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February 25, 2025 Membership Meeting

Brad Urtup Michigan DNR Fisheries technician described the duties of the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station. What they do is facilitate the coordination of communication between the people, the fish, the eco system, and the waterways within the State of Michigan. The information they uncover through Great Lakes surveys, long term monitoring, habitat surveys, and research projects is passed along to other groups who use the information to manage the overall health of the fisheries. Brad's slide presentation covered the health of various fish species and how they gather the information that is shared with other groups who are responsible for keeping the fishery healthy for future generations. In short, it was a great meeting.

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.

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- ☐ **Special Event Rate (New Members Only)- \$20**

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March 25 DAS Member Mtg

Our featured speaker for the march membership meeting is Hunter Engel. Hunter is a charter fishing guide on Lake Michigan who has been fishing for salmon his whole life. He is part of the Engel family that runs Best Chance Charter Fishing, which has won many salmon fishing tournaments. Join us and benefit from an early salmon fishing tune up before the first SOTY tournament on April 26-27 on Lake Michigan out of St. Joseph.

Future Months:

On April 29: Aaron Switzer (MI DNR head of Fish hatchery Production)

On May 27: Bob Mitchell (Long time DAS member and Charter Boat Captain)

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Detroit Area Steelheaders Saginaw Bay/River walleye outing was held Feb 15th. We left out of Bay City State Park as a group (10 anglers) traveling on a 4 wheeler with 2 anglers on a sled being pulled behind it, a side-by-side, a snow dog, and a snowmobile. The ice was good but there were a few pressure cracks to get over. We proceeded with caution out about 5 miles and set up to fish. Fishing was slow, as the walleye were tight lipped. Finally about 8:30 a fish was caught! A few more were caught throughout the morning for a total of 5. There was a light snow that began to pick up and conditions were deteriorating quickly with a storm coming in. We decided to pull lines a bit early to get back in safely. By this time we could not see land and visibility was reduced. Kevin led the way on his snowmobile with his chart plotter in the near white out conditions (a must have out there for just this reason). The snow dog was dogging out but we were able to get it moving. We were almost to land when the side by side got stuck in a pressure crack but we were able to push it out in short time and were back on our way to shore. 3 anglers fished the river. Fishing was slow there too. Try as they may only 1 undersized fish was caught. After the weigh in we went to a local establishment to get together, warm up, and have a meal.

Results:

Kevin Longley caught 2 fish and placed 1st. He also had the biggest fish, weighing in at 4.63lbs

Karen Longley caught 1 fish for 2nd place and had 2nd biggest fish, weighing 3.72lbs

Mike Paradise caught 1 fish for 3rd place and had the 3rd biggest fish at 1.82lbs

Bob Paradise rounded up the pack for 4th place with 1 fish

Saginaw Bay conditions can turn quickly and anything can happen. Detroit Steelheaders stuck together and helped each other out and that's what it's all about!





AOTY Saginaw Bay Outing (Walleye) - Sat. Feb 15, 2025

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	KEVIN LONGLEY	M		\$10.00	7.46	2	10	4.63		17.46	1
2	KAREN LONGLEY	M		\$10.00	3.72	1	5	3.72		8.72	2
3	MIKE PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.82	1	5	1.82		6.82	3
4	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.73	1	5	1.73		6.73	4
5	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	5
5	LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	5
5	TANISHA MILLER	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	5
5	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	5
5	DANIEL CHISHOLM	M	\$30.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	5
5	FRED CHARTIER	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	5
5	DAVE DERONGE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	5
5		-					0	0.00		0.00	5
5		-					0	0.00		0.00	5
5		-					0	0.00		0.00	5
5		-					0	0.00		0.00	5
-	MIKE PARADISE JR	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	-
-	TOM FINK	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	-

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

TIE BREAKERS

Place - Largest Fish Largest Fish - Length Largest Fish

Total Entry Fees

\$180.00

Total No. Anglers

13

Total Big Fish Fees

\$130.00

Angler

Largest Fish

Payout

KEVIN LONGLEY

4.63

\$65.00

Angler

2nd Largest Fish

Payout

KAREN LONGLEY

3.72

\$39.00

Angler

3rd Largest Fish

Payout

MIKE PARADISE

1.82

\$26.00

2025 Angler of the Year (AOTY) Overall Standings																	TODAY: 02/25/25
Place	ENTRANT'S NAME	Metro Beach Sat. Jan 11, 2025	Selfridge Ramp Sat. Jan 25, 2025	Saginaw Bay Sat. Feb 15, 2025	Manistee Challenge Sat. Mar 22, 2025	Oscoda AuSable River Sat. Apr 19, 2025	Algonac St Clair River Sat. May 3, 2025	St Clair Boat Harbor Sat. May 24, 2025	Au Gres Sat. July 12, 2025	Lake St Clair Sat. Sept 13, 2025	Manistee River Sat. Sept 27, 2025	Oscoda AuSable River Sat. Oct 11, 2025	Manistee RSP I Sat. Oct 25, 2025	Manistee RSP II Sat. Nov 2, 2025	Caseville RSP Sat. Dec. 6, 2025	Best 5	Place
1	KEVIN LONGLEY	4	10	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	165	1
2	BOB PARADISE	9	4	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	167	2
3	KAREN LONGLEY	8	14	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	174	3
4	DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	5	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	210	4
5	GASPARE ARAGONA	11	1	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	212	5
6	MARK PARADISE	2	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	230	6
7	MIKE PARADISE	6	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	234	7
8	ROB PINSKEY	3	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	235	8
9	MARK WYRICK	7	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	241	9
10	ANNA KULPA	13	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	246	10
11	JAMES ANDERSON	75	6	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	281	11
12	MARK PIASECKI	10	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	285	12
13	CURTIS WILLIAMS	12	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	287	13
14	RABIH ABDALLAH	14	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	289	14
15	MAX PARADISE	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	301	15
16	CHRIS VENTIMIGLIA	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	16
17	MARCUS ENGLISH	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	311	17
18	DREW DOTSON	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	312	18
19	CARL VENTIMIGLIA SR	75	13	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	313	19
20	BRAD WALTON	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	315	20
21	LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	21
22	ART RING	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	DAVE DERONGE	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	DON JASMAN	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	FRED CHARTIER	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	JACKIE SMALLWOOD	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	KADEN WAITE	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	LIZ KULPA	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	MERRICK FIELDS	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	TANISHA MILLER	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22	TOM THIEDA	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22

DETERMINING AOTY POINTS

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

NO. OF DIFFERENT ANGLERS
(MEMBERS - SO FAR THIS YEAR)

31

NO. OF DIFFERENT ANGLERS
(GUESTS - SO FAR THIS YEAR)

5

AOTY BIG FISH

Today's Date: 2/25/25

Species	Wgt. (lbs.)*	Caught By	Event
Salmon	0.00	-	-
Steelhead	0.00	-	-
Lake Trout	0.00	-	-
Walleye	4.63	KEVIN LONGLEY	Saginaw Bay 02/15/25
Perch	1.38	GASPARE ARAGONA	Selfridge Ramp 01/25/25

The DAS outing is Saturday, March 22. Starting time is 6am till 3pm. Weigh in at 4pm at the Manistee River Lodge 918 Seaman rd. Wellston Mi. The limit for steelhead on the Manistee River for this outing is one fish, therefore the winner will be determined by the weight of your fish. Dinner will also be at the Lodge. If you need a cabin, call 231-848-4844, ask for Chelsea. Tell her you are fishing with Roger from the Detroit Area Steelheaders and they will give you a good rate. They fill up this time of the year so you should call soon. We will have a voluntary \$10 big fish contest that pays 3 places, 50% pay out for 1st big fish, 30% payout for 2nd big fish and 20% for 3rd big fish. Registration for the outing and shore lunch is \$15/person plus the \$10 big fish pool. You must opt "out" of the big fish pool before the start of the outing or you are automatically "in" big fish pool. You can fish anywhere in the Manistee river watershed (Bear Creek, Manistee lake, Big Manistee river, pier, or beach, in Manistee. Hope to see a lot of the new guys and girls there and if you need more information or any kind of help you can contact Roger Paradise at (586 354 1121) or Bob Paradise at (586 457 4073).

Register for the outing through the DAS website under the AOTY tab or text Roger 586-354-1121 your intent to join the outing. Indicate the outing date, location, your name, phone number and in/out of big fish pool. Because Roger needs to know how many people will be eating the shore lunch, Roger needs to know how many will attend. Register by 4 pm Thursday, March 20.

<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
March 22	Manistee (Steelhead)	Roger Paradise
April 26*	AuSable River (Steelhead)	Rahbih Abdalla
May 3	Algonac (Walleye)	Tom Gorguze
May 31*	St Clair River (Walleye)	Rob Pinskey
July 12	AuGres (Walleye)	Bob Ksionzek
September 13	Lake St Clair (Perch)	Gaspare 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

Note that there are two date changes made to avoid Holidays.

April 19 AuSable is now April 26

May 24 Walleye is now May 31

Mar 11	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Mar 25	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Apr 15	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Apr 29	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
May 13	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
May 27	7 PM	Member Mtg	River Bends Pk	5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby
June 10	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
June 24	7 PM	Member Mtg	River Bends Pk	5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby
July 15	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
July 29	7 PM	Member Mtg	River Bends Pk	5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby

No August BOD Meeting

Aug 26	7 PM	Member Mtg	River Bends Pk	5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby
Sept 16	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Sept 30	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Oct 14	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Oct 28	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Nov 11	7 PM	BOD (Vet D)	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Nov 25	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Dec 2	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Dec 16	7 PM	Annual Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts

Prep Time – 2 minutes. Cook Time – 15 minutes. Total Time – 17 minutes. Author - Talia Kornfeld

Ingredients:**Salmon:**

- 3 or 4 - 6 oz Salmon Filets
- Salt and Pepper

Glaze:

- 3 tbsp Dijon Mustard
- 3 tbsp Brown Sugar
- 1 tbsp Maple Syrup
- 1 tbsp Soy Sauce
- 1 tsp Rice Vinegar

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or foil. If using foil, use cooking spray.

Generously season both sides of the salmon filets with salt and pepper.

Place the filets on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 12 minutes.

While the salmon is cooking, make the sauce. Combine all sauce ingredients in a small saucepan over medium heat and bring to a boil. Stir, and set aside.

Remove the cooked salmon from the oven and switch the oven to broil. Using a basting brush, cover every inch of the salmon in the glaze. Don't skip the sides!

Return to the oven and broil for 3 minutes.

I like to serve this with a creamy polenta and steamed broccoli.

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Upcoming Dates

March 8 -- Sportsman's Dinner
March 11—Board meeting
March 22—AOTY Manistee
March 25—Member Meeting
April 15—Board Meeting
April 26—AOTY AuSable River
April 26/27—SOTY St Joseph

Did you ever notice that when we feel “stressed” we eat things like chocolate, cake, candy, and ice cream?

**That’s because “stressed” spelled backwards is “desserts”.
Interesting.**