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Tuesday, August 29, 2023 Membership Meeting River Bends Park (Recap)

One of our better meetings Tuesday night. I always like it when our featured speaker is one of our members and that's what we enjoyed this month. James Anderson did a good job demonstrating how he fishes for Walleye on the Detroit river. He discussed the equipment, the technique, and timing for success. The meeting was well attended as we also included a pot-luck and swap meet.

Please Note:

The September DAS Member Meeting will be held on September 26 at Club 54 starting at "7:00 PM".

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Sept 26, 2023 Membership Meeting 7:00 PM. "Back to Club 54" Featured Speaker "Fisher Brad"



PG.2 Remaining 2023 AOTY Event Schedule

Date	Location	Port Captain/Coordinator
Sept 30, 2023	Manistee River (Steelhead/Salmon)	J. Anderson L.Gamblin
Oct 14, 2023	AuSable River (Steelhead/Salmon)	Gary Gross
Oct 28, 2023	Manistee River/Pier/Beach (Steelhead)	M. Wyrick A. Kulpa
Nov 4, 2023	Manistee River/Pier/Surf (Steelhead)	Bob Paradise
Dec 9, 2023	Caseville River (Lake Trout)	Rob Pinsky

Remaining DAS Member Meeting Dates and Locations

Meeting Date	Time	Location	Speaker
September 26, 2023	7:00	Club 54	Fisher Brad
October 31, 2023	7:00	Club 54	Jay Wesley
November 28, 2023	7:00	Club 54	Randy Tarran
December 19, 2023	7:00	Club 54 Annual Mtg	Elections, celebration Salmon Clause

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Pg 3 Angler of the Year Outing Saturday, Sept 9 LSC Harley Ensign (Perch)

Perch Outing 09-09-23

The outing began at 7:00 am at Harlen Ensign Boat Launch on Lake St. Clair. It was chilly and a bit windy and it was a sure sign that fall was in the air. We had 23 people attend. Some fished South towards Detroit and most went out to the shipping channel.

The perch were running small with a few big ones mixed in. The bite was slow. Fishing ended at 1:00 pm. We had a nice lunch of Pizza, BBQ and regular wings, antipasto salad and drinks. After lunch the fish were weighed.

1st place and Big Fish went to Gaspare Aragona with 27.1 points.

2nd place went to Fred Chartier with 27.05 points.

3rd place went to Kevin Longly with 26.82 points.

There was a tie for 3rd place between Joe Von Grabe and Kevin Longly each with 26.82 points.

The tie was broken by the weight of the biggest fish. Kevin .52 and Joe .44

Thanks to all that attended and hope to see you at the next Outing on September 30. Fish On!

Gaspare

Angler of the Year LSC Harley Ensign Standings

AOTY Lake St Clair Outing (Perch) - Sat. September 9, 2023

L Rank	Angler's Name	Statu	Entry Fee	Big Fish Fe	Qty Fish	5 Tot Wg	Fish Pt	Heaviest F	Tot Pts	Place
1	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	OC	\$10.00	5	2.10	25	0.77	27.10	1
2	FRED CHARTIER	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	2.05	25	0.57	27.05	2
3	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	1.82	25	0.52	26.82	3
4	JOE VON GRABE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	1.82	25	0.44	26.82	4
5	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	1.54	25	0.39	26.54	5
6	DENIS HARPER	M	\$15.00		5	1.34	25	0.00	26.34	6
7	STEVE GENOFF	M	\$15.00		3	1.24	15	0.00	16.24	7
8	BOB KSIONZEK	M	\$15.00		3	0.78	15	0.32	15.78	8
9	CURTIS WILLIAMS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	3	0.70	15	0.28	15.70	9
10	BOB FEISEL	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	2	0.46	10	0.26	10.46	10
11	TODD RIDLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	0.29	5	0.29	5.29	11
12	MARK WYRICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	0.24	5	0.24	5.24	12
13	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	0.21	5	0.21	5.21	13
14	ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	0.19	5	0.19	5.19	14
15	MIKE LOLLI	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	JIM ZANKE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	DON JASMAN	M	\$15.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	CHERYL JASMAN	M	\$15.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	AMY	G	\$15.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	TERRY MCCANE	G	\$15.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	SUE MCCANE	G	\$15.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	JOHN	G	\$15.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	ERNEST	G	\$15.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15
15	RAKAI	G	\$15.00		0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	15

Status Legend M=Member G=Guest Y=Youth (Free Entry)

OC = Outing Chairman

Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers
\$345.00	24

Total Big Fish Fees
\$130.00

Angler	Heaviest Fish	Payout
GASPARE ARAGONA	0.77	\$66.00

Angler	2nd Heaviest Fish	Payout
FRED CHARTIER	0.57	\$40.00

Angler	3rd Heaviest Fish	Payout
KEVIN LONGLEY	0.52	\$26.00

Tie Breaker for Total Points is Heaviest Fish



Angler of the Year Standings (Year to Date)

2023 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings

TODAY: 9/11/2023

Entrant's Name	1-21 MR	2-05 SF	3-11 LexS	3-25 MA	4-22 OS	5-13 AL	6-10 SCF	7-15 Aug	9-09 LSC	9-30 MA	10-14 OS	10-28 M	11-04 M	12-09 CV	Best 5	Place
1 KEVIN LONGLEY	3	2	1	50	50	75	8	2	3	75	75	75	75	75	11	1
2 BOB PARADISE	4	1	5	50	3	16	15	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	18	2
3 MARK WYRICK	9	75	3	50	6	1	2	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	21	3
4 GASPARE ARAGONA	2	50	2	50	5	75	17	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	27	4
5 DANIEL CHISHOLM	1	75	50	75	75	10	18	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	84	5
6 JAMES ANDERSON	7	50	75	3	50	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	119	6
7 NATE CASE	75	50	50	5	75	75	14	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	122	7
8 NATE CASE JR	75	50	50	50	75	21	11	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	133	8
9 ANNA KULPA	50	50	50	50	50	2	22	75	14	75	75	75	75	75	138	9
10 BOB KSIONZEK	50	75	75	75	75	5	6	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	144	10
11 ROB PINSKEY	5	75	75	75	75	8	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	166	11
12 TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	75	12	1	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	174	12
13 LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	6	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	182	13
14 BLAISE PEWINSKI	50	75	75	75	50	15	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	194	14
15 RABIH ABDALLAH	75	75	50	4	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	206	15
16 LUCAS MAIANI	75	75	4	50	75	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	216	16
17 ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	50	75	50	75	75	50	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	234	17
18 BILL HOFFMAN	75	75	75	75	75	7	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	237	18
19 FRED CHARTIER	75	75	75	75	75	75	16	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	243	19
20 ED PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	13	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	245	20
21 TOM GORGUZE	75	75	75	75	75	11	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	246	21
22 ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	1	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	248	22
23 BOB FEISEL	75	75	75	75	75	75	21	75	10	75	75	75	75	75	256	23
24 SAMUEL ANDERSON	8	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	258	24
25 CURTIS WILLIAMS	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	259	25
26 GARY GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	281	26
27 HAYDEN PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	14	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	289	27
28 TOM THIEDA	75	75	75	75	75	50	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	298	28
29 DON JASMAN	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	300	29
30 JOE BAKER	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	30
31 TERRICK PATTERSON	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	31
31 ANDREW STOCKTON	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	31
33 JOE VON GRABE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	304	33
33 JON NEEF	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	304	33
35 MARK CARLSON	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	35
35 DENIS HARPER	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	306	35
37 STEVE GENOFF	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	307	37
38 ART RING	75	75	75	75	75	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	317	38
39 CHRIS NYTKO	75	75	75	75	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	318	39
40 JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	319	40
41 STAN BILEK	75	75	75	75	75	20	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	320	41
41 ANN PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	20	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	320	41
43 MIKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	322	43
43 MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	322	43
45 JIM PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	24	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	324	45
46 KYLE COVIK	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	46
46 BRAD WALTON	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	46
46 JANETTE HARREN	75	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	46
46 VIRGINIA WILLIAMS	75	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	46
50 GIL GRAFTON	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 KEVIN GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 LIZ KULPA	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 WILLIAM KUHN	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 PAUL GJELDUM	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 MARK EICKHOLDT	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 TOM BLYTHE	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 CHRIS CASE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 JIM ZANKE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	350	50
50 MIKE LOLLI	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	350	50

Determining AOTY Points

Place at Individual Event
50 for Participating but No Fish
75 for Not Participating

Frankfort Standings														8/12/2023			
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weigh	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total Wt	Best 5 Total Pt	Best 4 Total Wt	Deduction Code	Points Deducte	Total Points	Place		
1	Equalizer	Nathan Case	5	K 19.10	K 18.25	K 12.60	K 12.55	K 9.90	72.40	97.40	62.50	NONE	0.00	97.40	1		
2	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	5	K 15.70	K 15.20	K 14.95	K 14.20	S 9.70	69.75	94.75	60.05	NONE	0.00	94.75	2		
3	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	4	K 21.05	K 18.65	K 12.10	K 9.00	-----	60.80	80.80	60.80	NONE	0.00	80.80	3		
4	Wonder	Joe Delisi	5	K 18.25	K 15.70	L 8.90	K 6.90	S 3.35	53.10	78.10	49.75	NONE	0.00	78.10	4		
5	Moonshot	Brad Walton	2	C 5.50	C 4.85	-----	-----	-----	10.35	20.35	10.35	NONE	0.00	20.35	5		
6	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	1	C 5.45	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.45	10.45	5.45	NONE	0.00	10.45	6		

L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	
	Vicki's Seacret	Salmon	21.05		
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool Salmon	21.05		\$60
	Vicki's Seacret	King	21.05	18	
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool King	21.05		
	Sloppy Joe	Coho	6.30	8	
	Sloppy Joe	Pool Coho	6.30		
	Wonder	Lake Trout	8.90	1	
	Wonder	Pool LT	8.90		\$30
	Sloppy Joe	Steelhead	9.70	3	
	Sloppy Joe	Pool Steelhead	9.70		\$30
		Brown	0.00	0	
		Atlantic	0.00	0	
	Pool Atlantic	0.00			
	Pink	0.00	0		
	Pool Pink	0.00			
	Total		30		

Deduction Code LEGEND	
NRRC	= No Response Role Call
LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified
G	= Guest

Another huge "thank you" to Anna Kulpa for publishing entertaining and accurate reports like this one, on DAS Club events.

On Saturday Aug 12, Detroit Area Steelheaders were going to have their last SOTY Skipper Outing in Frankfort. The night before brought in some dark clouds and some angry storms rolled in through the area, causing high winds and waves from 4 to 6 ft that morning. Due to the safety of our members the outing was delayed to Sunday August 13. Sunday morning was cloudy and cool and the waves had calmed down a bit so that members could fish the last Hoorah of the season. The morning ride was still bumpy as well as the fishing during the day. Members scattered everywhere from straight out of Frankfort to North as far as Betsie Point and South around the Herring Hole. Lines were dropped at 6 am and pulled at 11am. At 9 am fish call, all captains reported of having fish, although some had quite the count in their boxes compared to others. Yet there was still time to catch up before lines were pulled, so it was anyone's game. Weigh-in was held at the docks in Frankfort Municipal Marina. 1st place went to Equalizer at 97.40 lbs, 2nd place Sloppy Joe at 94.75 lbs, Vicki's Seacret at 80.80 lbs. Big Salmon goes to Vicki's Seacret at 21.05 lbs, Big Lake Trout to Wonder at 8.90 lbs, and Big Steelhead to Sloppy Joe at 9.7 lbs. Big Thank You to Nathan Case Sr., [Kristyne Carian Case](#), and [Nathan Case](#) for hosting the outing and providing a wonderful italian lunch from Vita Bella Italian Kitchen, of Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, and salad. Along with some wonderful homemade desserts. Thank you to all captain's and crew members for attending and ending our SOTY Outings in Frankfort for the year while making making memories doing what we all love to do. See you all next year for more DAS SOTY Outings. Although the SOTY Outings are completed for the year, there are still a handful of AOTY Outings scheduled for the last 4 months. Next up is the Perch Outing out of Lake St. Clair on September 9. Hope to see most of you there. FISH ON!!



How to Make Maple Salmon:

You'll find the full, step-by-step recipe below — but here's a brief overview of what you can expect when you make maple salmon at home:

1. Make the marinade and cut the salmon into fillets.
2. Marinate in the fridge for at least 30 minutes.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until the fish flakes easily.

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- ¼ teaspoon garlic salt
- ⅛ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 pound salmon

Directions:

Stir maple syrup, soy sauce, garlic, garlic salt, and pepper together in a small bowl.

Cut salmon into 4 equal-sized fillets; place in a shallow glass baking dish and coat with maple syrup mixture. Cover the dish and marinate salmon in the refrigerator for 30 minutes, turning once halfway.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Place the baking dish in the preheated oven and bake salmon uncovered until flesh easily flakes with a fork, about 20 minutes.

DAS Board of Directors Election

Every year, during our December annual membership meeting, there is an election of officers to represent the club for a three year term. The terms of the board members are designed such that each year there are a few board members whose terms expire while the majority of the board remains intact. This allows for continuity while also providing the opportunity to welcome a new member to the board.

It is not too early to begin thinking about this Decembers election. If you want to contribute. If you want your voice and ideas to be represented, consider running for election this December. A board member will be selected to coordinate the election during the next couple of months. When you see that announcement, make your feeling known. If not you, maybe there is another member you would like to nominate. Don't be shy, make your feelings known.

Skipper of the Year Standings 2023										FINAL				Best 4
Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Manistee	Ludington	Frankfort	Total Points					
1	Equalizer	Nathan Case	4	2	7	7	2	1	1	6				
2	Wonder	Joe Delisi	3	1	2	2	50	11	4	8				
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	6	3	4	75	1	7	2	10				
4	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	7	5	1	1	6	4	6	11				
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	5	6	5	4	7	5	3	17				
6	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	2	8	3	5	75	8	75	18				
7	Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	75	75	75	5	3	5	88				
8	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	75	75	75	75	4	2	75	156				
9	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	75	75	75	3	75	6	75	159				
10	Rangy Lil	Mike Mioduszewski	75	7	50	75	50	75	75	182				
11	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	50	9	75	75	75	75	75	209				
12	Kingfish	Scott Campbell	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	226				
13	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	228				
14	Silent Majority	Jason Sherrill	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	229				
15	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	231				
16	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	234				
17	Old Like Me	Dave Deronge	75	75	75	75	75	10	75	235				
18	No Name	Marc Traver	75	75	75	75	75	12	75	237				

		St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Manistee	Ludington	Frankfort	Total For Year
Number Caught	No. of Boats	8	9	8	8	9	12	6	60
	Kings	11	52	1	6	14	28	18	130
	Cohos	0	2	3	8	1	4	8	26
	Lake Trout	9	2	29	65	2	1	1	109
	Steelhead	1	0	6	7	3	8	3	28
	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantics	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	6
	Pinks	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Totals	21	56	42	90	20	41	30	300

LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR				
Species	WGT. (lbs.)	Boat Name		Port
King	27.60	Vicki's Seacret		Ludington
Coho	6.40	Two Hearted	*	Presque Isle
Coho	6.30	Sloppy Joe		Frankfort
Lake Trout	12.80	Two Hearted	*	Presque Isle
Lake Trout	10.95	Wonder		Harbor Beach
Steelhead	10.45	Bad Dog		Ludington
Brown	0.00			
Atlantic	3.90	Vicki's Seacret		Harbor Beach
Pink	1.85	Lake Buzzard		Presque Isle



NOTE:
BEST 4 SCORES WILL DETERMINE SOTY AT SEASON'S END.
OFFICIAL 1st TIE BREAKER IS BEST 5 SCORES.

IN "LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR" BELOW, * INDICATES GUEST BOAT (NON-MEMBER) AND NO PLAQUE WILL BE GIVEN.

Congratulations to Nate Case & his crew on the "Equalizer" for the 2023

DAS Skipper of the Year (SOTY) Honor!

Award Presentations will be at the Annual Meeting/Christmas Party in Dec. at Club 54.

Angler of the Year Outing Au Sable River October 14, 2023

The Au Sable river outing will be on October 14th

Starting at 6:00am. Pull lines at 1:00pm

Weigh in will be at the Au Sable River store located at 680 West River Road.

The three best steelhead or salmon by weight.

\$15.00 entry fee Option \$10.00 big fish contest.

Lunch will follow at the Au Sable Inn located at 600 S State St .

Contact Gary Gross at 586-291-1290 by Wednesday October 11th

This article concerning the latest information regarding the tribal agreement comes from the Friday, August 25 Macomb Daily. Credited, Andrew Muiri—Great Lakes Fishing Commission VIA AP, FILE.

A federal judge on Thursday approved an agreement between four Native American tribes and state and federal regulatory agencies to revise a fishing policy covering parts of three of the Great Lakes.

The deal extends for 24 years a system overseeing commercial and sport fishing in sections of lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior covered by an 1836 treaty. Those areas are covered within the U.S. and under Michigan's jurisdiction.

The agreement "respects and promotes tribal fishing rights and opportunities, yet it also preserves the Great Lakes fishery and recognizes the shared nature of the resource," U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney said in a written opinion.

He overruled the objections from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians—which refused to join the talks because it contends that the state has no authority over its fishing operations—and a sports fishing coalition that argued the deal would allow excessive catches of struggling species, particularly whitefish and lake trout.

In addition to the state and federal governments, participants in the deal include the Bay Mills Indian Community, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Little River Bands of Odawa Indians.

The tribes are descended from Odawa and Ojibway nations, described collectively as Anishinaabek, that under the treaty ceded lands comprising nearly 40% of Michigan's eventual territory. They retained hunting and fishing rights.

Rising tensions between tribal commercial operations and sport anglers led to a fishery management pact in 1985, which was updated in 2000. That version was due to expire two years ago but was extended to allow continued negotiations.

"We look forward to continuing to work with our federal and tribal partners, as well as our constituents, to effectively manage these world class fisheries of the Great Lakes for the benefit of current and future generations," said Shannon Lott, acting director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The agreement, like its predecessors, sets zones where tribal fishing crews can operate and areas where commercial fishing is prohibited. It deals with topics such as catch limits and which gear tribal operations can use.

Particularly controversial is the tribes' use of gill nets, an effective tool that hangs in the water like a wall. Critics say they indiscriminately catch and kill too many fish. The new deal let tribes use the net in more places, with restrictions on depth in the water they're placed, the times of year they're used and how much netting is deployed.

"Expanded gill netting now allowed in bays and other areas of the lakes that haven't had them for more than 40 years will cause social and biological consequences," said Tony Radjenovich, president of the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources.

Under the 2000 pact, Michigan spent more than \$14 million paying tribal operations to transition from gill nets to trap nets, which are more selective.

But the latest version continues catch ceilings to keep populations from dropping too low, so the type of net the tribes use is irrelevant, Maloney said in his 139-page opinion.

"Whether they meet that harvest limit quickly by using the efficient method of gill nets, or whether they meet that harvest limit over time by using less efficient means of fishing, the tribes are still subject to the same harvest limits regardless of gear used," the judge said.

Jim Johnson, a retired Michigan DNR fisheries biologist who submitted an affidavit supporting the sport fishing coalition, said expanded gill netting could cause further drop-offs of whitefish and lake trout. Both have plummeted in recent decades as invasive mussels unraveled Great Lakes food chains, he said.

"We're just going to have to be vigilant and hope the state will intervene in a timely fashion" if the numbers fall further, Johnson said.

Although the coalition wasn't allowed to participate in the negotiations, Maloney said they could appeal his ruling. Johnson said they would consider it.

Bill Rastetter, attorney for the Grand Traverse Band, said the agreement "fairly allocates the fishery resource among the competing interests."

It assures that the state, acting on behalf of sport anglers, and tribes "will continue their cooperative fishery management, in contrast to the open warfare of four decades ago," he said.

DAS newsletter editors comment: The success of the agreement approved by Judge Maloney will, in large part, depend upon the success of the state regulatory agencies charged with monitoring the catch limits. If those agencies are vigilant and if the penalties for over-catch are strong enough to be a deterrent, the agreement could work. Based upon my individual observation of state regulatory agencies over my lifetime, I'm not holding my breath.

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Sept 12	BOD Meeting
Sept 26	Member Meeting Club 54
Sept 30	AOTY Manistee River Steelhead/Salmon
Oct 17	BOD Meeting
Oct 14	AOTY AuSable River Steelhead/Salmon
Oct 28	AOTY Manistee River/Beach/Pier Steelhead
Oct 31	Member Meeting Club 54

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