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"Fishin Tales" II



July 30 , 2024 Member Meeting Recap

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One of the challenges of publishing a monthly newsletter is the timing of club events vs the normally expected publishing date. I make an effort to get this monthly newsletter out to membership within 7 to 10 days prior to the monthly member meeting. Sometimes that means events don't publicized until shortly before the event or worse, publicized after the event. That being said:

We are approaching the end of the 2024 SOTY boat trolling season and the competition for the annual SOTY award is closely contested (see page 5 of this publication). With only two more events scheduled for this year, Ludington on July 27, and Manistee on August 10, it would be great to see high turnouts for these last two events.

The AOTY competition is also tight but the next event is not until the LSC perch outing on August 14 out of the Harley Ensign DNR boat ramp. Gear up for that one also!

(This space in the newsletter is typically reserved for recapping the prior months speakers comments. I will catch up with that in September.....Dan)

Pg 2	DAS M	embership Appl	lication		Fishin' Tales III
New Meml		IT AREA STEELHEAI			BOARD OF DIRECTORS
□ Senior (65	& over)- \$20 Yea		s Change only		Jim Zanke President Meeting PA, Shows, Trophies 586-489-2041
Special Eve	ent Rate (New Me	embers Only)- \$20			Bob Feisel Vice President Boat trolling 248-765-2504
NAME				DATE	ROD ELNICK Treasurer Salmon-In-Classroorn, Scholarships, Donations 586-214-8812
ADDRESS					James Anderson Secretary, Shows 313-330-3680
CITY, STATE, ZIP			HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE	BLAISE PEWINSKI Speakers/Education, Lake Mich Citizens Advisory, Meeting PA Co 248-890-4517
BOAT NAME		E-MAIL AD	DRESS		Dan Chisholm Newsletter 586-530-9171
					Nathan Case Boat Trolling Co, Photography Co 248-730-2591
	August 27	, 2024 DAS Memb	er Meeting		Rob Pinskey AOTY Co
		River Bend's Pa			CARL VENTIMIGLIA Wild Game Dinner, Special Events Co Social Media Co, DAS Merchandise Co 586-615-7459
		mily pot-luck an	-	t	Bob Ksionzek Membership, web-site, Publicity, FB 586-531-9198
DAS	provides the r	arly to help set- neat (hot dogs,	hambergers	•	Bob Paradise AOTY, River, Surf & Pier, Special Events 586 457-4073
	each family	should provide	a dish to sha	are	Virginia Williams DAS Merchandise, Publicity Co, FB Co
20	24 SKIPPER O	F THE YEAR (SO	TY) TOURNA	MENTS	Kevin Longley Social Media
					Assistants Mark Williams
					Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Mark Wyrick Raffles
DATE	Port	Port Captain	Times		PAUL GJELDUM Awards
					Anna Kulpa Photography, Raffles
July 27	Ludington	TBD	6 am – 1	pm	
August 10	Manistee	Nate Case	6 am – 1	pm	
Chairman B the water!	3ob Feisel (248-7	765-2504). We loo	ok forward to s	seeing you on	

SOTY Tournament Pentwater June 29, 2024

This report from Bob Feisel, (Vickis Seacret): The NOAA weather forecast had a small craft advisory for Friday night until 8 a.m. on Saturday morning, with waves up to 5 ft. The storm passed through in the middle of the night, but by 5:00 a.m. the waves had already settled down to 2-3 ft and the conditions were definitely fishable. The weather improved throughout the morning and it turned out to be a beautiful summer day. We ran 10 miles south to Little Point Sable for the start of the tournament. Fishing was very productive for us there and by the 9:00 fish call we already had 10 fish, including 2 big Kings. We stayed in that area and continued to pick away at them, getting our 3 man limit of 15 fish by 12:15.



SOTY Presque Isle July 13, 2024

Recap from Blaise Pewinski:

Well once again the little piece heaven passed out some of the best fishing the Detroit Steelheaders could ask for. Friday had most crews plying the waters of Presque Isle looking for a place to start on Saturday. The lake was loaded with small fish this year which is a good sign for the next few years to come. Boats where scattered all over, with some nice boxes of larger fish coming to the scales. At the end Sloppy Joe came in with the winning box, followed by Vickies Seacret and Wonder to make up the top 3 boats. We had great pizza lunch supplied by Portage Deli and weigh-in area provided by Two Hearted Tackle shop across from the marina. I hope everybody had a great time and want to go back to that little piece of heaven called Presque Isle.



SOTY Pentwater Saturday June 29

	Pentwater S	tandings		6/29	/2024											
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Status -	# of Fish Weighe		Catch b	y Species & \	Weight	•	Best 5 Total	Best 5 Total Pt •		Deduction Code	Points Deducte	Total Points	Place
1	Wonder	Joe Delisi	М	5	K 18.45	L 17.80	K 17.50	L 11.80	L 10.80	76.35	101.35	65.55	NONE	0.00	101.35	1
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	М	5	K 19.00	K 17.65	C 7.45	C 7.30	C 6.50	57.90	82.90	51.40	NONE	0.00	82.90	2
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	М	5	K 15.60	C 8.50	K 7.90	C 6.45	K 5.90	44.35	69.35	38.45	NONE	0.00	69.35	3
4	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	М	5	K 18.60	C 8.05	C 5.35	C 4.05	K 3.45	39.50	64.50	36.05	NONE	0.00	64.50	4
5	Down Under	David Deronge	М	3	K 17.05	K 7.30	C 5.50			29.85	44.85	29.85	NONE	0.00	44.85	5
6	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	М	3	K 11.60	C 4.65	L 4.45			20.70	35.70	20.70	NONE	0.00	35.70	6

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Gaught		6	Total Boats		
	Vicki's Seacret	Salmon	19.00					De	duction Code LEGEND
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool Salmon	19.00		\$60			LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In
	Vicki's Seacret	King	19.00	13				FARC	= Failure to Answer Role Call
L	Vicki's Seacret	Pool King	19.00					UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
A	Wonder	Coho	8.85	19				DQ	= Disqualified
	Wonder	Pool Coho	8.85					G	= Guest
R	Wonder	Lake Trout	17.80	8					
G	Wonder	Pool LT	17.80		\$30				
E	Sloppy Joe	Steelhead	4.30	1					
	Sloppy Joe	Pool Steelhead	4.30		\$30				
S		Brown	0.00	0					
т		Atlantic	0.00	0					
		Pool Atlantic	0.00						
		Pink	0.00	0					
		Pool Pink	0.00						
		Total		41					

DAS SOTY Presque Isle July 13, 2024

	Presque Isle	Standings		7/13	/2024											
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Status 🖕	# of Fish Weighe		Catch b	y Species &	Weight	-	Best 5 Total •	Best 5 Total Pt •	Best 4 Total	Deduction Code -	Points Deducte *	Total Points -	Place
1	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	М	5	L 12.75	L 10.55	L 10.25	L 9.20	L 8.30	51.05	76.05	42.75	NONE	0.00	76.05	1
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	М	5	L 12.10	L 9.95	L 9.10	K 5.50	L 5.45	42.10	67.10	36.65	NONE	0.00	67.10	2
3	Wonder	Joe Delisi	M	5	L 10.55	L 9.50	L 7.35	L 6.80	L 4.85	39.05	64.05	34.20	NONE	0.00	64.05	3
4	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	M	5	L 10.00	L 7.35	L 7.10	L 6.45	L 4.75	35.65	60.65	30.90	NONE	0.00	60.65	4
5	Moonshot	Brad Walton	М	5	L 8.65	L 7.60	L 6.65	L 6.00	L 5.50	34.40	59.40	28.90	NONE	0.00	59.40	5
6	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	M	5	L 8.20	L 6.80	L 5.95	L 3.80	L 3.75	28.50	53.50	24.75	NONE	0.00	53.50	6
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	М	5	L 5.85	L 5.80	L 5.60	L 5.55	L 4.90	27.70	52.70	22.80	NONE	0.00	52.70	7
8	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	М	5	L 6.05	L 4.95	L 4.90	S 4.50	L 4.30	24.70	49.70	20.40	NONE	0.00	49.70	8
9	Split-shot	Gary Gross	М	3	L 7.70	L 6.80	L 3.20			17.70	32.70	17.70	NONE	0.00	32.70	9
10	Two Hearted	Jason Snyder	G	5	L 8.05	L 6.35	L 3.45	S 3.40	L 2.70	23.95	48.95	21.25	G	48.95	2.00	10

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught		10	Total Boats		
	Vicki's Seacret	Salmon	5.50					De	duction Code LEGEND
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool Salmon	5.50		\$100			LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In
	Vicki's Seacret	King	5.50	1				FARC	= Failure to Answer Role Call
L	Vicki's Seacret	Pool King	5.50					UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
A	Vicki's Seacret	Coho	2.15	1				DQ	= Disqualified
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool Coho	2.15					G	= Guest
R	Vicki's Seacret	Lake Trout	12.10	75					
G	Vicki's Seacret	Pool LT	12.10		\$60				
E	Sea Hag	Steelhead	4.50	2					
	Sea Hag	Pool Steelhead	4.50		\$40				
S		Brown	0.00	0					
Т	Miss Adventure	Atlantic	3.75	2					
	Miss Adventure	Pool Atlantic	3.75						
		Pink	0.00	0					
		Pool Pink	0.00						
	1996	Total		81					

SOTY Results Year-to-Date

	Skipper of the	e Year Standings 202			7/15/24	Best 3	Best 5				
	Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Pentwater	Presque Isle	Ludington	Manistee	Total Points	Total Points
1	Wonder	Joe Delisi	3	1	6	1	3	75	75	5	14
2	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	2	5	3	3	1	75	75	6	14
2	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	1	3	2	4	6	75	75	6	16
4	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	4	7	8	2	2	75	75	8	23
5	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	5	2	7	6	4	75	75	11	24
6	Down Under	Dave Deronge	8	6	5	5	75	75	75	16	99
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	9	4	75	75	7	75	75	20	170
8	Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	75	1	75	5	75	75	81	231
9	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	7	75	4	75	75	75	75	86	236
10	Last Dime	Bob Ksionzek	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	156	306
11	Equalizer	Nathan Case	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	225	375

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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

		St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Pentwater	Presque Isle	Ludington	Manistee	Total For Year	
	No. of Boats	9	7	8	6	10	0	0	40	
	Kings	17	16	0	13	1	0	13	60	
	Cohos	4	7	3	19	1	0	19	53	
	Lake Trout	8	2	9	8	75	0	8	110	
	Steelhead	3	3	6	1	2	0	1	16	
Number Caught	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Atlantics	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	
	Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Totals	32	28	18	41	81	0	41	241	

	LARGES	ST FISH OF THE YEA	R
Species	WGT. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	19.00	Vicki's Seacret	Pentwater
Coho	8.85	Wonder	Pentwater
Lake Trout	17.80	Wonder	Pentwater
Steelhead	8.70	Down Under	Grand Haven
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	3.75	Miss Adventure	Manistee
Pink	0.00		

2024 Angler of the Year Results Year to Date

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	Entrant's Name	01-20	02-10 -	02-17	03-23 👻	04-20 🔽	05-11 -	06-01 -	09-14 👻	09-28 👻	10-05 💌	10-26 -	11-02 -	12-07 🗸	Best 5 👻	Best 6	Place
1	BOB PARADISE	4	1	50	3	1	5	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	14	23	1
2	RABIH ABDALLAH	50	2	50	1	2	26	21	75	75	75	75	75	75	52	102	2
3	GASPARE ARAGONA	1	5	50	2	50	23	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	53	103	3
4	KEVIN LONGLEY	3	7	50	50	50	4	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	72	122	4
5	KAREN LONGLEY	6	8	50	50	50	15	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	94	144	5
6	MARK WYRICK	75	6	50	50	50	8	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	117	167	6
7	ANNA KULPA	50	4	50	50	50	9	14	75	75	75	75	75	75	127	177	7
8	NATE CASE JR	50	75	75	5	50	13	20	75	75	75	75	75	75	138	213	8
9	DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	50	75	75	75	20	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	160	235	9
10	JAMES ANDERSON	75	75	75	50	50	14	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	190	265	10
11	ROB PINSKEY	75	75	75	50	75	1	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	208	283	11
12	BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	50	75	75	75	6	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	225	300	12
13	KYLE COVIAK	2	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	230	305	13
14	MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	2	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	233	308	14
15	ANDREW STOCKTON	75	75	50	50	50	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	242	317	15
16	ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	7	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	250	325	16
17	TOM GORGUZE	75	75	75	75	75	15	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	251	326	17
18	TOM THIEDA	75	75	75	75	75	11	16	75	75	75	75	75	75	252	327	18
19	NATE CASE	50	75	75	50	75	75	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	267	342	19
20	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	75	75	75	75	75	25	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	268	343	20
21	LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	75	75	6	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	281	356	21
22	KRISTYNE CASE	75	75	75	8	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	283	358	22
23	CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	50	13	75	75	75	75	75	75	288	363	23
24	LIZ KULPA	75	75	75	75	50	21	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	296	371	24
25	DON JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	50	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	298	373	25
26	CURTIS WILLIAMS	50	75	75	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	375	26
27	BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	377	27
28	BOB FEISEL	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	378	28
29	TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	304	379	29
30	BILL HOFFMAN	75	75	75	75	75	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	305	380	30
31	LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	382	31
32	BLAISE PEWINSKI IV	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	309	384	32
33	DAN TITUS	75	75	75	75	75	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	310	385	33
34	ART RING	75	75	75	75	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	319	394	34
35	JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	322	397	35
36	FRED CHARTIER	75	75	75	75	75	75	24	75	75	75	75	75	75	324	399	36
37	AUSTIN SCHROEDER	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	BRAD WALTON	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	CARL VENTIMIGLIA	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	CHRIS VENTIMIGLIA	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	GARY GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	SAMUEL ANDERSON	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	STEVE SCHROEDER	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37

July 27, 2024 Ludington SOTY Tournament

Fellow DAS Member,

Saturday, July 27, 2024 the next SOTY tournament of the year will be held in Ludington.

The tournament will start at 6:00 am and run until 1:00 pm. With weigh-in and lunch at 2:30 pm. Pavilion at Ludington Municipal Marina

All State of Michigan and <u>DAS SOTY rules</u> apply.

Please visit the DAS SOTY Tournament page for all the details.

Visit the Pure Michigan web page for Ludington info on places to stay and eat plus much more.

It's easy to enter, just visit the DAS 2024 Entry Form on the DAS web page to sign up for this and/or any of the tournaments this year.

Or if you prefer, you can text **Tournament Chairman Bob Feisel (248-765-2504)** and provide the following information:

- Boat Name
- Names of Captain and each crew member
- Captain's Cell phone number
- Total number of persons expected for lunch (captain, crew, guests)
- Participation in Big Fish Pool (yes/no)

The entry fee is \$15 per person and only the Captain of the boat needs to sign-up.

The entry fee is to cover the cost of the luncheon and will be collected at the weigh-in on tournament day.

In addition, the Captain can indicate on the entry form that he will be participating in the Big Fish Pool. That optional fee is \$20 and is actually for (3) Big Fish Categories –

- Big Salmon (gets 50% of Pool fees collected)
- Big Steelhead (gets 25% of Pool fees collected)
- Big Lake Trout (gets 25% of Pool fees collected)

This fee will also be collected at the weigh-in.

There is no Skippers Meeting and the Port Captain will conduct a Roll Call of boats in attendance on Channel 72 within an hour after the tournament starts.

Captains are urged to <u>register at least 3 days before the tournament</u>. Late registrations will be accepted, but it might not be possible to include lunch at the weigh-in.

Bob Ksionzek DAS Website Administrator

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SOTY Manistee August 10, 2024 (Last Chance for SOTY Points)

This August 10th is the Manistee Outing. This could decide Captain of the year. I "Wonder" who it will be, but it could just be a "MissAdventure". If anyone sees a "Lake Buzzard" just throw a "Moonshot" or "Split Shot" at it. It will be our "Vicki's Secret".

We set lines at 6:00am, roll call at 7:00am, fish calls at 9:00am & 11:00am, and if you're "Down Under" someone tell that "Seahag" to pull lines at 1:00pm. They will get a "Blue Star" for their effort. Fishing should be "Almost Paradise"!

We flipped a "Hardtop & Tails" coin for lunch, "Sloppy Joe" or Chicken, Chicken won. Lunch will be at the pavilion at the boat launch at 2:30pm. I spent my "Last Dime" on this lunch. Remember if you have a "Bad Dog", keep it on a leash at the Pavilion.

Good luck to all. I wanted to be the "Equalizer" but I thought I'd give everybody a break, plus, when you don't have a working boat .

Please text Nathan for registration 248-730-2591

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AOTY Event Sept 14, 2024 Lake St. Clair Perch out of DNR Harley Ensign Ramp

The 2024 AOTY Events are restarting after taking some time off:

The 2024 AOTY Lake St Clair Perch Outing Saturday, September 14 Harley Ensign DNR Boat Ramp Start time is 7 am and pull lines at 2pm. Weigh in at 2:30pm. Lunch at Harley Ensign parking lot. There is \$15 entry fee which includes lunch plus an <u>optional</u> \$10 Big Fish fee. Best 5 perch by weight. Ties will be determined by length. If you are attending, Gaspare needs to know at least 3 days prior to outing to get an accurate count for lunch. To register, call or text Gaspare Aragona (248) 330-1774 Attending name, event fee \$15, phone number. You are in \$10 big fish pool unless you opt out. Thanks, Gaspare

PG 9	2024 Meeting Dates / Locations	
August 6, 2024	BOD Two Issue Special Mtg	Roger's Roost
August 27, 2024	Member Meeting (Pot-Luck)	River Bends Park
September 10, 2024	BOD	Roger's Roost
September 24, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
October 15, 2024	BOD	Roger's Roost
October 29, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
November 6, 2024 *	BOD (move to Wed)	Roger's Roost
November 26, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54
December 3, 2024	BOD	Roger's Roost
December 17, 2024	Member Meeting	Club 54

2024 Angler of the Year Schedule (Details will Follow as Needed)							
Date	Locatin/Species	Coordinator					
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					

Detroit Steelheaders Corporate Mission

Origin of The Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc.:

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."

Pg 10Brandon Road Interbasin Project {Invasive Species Effort)

Reproduction of invasive species report found on MICHIGANADVANCE.COM

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Monday announced that the state would cosponsor an effort with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the state of Illinois to prevent invasive carp and aquatic nuisance species from entering the Great Lakes.

The agreement to cosponsor the Brandon Road Interbasin Project will unlock \$274 million in federal and \$114 million in state funding for the first of three phases of the \$1.15 billion project, according to a statement from Whitmer's office.

"Today's agreement will help us get shovels in the ground as soon as possible on the critical Brandon Road project," Whitmer said.

"The Great Lakes are the beating heart of Michigan's economy, and Brandon Road will help us protect local communities and key industries, including fishing and boating, that support tens of thousands of good-paying jobs. I am grateful to Governor [J.B.] Pritzker in Illinois, the Army Corps of Engineers, and our champions in Congress for their long-term partnership on this monumental task. Together, we will get the job done so we can protect our lakes and power economic growth for generations to come," she said.

Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, III., serves as a critical pinch point to stop invasive carp from moving into the Great Lakes, with the Brandon Road Interbasin Project implementing a series of complex deterrents for invasive carp and aquatic nuisance species.

Invasive carp — particularly bighead, silver and black carp — have the potential to outcompete native fish species in the Great Lakes, resulting in fewer fish like lake whitefish, perch, and walleye. Rivers and lakes would also be vulnerable if invasive carp were to populate the Great Lakes basin.

Silver carp are also known to leap into the air, which has injured boaters in the Illinois River and other areas where the fish are present. Silver carp infesting waters has led to decreased opportunities for fishing and in many cases boaters have ceased to enjoy the waters in these areas.

"Today's announcement represents a major milestone in the protection of Michigan's natural resources, in this case one of our most prized natural resources, the Great Lakes," Scott Bowen, director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said in a statement. "I want to thank and congratulate everyone involved in this effort, at the state and national level, for the years of effort that went into making this day a reality. Our children and grandchildren will thank them, too."

Michigan has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other Great Lakes states since 2011, with Michigan and Illinois appropriating enough funding to meet the nonfederal funding requirement to begin construction in 2023.

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U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow (D-Lansing) and Gary Peters (D-Bloomfield Twp.) and U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Ann Arbor) cheered the agreement, with each noting their efforts to secure resources for the project.

"The Brandon Road Interbasin Project is essential to stopping invasive carp from wreaking havoc on our Great Lakes, and today we are hitting a major milestone — the start of the construction phase. I've worked tirelessly over the years to get this critical project to this point, alongside my partners in the U.S. Senate, Michigan, Illinois, and the Army Corps of Engineers. This is a big win that will protect our Great Lakes for generations to come," Stabenow said in a statement

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1.5 lb Cod fillet pieces, 4-6 pieces¼ cup chopped fresh parsley leaves

Lemon Sauce

5 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

2 tablespoon melted butter

5 tbsp <u>extra virgin olive oil</u> 5 garlic cloves, minced

For Coating

⅓ cup all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon <u>ground coriander</u> 3⁄4 teaspoon <u>sweet Spanish paprika</u> 3⁄4 teaspoon <u>ground cumin</u> 3⁄4 teaspoon salt 1⁄2 teaspoon black pepper

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F.

Mix together the lemon juice, olive oil, and melted butter in a shallow bowl (do not add the garlic yet). Set aside.

In another shallow bowl, mix the all-purpose flour, spices, salt and pepper. Set next to the lemon sauce. Pat the fish dry. Dip the fish in the lemon sauce then dip it in the flour mixture. Shake off excess flour. Reserve the lemon sauce for later.

Heat 2 tablespoon olive oil in a cast iron skillet (or an oven-safe pan) over medium-high heat (watch the oil to be sure it is shimmering but not smoking).

Add the fish and sear on each side to give it some color, but do not fully cook (about 2 minutes on each side).

Remove the skillet from heat.

To the remaining lemon sauce, add the minced garlic and mix. Drizzle all over the fish fillets.

Bake in the heated oven until the fish flakes easily with a fork (10 minutes should do it, but begin checking earlier).

Remove from the heat and sprinkle chopped parsley. Serve immediately.

Notes: **Serving suggestions:** Serve immediately with <u>Lebanese rice</u> and this <u>Mediterranean chickpea sal-</u> ad or <u>traditional Greek salad</u>. Detroit Area Steelheaders P.O. Box 297 Sterling Heights, MI. 48311-297

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