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## May 28, 2024 Member Meeting Recap

This was the first member meeting, outdoors in the park, so the setting was perfect for our featured speaker Nick Torsky of the DNR Enforcement Unit as he used his years of experience to lead membership through what turned out to be a free wheeling Q and A session that was open to anything. The recent Treaty negotiations and resulting Court Decree, creel limits, boat safety, DNR budgets, frequent violations, and anything else members wanted to talk about. It was a relaxed and informative evening where I think everyone left believing they learned something. We also welcomed several new members who got to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere while learning what DAS is all about.

Other Meeting Features: Info & results on any recent and upcoming AOTY Outings, 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.

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June 15 June 29 July 13 July 27 August 10	Harbor Beach Pentwater Presque Isle Ludington Manistee	Joe Von Grabe Allen Devoll Blaise Pewinsk TBD Nate Case	e 5:30 am 5:30 am	•	Awards Anna Kulpa Photography, Raffles		

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

#### DAS AOTY Outing May 11, 2024 St Clair River Algonac Walleye

Sometimes the pictures tell the story better than any dialog can hope to. This is one of the clubs most well attended and successful AOTY outings each year and a huge "thank you" shout out goes to Tom and Diane Gorguze for putting up with us at their home on the St Clair River in Algonac. There is no doubt this is a lot of work and even though club members help out, the major lifting for the event falls on Tom and Diane. Thank you, your hospitality is appreciated! Thank's also to those members who organized, donated, cooked, cleaned up, and in any way helped out. The pictures tell the story, the results and another one of Anna's great reports are at the end.







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#### AOTY May 11 Continued From Pg 3



AOTY May 11, 2024 (Anna's report)

On Saturday May 11, Detroit Area Steelheaders held the AOTY Outing in Algonac on the St. Clair River for 5 Best Walleye Start time was 6am, and the dark clouds full of rain were starting to roll in. 35 anglers set out in boats and headed upstream and downstream from Algonac. A slight sprinkle started as boats scattered to their fishing spots. In the horizon you could see a hint of of the bright orange sun coming up and hiding behind the clouds. The early morning and into mid morning was cold, windy, cloudy, and what started as a sprinkle turned into steady rain until about 9am. The fish bite was definitely not lite, between 1 to 3 fish caught per pass. Most participants caught their limit, although a few struggled finding fish along the river. Towards the late morning there was a light rain that didn't last very long and the sun started to peak out thru the clouds.

Weigh In was at 1:30 and held at Diane and Tom Gorguze's home in Algonac. Verall participant placings 1st place goes to Mike Paradise at 15.21lbs, 2nd place Rob Pinskey at 14.66lbs, 3rd place Mark Paradise at 14.20lbs. Club member placing overall towards angler points, 1st place Rob Pinskey at 14.66lbs, 2nd place Mark Paradise at 14.30lbs, 3rd place Bob Feisel at 12.95lbs. Big Fish 1st place goes to Dan Titus at 4.98lbs, 2nd Big Fish to Anna Kulpa at 4.10lbs, and 3rd Big Fish to Aaron Whitten at 4.09lbs. Lunch was held at Diane and Tom Gorguze's home with perch and walleye donations from club members for a big fish fry that members helped fry. Along with french fries, coleslaw, potato salad, and variety of desserts. A Big Thank You to Diane and Tom Gorguze for hosting the outing and their hospitality for allowing us to all gather together for such an amazing outing most favored by DAS members. Thank you to all Detroit Area Steelheaders and guests who attended so we can continue making memories and doing what we all love to do best. See you all at the next AOTY Outing in Saint Clair on the St. Clair River on Saturday June 1. FISH ON!!

## AOTY June 1 St. Clair River, St. Clair (Anna's Report)

On Saturday June 1st, Detroit Area Steelheaders had their AOTY Outing on the St. Clair River out of St. Clair for 5 Best Walleye Walleyee Walleyeee Walleyee Walleyee Walleyee Walley

best perch. The next SOTY Outing is out of Harbor Beach for Lake Trout and Salmon on Saturday June 15. FISH ON!! 🗬

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1	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	10.45	25	2.74	35.45	1		Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers	
2	BOB KSIONZEK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	9.89	25	4.41	34.89	2		\$405.00	28	
3	MARK WYRICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	8.64	25	2.37	33.64	3				
4	TODD RIDLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	7.63	25	1.95	32.63	4		Total Big Fish Fees		
5	BILL HOFFMAN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	7.25	25	1.92	32.25	5		\$280.00		
6	MARK PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	6.50	25	2.17	31.50	6	1		7	
7	ROB PINSKEY	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	6.41	25	1.91	31.41	7				
8	KEVIN LONGLEY	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	4	6.60	20	2.53	26.60	8	2	Angler	Heaviest Fish	Payout
9	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	4	5.40	20	2.05	25.40	9		BOB KSIONZEK	4.41	\$140.00
10	DANIEL CHISHOLM	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	4	5.29	20	1.56	25.29	10				
11	TOM GORGUZE	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	4	4.94	20	1.51	24.94	11		Angler	2nd Heaviest Fish	Payout
12	JASON SHERRILL	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	4	4.46	20	0.00	24.46	12	L.	JAMES ANDERSON	2.74	\$85.00
13	CHERYL JASMAN	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	3	5.44	15	2.61	20.44	13	1			
14	ANNA KULPA	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	3	4.67	15	2.01	19.67	14	1	Angler	3rd Heaviest Fish	Payout
15	KAREN LONGLEY	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	3	4.56	15	1.83	19.56	15		CHERYL JASMAN	2.61	\$55.00
16	TOM THIEDA	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	3	3.75	15	1.34	18.75	16				
17	NATE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	3	3.04	15	0.00	18.04	17				
18	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	2	2.99	10	1.50	12.99	18				
19	BLAISE PEWINSKI	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	2	2.53	10	1.31	12.53	19				
20	NATE CASE JR	Y		\$10.00	1	2.05	5	2.05	7.05	20				
21	RABIH ABDALLAH	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	1.76	5	1.76	6.76	21				
22	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	1.56	5	1.56	6.56	22				
23	DON JASMAN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	1.20	5	1.20	6.20	23				
24	FRED CHARTIER	М	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	1.03	5	1.03	6.03	24				
25	CURTIS WILLIAMS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	25				
25	GEORGE PEWINSKI	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	4	4.83	0	1.49	0.00	25				
-	JASON TAYLOR	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	7.44	0	1.98	0.00	25				
25	MIKE PARADISE	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	5	5.59	0	1.49	0.00	25				

#### 2024 Angler of the Year Results as of June 1, 2024

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PG 7	2024 Meeting Dates / Location	าร
June 11, 2024	4 BOD	Irena's on Mound
June 25, 2024	4 Member Meeting	<b>River Bends Park</b>
July 16, 2024	BOD	Irena's on Mound
July 30, 2024	Member Meeting	<b>River Bends Park</b>
August 2024	NO Board Meeting	
August 27, 20	024 Member Meeting	<b>River Bends Park</b>

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Date	Locatin/Species	Coordinator
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 Wyricl
November 2	Manistee/Steelhead/Surf	<b>Bob Paradise</b>
December 7	Caseville/Lake Trout	Rob Pinskey

Detroit Steelheaders Corporate Mission

Origin of The Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc.:

September 10, 2024

September 24, 2024

November 6, 2024 \*

November 26, 2024

December 3, 2024

December 17, 2024

October 15, 2024

October 29, 2024

Originally formed as a chapter of the Michigan Steelheaders and Salmon Fishing Association (MSSFA) in Dec 1974. In Jan 1990 DAS withdrew from the MSSFA and became an independent organization. The official name became the Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc, a non-profit organization.

Our official corporate purpose is: "To teach, inform, and guide the public to respect and appreciate the Great Lakes, rivers, and land around us. To promote and protect the fisheries resources therein."

#### SOTY Grand Haven May 18/19, 2024

#### Grand Haven 2024

We arrived in Grand Haven on Thursday. The weather was beautiful! A nice light breeze and calm waters. We caught a king and a steely that night. Friday, the fog rolled in and made navigation difficult. Boated three fish. On Saturday, the first day of the two outing, the fog remained, but not as bad. We netted three. Sunday was a little tougher. No fog, but the wind kicked up, building as the day went on. The lake was white capping by the end of the tournament.

A total of seven boats participated. Fishing was very slow with many small fish caught. On Saturday, all seven boats weighed fish. Sunday, only 5 of the 7 boats had weighable fish. Wonder, Lake Buzzard, and Miss Adventure took the top 3 spots, in that order. Lake Buzzard took Big Fish on Saturday with a 16.10 lb. king and a 8.50 lb. laker. Down Under took big steely at 8.70 lb. On Sunday, Lake Buzzard had big king again at 15.30 lb. Wonder took big laker at 11.80 lb. and big steely at 2.85 lb.

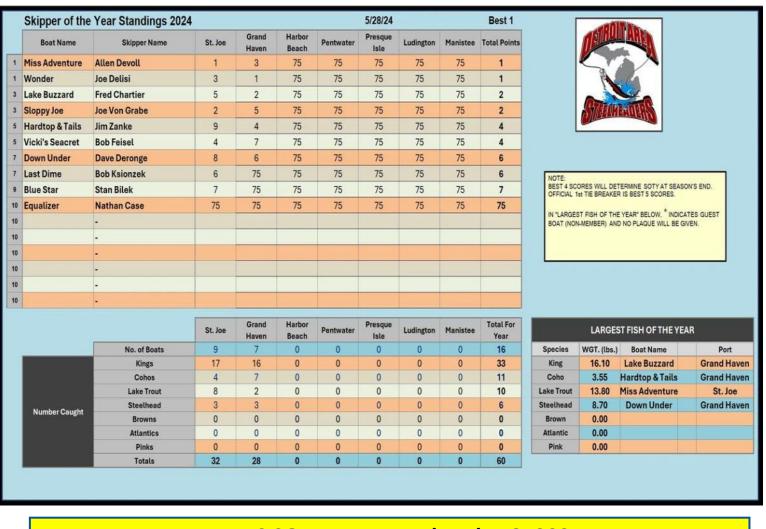
On Saturday, we had a nice lunch of Swedish meatballs, noodles, watermelon, veggies, King Hawaiian rolls, and cookies. Twenty-one people enjoyed lunch and swapped fish stories. For those who have not fished the Grand Haven Tournament, Grand Haven is nice small town with ample restaurants and shops. The Municipal Marina is only several blocks from the heart of downtown. Our weekend usually coincides with the kite festival. It's a sight to behold. This year they also had a Jeep Fest. Hundreds of Jeeps swarmed the town to participate in events and run an obstacle course. I haven't seen that many people in town in all the years I've been going there!

Even though the fishing wasn't as fast and furious as we would like, you can't predict Mother Nature. All caught fish and had a great time. I hope to see you there next year!





#### **SOTY Results Year-to-Date**



## DAS SOTY Presque Isle July 13, 2024

On July 13 2024 . The DAS boat trollers will be heading back to that little piece of heaven in north east lake Huron called Presque Isle. Over the last few years this port has produced a variety of species for the DAS teams to catch. Hope we will see it again this year. Lake trout have been the go to fish for points. Followed by a few kings , Steelhead, coho and the rare Atlantic salmon. Tournament starts at 5:30 am. We will pull lines at 1:00pm. With lunch served after weighing at 2pm. Lunch supplied by the Portage deli across from the boat harbor. Entry fee is \$15 per angler with \$20 per boat big fish pool. The boat captain must register the boat and each person in the boat so the port captain (Blaise) knows how many mouths to feed. Boat captain must also choose for the boat to be "in" the voluntary big fish pool or opt out.

A few places to stay: .Fireside inn 989 595 6369 Parker house 989 595 6484

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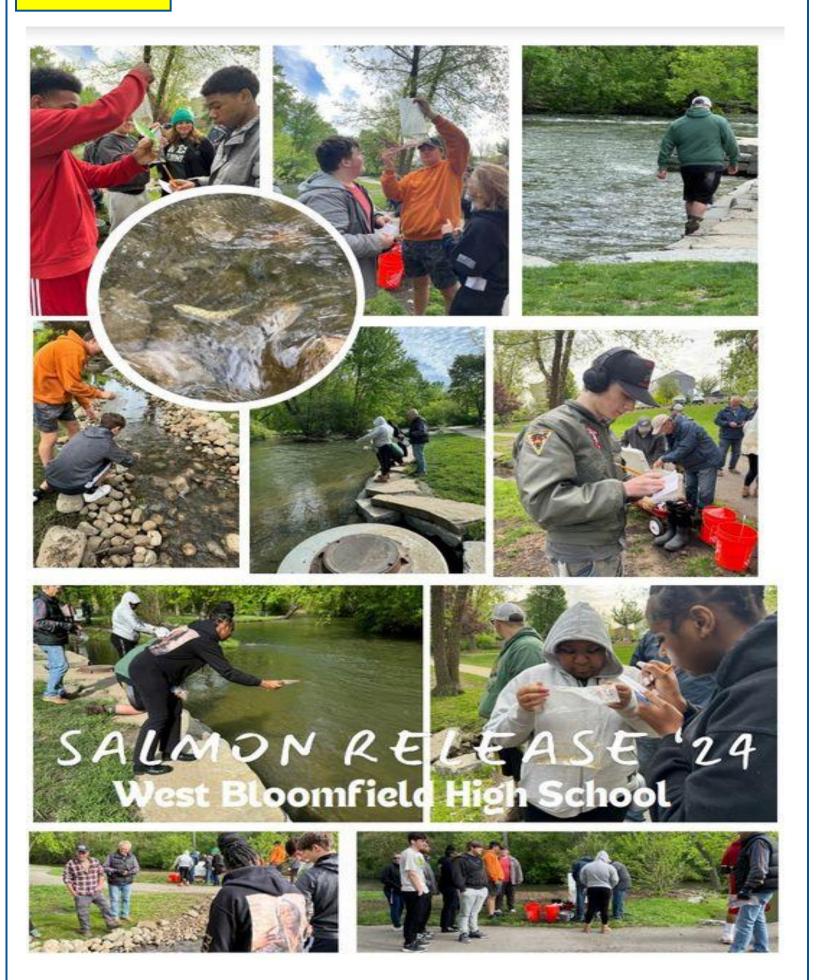
June 15<sup>th</sup>, The Detroit Area Steelheaders will once again fish out of the port of Harbor Beach. To finish with the top boats in this tournament you'll probably need to target Lake Trout. The traditional method of targeting the bigger Lake Trout is to go low and slow. The normal tactic for this 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. You can catch Lake Trout higher in the water column with dipsey divers, lead core and copper setups but these fish will typically be smaller. Fishing slow and tapping bottom is the key to targeting the bigger trout however, last year, our largest Laker came on a spoon on a seven color.

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. Last year we took two Steelhead on a Flat Line with an orange Thin Fin in the last hour. Also, three Atlantics were weighed in last year.

Areas to fish are usually 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



## Salmon-in-the-Classroom (SIC)

**SIC releases are complete**: Tank and equipment clean-up is ongoing. As reported earlier, April 22, Eisenhauer H.S. released at Yates with 92.6 % survival (89/96). Pine Knob Elementary released at Riverside Park, with 69.5% survival (66/95). Fly fishing and casting were exhibited with Eisenhauer as part of the release.

On Tuesday, May 7, Independence Elementary released at Dodge Park. 77 Students made 7 groups with about 4 parents in each group. 69.4% survival (68/9). Helpers were Jim Zanke, Carl Ventimiglia, Mike Lolli, Anna Kulpa, Mark Wyrick, and Dan Chisholm.

On Wednesday, May 8, Romeo H.S. released at Wolcott Mills Park with 26 students. Making 2 groups. They included water purity tests, some invertebrate searching, casting, and fly fishing instruction. Assisted by Jim Zanke, Carl Ventimiglia, and Mike Lolli. The morning was sunny and pleasant. 83.8 % survival (83/99).

On Thursday, May 9, West Bloomfield H.S. released at Riverside Park with 11 special needs students. 77.8% survival (77/99). The students released the salmon after recording their length. Casting lessons were provided. Several floats were left in the trees as the students practiced casting. Last, lure making kits were made ahead of time and passed out to the students. A poor weather report became a nice morning. Helpers were Jim Zanke, Mike Lolli, Karen and Kevin Longley, and Brad and teacher Julie Walton.

Thanks to all who participated, Rodney Elnick.

Julie Walton, the teacher of the SIC effort at West Bloomfield H.S. and wife of DAS member Brad Walton gave the following FB report on the SIC release:

Partnership with DNR and Detroit Area Steelheaders Yields Educational Triumph

In an engaging educational initiative, students from West Bloomfield High School have successfully nurtured a community of salmon through the "Salmon in The Classroom" program, in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Since acquiring 101 "eyed" salmon eggs in November 2023, Mrs. Walton's class has been actively involved in caring for these young fish, witnessing their growth from sac fry (Alevin) to robust young "parr." With support from The Detroit Area Steelheaders, our students embraced the responsibility of stewarding these valuable resources.

## Salmon-in-the-Classroom (SIC)

Survival Journey: Over six months, our students closely monitored the progress of our salmon. From the initial 101 eggs, they observed only one loss during hatching. Overcoming obstacles such as filter mishaps and weakened physical conditions, life prevailed. At the time of release, 77 resilient young parr, representing a remarkable 76% survival rate, were ready to enter their natural habitat.

Release Day Activities: On May 9, students from West Bloomfield High School gathered at Riverside Park in Auburn Hills for the ceremonial release of the young salmon into the Clinton River, part of the Lake Erie waterway system. Alongside members of the Detroit Area Steelheaders, students actively participated in measuring the length of the fish, which ranged from the smallest at 1.5 inches and the longest 5.75 inches; most averaged 3.5 inches. Following the release, students engaged in hands-on activities such as casting fishing rods and crafting lures, under the expert guidance of the fishermen. Through these activities, students gained a newfound appreciation for the significance of refracted light, color, and reflection underwater, deepening their understanding of the codependent balance within the ecosystem, environmental dynamics, and Great Lakes fishing.

Comparative Data: The survival rate of our released salmon, thriving in the Clinton River, serves as a testament to the success of our efforts. Compared to the natural habitat survival rates, which can range from 10% to 40%, our students achieved an impressive 76% survival rate. This accomplishment highlights the efficacy of experiential learning and the impact of hands-on environmental education.

Gratitude and Learning: The success of our Salmon in the Classroom experience is a testament to the collaborative efforts of our students, educators, and community partners. We extend extra special thanks to the fishermen of The Detroit Area Steelheaders, whose expertise and guidance made the release day activities not only educational but also incredibly enjoyable.

31/2025	TROY	BOUDREAU		1/31/2025	MIKE	HAYNES
1/2025	GARY	BRAUN		1/31/2025	KEN	LEE
/31/2025	BOBBY	BRAUN		1/31/2025	BEN	LEE
/31/2025	AARON	CRIST		1/31/2025	MICHAEL	MURPHY
/31/2025	PAUL	DEMARCO		1/31/2025	ROBERT	NAIMY
/31/2025	MICHAEL	DEMARCO		1/31/2025	ROGER	PARADISE
1/31/2025	MATTHEW	GRIFFIN		1/31/2025	GABRIEL	SELESAN
/31/2025	CHRIS	GURAK				0.000
		1/31/2025	OLIVER	SIMPS	ON	
		1/31/2025	GERRY	TABLA	DA	
		1/31/2025	ROBERTO	TULE		
		1/31/2025	MICHAEL	ZAINE	A	
		2/28/2025	EARL	GRIFFI	N	
		3/31/2025	JORDAN	LOCKH	HART	
		4/30/2025	MERRICK	FIELDS	5	

## **Change of Pace**

#### **Fish tacos recipe!** Servings: <u>24</u> tacos Prep Time: 30minutes mins Cook Time: 25minutes mins Total Time: 55minutes mins

## Fish Taco Ingredients:

24 small white corn tortillas	1 1/2 lb salmon/trout	1/2 tsp ground cumin
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper	1 tsp <u>salt</u>	1/4 tsp black pepper
1 Tbsp <u>Olive oil</u>	1 Tbsp unsalted butte	r

#### Fish Taco Toppings:

1/2 small purple cabbage	2 medium avocado, sliced	2 roma tomatoes, diced (optional)	
1/2 diced red onion	1/2 bunch Cilantro, longer stems removed		
4 oz 1 cup Cotija cheese, grated	1 lime cut into 8 wedges to serve		

#### Fish Taco Sauce Ingredients:

1/2 cup sour cream 1/3 cup Mayo 2 Tbsp lime juice	1 tsp <u>garlic powder</u>	1 tsp Sriracha sauce, or to taste
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#### Instructions:

- Line large baking sheet with parchment or silicone liner. In a small dish, combine seasonings: 1/2 tsp cumin, 1/2 tsp cayenne pepper, 1 tsp salt and 1/4 tsp black pepper and evenly sprinkle season-ing mix over both sides of salmon/trout.
- Lightly drizzle fish with olive oil and dot each piece with butter. Bake at 375 for 20-25 min. To brown edges, broil for 3-5 minutes at the end if desired.
- Combine all Taco sauce ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk until well blended.
- To serve the tacos, toast quickly toast the corn tortillas on a large dry skillet or griddle over medium/high heat.
- To assemble: start with pieces of fish then add remaining ingredients finishing with a generous sprinkle of cotija cheese and finally that awesome taco sauce! Serve with a fresh lime wedge to squeeze over tacos.

Detroit Area Steelheaders P.O. Box 297 Sterling Heights, MI. 48311-297

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#### MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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Membership Expires:

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We're on the Web: www.detroitsteelheaders.com FB: detroitareasteelers

## **Upcoming Dates**

- June 1 AOTY St Clair River (St Clair)
- June 11 BOD Mtg
- June 15 SOTY Harbor Beach
- June 25 Member Mtg
- June 29 SOTY Pentwater

Winston Churchill once said, "There are two things more difficult than making an after dinner speech: climbing a wall that is leaning toward you and kissing a girl who is leaning away from you".

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