

"Fishin Tales" III



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March 2024



February 27, 2024 Membership Meeting Recap

Featured Guest Speaker, DAVE CARROFINO, Fisheries Biology Specialist - Unit Manager for the Tribal Coordination Unit.

Dave updated us with the latest facts and figures concerning the Tribal Consent decree. Using illustrated comparisons' of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron he explained the differences between the current decree and the one from year 2000.

He outlined the difficulty of obtaining agreement between each faction affected by the decree.

He presented the major benefits to the latest decree.

He outlined the next steps that will occur.

He ended the presentation with Q & A. Thank you, Dave.

Other Meeting Features: Info & results on any recent and upcoming AOTY Outings, Sportsman's Dinner Info including Ticket Availability, Fishing reports from the floor, Tackle raffles, 50-50 Raffle & Every Member Present Drawing.

NOTICE BEGINNING JANUARY 2024:

Any guest 18 yrs. and older, can join the DAS at a meeting for the special introductory rate of \$20 for the year. That's \$15 less than The normal adult membership fee of \$35.

Roger Byrne of Wellmans Party and Bait (910 S State St., Oscoda, MI. 48750) will speak on river fishing in the Oscoda area. (There's a new sheriff in town (at Wellmans) and his name is Roger Byrne. Not only is he knowledgeable about fishing, tackle and fresh cut meats he's very friendly and accommodating. If you are coming into town and looking for an update on where to catch fish, what lures or bait to use...make sure you stop here. His staff is super friendly and eager to help. By the way, it's not just a bait shop.....they have fantastic cuts of meat if you're looking for a steak, fillet, ribeye or all types of fresh & smoked fish.)

But wait, there's more: We will also hear **Gabriel Salesan** of the Ultimate Salmon Derby discuss winning strategies for salmon derbies.

Don't miss this opportunity!

2/10/24 DAS Metro Beach Perch Outing

The following fishing report comes from event co-ordinator Gaspare Aragona. Enjoy!!!

The weather was cool with a slight breeze. We had 13 people participate in the outing. We fished the North & South Pond areas and the walkway dock area. Fishing started out very slow. Karen and Kevin Longley had the first keeper caught by the North Pond. Around 10 am the fish started to bite by the docks and walkway. Bob Paradise, Robih and Kyle caught a few nice keepers. Blaise Pewinski the third, caught a keeper perch and a large northern pike which added a little excitement. We had a nice BBQ after fishing for lunch. Weigh in was from 1:30-2:00. First Place went to Bob Paradise, Second Place to Robih and Third Place to Kyle Coviak. Big Fish 1st place went to Bob Paradise, Big Fish 2nd place went to Kyle Coviak and Big Fish 3rd place went to Anna Kulpa. Thanks to all that attended and looking forward to our next outing.

Fish ON!!!

AOTY Metro Beach II Outing (Perch) - Sat. Feb. 10, 2024

	Angler's Name	Statu	Entry \$	Big Fish \$	5 Tot Wg	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Longest Fish (in.)	Tot P	Place
1	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.60	5	25	11.75	26.60	1
2	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.84	4	20	9.00	20.84	2
3	KYLE COVIK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.83	3	15	10.50	15.83	3
4	ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.73	3	15	9.75	15.73	4
5	GASPARE ARAGONA	M		\$10.00	0.71	3	15	8.63	15.71	5
6	MARK WYRICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.55	2	10	9.00	10.55	6
7	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.53	2	10	8.13	10.53	7
8	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.46	1	5	8.25	5.46	8
9	BLAISE PEWINSKI IV	Y		\$10.00	0.45	1	5	8.75	5.45	9
10	DANIEL CHISHOLM	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	10
10	BLAISE PEWINSKI	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	10
10	BLAISE PEWINSKI III	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	10
10	SAMUEL ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	10
10		-					0	0.00	0.00	10
10		-					0	0.00	0.00	10



AOTY Results Year to Date

2024 Angler of the Year (AOTY) Overall Standings

TODAY: 2/18/2024

Entrant's Name	01-20	02-10	02-17	03-23	04-20	05-11	06-01	07-01	08-01	09-14	09-28	10-05	10-26	11-02	12-07	Best 5	Best 6	Place
1 BOB PARADISE	4	1	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	205	280	1
2 GASPARE ARAGONA	1	5	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	206	281	2
3 KEVIN LONGLEY	3	7	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	210	285	3
4 KAREN LONGLEY	6	8	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	214	289	4
5 KYLE COVIK	2	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	230	305	5
6 RABIH ABDALLAH	50	2	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	252	327	6
7 ANNA KULPA	50	4	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	254	329	7
8 DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	280	355	8
9 MARK WYRICK	75	6	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	281	356	9
10 BLAISE PEWINSKI IV	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	309	384	10
11 NATE CASE JR	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	11
11 NATE CASE	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	11
11 AUSTIN SCHROEDER	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	11
11 STEVE SCHROEDER	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	11
11 BRAD WALTON	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	11
11 CURTIS WILLIAMS	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	11
11 SAMUEL ANDERSON	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	11
11 BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	11

2/17/24 DAS Lexington Outing

Harbor or Lexington Harbor. The early mornig was cold as all members drove up to fish for the day. On the way up, about 5 miles of travel on I-94 was extreme as there were whiteout conditions that DAS members had to go thru to get up to Lexington. Kevin and Karen Longley were ahead of everyone and were able to scope out both harbors. Lexington had ice and some open water around some docks, the launch, and at the end of the North and South piers. They decided to drive up to Port Sanilac and found that skim ice covered the harbor, so back to Lexington Harbor to fish the open water. 8 DAS members showed up to Lexington Harbor where half fished the docks and the other half fished the launch area. It was a cold morning with the wind gradually picking up through the day. Fishing was the worst that DAS members had seen in a long time. That morning there were no bites and a few members moved to the North and South piers where there was open water. Unfortunately still no bites. After 6 long hours not one Steelheader was able to get a fish or even a bite. Lines were pulled at 1pm and lunch was held at Steis's Village Inn, in downtown Lexington which had some pretty good menu choices. A big thank you to Kevin and Karen Longley for hosting the outing and for choosing a great spot for lunch. Also thank you to Mark Wyrick for taking some photos of members fishing. Thanks to all Detroit Area Steelheaders for attending the outing and doing what we all love to do. See you all at the next AOTY Outing in Manistee on March 23 for the Fish Off against Metro-West Steelheaders. FISH ON!!



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

Change of Pace

This sauce can augment several different fish species.

MUSTARD SAUCE: Prep time—five minutes—makes 2/3 cup

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard

In small bowl with spoon, mix well mayonnaise, milk, salt and prepared mustard. Cover and refrigerate until serving time.

2024 DAS Lake Superior State University Scholarship

The recipient of the 2024 Detroit Steelheader scholarship award is Clay Wilton. He is a junior Fisheries and Wildlife Management student from Dansville, MI. Clay expressed his gratitude with a quote from American author, Melody Beattie.

“Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow”.

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2024 Meeting Dates / Locations

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

AOTY Manistee River Outing March 23 , 2024

The DAS outing is March 23, starting time is 6am till 3pm, weigh in at 4pm at the Manistee River Lodge 918 seaman rd Wellston Mi, dinner will also be at the Lodge. If you need a cabin call 231 848 4844 ask for Chelsea tell her you are fishing with Roger from the Detroit Area Steelheaders and they will give you a good rate. They fill up this time of the year so you should call soon, We will have a big fish contest that pays 3 places (10\$), you must notify Roger before the start of the outing or you are automatically in. You can fish anywhere in the Manistee river watershed (bear creek, Manistee lake, big Manistee river, pier or beach in Manistee. Hope to see a lot of the new guys and girls there and if you need more information or kind of help you can contact Roger Paradise at (586 354 1121) or Bob Paradise at (586 457 4073)

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

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

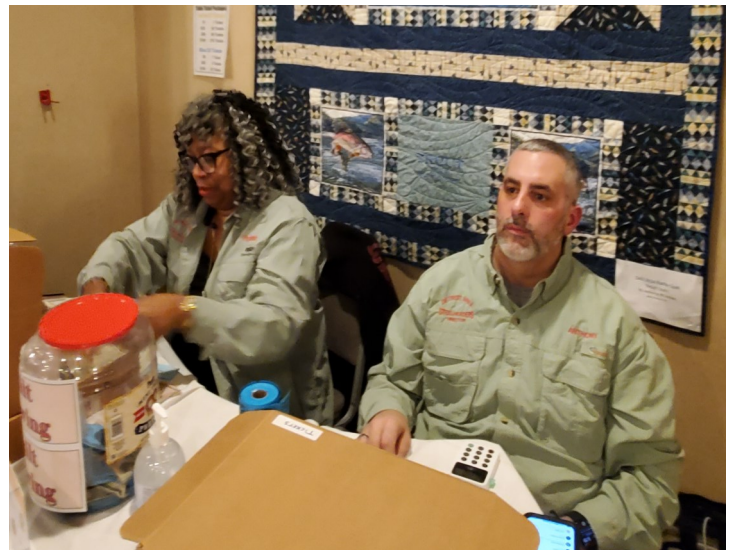
2024 Angler of the Year Schedule (Details will Follow as Needed)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Locatin/Species</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
March 23	Manistee/Steelhead	Roger 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

GO Team DAS

The newsletter editor cannot end this issue with out commenting on the success of the 2024 DAS Sportsman's Dinner. The effort that went into this and the coordination that had to take place was a pleasure to observe. The heavy lifting was accomplished by the Ventimiglia family (Carl and Kellie). The work crew that they assembled to pull this off was outstanding and you could believe that they have been doing this for several years (INDEED! THEY HAVE).

The coordination, MC, prizes, raffles, ticket sales, dinner, all of it was seamless. The attendees benefitted from a pleasurable evening. Congratulations to Carl, Kellie, the DAS BOD members who worked tirelessly to make this happen, and to the attendees who made it a success. Let's do it again next year!



The Michigan Natural Resources Commission recently adopted regulation changes to establish a daily possession limit of one (1) rainbow trout 20 inches or greater year-round on select rivers, effective April 1, 2024. The amendment will be a new component of the current daily possession limit regulation covering Type 3 and Type 4 waters where five (5) fish, but no more than three (3) trout 15 inches or greater with only one (1) rainbow trout 20 inches or greater are allowed. The selected rivers are listed below by type regulation category. Where a confluence is mentioned, that simply means the point where two flowing bodies of water join together.

Type 3 waters: Bear Creek (Manistee County): upstream boundary, County Road 600; downstream boundary, confluence with the Manistee River. Carp River (Marquette County): upstream boundary, confluence with Morgan Creek (T47N, R25W, S4); downstream boundary: Lake Superior. Manistee River (Manistee County): upstream boundary, Tippy Dam; downstream boundary, Railroad Bridge below M-55 (T21N, R16W, S6). Muskegon River (Muskegon and Newaygo counties): upstream boundary, Croton Dam; downstream boundary, M-120. Pere Marquette River (Mason County): upstream boundary, Reek Road (Indian Bridge); downstream boundary, Old U.S. 31.

Type 4 waters: Betsie River (Benzie and Manistee counties): upstream boundary, Kurick Road; downstream boundary, M-22. Little Manistee River (Lake, Manistee and Mason counties): upstream boundary, Johnson's Bridge (Johnson Road); downstream boundary, 300 feet above the Little Manistee River Weir. Pere Marquette River (Lake and Mason counties): upstream boundary, upstream edge of the boat ramp/slide at Gleason's Landing; downstream boundary, Reek Road (Indian Bridge). Pere Marquette River – Big South Branch (Mason, Newaygo and Oceana counties): upstream boundary, confluence with Beaver and Winnepesaug creeks; downstream boundary, confluence with the Pere Marquette River. Prairie Creek (Ionia and Montcalm counties). Rogue River (Kent County): upstream boundary, Rockford Dam at East Bridge Street; downstream boundary, confluence with the Grand River. Whitefish River including East and West branches (Delta County): upstream boundary, from 38th Road (USFS 2236); downstream boundary, U.S. 2 bridge in T41N, R21W, S28. White River – North Branch (Oceana County): upstream boundary, Arthur Road; downstream boundary, confluence with the main branch.

The new fishing regulations came in response to public comment to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission in support of lower bag limits for steelhead to increase catch and release opportunities in certain rivers that support natural reproduction of steelhead. The regulation changes will be reflected in the 2024 fishing regulations booklet, which will be available at Michigan.gov/DNRRegs in March 2024, and on the Michigan DNR Hunt and Fish app April 1, 2024. Michigan DNR Hunt Fish, an official app of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, provides a mobile path to buy and store hunting, fishing, off-road vehicle and snowmobile licenses and permits, report harvests, access guides and digests, and get the latest outdoor recreation updates. Make future online fishing license purchases even quicker by selecting auto-renew at checkout to automatically receive licenses in the future. The DNR manages Michigan's fisheries resources for current and future generations by making scientific, research-based decisions and regulatory recommendations. Regulations are one tool the DNR uses to implement management strategies to protect, conserve and improve Michigan's fisheries. Learn more about the DNR's efforts at Michigan.gov/Fishing.

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Upcoming Dates

- March 12 Board of Directors
- March 23 AOTY Manissee Steelhead
- March 26 Membership Mtg
- April 16 Board of Directors
- April 30 Membership Mtg

How do you measure the length of a fish?

In inches, because they have no feet!