



# "Fishin Tales" III

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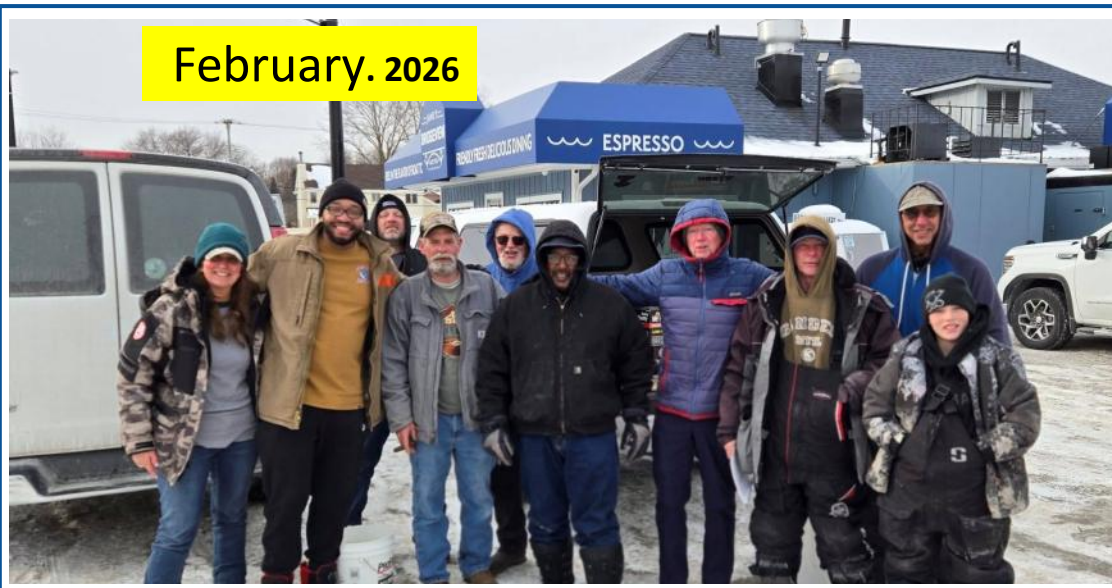
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DAS Anglers

February. 2026



January 27, 2026 Annual DAS Member Mtg

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Our February speaker, **Joey Elliott (Tackle Box Joey)**, is known for his fishing expertise and competitive wins. Demonstrating drop shot techniques and revealing Joey's 3 C's of confidence, comfort, and change. He spoke on using their favorite habitats to bring in Billy Bluegill, Petey Perch, and Carl Crappie. Bobber fishing, perch rigs, what type of main line to use, and other tactics were discussed. He ended with an interactive Q and A session so everyone could be heard.

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**Detroit Area Steelheaders February 24 Member Mtg**

Please join us on February 24th as long time DAS member Mark Williams and the DNR's Jay Wesley address the need to adjust the way Michigan supports the Great Lakes fisheries. The newly formed Michigan Anglers Consortium (501C3) works to raise awareness in support of HB 5093 to properly fund the magnificent Great Lakes. Come on out and listen! The focus of the presentation will be on the importance of having a voice in Lansing and making sure that our fishery dollars go to Fisheries. Jay Wesley will be there to back up how much they are under funded and they need this help.

37722 Van Dyke Ave.  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026  
**NOTE: Start Time 7:00pm**

Also, Tickets for the 2026 Sportsmans Dinner will be available, Info on the next 2026 AOTY outing and the 2026 SOTY Schedule. Tackle Raffles, 50-50 Drawing and the Every Member Drawing.

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## AOTY Metro Beach Outing (Perch) - Sat. Jan 24, 2026

Place	LR	Angler's Name	Status	Entry Fee Paid	Big Fish Fee Paid	Tot Wgt (oz.)	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Largest Fish (lbs.)	Length Largest Fish (.in)	Tot Pts	Place
1	2	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.75	5	25	0.40		26.75	1
2	3	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.53	5	25	0.34		26.53	2
3	4	MAX PARADISE	Y		\$10.00	1.04	3	15	0.33		16.04	3
4	1	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.66	2	10	0.45		10.66	4
5	5	DANIEL CHISHOLM	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.26	1	5	0.26		5.26	5
6	6	CURTIS WILLIAMS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6	DREW DOTSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6		-					0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6		-					0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6		-					0	0.00		0.00	6
6	6		-					0	0.00		0.00	6

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

## TIE BREAKERS

Place - Largest Fish Largest Fish - Length Largest Fish

## Total Entry Fees

\$150.00

## Total No. Anglers

11

## Total Big Fish Fees

\$110.00

## Angler

## Largest Fish

## Payout

KEVIN LONGLEY

0.45

\$55.00

## Angler

## 2nd Largest Fish

## Payout

GASPARE ARAGONA

0.40

\$33.00

## Angler

## 3rd Largest Fish

## Payout

BOB PARADISE

0.34

\$22.00



## AOTY Selfridge Ramp Outing (Perch) - Sat. Jan 31, 2026

Place	Angler's Name	Status	Entry Fee Paid	Big Fish Fee Paid	Tot Wgt (oz.)	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Largest Fish (lbs.)	Length Largest Fish (.in)	Tot Pts	Place
1	ROB PINSKEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.075	5	25	0.290	11.625	26.08	1
2	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.960	5	25	0.290	11.875	25.96	2
3	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.770	5	25	0.170		25.77	3
4	DANIEL CHISHOLM	M		\$10.00	0.670	5	25	0.210		25.67	4
5	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.630	5	25	0.000		25.63	5
6	MAX PARADISE	Y	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.845	4	20	0.315		20.85	6
7	MIKE PARADISE	M		\$10.00	0.355	3	15	0.000		15.36	7
8	GASPARE ARAGONA	M		\$10.00	0.255	2	10	0.135		10.26	8
9	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.215	2	10	0.115		10.22	9
10	DREW DOTSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.135	1	5	0.135		5.14	10
11	PAUL SCHEUERMAN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.130	1	5	0.130		5.13	11
12	CURTIS WILLIAMS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.100	1	5	0.100		5.10	12
13	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.000	0	0	0.000		0.00	13
13	MERRICK FIELDS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.000	0	0	0.000		0.00	13
13	JEFF MORACZEWSKI	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.000	0	0	0.000		0.00	13
13	MIKE PARADISE JR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.000	0	0	0.000		0.00	13
13	MARK PIASECKI	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.000	0	0	0.000		0.00	13
13	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.000	0	0	0.000		0.00	13
13	RENEE WEISHAAR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.000	0	0	0.000		0.00	13

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## TIE BREAKERS

Place - Largest Fish      Largest Fish - Length Largest Fish

Total Entry Fees      Total No. Anglers

\$240.00      19

Total Big Fish Fees

\$190.00

Angler      Largest Fish      Payout

MAX PARADISE      0.32      \$95.00

Angler      2nd Largest Fish      Payout

KEVIN LONGLEY      0.29      \$57.00

Angler      3rd Largest Fish      Payout

ROB PINSKEY      0.29      \$38.00

1/31/2026 Selfridge Perch Outing. We had a nice turnout of 19 members braving the cold at the Selfridge Perch Outing. The weather was -7 with a light wind. Fishing was slow but 12 members caught fish. 1st place was Rob Pinski, 2nd was Kevin Longley, 3rd was Karen Longley, 4th place Dan Chisholm, 5th place Bob Paradise, 6th place Max Paradise, and 7th place was Mike Paradise. Big Fish in 1st place was Max Paradise, 2nd place was a tie between Kevin Longley and Rob Pinski. The tie was broken by length and Kevin took 2nd place. Rob Pinski took 3rd place. After weigh in we went to Bob Evans and enjoyed a great brunch. Thanks to all that came and see you at next outing in Saginaw Bay on Feb 21.. Fish On! Gaspare.

The next AOTY outing will be February 21st on Saginaw bay/ river, fishing from 7 till 1, weigh-in will be at bay city st park at 2 ,those fishing the bay are encouraged to meet to go out together as a group, those fishing the river can fish anywhere on the river, but must be back by 2 , Best 5 fish by weight.

You can contact me with any questions or concerns, try to let me know by Thursday the 19th for headcount. Thanks Kevin 248-240-7576

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# March 7, 2026

Century Banquet Center  
33204 Maple Lane,  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Hosted by

## 26th Annual Sportsman's Dinner



### DELICIOUS WILD GAME FARE

*Doors open at 5pm, Dinner served at 6pm*

### MULTIPLE RAFFLES & PRIZES

*Raffle tickets available from \$1 to \$20*

50/50's, Guns, Hundreds of Sportsman table items, Meat cooler,  
Fishing charters, and other Special items to be raffled!

### MC: BILLY HOFFMAN

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and Host of the Michigan BowHunters Podcast*

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### TICKETS \$85

*Includes Dinner and Full Open Bar*

*More details at*

**[detroitsteelheaders.com](http://detroitsteelheaders.com)**

*Tickets can be purchased via email*

**[ccvent@gmail.com](mailto:ccvent@gmail.com)**

*No tickets will be sold at the door on the day of event.*

*Gun Raffles Provided by*



*Our annual fundraiser helps our non-profit corporation's continuous support to  
**protect and promote our Great Lakes Sport Fishery**, including the  
Michigan Salmon in the Classroom program that helps local schools raise, learn from  
and release young Chinook Salmon in Michigan waterways.*

*To learn more about the Detroit Area Steelheaders Annual Sportsman's Dinner event, as well as  
donor and sponsorship opportunities, please email [ccvent@gmail.com](mailto:ccvent@gmail.com)*

**2026 Menu**

***Appetizers:*** Venison Chili, Buffalo Hotdogs

***Entrees:*** Louisiana Jambalaya, Buffalo Spedini, Whole Roasted Wild Boar, Whitetail Stuffed Cabbage, Michigan Elk Ravioli, Gator Sausage

***Sides:*** Coleslaw, Fresh Baked Rolls

***Dessert:*** Cookies      **OPEN BAR!**

**Detroit Area Steelheaders SOTY Schedule 2026**

**2026 BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>PULL LINES</u>
May 2	ST JOSEPH	5:30	12:30
MAY 16-17	GRAND HAVEN (2 DAY TOURNAMENT)	5/16 DAY ONE	
		5:30	12:30
		5/17 DAY TWO	
		5:30	10:30
JUNE 14 (SUNDAY)	HARBOR BEACH	5:00	12:00
JULY 11	PENTWATER	5:00	12:00
JULY 25	LUDINGTON	5:30	12:30
AUGUST 8	MANISTEE	5:30	12:30
AUGUST 22	MANISTEE	6:00	1:00

**NOTE:** Our June 14 tournament at Harbor Beach is on a SUNDAY. Harbor Beach is having a Veterans Fishing event on Saturday, June 13. 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!

**Saturday Feb 21, 2026 Saginaw Bay walleye, Bay City State Park, 7 am-1 pm Best 5 Walleye by weight**

**Event Co-Ordinator: Kevin and Karent Longley 248 240 7576**

**Saturday Mar 28, 2026, Manistee Steelhead Fish-Off, Tippy Dam, 6 am-12 pm Best 1 Steelhead by wgt**

**Event Co-Ordinator: Roger Paradise 586 354 1121**

**Saturday April 18, 2026, AuSable Steelhead River Dam Store, 6 am—12 pm, Best 3 Steelhead by wgt**

<b>Event Co-Ordinator: TBD</b>	<b>Tie breaker best weight</b>
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**Sat May 2, 2026,, Algonac Walleye, North Channel DNR Ramp, 6 am-12 pm, Best 5 Walleye by wt**

<b>Event Co-Ordinator: TBD</b>	<b>Weigh-in Clay Twp Park</b>
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**Sat May 30, 2026, St. Clair River Walleye, St Clair River boat harbor 5:30 am-12 pm Best 5 by weight**

**Event Co-Ordinator: Rob Pinskey 810 543 3191**

Sat July 25, 2026	Port Austin Walleye	Lake Huron	6 am—12 pm	Best 5 Walleye by weight
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**Event Co-Ordinator: Bob Ksionzek 586 531 9198      Weigh-in Veterans Waterfront Park**

**Sat Sept 12, 2026 Lake St. Clair Perch Selfridge DNR Ramp 7 am-1 pm Best 5 by length (min 8")**

**Event Co-Ordinator: Gaspare Aragona 248-330 1774** **Tie breaker best weight**

**Sat Sept 26, 2026, Manistee Steelhead, Tippy Dam, 6:30 am-12:30 pm, Best 3 Steelhead by weight**

**Event Co-Ordinators: James Anderson 313 330 3686 and Laurie Gamblin 810 730 2373**

**Sat Nov 7, 2026, Manistee Steelhead, Pier and River, 6 am-12 pm, Best 3 Steelhead by weight**

<b>Event Co-Ordinator: TBD</b>	<b>Weigh –in First St Lions Pavillion (Pier Rules)</b>
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**Sat December 5, 2026, Caseville Lake Trout, Caseville Pier 7 am-1 pm Best 1 by weight**

**Event Co-Ordinator: TBD      Weigh-In Caseville Resort and Marina Clubhouse**



## Detroit Steelheaders 2026 Meeting Dates and Locations

February 10	BOD	
February 24	General Member Meeting	Club 54
<b><u>March 7</u></b>	<b><u>Sportsman's Dinner Fundraiser</u></b>	
March 17	BOD	
March 31	General Member Meeting	Club 54
April 14	BOD	
April 28	General Member Meeting	Club 54
May 12	BOD	
May 26	General Member Meeting	River Bends Park
June 16	BOD	
June 30	General Member Meeting	River Bends Park
July 14	BOD	
July 28	General Member Meeting	River Bends Park
<b><u>August 2026</u></b>	<b><u>No Board Meeting</u></b>	
August 25	General Member Meeting	River Bends Park
September 15	BOD	
September 29	General Member Meeting	Club 54
October 13	BOD	
October 27	General Member Meeting	Club 54
November 10	BOD	
November 24	General Member Meeting	Club 54
<b><u>December 1</u></b>	<b><u>BOD</u></b>	
<b><u>December 15</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Meeting and Celebration</u></b>	<b><u>Club 54</u></b>

## ***Michigan Anglers Consortium***

### ***A Unified Voice for All Michigan Anglers***

#### Mission, Objectives, and Structure

The Michigan Anglers Consortium (MAC) unites Michigan's diverse fishing community—including individuals, clubs, charter captains, and related businesses—under one organization. MAC's mission is to support the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and State Legislature by fostering open communication, ensuring stakeholder engagement, and advocating for policies that protect and enhance all aspects of fishing in Michigan.

#### Objectives:

- Serve as a collective voice for Michigan anglers in legislative and regulatory matters.
- Promote collaboration among river, inland lake, and Great Lakes fishing sectors.
- Keep stakeholders informed and engaged in policy discussions and decisions.
- Advocate for sustainable fishing practices and aquatic resource conservation.
- Facilitate educational programs, outreach, and community events.

#### Consortium Structure:

MAC's structure is designed to maximize participation and effectiveness, ensuring that diverse perspectives across Michigan's fishing sectors are represented and heard. Through unified advocacy and collaboration, MAC strengthens the fishing community and works toward a thriving, sustainable future for all Michigan anglers.

**Mark Williams, capt.mwilliams@gmail.com**

#### **The Michigan Anglers Position on HB5093 is as follows:**

**HB 5093** is the solution to the Michigan Fisheries Funding Problem, to ensure that Michigan's' **4-billion-dollar sport fishing industry** remains WORLD CLASS. Supporters total well over one hundred, ALL OF MICHIGAN has Input and signed on to 5093, with an immense cross section of diversity of **Statewide Conservation Organizations, Local Fishing Groups, Retailers, Manufactures, Restaurants, Breweries, Wineries, Media, Real Estate and Regional Economic Development Groups.**

**\$2 increase** This modest adjustment helps offset inflation-driven program and maintenance cuts within the DNR Fisheries Division, ensuring continued delivery of core fisheries services. **Fisheries have not had an increase since 1997.**

**\$5 Hatchery Stamp** gives a dedicated revenue stream to Michigan's valued Hatchery Program that is in dire need of an economic upgrade of over \$50 million just to bring them up to par. Required when targeting hatchery produced fish. Anglers see an immediate benefit when purchasing the Hatchery Stamp, with the removal of the rod limit when trolling on the Great Lakes, and a long-term result of increased inland stocking.

Continues from previous page**Increased Allocation of Fishing License Revenue to the DNR Fisheries Division**

This provision helps restore the \$33 million senior license backfill required by statute following the 2013 fishing license changes. Stakeholders strongly support directing **fisheries licensing revenue** directly to Fisheries. 100% for 5 years to recover the shortfall. Cost of doing business will be paid from Fisheries to Fish & Game Fund. Provides an allocation guide rails with an 80% floor of Fisheries revenue so funding cannot be reduced but can be adjust upward if needed.

**Senior License Adjustment**

No private-sector business or public program offers a permanent 60% senior discount without a dedicated funding source. A modest adjustment is necessary because the Legislature has never appropriated the \$33 million senior license backfill required by statute following the 2013 legislation that established the discount. Systematically adjust the senior license from \$11 dollars up to within 20% of a license, gradually over time.

**Youth License Provision**

Matches current hunting licensing requirements. Studies show a Youth License helps retain anglers. It would only be required for a Youth to KEEP their limit. Youth could still fish for free. Reduce the age requirement from 17 to 16 for an adult license.

**Dingell–Johnson Act** - Anglers pay a federal excise tax on fishing equipment and tackle, which is returned to states through the Dingell–Johnson Act. For every youth license sold, Michigan receives \$8–\$11 in federal funding—funds that would otherwise be allocated to other states. A Youth License allows us to maximize federal matching dollars.

**Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Mechanism with FOC Oversight**

Setup as a tool, this provision prevents inflation from eroding investments in fish stocking, fisheries infrastructure, data collection, and science-based management. It ensures Michigan maintains healthy, world-class fisheries for future generations. Incorporates the ability to make license adjustments with limits & oversight.

**Fisheries Oversight Committee (FOC)** Establishes a Fisheries Oversight Committee, made up of Stakeholders, charged with the responsibility to oversee all of Fishery's budgets, projects and functions, while communicating with the DNR Director, and reporting to the Legislature. The FOC will be approved by the Legislature. It enhances transparency and accountability by ensuring that additional revenues generated by this bill are used solely to improve fishing opportunities in Michigan, further strengthening stakeholder confidence and support.

**HB 5093 is ANGLER DEVELOPED, DRIVEN, FUNDED AND SUPPORTED, as a business solution that fixes the funding problem for Michigan's World Class Fishery for Generations to come**



Wearing DAS Apparel is a great way to identify our membership with the club, show our pride in our organization, advertise the organization and increase membership. DAS Apparel can be purchased in 2 ways as outlined below. I encourage everyone to purchase your DAS Apparel ASAP to represent our great club!

**I. DAS Pop Up Store: Available Items:**

**Sweatshirts - \$25.00 -T Shirts \$20.00-Caps \$20.00-Winter Beanies \$20.00-Clip on Towels \$20.00**

- 1. BASS PRO SHOP: Go to - Basspro.com**
- 2. Scroll to the bottom of the home page until you see "RESOURCES" click "BUSINESS SALES"**
- 3. Click "VIEW PRODUCTS"**
- 4. Select the item that you want to buy and record the SKU number**
- 5. Select the DAS Logo that you want placed on the item.**
- 6. Call the Bass Pro Business Order Line at (417) 873-5818 or 800-243-6626, option #1 and place your order.**

**Monday-Friday 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM CST**

Reference the DAS Account Number to ensure you receive your discount

**DAS Account Number 118597741**

**Summary: to place your order you will need:**

SKU Number, Your Size, The Logo Number, The DAS Acct #

**DAS Approved Logo Numbers**

Left Side Chest heat transfer logo - 30046893

Back of shirt heat transfer logo - 30046892

Back of shirt/jacket embroidery logo – 30046891

There is a lot of work that goes into planning and executing any DAS Club outing. It starts with the board of directors laying out the annual plan and passing the plan down to the appropriate committee to turn the plan into action. The Skipper of the Year Committee and the Angler of the Year Committee set up meetings where schedules are decided upon regarding what ports we should visit and what dates are good for each port. It can get complicated and prior year results are considered before a schedule is decided upon.

Once a schedule is published (SOTY-AOTY) a whole new plan must be made up where port captains for each port are solicited. This is the part I want to bring to the attention of membership because we all need to do our part to help this club be all we can be. As John Wooden said, "Nothing happens until we all make it happen. The port captain basically runs the outing. Outing registration, fee collection, start/stop times, fish calls, weather boats, member safety, post event weigh-in, record keeping, pictures, and shore lunch all fall to the port captain. The point I'm trying to make is, its not an easy job.

Fortunately, the port captains we have are up to the task and we are glad to have them. But members can make their job easier. Register as early as possible for any event. The port captain has a budget and needs to know how many people need to be fed. Arrangements must be made with the food vendor in advance. If you must cancel, do it as early as possible. Don't make the port captain seek you out for payment. If you have registered, attend the weigh-in. Catch or no catch. At the least, communicate with the port captain to settle registration/big-fish payment. In the event you can not attend the weigh-in, the event registration fee must still be paid. This lets the port captain know everyone is accounted for and makes the job easier.



To whom it may concern,

My name is Jessica Ruthman, and I'm the Michigan Chapter Vice President of American Daughters of Conservation (ADC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to empowering women in the outdoors and protecting our natural world.

We are preparing for our **4th Annual Ladies on the Lake Class & Perch Derby** in Clay Township, MI; a hands-on ice fishing education event for women. Participants learn ice safety, rules and regulations, and species/equipment basics from experienced anglers before heading onto the ice for a fun and supportive derby experience.

Educating and empowering women in the outdoors isn't just about building confidence; it's a direct investment in conservation. When more women step into hunting, fishing, and outdoor stewardship, they become informed advocates who care deeply about protecting wildlife and wild places. Their participation also boosts license sales, which fund critical habitat work, fisheries management, and long-term conservation programs. When women learn, lead, and take part, conservation gets stronger for the next generation.

To support our participants and volunteers, we are assembling 65 goodie bags and gathering prizes for the derby. Would you be willing to contribute a product(s) or monetary donation?

In appreciation, we will:

- Feature your logo and website on our event pamphlet, marketing, and articles
- Give social media shout-outs on our ADC Michigan Facebook page
- Recognize your business as a supporter of women's outdoor education and conservation

To learn more about our mission, please visit [www.adconserve.org](http://www.adconserve.org) or find us on Facebook. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We greatly appreciate any support you're willing to provide.

Best regards,  
Jessica Ruthman  
American Daughters of Conservation Michigan Chapter

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**Michigan Chapter**  
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## Upcoming Dates

Feb 10	BOD
Feb 21	AOTY Sag Bay Walleye
Feb 24	DAS Member Meeting
Mar 7	Sportsman Dinner
Mar 28	AOTY Manistee Steelhead
Mar 31	DAS Member Meeting

**John Wooden said: "Nothing works until we all make it work".**