

"Fishin Tales" III



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

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February 2024



January 30, 2024 Membership Meeting Recap

Club 54 was the place to be if you are sick of this dreary, not-cold-enough for ice fishing but too cold for most anything else, pooppy winter. At least we could talk about fishing with friends and plan for better days ahead. Our guest speaker, Fisher Brad Dyer from Yale, MI., was our February guest speaker. Brad provided tips, tricks, and methods to ice fish for salmon and steelhead. He provided demonstrations of equipment designed for ice fishing and explanations on how to use it. It was a good talk aided by videos of previous successful trips and it was fun to listen and learn. Brad runs a fishing guide service (thefisherbradguideservice.com) and you are free to contact him and get further information.

The meeting continued with our normal agenda where we discussed club business, future outings and tournaments, along with tackle raffle, 50:50 raffle, and every member drawings.

A new membership initiative was revealed that gives the opportunity to join DAS for \$20 at any member meeting, any club fishing event, or the annual Ultimate fishing show in Novi.

Recently there has been a great deal of conversation regarding the revamped 2023 Tribal Decree regulating the use of gill nets on the Great Lakes. I am happy to report that our February 2024 meeting speaker will be Dr. Dave Carofino. Dr. Carofino was involved in the creation of the decree for the State of Michigan and will offer his opinion on the end result.

Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources (CPMR)

Mark Williams, longtime DAS member and our representative on the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Commission, has forwarded this update on the status of the appeal filed in Federal Court challenging the ruling regarding the latest consent decree.

CPMR Files Appeal in Sixth Circuit

By [miresources](#) | December 20, 2023

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?

(Continuation) Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources (CPMR)

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 harvestlimits, 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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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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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!

DAS Membership Application**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.**

P.O. Box 297, Sterling Heights, MI. 48311-297

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

NAME		DATE
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
BOAT NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

Date	Location/Species	Coordinator
February 10	Metro Beach/Perch	Gaspare Aragona
February 17	Saginaw Bay/Walleye	Blaise Pewinski
March 23	Manistee/Steelhead	Bob Paradise
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
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	A Kulpa/M Wyrick
November 2	Manistee/Steelhead/Surf	Bob Paradise
December 7	Caseville/Lake Trout	Rob Pinskey

2024 Meeting Dates / Locations

February 13, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
February 27, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
March 2, 2024	WILD GAME DINNER	Century Banquet Center
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

Many thanks to Anna Kulpa for another great outing report.

On Saturday January 20, Detroit Area Steelheaders held their first AOTY Outing of the year at Lake St. Clair between Cocker Rd. and Fair Haven for 5 Best Perch. With the way winter was going this year, there was doubt that there would be any ice this season.

Thankful that there was a good 1.5 weeks of bitter cold 🥶 making enough ice to to pull our sleds and drilled some holes. The outing started at the crack of dawn, where anglers walked out on the ice with freezing temperatures of 6 degrees and 10mph wind. It was a beautiful skyline as you could see the pink horizon slowly coming up. There were a total of 14 members who participated. Most members fished out of Fair Haven, while a few at Metro Beach, and yet other members in other areas. Upon drilling holes at Metro Beach, the water was dirty and no sign of fish. Those at Fair Haven found the bottom of the lake with crystal clear water. Fishing was tough that day. Only 6 out of 14 members caught fish and all out of Fair Haven. Weight in was held at Metro Beach at 1pm. 1st place went to Gaspare Aragona, 2nd place Kyle Coviak, and 3rd Kevin Longley. 1st Big Fish went to Dan Chisholm, 2nd Big Fish Gaspare Aragona, and 3rd Big Fish Bob Paradise. A Big Thank You to Bob Paradise for hosting the outing and for providing such a warm and wonderful lunch of fried chicken, chili made by his wife Debbie Paradise, fruit pies, paczki, and hot coffee. Thank you to all Detroit Area Steelheaders who participated in the outing in doing what we all love to do. See you all at the next AOTY Outing on Saturday February 3, hopefully fishing out of Selfridge for perch. FISH ON!! 🎣🐟🎣🐟

Editors note: the outing planned for Saturday February 3 was postponed due to insufficient ice conditions. We will try to get this outing done on February 10. Gaspare has posted the following on DAS Facebook:

Hi DAS, there will be a perch outing at Metro beach dock and pond area on February 10 2024 . Starts at 7 am pull lines at 1 pm . \$15 lunch fee \$10 big fish fee . Weight in will be around 1:30 pm till 2 with lunch . 8 inch minimum to weigh in . Big fish goes by length . Ties will go the the heaviest one . Thank you from Gaspare



AOTY Results Year to Date

AOTY Metro Beach Outing (Perch) - Sat. Jan 20, 2024

Status Legend: M=Member Y=Youth Member(Under 18) G=Guest

L	Ra	Angler's Name	Statu	Entry \$	Big Fish \$	5 Tot Wg	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Longest Fish (in.)	Tot P	Place
1	2	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.41	3	15	9.63	15.41	1
2	4	KYLE COVIAK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.37	3	15	0.00	15.37	2
3	5	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.32	3	15	0.00	15.32	3
4	3	BOB PARADISE	M		\$10.00	0.26	2	10	9.13	10.26	4
5	1	DANIEL CHISHOLM	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.24	1	5	10.50	5.24	5
6	6	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.12	1	5	0.00	5.12	6
7	4	ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	4	AUSTIN SCHROEDER	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	4	BRAD WALTON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	4	CURTIS WILLIAMS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	4	NATE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	4	NATE CASE JR	Y		\$10.00		0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	4	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	4	STEVE SCHROEDER	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	4		-					0	0.00	0.00	7

Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers
\$180.00	14

Total Big Fish Fees
\$140.00

Angler	Longest Fish	Payout
DANIEL CHISHOLM	10.50	\$70.00

Angler	2nd Longest Fish	Payout
GASPARE ARAGONA	9.63	\$42.00

Angler	3rd Longest Fish	Payout
BOB PARADISE	9.13	\$28.00

Change of Pace

Try this with one of your salmon dishes.

Cucumber-Dill Sauce

Prep-time 10 minutes, makes 2 cups

1 eight ounce container sour cream	1 teaspoon sugar
1 medium cucumber, peeled and chopped	1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon dill weed	3/4 teaspoon salt

In small bowl with spoon, mix well sour cream with cucumber, dill weed, sugar, salt and pepper.

WhatsApp

DEAR DAS MEMBERS,

In an effort for all DAS members to reach out and find the latest club info or news on meetings, events, outings or tournaments or for directors and event chairpersons to share info with the group, we have created the DAS Anglers Group on WhatsApp. Simply visit the Appstore for your mobile device and download WhatsApp. It's free!

When you do this, I might get automatically notified if you are already in my contacts list but to make sure please send me an e-mail reply that simply says *I got WhatsApp!* and I will make sure you are added to the group.

In the app, you will find an on-going group chat called **DAS Anglers** that you can use to ask everyone in the group a question or questions about any club activity, or you can pass along info to all the members of the group at once.

You can also create your own chats to an individual or individuals in the group.

It's basically a messaging app just like texting or Facebook Messenger where you can chat with any or all members of the DAS Anglers group.

Hopefully it's an easier-to-use replacement for our now defunct Message Board.

Try it out soon, so you won't miss out on any updates for upcoming club activities.

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Upcoming Dates

February 10	AOTY Metro Beach Perch
February 13	Board of Directors
February 17	AOTY Sag Bay Walleye
February 27	Membership Mtg
March 2	Wild Game Dinner

Jim Rohn, an entrepreneur and a motivational speaker who died in 2009, said, "If you are not willing to risk the unusual, you will have to settle for the ordinary".