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Captain Rob Barnes of Barnstorming Sport Fishing shared his knowledge and experience on fishing Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River. Captain Rob was a last-minute replacement for our scheduled speaker who had an emergency and could not attend. With little time to prepare, it was obvious that this was not Rob's first time out. Fishing locations, time of day, season, current breaks, water temperature, equipment, bait presentation.....Captain Rob had it all in there,

DAS Member meetings are held on the last Tuesday each month and attendance is the best way to keep in touch with what's going on with DAS. Meetings begin at 7 PM and for the winter we are at Club 54, 37722 Van Dyke in Sterling Hts.

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**

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December 17, 2024 DAS Annual Member Meeting

Awards presentation for Skipper of the Year, Angler of the Year, Big Fish Awards, Member of the Year, and Board Member of the Year.

Board of Directors Election

Door prizes for hams, turkeys, and liquor selections (members only)

Fellowship and Christmas Celebration

Club 54

37722 Van Dyke Ave
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

NOTE: Doors open 6:30—Start Time 7:00pm

Other Features: Info & results on any recent and upcoming AOTY Outings,
Fishing reports from the floor, 50-50 Raffle &
Every Member Present Drawing.

NOTICE:

Guests 18 yrs. and older can join the DAS at any Membership meeting ONLY 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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25TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

Saturday March 8th, 2025 - Doors @5 Dinner @6

\$85 / Ticket includes Wild Game Dinner and Full Open Bar.

Email: Cvvent@gmail.com for Advanced Tickets.

Gun Raffles, Table Raffles, Meat Coolers,
Fishing Charters, 50/50 and MORE!

MC: Billy Hoffman - DadBod Comedy Tour Headliner and Host of the Michigan BowHunters Podcast.

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33204 Maple Lane.
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>	<u>START TIME</u>
APRIL 26-27	ST JOSEPH (2 DAY)	JOE DELISI	6:30
MAY 17-18	LUDINGTON (2 DAY)	ALLEN DEVOLL	6:00
JUNE 8 (SUNDAY)	HARBOR BEACH	JOE VON GRABE	5:30
JUNE 28	PRESQUE ISLE	BLAISE PEWINSKI	5:30
JULY 26	PENTWATER	DAVE DERONGE	6:00
AUGUST 9	MANISTEE	NATE CASE	6:00
SEPTEMBER 6	FRANKFORT	BOB FEISEL	6:30

*****The June 8 tournament at Harbor Beach is on a Sunday. Harbor Beach is having a Veterans Fishing event on Saturday, June 7. DAS captains are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Veterans Fishing event (participation is optional). Participants can receive a free boat slip for Friday night. Take a Veteran fishing!**

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/2025-entry-form Tournament rules are posted on the DAS website: detroitsteelheaders.com/2025-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!

Details like port identification, time of start/stop, weigh-in location, official rules including number of fish, weight, length and other information will be determined as the outing approaches. Keep in touch and use this as a “save-the-date”.

Date	Location	Event Organizer
January 11	Metro-Beach (Perch)	TBD
January 25	Selfridge DNR Ramp (Perch)	Gaspere Aragona
February 15	Saginaw Bay (Walleye)	TBD
March 22	Manistee (Steelhead)	Roger Paradise
April 19	AuSable River (Steelhead)	Rahbih Abdalla
May 3	Algonac (Walleye)	Tom Gorguze
May 24	St Clair River (Walleye)	Rob Pinskey
July 12	AuGres (Walleye)	Bob Ksionzek
September 13	Lake St Clair (Perch)	Gaspere Aragona
September 27	Manistee River (Salmon)	James Anderson / Lauri Gamblin
October 11	AuSable (Salmon)	Kevin and Karen Longley
October 25	Manistee (Steelhead)	Mark Wyrik and Anna Kulpa
November 2	Manistee (Steelhead)	Bob Paradise
December 6	Caseville (Lake Trout)	Rob Pinskey

DAS Captains and crews enjoyed friendly competition and camaraderie at 7 trolling tournaments in 2024

Date	Port	First Place Boat	Skipper
May 4	St Joe	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll
May 18-19	Grand Haven	Wonder	Joe Delisi
June 15	Harbor Beach	Moonshot	Brad Walton
June 27	Pentwater	Wonder	Joe Delisi
July 13	Presque Isle	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe
July 27	Ludington	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski
August 10	Manistee	Wonder	Joe Delisi

Points earned at the tournaments are accumulated throughout the season to determine the winner of the annual Skipper of the Year award. This year's winner is Joe Delisi ("Wonder"), second place is Allen Devoll ("Miss Adventure"), and third place is Joe Von Grabe ("Sloppy Joe"). Congratulations to Joe Delisi and his crew on "Wonder" for the 2024 Skipper of the Year honor!

2024 Angler of the Year Annual Report

Since it's inception, our Angler of the Year (AOTY) program has proven to be a huge benefit to the Detroit Area Steelheaders (DAS) organization. Our AOTY outings provide a variety of fishing opportunities that attract many new members who want to learn new methods and increase their skills during thirteen different outings. Each location and each species offer a different challenge and often under challenging weather conditions. That's what makes this program special and draws in new members. We hope to see more new members join us and learn new skills.

Location	Date	First Place
1) Metro Beach LSC (Perch)	Jan 20, 2024	Gaspere Aragona
2) Metro Beach LSC (Perch)	Feb 10, 2024	Bob Paradise
3) Lexington Lake Huron (Multi-Species)	Feb 17, 2024	Participant
4) Manistee River (Steelhead)	March 23, 2024	Rabih Abdallah
5) Oscoda AuSable (Steelhead)	April 20, 2024	Bob Paradise
6) Algonac St Clair River (Walleye)	May 11, 2024	Rob Pinskey
7) City of St. Clair River (Walleye)	June 1, 2024	James Anderson
8) Lake St. Clair (Perch)	Sept 14, 2024	Todd Ridley
9) Manistee River (Salmon)	Sept 28, 2024	Bob Paradise
10) AuSable River Oscoda (Steelhead)	Oct 5, 2024	Merrick Fields
11) Manistee River (Steelhead)	Oct 26, 2024	Andrew Stockton
12) Manistee River (Steelhead)	Nov 2, 2024	Gaspere Aragona
13) Caseville River (Lake Trout)	Dec 7	TBD

The President's Year in Review 2024

Yet another year has gone by! Winter is upon us, it seems like just yesterday I was

prepping the boat for spring. This has been my third year as President. I believe, with the help of the other twelve directors that make up the board, our club is moving forward! We are more organized and have better membership participation. Over 50 members joined in the 13 Angler of the Year events! Digging through the archive of Newsletters, it appears our first non-trolling fishing event was 2011. It all started with an ice fishing outing. Look how far we have expanded! We averaged eight boats per the seven trolling events. Our Christmas Party is always a full house and we had a good turn-out for Potluck / Swap Meeting. We have had 10 great speakers this year, covering a multitude of topics and fishing techniques.

The membership numbers vary throughout the year. We maintain between 170 and 185 members. The number varies with expirations, renewals, and new members. This in part is why it is important to recruit at the Ultimate Fishing Show! We need fresh ideas and participating members to keep the club growing.

Here are some of the items that impacted us last. The warm winter and hot summer didn't seem to influence the lake levels greatly. We appear to be maintaining a normal height, down from the high waters of 2020. The king population in Lake Michigan looks to be healthy and abundant. The pictures of overflowing waste barrels at the cleaning stations testify to this! Another topic of great concern was the Consent Agreement between the Native Tribes and the Government. I believe the private negotiations contributed greatly to the uneasiness felt by sportfisherman. Overfishing, expansion of gill nets, and expansion of netting in general raised great concern amongst the sport fisherman. Although the Decree is not completely settled, it appears to have reached a middle ground for both the Tribes and the fisherman. My hope is that it puts the health and prosperity of the fishery first for both parties.

My final note here about the upcoming Sportsman Dinner. It will be Saturday, March 8th, 2025 at Century Banquet Center (formally American Polish Century Club) 33204 Maple Lane, Sterling Heights. This is the one fundraising event that supports our club for the entire year! It covers hall rental, insurance, speakers, raffles, the Christmas Party, Salmon in the Classroom, donations to support fishing in Michigan, kid's fishing derbies, and many of the other incidental expenses it takes to keep this club operational. Please support this event!

A special THANK YOU goes out to Kellie and Carl Ventimiglia for the time and great effort they exert to make this event happen!

Tight lines and stay safe!

Jim Zanke

**The Salmon In The Classroom Program, by Rodney Elnick
2024 Spring Releases**

In April and May of this year, the six schools supported by the Detroit Area Steelheaders needed to juggle their schedules and add releasing their Salmon to their river systems. Scheduling the bus, paying the driver, permissions from the principal, the other classes, and the parents does not just fall in place. And choosing a date without rain. The DAS supports four high schools and two elementary schools. This is very dependent on us locating a school whose Principal and participating teacher(s) agree with the extra work.

Eisenhower High School in Shelby was our first release, April 22. They chose Yates Park for the outing with 75 students participating. The river was high and running fast but their favorite station was casting. The release was moved up river about 40 feet to a gravel bar instead of the usual sand bar near the bridge, now under water. They had received 149 eggs and we released 138 Parr. This was by far the best numbers for this Spring, a 92.6% survival rate. Wow!

Pine Knob Elementary of Clarkston chose Riverside Park in Auburn Hills as their location on April 26, for our second release. We, with the help of parents, several teachers, and the principal, oversaw 76 fourth graders. They had received 152 eggs and released 132 Parr. That's 87% survival. We had a fun day rotating the students thru 'casting lessons', 'lure making', and the actual release. The teachers also had several additional stations.

On May 7th, we had Independence Elementary of Clarkston schedule their release at Dodge Park with 74 fourth graders. Another fine day with a good number of parents and several teachers. Again, we had casting, lure making, and the release. Adding digging in the mud for invertebrates, lessons on identifying trees, and free time on the parks' playground. This school received 161 eggs and released 141 Parr. That's 88% survival! See the lure display picture of one group's effort.

May 8th saw Romeo High School at Wolcott Mill Historical Center for their release. They were limited to the distance allowed to travel and the number of students. Along with the casting and the release, the instructor held an in-depth class on water purity and some chemical analysis. With their group, there was a big push to learn how to use a fly rod. The instructor brought four rods and it was up to us with experience to teach.

West Bloomfield High School was our fifth release on May 9th again at Riverside Park. This was the school's first year for a class of 'challenged' students. Only one of the thirteen students new anything about casting. With the strength of young adults, we suffered casts of five feet to across the river to catch a tree. It was positive however that the greatest pleasure came with releasing the Parr in the rocky side stream and tracking them thru the rocks to the fast-running river.

Divine Child High School of Dearborn is our sixth school however they handle their release themselves at the Huron River at Flat Rock. We would like to give a big thank you to Dreamweaver Lure Co. for their lure blanks and lure tape supplies they provided to make our release days successful. Also, we thank the DAS membership, those assisting thru the school year, and those that helped to make our releases successful.

(See photo's next page)



Lure display



Rocky side stream

Eat, Sleep, Fish, Repeat

DAS member Tanisha Miller proudly displays her Michigan Master Angler Award that she earned with a Sunfish this year. It's no secret that this DAS club has some awesome female anglers. Give her a shout when you see her at the next meeting or fishing event.

Tanisha is also the DAS "new member" Ambassador so welcome her when she approaches new members and welcomes them to DAS!



As the Caseville outing on Saturday, December 7 approached, we all watched the Caseville pier camera so we could determine how we would be able to fish this particular outing. At first it looked like we would be casting spoons or body baits off the pier because most of the pier was free of obstruction from ice. After that, each day you could see more ice moving in and filling up the space we would need to cast out into open water. By Friday, December 6, it became apparent that our only hope was that there would be enough solid ice that we could ice fish in the marina or possibly enough ice to walk on off the pier. Rahbih Abdallah had been sending first hand reports via WhatsApp so we knew what we were up against when we arrived at the Caseville pier.

Some of us fished the harbor because we believed the ice was better but most DAS members fished the river in front of the parking lot. There were 20 competitors (down from 40+ in prior years) who gave it a try despite the high wind and cold temperatures that were predicted. As it turned out, the wind was not that bad and the temperature was bearable. However, the Lake Trout did not work with us on this day as only three Lake Trout were caught, all by Bob Paradise from the same hole in the ice.

Congratulations to Bob for a well earned win that locked up his first placed effort for Angler of the Year 2024. Big fish earnings went to Bob (\$100 big fish money), second and third big fish money were decided by random draw. A well deserved thank you to Rob Pinskey for running this outing again this year and providing a great shore lunch of spare ribs, baked beans, and potato salad. Rahbih also should be thanked for bringing up some great desserts.

Attendance was down because of a poor weather forecast but the outing turned out pretty well.

AOTY Caseville/Pier/River Outing (Lake Trout) - Sat. Dec. 7, 2024

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

	L Ra	Angler's Name	Statu	Entry \$	Big Fish	3 Tot Wg	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Heaviest Fish(lbs.)	Tot Pts	Place
1	1	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	25.42	3	15	10.06	40.42	1
2	2	NATE CASE JR	Y	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	BLAISE PEWINSKI	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	DANIEL CHISHOLM	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	KADEN WAITE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	MARK PARADISE	M	\$15.00		0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	MERRICK FIELDS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	NATE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	NICK JONES	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	ROB PINSKEY	M		\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	ANGELO BATTISTI	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	DANNY GANSKI	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	JAMIE TAYLOR	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	JOE HERNANDEZ	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2
2	2	SPENCER McOSCAR	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	2

Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers
\$300.00	21

Total Big Fish Fees
\$200.00

Angler	Heaviest Fish	Payout
BOB PARADISE	10.06	\$100.00

Angler	2nd Heaviest Fish	Payout
KADEN WAITE	RANDOM DRAW	\$60.00

Angler	3rd Heaviest Fish	Payout
DANNY GANSKI	RANDOM DRAW	\$40.00



2024 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings

TODAY 12/08/24

ENTRANT'S NAME	Metro Beach Sat. Jan 20, 2024	Metro Beach II Sat. Feb 10, 2024	Lexington Sat. Feb 17, 2024	Manistee Challenge Sat. Mar 23, 2024	Oscoda AuSable River Sat. Apr 20, 2024	Algonac St Clair River Sat. May 11, 2024	St Clair Boat Harbor Sat. June 1, 2024	Lake St Clair Sat. Sept 14, 2024	Manistee River Sat. Sept 28, 2024	Oscoda AuSable River Sat. Oct 5, 2024	Manistee RSP I Sat. Oct 26, 2024	Manistee RSP II Sat. Nov 2, 2024	Caseville/Pier/River Sat. Dec. 7, 2024	Best 5	Place
1 BOB PARADISE	4	1	50	3	1	5	9	4	1	50	3	50	1	7	1
2 RABII ABDALLAH	50	2	50	1	2	26	21	13	2	50	2	50	50	9	2
3 GASPARE ARAGONA	1	5	50	2	50	23	22	5	5	50	50	1	50	14	3
4 KEVIN LONGLEY	3	7	50	50	50	4	8	7	50	75	50	3	50	24	4
5 KAREN LONGLEY	6	8	50	50	50	15	15	2	50	75	6	50	50	37	5
6 NATE CASE JR	50	75	75	4	50	13	20	75	50	2	8	50	50	47	6
7 MARK WYRICK	75	6	50	50	50	8	3	75	50	75	5	50	75	72	7
8 ANNA KULPA	50	4	50	50	50	9	14	75	50	75	4	50	75	81	8
9 DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	50	75	75	75	20	10	12	75	75	75	75	50	97	9
10 ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	75	75	75	75	75	25	18	14	75	50	7	50	75	114	10
11 ANDREW STOCKTON	75	75	50	50	50	17	75	75	75	75	1	2	75	120	11
12 JAMES ANDERSON	75	75	75	50	50	14	1	50	6	50	75	75	50	121	12
13 LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	75	75	5	50	75	75	75	4	50	50	50	50	159	13
14 TOM THIEDA	75	75	75	75	75	11	16	15	75	75	75	50	75	167	14
15 NATE CASE	50	75	75	50	75	75	17	75	3	75	75	75	50	170	15
16 ROB PINSKEY	75	75	75	50	75	1	7	75	75	75	75	75	50	183	16
17 BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	50	75	75	75	6	19	75	75	75	75	75	50	200	17
18 KYLE COVIK	2	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	205	18
19 MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	2	6	75	75	75	75	75	50	208	19
19 MERRICK FIELDS	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	7	1	75	75	50	208	19
21 TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	1	75	75	75	75	75	230	21
22 KRISTYNE CASE	75	75	75	7	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	50	75	232	22
23 BILL HOFFMAN	75	75	75	75	75	75	5	3	75	75	75	75	75	233	23
24 BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	75	75	75	2	11	75	75	75	75	75	238	24
25 DAN TITUS	75	75	75	75	75	10	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	240	25
26 ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	6	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	249	26
27 CURTIS WILLIAMS	50	75	75	50	75	75	50	50	50	75	50	50	75	250	27
28 TOM GORGUZE	75	75	75	75	75	15	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	251	28
29 JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	10	75	75	75	75	75	257	29
30 FRED CHARTIER	75	75	75	75	75	75	24	9	75	75	75	75	75	258	30
31 CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	50	13	50	75	75	75	75	75	263	31
32 LIZ KULPA	75	75	75	75	50	21	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	271	32
33 DON JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	50	23	50	75	75	75	75	75	273	33
34 BOB FEISEL	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	34
35 LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	35
36 JOE VON GRABE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	308	36
37 BLAISE PEWINSKI IV	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	309	37
38 ART RING	75	75	75	75	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	319	38
39 GARY GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	325	39
39 TANISHA MILLER	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	325	39
41 AUSTIN SCHROEDER	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 BOB NAIMY	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 BRAD WALTON	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 CARL VENTIMIGLIA	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 CHRIS VENTIMIGLIA	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 DAN WHITMILL	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 GIL GRAFTON	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 J.C. HODGE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 KADEN WAITE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	41
41 NICK JONES	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	41
41 SAMUEL ANDERSON	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	41
41 STEVE SCHROEDER	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	41

DETERMINING AOTY POINTS

- 1) PLACE AT EVENT
- 2) 50=PARTICIPATING NO FISH
- 3) 75=NO PARTICIPATION

NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ANGLERS THIS YEAR
(MEMBERS ONLY)

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AOTY BIG FISH

Today's Date: 12/8/24

Species	Wgt. (lbs.)*	Caught By	Event
Salmon	25.30	BOB PARADISE	Manistee 03/23/24
Steelhead	16.80	MERRICK FIELDS	Au Sable River 10/05/24
Lake Trout	10.06	BOB PARADISE	Caseville Pier 12/07/24
Walleye	4.98	DAN TITUS	Algonac SCR 05/11/24
Perch	12.00	BILL HOFFMAN	Harley Ensign LSC 09/14/24

(*Perch is Length in Inches)

MDNR funding HB 6229 has been introduced into the final session of the state legislature and your continued support is extremely critical to its passage. For those that have not received this notice already, Fisheries Chief, Randy Claramunt below, has provided details of the Bill.

Dear Michigan Fisheries Stakeholders, Partners, and Supporters,

On behalf of DNR Fisheries Division, I am excited to share with you that the bill to adjust hunting and fishing licenses has been introduced in the Michigan House as **HB-6229** for the protection and enhancement of the incredible and diverse fishery in Michigan. In addition to the legislative sponsorship, we have received numerous calls and official letters of support from the Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association (all chapters), Michigan Charter Boat Association, Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International, Bass Federation of Michigan, Trout Unlimited, Anglers of the Au Sable, Straits Area Sportsman's Club, Burt Lake Preservation Association, Upper Black River Council and various fishing advisory groups and lake associations across the state. This bill will update the available fishing license fees which were last changed over 10 years ago and have not kept pace with economic changes or changes in the sportfishing industry and community.

In the words of our stakeholders, this license "proposal would generate new revenue that would increase staffing, mostly at the field level, add fisheries technicians and biologists, increase fish production, and many other benefits that will help to preserve and improve Michigan's most important natural resources". The Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International also notes that, "It is estimated that recreational fishing generates \$2.3 billion in economic activity for our state and that there are over 1 million licensed anglers."

Our stakeholders and partners also recognized that the previous fishing and hunting license change in 2013 failed to address long-term funding needs for our fisheries. As stated by Michigan Charter Boat Association, "since the last fishing license fee adjustment, the cost of fish food for hatcheries has increased over 70 percent. This explosion in cost is found across all MDNR Fisheries Division activities. It threatens the ability [of the agency] to maintain proper staffing, stock the Great Lakes with sportfish, maintain equipment and repair the infrastructure which supports these activities."

We couldn't state the case any clearer and more succinctly than our partners have here, and we encourage you to voice your support for the license package, which will be a game changer for Michigan's fisheries and future generations of anglers. You can do so by contacting your respective legislator by any means possible (email, letter, call, etc.) and let them know that you want them to support this bill but do so asap as there are only a few days left in Session and thanks again for all your support.

Randall M. Claramunt / Chief – Fisheries Division

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DAS members are urged to read and act according to your beliefs.

Hello Everyone,

This is a brief update on the Fisheries and Wildlife Divisions' License Fee Increase Proposals.

*Justin Tomei from MUCC indicated that the legislature **decided to delay returning to Lansing until December 2nd instead of today, November 19th.** This allows for more time to contact your legislators and if you prefer, groups/clubs/organizations may **Sign-on to MUCC's Support Letter** by emailing Justin Tomei (jtomei@MUCC.org)*

Any comments on the Proposals that you send me will be shared with the MDNR managers.

*For your convenience again, attached are the Sign-on letter and the Fisheries and Wildlife Divisions' License Fee Increase Proposals. **Frank***

Speaker Joe Tate

Majority Leader Winnie Brinks

House Republican Leader Matt Hall

Senate Republican Leader Aric Nesbitt

House Appropriations Committee Chair Rep. Angela Witwer

Senate Appropriations Committee Chair Sen. Sarah Anthony

Dear Michigan Legislative Leaders,

Hunting, fishing, and trapping represent an \$11.2 billion economic impact for the state of Michigan, from a 2019 Michigan United Conservation Clubs economic impact study. There are more than 700,000 hunting or trapping license holders, over 1,000,000 licensed anglers, and approximately 3,000,000 individuals who watch wildlife.

In 2013, the Michigan Legislature adopted the first hunting, fishing, and trapping license package since 1996. While impactful, the package failed to address the funding issues of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on a longer-term basis.

Soon, a bipartisan slate of your colleagues will be bringing forward a license fee adjustment for your consideration. The package includes some significant changes, but importantly includes a consumer price index adjustment built in to ensure revenue gained keeps up with the rising costs of natural resources management, equipment and materials.

To put a fine point on it, DNR Wildlife Division's maintenance costs have more than doubled from \$1.4 million to \$3.1 million since the last license fee modification went into effect in 2014. Fisheries Division's costs of fish food for our hatcheries program now cost a million dollars, an increase of 71 percent over the last several years.

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The Michigan Legislature has the opportunity to provide a longer-term solution to the funding issues of the DNR.

Hunters, anglers and trappers are proud to currently contribute tens of millions of dollars in license revenue each year for funding fish and wildlife conservation in Michigan, representing the vast majority of the Game and Fish Protection Fund, but there is a need to expand this pool.

Until this happens, license fees remain the single largest source of revenue supporting fish and wildlife management, habitat management and DNR law enforcement.

We, the undersigned organizations, recognize the need for a license fee restructuring and support the need for the proposal. We are looking forward to working with the Michigan Legislature this winter to ensure that fish and wildlife conservation and management is adequately funded for years to come. Both Michigan's natural resources and our outdoor heritage depend on it.

Sincerely,

To sign-on to this letter please email Justin Tomei from MUCC at jtomei@MUCC.org
The Legislative Session may begin as early as this Tuesday so please respond by Monday

Proposed Fishing License Fee Increase Summary

- Resident all species license goes from \$26 to \$38 plus \$2 for Michigan Wildlife Council funding for a total of \$40
- Nonresident all species license goes from \$76 to \$88 plus \$2 for Michigan Wildlife Council funding for a total of \$90
- 24-hour license goes from \$10 to \$15
- Establish a new nonresident 24-hour license for \$20
- Reduce senior discount from 60% to 25%
- Reduce the age at which a fishing license is required from 17 to 16
 - o The national average is 15, so Mich. would still be higher than average
- Voluntary youth license will stay at \$2

Annual Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors election!

Each year during our annual meeting (December 17, 2024) we hold the election of officers to serve three year terms on the clubs Board of Directors. If you wish to have input in the operation of DAS, this is the time to step up. Notify any member of the BOD and we will include you in this years ballot. There are four BOD members whose terms expire on Dec 31. As you enter the Hall (Club 54) check-in at the registration table and get your ballot where you will also receive a door prize ticket (members only) for a chance to win a ham, turkey or a liquor selection.

The Ultimate Fishing Show 2025:

Once again we will be participating in the Ultimate Fishing Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace Novi. Show dates are Thursday January 9 through Sunday January 12. This is our opportune time to showcase our club and to attract new members! Last year we signed up 16 new members. It takes about 22 Steelheaders to man the booth over the four-day event. We will be passing around the sign-up sheet during the next few General Member Meetings. Please do your part! Volunteering includes free show admission so if you're going to the show anyway, why not help support your club. Thanks, Jim Zanke.

DAS Sportsman Dinner (Wild Game Dinner):

March 8, 2025 returning to Century Banquet Center. This is the Detroit Area Steelheaders primary fund raising event each year. Your support is critical for the financial support of DAS.

Without a successful Sportsman's dinner, DAS cannot make donations in support of Great Lakes initiatives, local community kids fishing derbies, Salmon in the Classroom, scholarships, or run a successful club. We need your support!

Asian Honey Mustard Salmon On Spinach and Mushrooms

Give Asian Honey Mustard Salmon On Spinach and Mushrooms a try. This recipe serves 6. One portion of this dish contains approximately 9g of protein, 9g of fat, and a total of 144 calories. Head to the store and pick up soy, sesame oil, ginger, and a few other things to make it today. From preparation to the plate, this recipe takes roughly 45 minutes.

Instructions:

For the salmon: Pat dry and massage in salt and pepper. In a small mixing bowl, combine creole mustard, honey, and soy.

Place mixture in a bag with salmon and marinate for half an hour. Cook on 450 degrees 20 to 30 minutes in a baking pan coated with a little olive oil. Make sure the salmon is well coated with the marinade. In a large saucepan, saute sliced white onion in sesame oil. Then, add and saute mushrooms, garlic, and spinach, with salt, pepper, ginger, and soy. Cover and cook until the spinach has cooked down.

Ingredients

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| • 1 bag pre-washed baby spinach | 6 ounces to 8 salmon |
| • 5 tablespoons creole mustard | 1 tablespoon salt and pepper |
| • 2 teaspoons garlic | 2 teaspoons sesame oil |
| • 2 tablespoons ginger | 2 tablespoons soy |
| • 1 tablespoon honey | 1 onion |
| • 1 package clean mushrooms | |

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Upcoming Dates

December 17 DAS Annual Mtg

DAS BOD January 14, 2025

DAS Member Mtg January 28, 2025

Ultimate Fishing Show January 9-12, 2025

DAS Sportsman's Dinner March 8, 2025

If a child refuses to nap, is the child resisting arrest?