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

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Pine Knob Elementary Salmon-in-the Classroom release at Riverside Park. April 27, 2023

Monday, April 24, 2023 Membership Meeting Club 54 (Recap)

April 24 speaker Kurtis Nofz, presented information on a wide range of Lake and River ecology with a focus on premium herring baits. If you are going to fish with cut-bait, this was the meeting you wanted to attend. Topics included comparison of Lake Michigan herring/alewife to ocean herring, meat heads, bait rigging for cut-plugs and cut bait with meat heads, proper hook selection and location. He also included a tutorial on the importance of ITT (identify, tune, test) to have the proper presentation for salmon to strike. It was a good meeting.

May 30, 2023 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM at River Bends Park

The month of May brings DAS back to our summer outdoor meetings in River Bends Park in Shelby Twp. We are starting a little earlier than usual (7:00 pm) so we have enough light to complete the presentation of National Weather Service (NWS) speaker Richard Pollman.

The usual meeting regimen of fishing reports, outing and tournament results, raffles, and comradery are anticipated.

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2023 Detroit Area Steelheaders Angler of the Year Event Schedule

| Date | Location | Port Captain/Coordinator |
|--------------------|---|--------------------------|
| May 13, 2023 | St. Clair River Algonac (Walleye) | Tom Gorguze |
| June 10, 2023 | St. Clair River St. Clair Harbor (Walleye) | Rob Pinsky |
| June 10/11, 2023* | Auburn Hills Kids Outing *This will not be scored as an Angler outing. It is a separate event. | |
| July 15, 2023 | Au Gres (Walleye) | Gary Gross |
| September 9, 2023 | Lake St. Clair Harley Ensign Ramp (Perch) | Gaspere Aragona |
| September 30, 2023 | Manistee River (Steelhead/Salmon) | J. Anderson/L.Gamblin |
| October 14, 2023 | AuSable River (Steelhead/Salmon) | Gary Gross |
| October 28, 2023 | Manistee River/Pier/Beach (Steelhead) | M. Wyrick/A. Kulpa |
| November 4, 2023 | Manistee River/Pier/Surf (Steelhead) | Bob Paradise |
| December 9, 2023 | Caseville River (Lake Trout) | Rob Pinsky |

2023 DAS Salmon-in-the-Classroom Planning

Oakland Christian Schools Salmon in the Classroom release on **Wed., April 19.** Riverside Park, near Squirrel & Auburn Rd, in Auburn Hills.

Additionally and still in the final planning stages:
Pine Knob Elementary, Clarkston on the 27th of April will have 75 students releasing Salmon at Riverside Park, Auburn Hills and Independence Elementary, Clarkston on the 4th of May will have 75 students releasing Salmon at Dodge Park, Sterling Heights.

I am still confirming dates for Romeo High School, Washington and Eisenhower High School, Shelby Twp.

For those of you who have not participated in a S.I.C. release, it is a real treat and lots of fun! Please volunteer! Come with boots and layered clothing.

Thanks, Rodney Elnick (rodnevelnick@aol.com) or text (586-214-8812).

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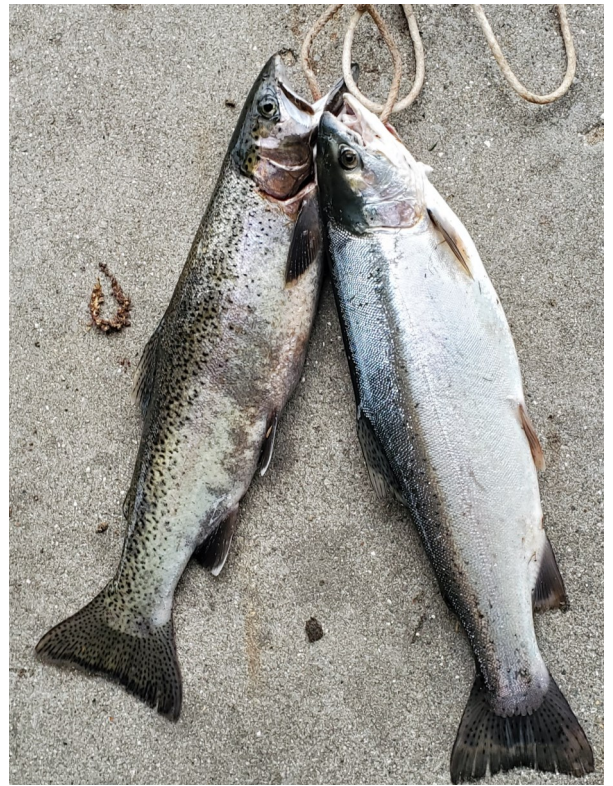
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**Pg 5 Skipper-of-the-Year Trolling Tournament May 6, 2023
St. Joe and Year to Date Standings**

| St. Joe Standings | | | | | | | | | | | | 5/6/2023 | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| Place | Boat Name | Skipper | # of Fish Weigh- | Catch by Species & Weight | | | | | Best 5 Total | Best 5 Total Pt | Best 4 Total | Deduction Code | Points Deducte- | Total Points | Place |
| 1 | Kingfish | Scott Campbell | 5 | K 15.70 | K 15.35 | K 11.20 | K 9.90 | K 5.70 | 57.85 | 82.85 | 52.15 | NONE | 82.85 | 82.85 | 1 |
| 2 | Miss Adventure | Allen Devoll | 5 | L 8.50 | L 8.10 | L 7.10 | K 6.70 | L 4.40 | 34.80 | 59.80 | 30.40 | NONE | 59.80 | 59.80 | 2 |
| 3 | Wonder | Joe Delisi | 3 | K 10.40 | L 6.05 | L 4.45 | ----- | ----- | 20.90 | 35.90 | 20.90 | NONE | 35.90 | 35.90 | 3 |
| 4 | Equalizer | Nathan Case | 3 | K 9.45 | K 5.35 | S 4.65 | ----- | ----- | 19.45 | 34.45 | 19.45 | NONE | 34.45 | 34.45 | 4 |
| 5 | Vicki's Seacret | Bob Feisel | 2 | K 14.40 | L 6.90 | ----- | ----- | ----- | 21.30 | 31.30 | 21.30 | NONE | 31.30 | 31.30 | 5 |
| 6 | Sloppy Joe | Joe Von Grabe | 1 | L 9.30 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 9.30 | 14.30 | 9.30 | NONE | 14.30 | 14.30 | 6 |
| 7 | Lake Buzzard | Fred Chartier | 1 | K 3.60 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 3.60 | 8.60 | 3.60 | NONE | 8.60 | 8.60 | 7 |
| 8 | Hardtop & Tails | Jim Zanke | 0 | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | NONE | 1.00 | 1.00 | 8 |

| L A R G E S T | Boat Name | Species | Wgt. | Number Caught | 8 | Total Boats |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|---|-------------|
| | Kingfish | Salmon | 15.70 | | | |
| | Kingfish | Pool Salmon | 15.70 | \$80 | | |
| | Kingfish | King | 15.70 | 11 | | |
| | Kingfish | Pool King | 15.70 | | | |
| | | Coho | 0.00 | 0 | | |
| | | Pool Coho | 0.00 | | | |
| | Sloppy Joe | Lake Trout | 9.30 | 9 | | |
| | Sloppy Joe | Pool LT | 9.30 | \$48 | | |
| | Equalizer | Steelhead | 4.65 | 1 | | |
| | Equalizer | Pool Steelhead | 4.65 | \$32 | | |
| | | Brown | 0.00 | 0 | | |
| | | Atlantic | 0.00 | | | |
| | | Pool Atlantic | 0.00 | | | |
| | Pink | 0.00 | 0 | | | |
| | Pool Pink | 0.00 | | | | |
| | Total | | 21 | | | |

Deduction Code LEGEND

NRRC = No Response Role Call

LTWI = Late To Weigh-In

UCC = Unauthorized Crew Chg.

DQ = Disqualified





Pg 7 Skipper-of-the Year Tournament June 3 Harbor Beach

Harbor Beach

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will once again fish out of Harbor Beach. Hopefully the weather will cooperate as last year we had to cancel due to high winds.

To finish with the top boats in this tournament you'll need to target Lake Trout.

The traditional method of targeting the bigger Lake Trout is to go low and slow. The normal tactic for this is to station a crew member at each corner and constantly adjust the downrigger depths to tap the bottom. You don't want to drag bottom, especially further north toward Port Austin as the shale bottom tends to snag cannon balls. It's always a good idea to have a set of wire cutters handy in case you get hung up. On the riggers, try Spin-N-Glos 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". Wire line dipseys run close to bottom also work well.

In recent years, the Steelhead and Coho fisheries have been improving in lower Lake Huron so you may want to run free sliders and some lead lines with the appropriate hardware.

Areas to fish are anywhere from 60 - 120 fow either north, south or straight out from the Harbor.

We no longer have Skippers Meetings. You need to register online on the DAS website, preferable at least three days before tournament day. You can leave the pier heads at any time with the tournament start on the honor system. Setting lines at 5:30 a.m. with fish calls at 9:00 and 11:00. We'll have a roll call about an hour after tournament start to confirm which boats are on the water. Pull lines by 1:00 p.m. with the weigh-in at 2:00 p.m. either at the Pavilion across from the fish cleaning station, (if available), or 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

Grand Haven May 20 & 21

Grand Haven is an active small town with plenty of restaurants and lodging. Our mid-May tournament usually coincides with a beachfront kite flying event held there, so it is recommended to reserve rooms early. Airbnb and Vrbo also offer houses to rent in the area. The municipal marina generally has plenty of room and reservations are available on the Michigan DNR website.

Grand Haven is the only two day tournament the Detroit Area Steelheaders have. The two-day tournament is accumulative, so if the fish don't cooperate on Saturday, Sunday affords a second chance. We fish Saturday 6am to 1pm and Sunday from 6am to 11am. Luncheon is served on Saturday only. There are two independent big fish pools, one for Saturday and one for Sunday. The Kings and Coho generally cooperate with good catches!

Last year 7 boats participated. All caught fish! 27 kings, 11 coho, 4 lakers, and 1 steelhead were caught over the 2-day event. Wonder placed first, Lake Buzzard was second, and Hardtop & Tails came in third. All had a good time. A hot lunch of tacos and seasoned rice was enjoyed by all.

This year, we no longer charge by the boat for entry. The new system, we charge \$15 per person participating. This is to offset the rising costs of providing the lunch.

Just a note about boat registration. We no longer have a 5am Captain's Meeting. **All registration is done online.** The registration form can be found at the DAS web site under the SOTY menu. Bob Ksionzek has made this incredibly easy to use. No downloading, just open the form, fill it out, and hit the submit button. PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT. The earlier, the better. This is not an iron clad contract; you can cancel by phone or email to the port captain or tournament director -Bob Feisel. From a personal perspective, early registration is not only courteous, but gives the port captain a more accurate number for lunch. As port captain I have served as few as 6 fisherman and as many as 40 at tournaments. This often results in a great waste of both food and money. Thanks.

Jim Zanke – port captain – Grand Haven

Pg 9 2023 SKIPPER OF THE YEAR (SOTY) BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS

There will be 7 Boat Trolling tournaments this year:

| DATE | PORT | PORT CAPTAIN | TIMES |
|-----------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| MAY 6 | ST JOE | JOE DELISI | 6 AM – 1 PM |
| MAY 20-21 | GRAND HAVEN | JIM ZANKE | 6 AM – 1 PM (Saturday) 6 AM – 11 AM (Sunday) |
| JUNE 3 | HARBOR BEACH | JOE VON GRABE | 5:30 AM – 1 PM |
| JULY 8 | PRESQUE ISLE | BLAISE PEWINSKI | 5:30 AM - 1 PM |
| JULY 22 | MANISTEE | SCOTT CAMPBELL | 6 AM – 1 PM |
| AUGUST 5 | LUDINGTON | FRED CHARTIER | 6 AM – 1 PM |
| AUGUST 12 | FRANKFORT | NATE CASE | 6 AM – 1 PM |

A DAS Newsletter Change of Pace

It has been suggested that we post a seafood recipe in our fishing club newsletter once-in-a-while. That made sense to me so I will launch it here and now. Fair warning “don’t confuse me with someone who can cook”. Everything I put here will be from a book or from someone who can actually cook. I hope you enjoy this newsletter change-of-pace.

SEAFOOD RECIPES
Healthy options from under the sea.

WINNING RECIPE!
SMOKED STEELHEAD WHITE CHILI
Ronald Andres, Great Lakes Energy

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound smoked steelhead trout (or smoked salmon), skin and bones removed, flaked into ½-inch pieces (use liquid)
- 2 (15.5-ounce) cans great northern beans
- 2 (15.5-ounce) cans cannellini beans, rinsed
- 1 (14.5-ounce) can chicken broth
- 2 Anaheim peppers (brained, then seeds and skin removed), diced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 tablespoon lemon pepper seasoning
- 1 quart heavy whipping cream

Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Sauté onion, celery, and garlic in the hot oil until tender. Add smoked steelhead, great northern beans, cannellini beans, chicken broth, Anaheim peppers, cumin, coriander, oregano, and lemon pepper into the pot. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until flavors have blended, about 30 minutes. Stir in the whipping cream. Simmer until the whipping cream is hot, but do not boil.

e Contest
100 energy bill credit!
Favorites due April 1; One-Pan Meals due May 1
our favorite recipe for a chance to win \$1000

April 5, 2023

To:

Great Lakes Fishery Trust
Natural Resources Commission
State of Michigan Attorney General
Executive office of the Governor
Distribution addresses on file

To Whom It May Concern:

The Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee (LMCFAC) does not support the proposed consent decree and demands the DNR remove its support and approval from the ongoing legal process, which is currently being submitted to the Federal Court with public comment on 24 and 25 May 2023. The LMCFAC, chaired by Mr. Dennis Grinold and Co-chaired by Mr. Bill Winoweiki is made up of 44 primary and alternate members across the entire Lake Michigan and are tasked with representing a diverse group of various sportsmen's groups and clubs, charter boat associations, state commercial fishers, local visitor bureaus, private businesses and non-profit organizations.

Collectively, our committee provides input and direction into fishery goals, objectives, and management plans for Lake Michigan. Members of this committee meet twice annually to remain apprised and informed of current ecological or management issues facing fisheries managers on Lake Michigan. The Citizen Advisers then help the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) chart the future course of fisheries management by representing the diversity of citizen interests in the Lake Michigan Basin.

Among the fishery management issues that have arisen in recent years, has been the decline in steelhead, lake trout, brown trout, salmon, whitefish, walleye, perch and every game fish in Lake Michigan. These population issues are not resolved with adding miles of gill nets, no state observers at weigh stations, no weigh stations, no control on daily take, and no intervention from the state until the 3-year mark, where all population may be irreversibly harmed by the large and small mesh gill nets. The proposed "honor system" of reporting is not a solution.

Considering the great expense of the state and federal hatcheries rearing and stocking as well as the value of these tributary fisheries to local economies, the LMCFAC is not in support of this proposed consent decree. We hope that the DNR Leadership, the GLFT, the NRC, The State AG's Office, and the Governor's office will consider this lack of support state-wide and begin anew with tribal options that protect the fishery.

Sincerely, [Insert Signature]

Denny Grinold

Chair

Lake Michigan Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee

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Member, LMCFAC

PG 11 The Outdoor Adventure Center—Visiting Up North, Downtown

On April 2, 2023 I took my 4 year old grand twins to the Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC), 1801 Atwater Street, Detroit, Michigan, 48207. Facebook.com/MIOOutdoorAdventureCenter. A Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Facility. Open Wednesday 10 am - 3 pm. Friday 10 am – 3 pm. Saturday 10 am – 5 pm. Sunday noon—3 pm. In my case it was an opportunity to do something with the grand twins where I would not need to take out a second mortgage to entertain them at a Zoo or amusement park. The OAC is a family-friendly Detroit destination that brings Michigan's woods, water and wildlife inside a three-story, 40,000-square-foot building. With plenty of hands-on exhibits that replicate the Michigan outdoors the kids had a great experience while being exposed to countless outdoor and wildlife educational exhibits. The family had great time and the grand twins wore me out again. We will do this again sometime but we will avoid the next free admission days which was what April 2 was. This is not a negative on the DNR folks who operate the space, they did a marvelous job managing up to 700 people, but it was just too crowded for me while watching over to young kids who were charged up and ready to go. I will bring other grandchildren there sometime soon but gladly pay the entry fee of \$3 for seniors and children (\$5 for 61 and under). Check-it-out as it was a good experience for us.....Dan Chisholm



Thanks to board member Rob Pinsky, an improved fish weighing scale is now available for AOTY events. Purchased through EBAY, affordable, dual power (rechargeable battery and plug-in), this new scale will be much easier to use for our events. The scale this replaces was much more difficult to read plus this one has more options.



Detroit Area Steelheader Meeting Dates and Location

As a general rule all membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month. There are instances where a holiday may cause an adjustment for that month. Indoor meetings during cold months begin at 7:30 pm. Meetings in the River Bends Park* will begin at 7:30 in May but will begin earlier as we must adjust for earlier nightfall.

| Meeting Date | Time | Location | Speaker |
|--------------------|------|--|--|
| May 30, 2023 | 7:00 | River Bends Park, 22 Mil Rd Shelby Twp. MI. | National Weather Service (NWS) Richard Pollman |
| June 27, 2023 | 7:30 | River Bends Park | Dave Caroffino DNR Fisheries Div |
| July 25, 2023 | 7:30 | River Bends Park | TBD |
| August 29, 2023 | 7:30 | River Bends Park | James Anderson (shore walleye fishing) (Club Potluck Picnic and swap meet) |
| September 26, 2023 | 7:30 | Club 54 | TBD |
| October 31, 2023 | 7:30 | Club 54 | TBD |
| November 28, 2023 | 7:30 | Club 54 | TBD |
| December 19, 2023 | 7:30 | Club 54 Annual Mtg | Elections, awards, celebration & Salmon Clause |

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MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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Membership Expires:



Upcoming Dates

- May 16 Board of Directors Mtg
- May 20 SOTY Grand Haven (two day)
- May 30 Members Mtg (River Bends Park)
- June 3 SOTY Harbor Beach
- June 10 AOTY St. Clair River Walleye
- June 10 Auburn Hills Kids Outing (Saturday and Sunday)
- June 27 Members Mtg (River Bends)

**This, from a retired Priest, commenting on our contemporary,
cultural, social and political environment.**

**“It’s not enough to just pull the weeds, sometimes
we have to take some time to plant some flowers.”**