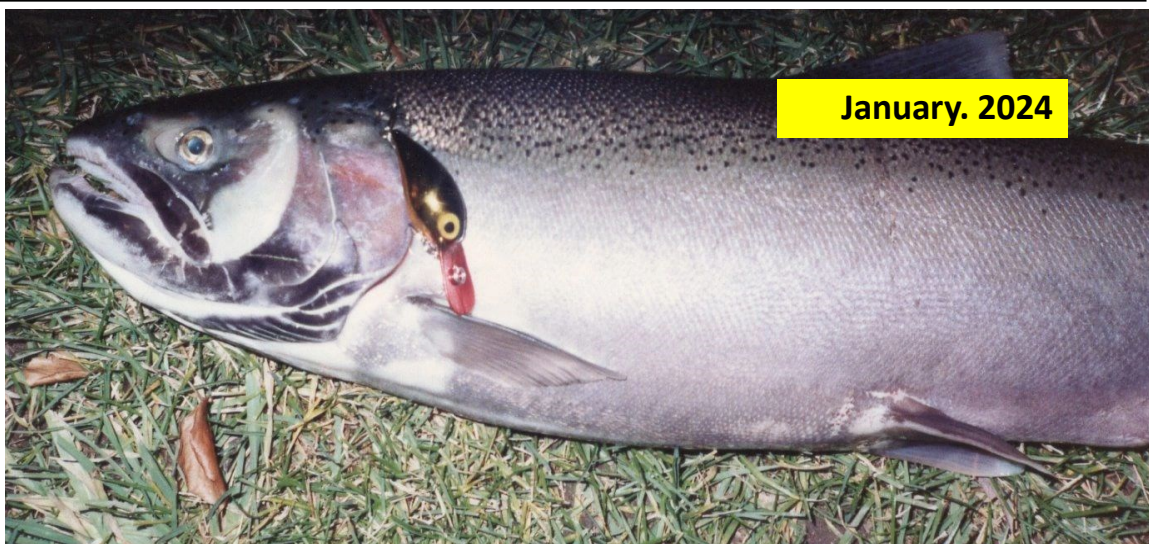




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January. 2024

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www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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The President's Year in Review

Year Two as president went a little smoother than the first year. As the days grow shorter and the sun sets before dinner, it's a good time to reflect on our accomplishments, thank all those that make our club a success, and make plans for the coming year.

The 2023 Wild Game Dinner was a huge success! This is our primary fundraiser to support the club's annual expenses. A special **"THANK YOU"** goes out to **Carl and Kellie Ventimiglia!!!** Carl not only organizes the dinner, but arranges the hall, food, and purchases all the prizes. It's a tremendous amount of work and he did a fantastic job again! This year's Wild Game Dinner will be held **March 2, 2024** at a new hall, **Century Banquet Center, 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights, 48312**. Across from the Maple Lane Golf Club. We look forward to the support of our membership. A special thanks to Kellie for all the work she does in making our Christmas Meeting a success! She purchases all the gifts and wraps them for Salmon Claus to give out.

Many people don't realize the effort it takes to maintain and organize the Steelheaders. Thanks goes out to Blaise Pewinski and Mark Williams for arranging our great monthly speakers. They have covered everything from ice fishing to the health of the Great Lakes.

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Besides his treasurer duties, Rod Elnick supports Salmon In The Classroom. He sets up and maintains six tanks in various schools and orchestrates the releases of the hatchlings.

Dan Chisholm provides our monthly newsletter to keep the membership informed.

Bob Ksionzek maintains the web site and membership files.

Bob Feisel schedules and supports the boat tournaments.

Blaise Pewinski, Bob Paradise, and Rob Pinsky organize the many Angler Outings.

Anna Kulpa and Mark Wyrick for volunteering to do the raffles each month.

Also, I would like to thank all the directors and members that I might have missed, whose efforts keep our club alive and functioning throughout the year.

2023 was an extremely successful year. The 7 Skipper Of The Year Tournaments covered ports from St. Joe to Presque Isle. We cover ports on both Lake Michigan and Lake Huron. Participation averaged more than 8 boats and the Ludington event hosted 12 boats. Of the 13 Angler of The Year Events so far this year, events averaged more than 20 participants. The Manistee and St. Clair River events always draw great numbers.

The Steelheaders also supported two kids fishing events, both physically and financially. The Shelby Township and the Auburn Hills children's events were extremely successful in promoting fishing to today's youths.

Our membership numbers have been steady over the past few years. We have approximately 170 current members. There is a constant effort to attract new, active members. This is accomplished through word of mouth, exposure at our outings and tournaments, and sponsorship of a booth at the Ultimate Fishing Show. The 2023 show produced 20 new members! In reality we not just looking for bodies. We are looking for people to participate in our meetings, outings, tournaments, and share their experiences, expertise, techniques, and knowledge. This makes us a successful organization!

In closing, the membership has made it another great year for the Detroit Area Steelheaders. I am looking forward to next year, more great speakers, member participation, outings, and tournaments.

Jim Zanke - President

2023/2024 Election of DAS Board of Directors

The annual meeting gives our membership the opportunity to have a voice in the operation of our fishing club. We have thirteen existing board members. Four of those existing board members will have their term expire at the end of 2023. Every election, we ask members to step up and work with us in an effort to get new blood with new ideas so the club keeps moving forward. For the 2023 annual meeting, all four of the expiring term board members agreed to run for another three year term. Add to that, Kevin Longley also agreed to step up and help us out by agreeing to run for his first three year term.

The slate presented to membership was:

- Bob Paradise
- Bob Feisel
- Blaise Pewinski
- Carl Ventimiglia
- Kevin Longley

All five of the members presented on this years ballot were re-elected by our membership for a three year term set to expire in December of 2026. First order of business at the January Board of Directors meeting will be to select the club officers, and then we will decide where each at-large director fits on each club committee. Stay tuned, it will be fun.

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- New Member - \$35 Yearly** **Renewal - \$35 Yearly**
- Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly** **Address Change only**
- Special Event Rate (New Members Only)- \$20**

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NAME		DATE
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24TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

Saturday March 2nd, 2024 - Doors @5 Dinner @6

\$80 / Ticket includes Wild Game Dinner and Full Open Bar.

Email: Cvvent@gmail.com for Advanced Tickets.

Gun Raffles, Table Raffles, Meat Coolers,
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MC: Billy Hoffman - Two Time Best Selling Outdoors Author and
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There will be 7 Boat Trolling tournaments in 2024:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
May 4	St Joe	Stan Bilek	6 am – 1 pm
May 18-19	Grand Haven	Jim Zanke	6 am – 1 pm (Saturday) 6 am – 11 am (Sunday)
June 15	Harbor Beach	Joe Von Grabe	5:30 am – 1 pm
June 29	Pentwater	Allen Devoll	5:30 am – 1 pm
July 13	Presque Isle	Blaise Pewinski	5:30 am – 1 pm
July 27	Ludington	TBD	6 am – 1 pm
August 10	Manistee	Nate Case	6 am – 1 pm

A Skipper’s best 4 tournament scores will count towards the Skipper of the Year Award. The entry fee will be \$15 per person. The optional Big Fish bet remains at \$20 / boat and is divided into 3 separate pools: Big Salmon for \$10 per boat, Big Steelhead for \$5 per boat, and Big Lake Trout for \$5 per boat. All 3 pools must be entered to participate. Tournament entry fees and Big Fish bets will be collected at the weigh-in and lunch will be provided at the weigh-in. There are no Skipper’s meetings prior to the tournament. Skippers should register at least 3 days prior to the tournament. Entry forms are available on the DAS website: detroitsteelheaders.com/2024-entry-form.

Tournament rules are posted on the DAS website: detroitsteelheaders.com/2024-schedule. For more information about our boat trolling tournaments contact:

Chairman Bob Feisel (248-765-2504). We look forward to seeing you on the water!

2023 SKIPPER OF THE YEAR Summary

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



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.

	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Manistee	Ludington	Frankfort	Total For Year
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

Date	Location/Species	Coordinator
January 20	Lake St. Clair/Perch	TBD
February 3	Lake St. Clair/Perch	TBD
February 17	Saginaw Bay/Walleye	TBD
March 23	Manistee/Steelhead	TBD
April 20	Oscoda/Steelhead	Gary Gross
May 11	St. Clair River/Walleye/Algonac	Tom Gorguze
June 1	St. Clair River/Walleye/St. Clair	Rob Pinskey
July	Open	TBD
August	Open	TBD
September 14	Lake St. Clair/Perch	Gaspare Aragona
September 28	Manistee River/Salmon	James Anderson
October 5	AuSable River/Salmon	Gary Gross
October 26	Manistee/Steelhead	TBD
November 2	Manistee/Steelhead/Surf	Bob Paradise
December 7	Caseville/Lake Trout	Rob Pinskey

2023 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings

TODAY: 12/11/2023

Entrant's Name	1-21 M	2-05 S	3-11 L	3-25 M	4-22 OS	5-13 A	6-10 SC	7-15 AI	9-09 LS	9-30 M	10-14 O	10-28 M	11-04 M	12-09 C	Best 5	Place
1 BOB PARADISE	4	1	5	50	3	16	15	75	5	3	2	1	1	50	8	1
2 GASPARE ARAGONA	2	50	2	50	5	75	17	75	1	2	50	3	50	50	10	2
3 KEVIN LONGLEY	3	2	1	50	50	75	8	2	3	6	5	50	50	50	11	3
4 MARK WYRICK	9	75	3	50	6	1	2	75	12	8	50	50	50	50	20	4
5 NATE CASE JR	75	50	50	50	75	21	11	1	75	5	4	2	50	50	23	5
6 JAMES ANDERSON	7	50	75	3	50	9	75	75	75	4	3	50	50	50	26	6
7 DANIEL CHISHOLM	1	75	50	75	75	10	18	5	75	75	50	50	75	50	84	7
8 RABIH ABDALLAH	75	75	50	4	2	75	75	75	75	1	50	50	75	50	107	8
9 NATE CASE	75	50	50	5	75	75	14	3	75	50	75	75	50	50	122	9
10 ANNA KULPA	50	50	50	50	50	2	22	75	14	50	50	50	50	50	138	10
11 BOB PINSKEY	5	75	75	75	75	8	3	75	75	75	75	75	50	141	11	11
12 BOB KSIONZEK	50	75	75	75	75	5	6	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	144	12
13 LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	6	1	75	75	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	157	13
14 KAREN LONGLEY	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	4	13	50	50	50	50	50	167	14
15 BLAISE PEWINSKI	50	75	75	75	50	15	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	169	15
16 TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	75	12	1	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	174	16
17 KRISTYNE CASE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	1	50	50	50	201	17
18 BRAD WALTON	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	7	75	50	50	50	207	18
19 SAMUEL ANDERSON	8	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	50	50	50	75	50	208	19
20 CURTIS WILLIAMS	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	9	50	50	50	50	50	209	20
21 LUCAS MAIANI	75	75	4	50	75	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	216	21
22 ANDREW STOCKTON	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	50	50	50	228	22
23 BOB FEISEL	75	75	75	75	75	75	21	75	10	75	75	75	50	75	231	23
24 ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	50	75	50	75	75	50	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	234	24
25 BILL HOFFMAN	75	75	75	75	75	7	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	237	25
26 FRED CHARTIER	75	75	75	75	75	75	16	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	243	26
27 ED PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	13	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	245	27
28 TOM GORGUZE	75	75	75	75	75	11	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	246	28
29 ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	1	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	248	29
30 DON JASMAN	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	50	50	75	50	50	50	250	30
31 GARY GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	6	75	75	50	75	75	75	256	31
32 JANETTE HARREN	75	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	50	75	275	32
33 VIRGINIA WILLIAMS	75	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	50	75	275	32
34 DENIS HARPER	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	50	281	34
34 MARK CARLSON	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	281	34
37 STEVE GENOFF	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	50	75	282	36
37 HAYDEN PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	14	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	289	37
38 ART RING	75	75	75	75	75	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	292	38
39 TOM THIEDA	75	75	75	75	75	50	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	298	39
40 DAN WHITMILL	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	50	50	75	300	40
40 KYLE COVIK	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	300	40
40 LIZ KULPA	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	50	300	40
43 NICK JONES	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	1	301	43
44 BRADLEY DYER	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	2	302	44
44 JOE BAKER	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	44
46 TERRICK PATTERSON	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	46
47 JOE VON GRABE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	304	47
47 JON NEEF	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	304	47
49 CHRIS NYTKO	75	75	75	75	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	318	49
50 JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	319	50
51 ANN PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	20	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	320	51
51 STAN BILEK	75	75	75	75	75	20	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	320	51
53 MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	322	53
53 MIKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	322	53
55 JIM PAEHLIG	75	75	75	75	75	24	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	324	55
56 AUSTIN SCHROEDER	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	56
56 CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 CHRIS VENTIMIGLIA	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	56
56 GIL GRAFTON	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 JIM ZANKE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 KAHLED ABDALLAH	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 KEVIN GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 MARK EICKHOLDT	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 MIKE LOLLI	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 PAUL GJELDUM	75	75	75	75	75	90	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 ROD ELNICK	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 SCOTT GROESBECK	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	56
56 STEVE SCHROEDER	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	56
56 STEVE ZURAWSKI	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	56
56 TOM BLYTHE	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	56
56 WILLIAM KUHN	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	56

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

AOTY LARGEST FISH of the YEAR		
LARGEST SALMON WGT.(lbs.)	CAUGHT BY	EVENT
25.81	GASPARE ARAGONA	09/30/23 Manistee
LARGEST STEELHEAD WGT.(lbs.)	CAUGHT BY	EVENT
13.36	ROGER PARADISE	03/25/23 Manistee
LARGEST LAKE TROUT WGT.(lbs.)	CAUGHT BY	EVENT
9.41	NICK JONES	12/09/23 Caserville

The Detroit Steelheaders 2023 AOTY season consisted of fourteen outings where individuals competed to demonstrate several different fishing disciplines. Presenting skills in boat trolling, river wading, pier fishing, ice fishing, and bank fishing skills are required if you wish to become our “Angler of the Year”. Each of our events target a single species where your catch will be compared to the other competitors for top honors where you hope to win “angler of the year” points. AOTY outings target wall-eye, perch, salmon, steelhead, and lake trout. Each venue, or port, is different, where you may be fishing a lake or river from Lake Huron, Lake St. Clair, Manistee, AuGres, Caseville, or Oscoda just to name a few.

As I pointed out earlier you may be fishing from a boat during one outing, or a pier, or on the ice, or in a stream or off the bank. They all need different skills so its difficult to become the “AOTY” for any given year. Each individual outing is scored and a record is kept for each individual who competes. Your individual score will be determined by your best five event scores from the fourteen different events. The angler who achieves the best score for any event will be recorded as a 1. The second place angler will be recorded as a 2, and so on. Add up your best five event scores of the fourteen events to arrive at your AOTY total for the season. Lowest individual score of your best five outings wins AOTY honors for that season. Awards are given to the top three anglers during our annual meeting in December following the Caseville pier, lake trout outing. We also recognize the overall big fish categories for salmon, steelhead, and lake trout.

Each AOTY event culminates with a weigh-in and a shore lunch where we all get together to celebrate or complain, as the case may be. The whole point is to be outdoors doing what we love to do, fishing with friends and enjoying the great outdoors. What can be better than that?

The 2023 season started with perch fishing on Lk. St Clair, then we moved to steelhead on the Manistee and Oscoda, then we targeted the St Clair river for walleye. Our next outings were back to Manistee and then Oscoda river fishing for steelhead. We try to get an outing out from Harbor Beach but the weather does not always cooperate before we end the season in Caseville pier fishing for lake trout.

Our AOTY program has been very successful over the last few years as evidenced by the increasing numbers of competitors showing up to try their hand. Whatever is causing this success, its happening and I believe the success will continue. Come on out and join us, we would love to have you. There are inexpensive membership opportunities where you can check-us-out. Just look back to page three of this newsletter where you can find a membership application and choose the membership that suits you.

I hope to see you at a 2024 AOTY event soon!

On Tuesday December 19, 2023 the Detroit Area Steelheaders held our annual meeting as required by our by-laws. While it is a required meeting it is really much more. It is a celebration of all of the activities of the past year. We elect the new board of directors and thank those directors who are stepping down. We present awards for Skipper of the Year and Angler of the Year. We present awards for “Member of the Year”, “Director of the Year”, followed by big king salmon, big steelhead, and big Lake Trout caught during the past year.

After the election and awards are completed the real fun begins as we introduce all the members children to Salmon-Clause! Salmon-Clause presents gifts to all the children. No gifts of coal, because there are no bad children.

Skipper of the Year award winners:

1st place— Nate Case

2nd place— Joe Delisi

3rd place— Joe Von Grabe

SOTY Big Fish King Salmon— 27.6 # Bob Feisel

SOTY Big Fish Steelhead— 10.45 # Tom Gorguze

SOTY Big Fish Lake Trout— 10.95 # Joe Delisi

Congratulations to the Angler of the Year award winners:

1st place— Bob Paradise

2nd place— Gaspare Aragona

3rd place— Kevin Longley

AOTY Big Salmon— 25.81 # Gaspare Aragona

AOTY big steelhead— 13.36 # Roger Paradise

AOTY Big Lake Trout— 9.42 # Nick Jones

Congratulations to our “Member of the Year”:

Mark Wyrick

Congratulations to our “Director of the Year”:

Rodney Elnick



Member of the Year 2023 Mark Wyrick



Director of the Year 2023 Rod Elnick



SOTY Big King Bob Feisel



SOTY Big Steel Joe Delise



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January 11-14, 2024	Ultimate Fishing Show	Suburban Collection Showplace, Nivi, MI
January 16, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
January 30, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
February 13, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
February 27, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
March 2, 2024	WILD GAME DINNER	Century Banquet Center 33203 Maple Lane, Sterling Hts
March 12, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
March 26, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
April 16, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
April 30, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
May 14, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
May 28, 2024	Member Meeting	River Bends Park
June 11, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
June 25, 2024	Member Meeting	River Bends Park
July 16, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
July 30, 2024	Member Meeting	River Bends Park
August 2024	NO Board Meeting	
August 27, 2024	Member Meeting	River Bends Park
September 10, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
September 24, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
October 15, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
October 29, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
November 6, 2024 *	BOD (move to Wed)	Irena's on Mound
November 26, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
December 3, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
December 17, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54

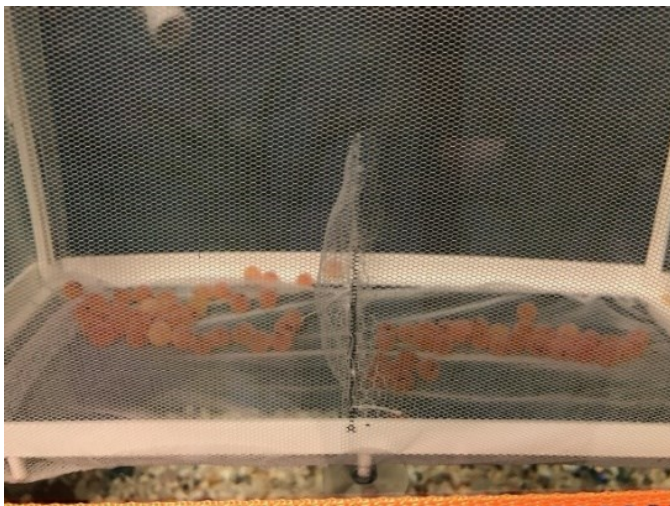
The Salmon in the Classroom program sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources Michigan (DNR) has allowed our club to introduce students from 3rd grade elementary to 12th grade high school to the natural resources of our lakes and land of Michigan. Again, this year, Tracy Page of the DNR, invited us to distribute Salmon eggs and food at the Metro Beach Nature Center to the 78 participating schools in South Eastern Michigan. Jim Zanke, Dan Chisholm and I spent an enjoyable day meeting all the participating teachers in the program. There are over 300 schools in Michigan active in the S.I.C. program.

Several weeks earlier, Blaise Pewinski, Brad Walton, and I setup the tank and equipment in our new participating school, West Bloomfield High School. All six schools we oversee in the program require the tanks to be running at least two weeks before the Salmon eggs are introduced. Our other five schools are Independence Elementary, Pine Knob Elementary, Romeo High School, Eisenhower High School, and Divine Child High School.

The egg hatching started just days after the eggs were in the tanks. At this stage, after hatching, the 'Alevin', are about 1 inch long with a very large orange belly, the yolk sack. The yolk sack contains protein, sugar, minerals, and vitamins in exact amounts to allow the Salmon to grow. At some point, around the New Year, their mouths open and they start breathing through their gills and eating. Before this, they absorbed oxygen through the orange membrane.

From eggs, to Alevin, to 'Fry', after 5 to 10 weeks, the yolk-sac will have reduced inside the fish with the skin zipping together over the opening. The young Fry will then move in schools, look like little minnows, and are actively eating. From then till about the second week of May, called 'Parr', they will grow to 3-3/4 to 4-1/2 inches. They will develop spots and vertical parr marks on their sides. These markings will help camouflage them from predators. The next growth stage, the dark finger markings on their sides start to fade and are replaced by a silvery sheen and a dark wide line down their back, as they become 'Smolts'. Just as the school year concludes, we will enlist the assistance of our members to help the students in releasing the Parr/Smolts to the Clinton or Huron Rivers.

EGGS



ALEVIN



Six, serving size trout fillets:

1/2 cup lemon juice / 4 teaspoons salt / 1/4 teaspoon pepper / 1/4 cup sesame seed / 3/4 cup butter

- 1) Make three light slashes on each side of fillet without cutting in too deep
- 2) In 13"x19" baking pan, mix lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Add fish and turn over to coat fillet with marinade. Cover; refrigerate at least three hours, turning occasionally.
- 3) In one quart sauce pan over medium heat, toast sesame seed until golden, stirring and shaking pan occasionally. Add butter and heat until melted.
- 4) Place fish on broiling pan. Drain marinade from broiling pan into sesame mixture. Preheat broiler.
- 5) Broil fillets about 5 minutes on each side, basting frequently with sesame seed mixture.
- 6) Test fillets for doneness with a fork. Trout are cooked when their flesh flakes easily.
- 7) With pancake turners, lift fillets carefully onto warm platter and spoon hot juices over it. **Enjoy!**

Why Should I Join a Fishing Club!

1. The Detroit Steelheaders mission is to "protect and promote the Great Lakes sport fishery". We support our Michigan waterways and assist those governing bodies who are charged with the responsibility of sustaining them.
2. Membership is inexpensive! Twelve free monthly educational membership meetings where speakers address boating safety, boat maintenance, how-to seminars on all types of fishing. Great Lakes forecast on the condition of the Great Lakes for the coming year. Our members have ample time during meetings to network with friends and just enjoy comradery. We also hold voluntary 50:50 raffle and tackle raffle where you can go home with a nice door prize. Monthly newsletter is included in the cost of membership.
3. We support parochial and public education by funding and mentoring "Salmon in the Classroom" activities in separate schools.
4. We support continuing education by providing a renewable scholarship to Lake Superior State College for students enrolled in ecological programs.
5. We assist local communities by funding and mentoring local "Kids Fishing Derbies".
6. We fish!
7. "Captain of the Year Award". The Detroit Steelheaders schedule several club salmon fishing tournaments each year where points are awarded where participants earn points toward earning the "Skipper of the Year" award.
8. "Angler of the Year Award". Events are held year-round where members fish piers, rivers, and ice. Walleye events, Perch events, Lake trout events near and far.
9. Being on the water is safer when you fish with a group. If you get in trouble on the water there's a better chance of someone being around who can help. It may save your life.
10. As part of a club you meet like-minded people who fish. This can lead to friendships and more opportunities to be on the water. We also have a "Crews Board" program where boat captains can request crew and others can ask for the opportunity to crew for someone.
11. We are a teaching club. Some of our members are very experienced and talented fishermen. We share that knowledge with other members to help them become better fishermen.

This is the latest news release regarding the CMPR effort to appeal the 2023 Great Lakes Consent Decree. The Detroit Steelheaders donated funds to CMPR in support of the Appeal

The [Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources \(CPMR\)](#) filed its principal appellate brief in the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit yesterday arguing against entry of the 2023 Great Lakes Consent Decree (2023 Decree).

The 2023 Decree was a negotiated settlement of four sovereign Michigan Tribes, the United States of America, and the State of Michigan. Judge Paul Maloney approved the 2023 Decree in August after considering CPMR's objections to the agreed-upon management framework.

In handing down his order, Judge Maloney rejected CPMR's claim that biological harm is likely to happen to the Great Lakes fisheries due to the drastic increase in gillnet fishing in lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior accompanied by significantly too high of target annual mortality rates for Lake Trout and Whitefish. Even more problematic, Judge Maloney failed to recognize the 2023 Decree does not contain proper measures to mitigate harm to the resource because of overfishing. This is especially concerning with the undisputed declining Whitefish stocks.

CPMR's appeal is available to the public and can be found in its entirety [here](#). The appeal focused on the District Court's disregarding of biological evidence that the 2023 Decree could irreparably harm the resource. CPMR presented expert witnesses and biological data showing that the massive expansion of gillnets into new areas of the Great Lakes is unsustainable and will decimate local fisheries in Michigan.

The appeal raises several legal and fact-based questions about the District Court's decision. Chief among them, did the District Court abuse its discretion in approving the 2023 Decree when the management framework of the Decree is unenforceable, drastically expands gillnetting to the detriment of the Great Lakes fisheries, fails to require the parties to collect complete data, and sets target annual mortality rates significantly too high considering the biological status of the Great Lakes fisheries?

Through the appeal, CPMR argues that the District Court erred in its review of the 2023 Decree. The appeal is based on factual and legal issues, including vagueness of harvest limits, impact on the fishery, rehabilitation of Lake Trout and Whitefish, and inadequate information sharing. The other parties are due to file responses to the CPMR appeal by January 18, and then CPRM will get an opportunity to reply to those arguments by February 20.

Amy Trotter, Michigan United Conservation Clubs CEO and CPMR treasurer, said that CPMR's focus has always been the health of the Great Lakes fishery.

"The sustainability of the Great Lakes fishery has always been our top priority," said Trotter. "Our position has been unwavering, the 2023 Great Lakes Consent Decree, as written, would cause potentially irreversible harm to the populations of vital sportfish species. The Coalition has held the position for years that gillnets are indiscriminate, lethal, and dangerous for the fishery."

CPMR members have served as amici through every iteration of the court litigation and negotiations since the late 1970s. President Tony Radjenovich said that the coalition cannot lose focus at the end.

"For more than 40 years the Coalition's members have been a voice for the fishery," said Radjenovich. "Our resolve remains as strong now as ever, we will not lose sight of what is important, the health of the Great Lakes fishery. We are committed to exhausting every reasonable legal option we have to ensure the fishery is protected."

CPMR is comprised of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Michigan Charter Boat Association, the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association, and Hammond Bay Area Anglers Association, accompanied by an assortment of angling and conservation-supporting members.

Since the coalition's inception, it has worked to ensure that recreation anglers' voices are represented during the Great Lakes Consent Decree negotiations. You can support the work of CPMR by donating here: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/protect-great-lakes-sportfishing>.

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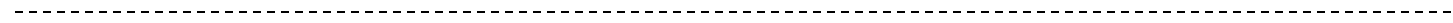
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Membership Expires:



Upcoming Dates

January 16	Board of Directors
January 30	Membership Mtg
February 13	Board of Directors
February 27	Member Mtg
March 2	Wild Game Dinner

There is a loftier ambition than merely to stand high in the world, it is to stoop down and lift mankind a little higher.