest must be reduced; Second, the opportunity for successful reproduction must be maximized by maintaining and improving habitat and selecting and managing stocking sites and accordance with prime lake trout habitat; and Third, ..." [quantity and quality of lake trout stocked]. Keeping mortality rates within acceptable bounds requires not only comprehensive data sets but also rigorous models – tools for estimation of lake trout and whitefish populations by age group and the mortality rate as the fish live from one age group to the next. Past agreements have included commitments from the resource agencies and the parties to fund enhanced data collection and population assessments ("The stipulated agreement provides for ... funding for the production of more information."). This funding, and improvement of data collection, data sharing, and upgrading of modeling tools, continue to be critically necessary for the current agreement.

The principal of an equitable distribution of harvest opportunity.

Judge Enslin had a nuanced and informed view of allocation that went beyond a simple 50/50 allocation. He ruled against a motion by Bay Mills Tribe to base the 1985 Decree on a 50/50 allocation, ruling that a zonal plan would offer a more equitable and stable distribution of opportunity. He pointed out that allocation and the opportunity to harvest are different terms and often confused. "Sometimes availability and harvestability are confused in the minds of the fisher-pursuers".

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His preference for a zonal plan was based on the need to assure that different elements of the fishery, with different gear efficiencies, would be able to achieve their equitable share of harvest. He also argued zonal plans allowed for long-term stability that allowed for economic development of the fishery and its markets and for long-range resource management plans to be carried out by the various agencies. "The zonal plan ... presents stability. A tribal fisher knows where to fish and can plan. There is a long-term sense of management and accountability. There is a separation of treaty and non-treaty fishers in certain areas, separating different users in space so as to reduce conflicts and provide certainty. The zonal plan is much superior for lake trout harvest. It avoids the adverse impact on lake trout, so important to the fishery, by creating separate zones for whitefish [gillnet] efforts and lake trout rehabilitation areas

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Collaborative approach.

Data sharing is fundamental to collaboration as well as to science-based management. "It must be obvious to all that it is good for the fishery management to share information and data with each other. The stipulated agreement provides for this and requires the exchange of data, and provided for funding for the production of more information." "Cooperation is essential for if there is none all will try to exploit the source at the expense of the others, the fishery suffers and some, particularly small-boat fishers, suffer dramatically. His preference for a zonal plan was based on the need to assure that different elements of the fishery, with different gear efficiencies, would be able to achieve their equitable share of harvest. He also argued zonal plans allowed for long-term stability that allowed for economic development of the fishery and its markets and for long-range resource management plans to be carried out by the various agencies. "The zonal plan ... presents stability. A tribal fisher knows where to fish and can plan. There is a long-term sense of management and accountability. There is a separation of treaty and non-treaty fishers in certain areas, separating different users in space so as to reduce conflicts and provide certainty. The zonal plan is much superior for lake trout harvest. It avoids the adverse impact on lake trout, so important to the fishery, by creating separate zones for whitefish [gillnet] efforts and lake trout rehabilitation areas. He also argued zonal plans allowed for long-term stability that allowed for economic development of the fishery and its markets and for long-range resource management plans to be carried out by the various agencies. "The zonal plan ... presents stability. A tribal fisher knows where to fish and can plan.

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(March 2022 Fishin Tales III issue will continue this dialog presenting "Criteria for a starting point in negotiations for a renewed Consent Decree)



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Upcoming Dates

- Feb 19, AOTY Bay City Walleye
- Feb 22, Member Meeting Club 54
- March 3 Sportsmans Dinner
- March 15 BOD Mtg
- March 26 AOTY Manistee River
- March 29 Member Mtg Club 54
- April 12 BOD Meeting
- April 23 AOTY AuSable River

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If you are not happy single, you won't be happy married. Happiness comes from boats, not relationships.