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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING - MONDAY AUGUST 25, 2008 - 7:30 PM
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 - 7:30 PM

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

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A NEW MEMBER. SEE YOU ON MONDAY JUNE 30, 2008.

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH, AUGUST THRU JUNE. SOCIAL HOUR 6:30-7:30 PM. THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 PM. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM. MEMBER CONCERNS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO A BOARD MEMBER FOR DISCUSSION AT A BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT DIAMOND AVENUE HALL, 435 DIAMOND AVENUE N.E. DIAMOND AVENUE IS THREE BLOCKS WEST OF FULLER AVENUE, OFF MICHIGAN STREET. GO NORTH ON DIAMOND ONE BLOCK.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: DAVE NOWICKI, BOB STREK, STEVE HEINTZELMAN, VIKKI GULES, BOB ANTZAK, RENEE DAVIS, DICK GROMKO, BUD POTTS, BRIAN BOOMSMA, TONY NIKODEMSKI, IRV BYXBE, JOHN STAUFFER. AL DAVIS, CHRIS EDWARDS, JOHN STAUFFER, DAVE ANDERSON. EXCUSED BILL NEWELL, KRIS GULES, ABSENT JIM LARSEN, JOHN GARDNER,

1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
3. BOB STREK GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. BOB ANTZAK REPORTED ON THE YEARLY FISH CONTEST. HE HAS A LARGE LAKE TROUT AND MORE COMING.
5. AL DAVIS SAID NOT MANY ENTRIES IN THE SMALL FRY CONTEST.
6. STEVE HEINTZELMAN AND IRV BYXBE ARE FAIRING WELL ON RAFFLES AND PRIZES.
7. VIKKI GULES BROUGHT SHIRTS AND THE MEMBERS DISCUSSED PRICING AND EMBROIDERY.
8. THE GRSF DISCUSSED A TEXAS HOLD EM, TRUCK RAFFLE, BOAT RAFFLE.
9. CHRIS EDWARD REPORTED THERE IS A CORMORANT LINK ON THE FLINT STEELHEADERS WEB SITE.
10. DICK GROMKO UPDATED ON THE LUDINGTON OUTING AND RECAPPED THE LAKE ERIE OUTING.
11. STEVE HEINTZELMAN IS TAKING SIGN UP FOR THE MANISTEE OUTING.
12. THE PICNIC WAS DISCUSSED IN DEPTH. EVERYTHING IS SET.
13. CHRIS EDWARDS REPORTED THERE WILL BE A POWDER PUFF CONTEST ON AUGUST 23.
14. KRIS GULES WILL HOST THE BIG LAKE MEMORIAL OUTING ON SEPTEMBER 13.
15. REMEMBER TO ATTEND THE HARBOR WEEKEND YOUTH DAY OUTING.
16. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15.

VIKKI GULES, SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2008

1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. VIKKI GULES READ THE MINUTES OF THE MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND THEY WERE ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. BOB STREK GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. NEW MEMBERS WERE WELCOMED.
5. DENNIS EADY GAVE A PRESENTATION ON A BIG LAKE CONTEST IN HOLLAND, SAUGATUCK, AND PORT SHELDON PORTS.
6. MARTY KUKS GAVE AN INTERESTING FISHING REPORT.
7. DICK GROMKO RECAPPED THE LAKE ERIE OUTING.
8. BOB STREK GAVE CAPS TO KIDS 14 YEARS IN ATTENDANCE.
9. BOB STREK UPDATED THE CHAPTER ON THE VET'S FISHING DERBY, THEY NEED LARGE BOBBERS AND A DROP NET.
10. VIKKI GULES ASKED FOR FISH CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PICNIC.
11. DICK GROMKO WILL HOST THE LUDINGTON OUTING ON JULY 26.
12. STEVE HEINTZELMAN WILL HOST THE RON PLEKKER MANISTEE OUTING ON AUGUST 2.
13. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON NET'S LOCATION IN MANISTEE AND LUDINGTON.
14. DAVE ANDERSON INTRODUCED THE STEVE DENNIS OF FISH BONE CHARTER SERVICE. STEVE GAVE A TALK ON LUDINGTON FISHING, MANY GREAT TIPS ON COLORS, AREAS, NETS, CURRENTS, COLUMN FISHING.
15. THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WAS HELD AND THE WINNER WAS MIKE BOLHOUSE.
16. THE TACKLE RAFFLE AND 50/50 DRAWING WERE HELD.
17. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:20 P.M.

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1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:28.
2. THE SECRETARY'S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER.
3. TREASURER BOB STREK GAVE A FINANCIAL REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. BOB ANTZAK GAVE A YEARLY FISH CONTEST REPORT.
5. DICK GROMKO AND TONY NIKODEMSKI SAID MEETING PREP IS OK.
6. STEVE HEINTZELMAN WILL SHOP FOR MORE RAFFLE PRIZES.
7. DAVE ANDERSON REPORTED ON MEETING PROGRAMS AND MINI CLINICS.
8. KRIS GUILLES UPDATED MUCC MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.
9. BUD POTTS HAS HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL ADDED TO THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM.
10. JIM LARSEN SAID FISHING PARTNERS IS GOING WELL.
11. JOHN STAUFFER GAVE A CLOTHING UPDATE. SALES ARE GOING GOOD.
12. VIKKI GUILLES UPDATED EVERYONE ON A TEXAS HOLD'EM SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 15 TO BENEFIT THE GRSF.
13. VIKKI ALSO REPORTED ON THE SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH DAY SEPTEMBER 8. TO HELP OUT CONTACT VIKKI.
14. RENEE AND BUD POTTS UPDATED ON STATE ISSUES.
15. DICK GROMKO GAVE A LUDINGTON OUTING REPORT. ROUGH WATERS.
16. STEVE HEINTZELMAN RECAPPED THE MANISTEE OUTING. ROUGH WATERS.
17. THE BOARD RECAPPED THE CHAPTER PICNIC, VERY HOT. JOHN GARDNER SAID HE WILL DO GAMES AT NEXT YEARS PICNIC.
18. CHRIS EDWARDS WILL TAKE SIGN-UP FOR THE POWDER PUFF CONTEST.
19. KRIS GUILLES WILL CHAIR THE BIG LAKE MEMORIAL OUTING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 6. NOTE DATE CHANGE.
20. BILL NEWELL AND JOHN GARDNER WILL CHAIR THE FALL RIVER CONTEST.
21. JIM LARSEN HAS BEEN HELPING WITH THE VET'S FACILITY.
22. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

Ludington Outing July 26th, 2008

The weather for this outing was rough but we managed to get it in anyway. We had nine boats signed up. All boats but one caught fish. The following is the contest results.

1st place went to Captain Doug Shultey (Skeetshooter) with five fish totaling 49# 11oz.

2nd place went to Captain Steve Phillips (Half Fast) with four fish totaling 31# 3oz.

3th place went to Captain John Gardner (Inspiration) with three fish totaling 26# 12oz.

4th place Captain Al Davis (Chipmonk) 21# 8oz.

5th place Captain Travis Kort (Fish Trap) 15# 2oz.

6th place Captain John Staffer (Old Yeller) 11# 7oz.

7th place Captain Dick Gromko (Relaxer) 10# 3oz.

8th place Captain Marty Kuks (Melissa Ann) 9# 7oz.

Due to our rules, the trout prize was not given because of one prize per boat.

The largest salmon went to Captain Al Davis (Chipmonk) weighing in 11# 13oz.

Thanks to Gerry Gromko for taking charge of lunch and to the girls who helped her.

Dick Gromko, Chairman

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS.

DAVE WENZLER	STEVEN BIZIOREK	KEITH SOVA
BOB SCHULTZ	MICHAEL BOLHOUSE	SCOTT DEGRAAF
RON BLOOM	DAVID FIGG	DICK GROMKO
STEVE HEINTZELMAN	STEPHANIE STREK	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN MAY 2008:

HENRI BOUCHER	ADAM STARR	GREG THEBO
DANY VANDERLUGT	DAVID ZIMMERMAN	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN JUNE 2008:

JAMES FRIELINK	PETE GARCHOW	PAUL RICH
ANDREW WISNIEWSKI		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN JULY 2008:

NELSON NIENHUIS	THOMAS PARKER	DONALD SOVA
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

ROBERT ESTELLE	WALLACE KIEDA	MARK KIEDA
TONY NIKODEMSKI		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN SEPTEMBER 2008:

MIKE HARVEY	BONNIE LOCKLEAR	DAN O'KEEFE
CHUCK PISTIS	JOHN SCHLEINZ	DAN TEBO
EDWARD TRUSWELL	EVEVER WOODWORTH	

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NOTICE

THE COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE WITH OUR "IT PAY'S TO BELONG PROGRAM WILL NOW BE LISTED IN THE STATE NEWSPAPER, "THE GREAT LAKES SPORT FISHING NEWS". THIS IS DUE TO THE LENGTH OF COMPANIES THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

SICK BAY

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBERS THAT ARE IN SICK BAY, OR HAVE PASSED AWAY, PLEASE CONTACT DAVE NOWICKI AT 616-532-7727.

PASSING ALONG INFORMATION

The Officers of the Grand Rapids Steelheaders would like to pass to its member's information that we receive from the State Organization, DNR as well as other sources pertaining to the water ways in and around the State of Michigan. If you would like to receive this information send Bob Strek an email at rstrek@aol.com requesting to receive this information, if you signed up at the January Membership meeting you are on the list now.

MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

ALL CURRENT MEMBERS MAY ADVERTISE IN THIS NEWSLETTER IN THE FORM OF CLASSIFIED ADS FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY AT NO COST. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO OWN BUSINESSES AND WISH TO ADVERTISE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BUSINESS. THE AD WILL RUN FOR 6 MONTHS. PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR IF THE ITEM IS SOLD BEFORE 6 MONTHS.

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FREE MEMBERSHIPS

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE WON FREE MEMBERSHIPS IN THE PAST YEAR BY ATTENDING MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR WORKING AT THE SPORT SHOW.

JANUARY 2008	ROBERTA TAYLOR
FEBRUARY 2008	EGON KELTING
SPORT SHOW 2008	BRIAN BOOMSMA, EGON KELTING, GENE PALMER, SUE EDWARDS, JIM LARSEN, BUD POTTS, SUZI MERDZINSKI, JOHN GARDNER, SALLY WILSON, BILL RATLIFF, PRESTON KUKS, RENEE DAVIS.
MARCH 2008	BOB MCCRACKEN
APRIL 2008	VIKKI GUILLES
MAY 2008	BILL NEWELL
JUNE 2008	MICHAEL BOLHOUSE
AUGUST 2007	BOB WINKELS
SEPTEMBER 2007	JEFF KEIZER
OCTOBER 2007	GERALD BOELEMA
NOVEMBER 2007	PHIL BOLEK

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2008 YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST

BIG LAKE

STEELHEAD -	TRAVIS KORT	07-13
	BOB SCHULTZ	07-06
BROWN TROUT -	NELSON NIENHUIS	08-00
	BOB ANTZAK	05-04
	MIKE WOOD	03-10
	STEPHANIE WOOD	03-08
LAKE TROUT -	STEVE PHILLIPS	18-03
	RICH WILSON	11-04
	TRAVIS KORT	10-07
	NANCY WOOD	07-07
COHO -	NO ENTRY	
CHINOOK -	GARY PERDEW	17-12
	STEPHANIE WOOD	17-03
	RICH WILSON	17-01
	SALLY WILSON	16-06
WALLEYE -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	09-02
	VIKKI GUILLES	06-06
	BOB STREK	03-07

RIVER

STEELHEAD -	JON HENDRICK	10-06
BROWN TROUT -	WARREN GALINSKI	03-01
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
COHO -	NO ENTRY	
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY	
WALLEYE -	AL DAVIS	06-00
	BOB ANTZAK	03-13

TO ENTER THE 2008 CONTEST CONTACT BOB ANTZAK AT 616-895-6874. THE ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 FOR BOTH DIVISIONS AND INCLUDES THE ENTIRE FAMILY. SEND YOUR ENTRIES TO BOB AT 16377 WHITEWOOD DR. WEST OLIVE, MI 49460. REMEMBER TO ENTER EVERY FISH YOU CATCH, IT MAY BE A BIG WINNER.

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GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- AUGUST 23 POWDER PUFF CONTEST 7:00 AM
25 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
- SEPTEMBER 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
13 CHAPTER BIG LAKE MEMORIAL CONTEST
29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
- OCTOBER 1 CHAPTER DEER CONTEST BEGINS
6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
20 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM HOLLAND CHAPTER HOST AT DIAMOND HALL
25 CHAPTER FALL RIVER CONTEST 6:00 AM, GRAND, ROGUE, MUSKEGON RIVERS
27 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
- NOVEMBER 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
8 FISHING PARTNERS MANISTEE OUTING
24 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
30 2008 CHAPTER FISH CONTEST ENDS
- DECEMBER 1 2009 CHAPTER FISH CONTEST BEGINS
1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL
8 CHAPTER FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00 PM DIAMOND HALL

SAVE THIS PAGE FOR ALL THE CHAPTER EVENTS

Lake Erie Outing June 20 - 22, 2008

This year the weather was good except for Saturday when a big storm came up. The fishing this year was slow but the fish were larger than past years. We had a total of ten boats that participated this year.

Thursday there were five boats with a winner take all. It was a tie with (Fish Doc) Captain, Lenny Kurello and (MC1) Captain Steve Heintzelman were the winners with a walleye 20 1/2 inches.

Friday we had ten boats in the contest. First place boat was (Trophy) Captain Dave Harding with a fish of 27 1/4". Second place was the (Chipmunk) Captain Al Davis which was 23 -3/8th. The third place was (MC1) Captain Steve Heintzelman was 23 1/8 inches.

(MC1) Captain Steve Heintzelman was 27 3/4 ". There was a tie for second and third places which were (Lucky Lady) Captain Woody and (Relaxer) Captain Dick Gromko. The length was 25 1/8 inches.

Sunday we had ten boats in the contest. First place was (Stir It Up) Captain Nick Schwartz. The length was 25 7/8 long. Second place went to the (Relaxer) Captain Dick Gromko at 23 1/4. In fourth place went to the (Chipmunk) Captain Al Davis at 22 7/8

I want to thank Chris and Vicki Guiles for setting up the food for Friday and Saturday. They cooked hot dogs on Friday and Saturday we had a chicken dinner.

Dick Gromko

GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS BIG LAKE CONTESTS (GRAND HAVEN, LUDINGTON, MANISTEE, ALL BIG LAKE)

ELIGIBILITY: OPEN TO ANY TEAMS THAT AGREE TO ABIDE BY MICHIGAN D.N.R. REGULATIONS AND CONTEST RULES. CONTESTANTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 9PM THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE CONTEST. BOAT OWNER MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS.

ENTRY FEES: ENTRY FEE SHALL BE \$20.00 PER BOAT, OR \$5.00 PER PERSON FISHING FROM SHORE OR PIER. IF THE CONTEST IS CANCELLED, ENTRY FEES WILL BE HONORED AT THE NEXT ALTERNATE DATE, AS DECIDED BY THE CONTEST COMMITTEE.

SCORING: MINIMUM LENGTH WILL BE 20" FOR WEIGH IN. TOTAL WEIGHT OF FIVE FISH MAXIMUM WILL DECIDED THE WINNER.

DATE AND HOURS: THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD AS POSTED. CONTEST FISHING WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 AM AND END AT NOON. IN THE EVENT THE CONTEST MUST BE CANCELLED, THE ALTERNATE DATE WILL BE DECIDED BY THE CONTEST COMMITTEE.

RADIO: RADIO TRAFFIC BETWEEN CONTESTANTS WILL BE UNRESTRICTED. PARTICIPANTS ARE URGED TO SHARE FISHING INFORMATION WITH FELLOW CONTESTANTS. THE OFFICIAL CONTEST CHANNEL WILL BE (69).

WEIGH IN: BOATS WILL PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEIGH IN STATION AS DECIDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FISHING PERIOD OR WHEN THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FISH ARE CAUGHT. FINAL WEIGH IN WILL BE BY 2:00 PM ON THE DAY OF THE CONTEST.

CANCELLATION: THE CONTEST COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DELAY OR CANCEL THE CONTEST IF IN THEIR JUDGEMENT CONDITIONS COULD BE DANGEROUS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY. FINAL DETERMINATION WILL BE MADE BY THE CONTEST CHAIRMAN. CONTESTANTS SHOULD CONTINUALLY MONITOR CHANNEL 69 FOR CHANGES EFFECTING CONTEST HOURS. IF A MINIMUM OF 3 HOURS IS FISHED, THE CONTEST WILL BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE AND PRIZES AWARDED.

GENERAL: A MAXIMUM OF FIVE FISH PER BOAT MAY BE WEIGHED IN. ONLY THESE FIVE FISH WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR SCORING ALL PARTS OF THE CONTEST. A **NINE (9) ROD LIMIT PER BOAT** OR A **TWO (2) ROD LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL FISHING FROM SHORE OR PIER** WILL BE IN EFFECT. ANY CONTROVERSIES OR DISPUTES ARISING FROM THE CONTEST SHALL BE RESOLVED AT A REGULAR GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS BOARD MEETING, NOT AT A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

PRIZES: PRIZES AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE HIGHEST WEIGHT OF THE FIVE FISH MAXIMUM AT GRAND HAVEN CONTEST ONLY. ONE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE HEAVIEST SALMON AND TROUT OFFICIALLY WEIGHED IN. ONE CASH PRIZE PER BOAT AT GRAND HAVEN. ALL CONTESTS 1,2,3 PLACE CASH PRIZE. ONE PRIZE PER BOAT. PRIZE PAYOUTS AS FOLLOWS - 50% FIRST, 30% SECOND, 20% THIRD, HEAVIEST SALMON, HEAVIEST TROUT. PRIZE MONEY DETERMINED FROM ENTRY FEE.

BIG LAKE MEMORIAL OUTING SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

THIS YEARS MEMORIAL OUTING IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2008. NOTE DATE CHANGE. THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE OUTING IS KRIS GUILLES. TO SIGN UP OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFO CONTACT KRIS AT 616-677-3442. PLEASE SIGN UP BY 9:00 PM SEPTEMBER 4 IF YOU PLAN TO FISH THE OUTING.

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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER POWDER PUFF CONTEST RULES

CHAIRMAN CHRIS EDWARDS 616-863-6943

1. DATE: SATURDAY - AUGUST 23, 2008.
2. OPEN TO LADIES AND BOYS 16 YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER OF THE MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS.
3. MEN CAN SET LINES AND NET FISH ONLY.
4. PORT OF ENTRY CHOSEN BY CONTEST CHAIRMAN. GRAND HAVEN
5. BOAT OWNERS MUST BE PAID MEMBERS, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND GUESTS MAY FISH.
6. STARTING TIME 7:00 AM. FINISH TIME 12:00 PM.
7. WEIGH IN BY 1:00 P.M. CONTACT CHAIRMAN FOR LOCATION.
8. ENTRY FEE \$20.00 PER BOAT OR \$5.00 PER PERSON IF FISHING FROM PIER OR SURF.
9. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY 9:00 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2008.
10. CATCH MUST BE SALMON AND/OR TROUT ONLY.
11. TEN (10) FISH LIMIT PER BOAT, OR NO MORE THAN A LEGAL LIMIT OF FISH PER PERSON IF FISHING FROM PIER OR SURF.
12. ALL FISH MUST BE 20" OR OVER.
13. NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) LAKE TROUT PER BOAT, OR TWO (2) LAKE TROUT PER PERSON IF FISHING FROM PIER OR SURF.
14. ALL FISH MUST BE LEGALLY CAUGHT.
15. SIX (6) RODS PER BOAT, OR TWO (2) RODS PER PERSON IF FISHING FROM PIER OR SURF.
16. ALL FISH ENTERED WILL BE JUDGED BY WEIGHT ONLY, 5 HEAVIEST FISH.
17. SCORING BY POINTS, TEN (10) POINTS PER FISH AND ONE (1) POINT PER POUND.
18. WEIGH-IN SITE TO BE SELECTED BY CONTEST CHAIRMAN.
17. DEADLINE TO ENTER TOURNAMENT IS 9:00 PM - THURSDAY BEFORE FISHING DAY.
18. CASH PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE.
19. TERMINATION OF CONTEST DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY CONTEST CHAIRMAN.

NOTE: ALL CONTROVERSIES, PROBLEMS, ETC. ARISING WITH ABOVE CONTEST WILL BE RESOLVED BY THE STEELHEAD CHAPTER BOARD AT A SCHEDULED MEETING, NOT AT AN OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

THE YEAR LONG SMALL FRY FISHING CONTEST

FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS UP TO 15 YEARS OLD WHO'S PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS ARE SIGNED UP WITH BOB ANTZAK IN THE YEAR LONG FISHING CONTEST. THESE SMALL FRY'S ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER FISH OF ALL SPECIES CAUGHT ON THE BIG LAKE, INLAND LAKES, AND ANY RIVERS.

RULES ARE:

- 1) PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS MUST BE SIGNED UP IN THE YEAR LONG BIG LAKE AND RIVER CONTEST WITH BOB ANTZAK. CALL BOB TO ENTER AT 616-895-6874 OR SEE HIM AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. THE CONTEST RUNS FROM DECEMBER 1, CURRENT YEAR TO NOVEMBER 30 FOLLOWING YEAR. COST IS \$5.00 PER FAMILY.
- 2) ALL FISH CAUGHT MUST BE WEIGHTED TO ENTER. ANY SPECIES OF FISH CAUGHT CAN BE ENTERED.
- 3) ON A POSTCARD OR CARD PLEASE TELL US WHEN AND WHERE THE FISH WAS CAUGHT, INCLUDE PHOTO IF YOU HAVE ONE, AND MOST IMPORTANT HOW MUCH IT WEIGHED. PARENTS/RELATIVES/GUARDIANS MUST SIGN POST CARD OR CARD.
- 4) ALL SMALL FRY ENTRY'S NAMES WILL BE POSTED IN THE TROUT TALK NEWSLETTER EACH MONTH.
- 5) PRIZE TROPHY'S FOR THE LARGEST FISH AND 2ND PLACE LARGEST FISH IN ALL CATEGORIES WINS TROPHY AT THE JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING. ALL ENTRIES, WIN OR LOSE WILL RECEIVE A PARTICIPANT RIBBON. PHOTOS ARE AN OPTION BUT I HEARD TO TELL THE EDITOR OF TROUT TALK SAYS DON'T BE SURPRISED IF YOU SEE YOUR PICTURE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF TROUT TALK WITH YOUR CATCH.
- 6) SEND ALL ENTRIES AND PHOTOS TO
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- 7) THE 2008 CONTEST BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2007 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2008.

2008 SMALL FRY CONTEST ENTRIES

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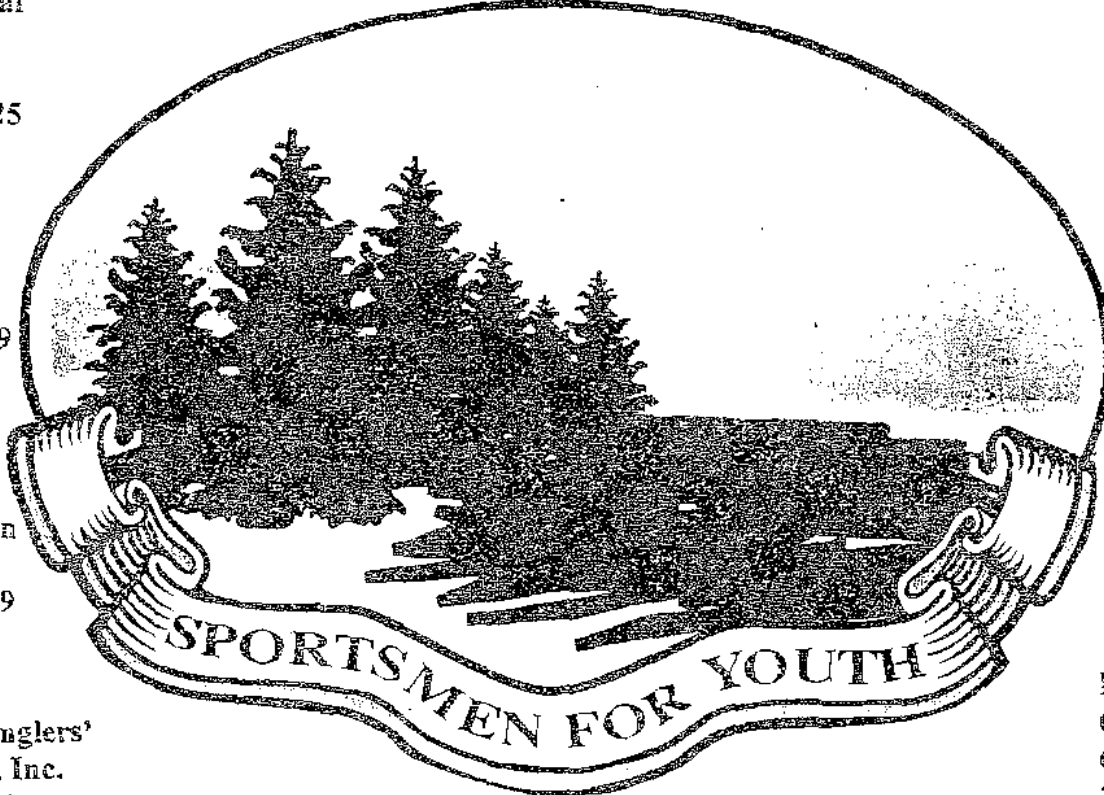
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Federal officials are stepping up their war on sea lamprey in an effort to rein in a growing population of the invasive, parasitic fish in Lake Michigan.

Sea lamprey are non-native, eel-like fish that cling to lake trout, whitefish and salmon and suck their blood and other bodily fluids. The unsightly parasites snuck into the Great Lakes in the 1920s through the Welland Canal, which allowed ships traveling between Lake Ontario to Lake Erie to bypass Niagara Falls.

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission, a U.S.-Canada agency, has spent \$300 million since 1956 capturing and killing lamprey in rivers before the parasites reach the Great Lakes.

Despite the costly control program, Lake Michigan's lamprey population has increased in recent years, said Dennis Lavis, supervisor of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Ludington Biological Station.

"We're well above the target levels (for total sea lamprey and wound rates)," Lavis said. "We were near the target levels in the 1980s and it has gotten away from us a bit."

Lavis said a huge number of sea lamprey nesting in the Manistique River, in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, contributed to its population surge in recent years in Lake Michigan.

There were about 160,000 sea lamprey in Lake Michigan last year, nearly three times the Fishery Commission's goal for the lake, Lavis said. Since eliminating the vampiric invaders from the Great Lakes is impossible, government biologists try to limit the population to 60,000 in Lake Michigan.

Biologists estimate there are 3 million larval lamprey living in the silty bottom of the lower Muskegon River and its tributaries. Sea lamprey spend several years burrowed into stream bottoms before emerging and beginning an 18-month odyssey of death in the Great Lakes. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission's other goal is to limit the number of sea lamprey wounds to five for every 100 lake trout caught in Lake Michigan. The wound rate was 13 last year, down from 17 in 2006, Lavis said. With sea lamprey numbers increasing in most of the Great Lakes, government agencies in the U.S. and Canada are stepping up chemical treatments in rivers where the parasites breed.

"We've tried to get a little more intense in our treatments of Lake Michigan streams in the last couple of years due to the high numbers of lamprey in the northern part of the lake," Lavis said. The Fish and Wildlife Service routinely treats major river systems that flow into Lake Michigan -- including the Muskegon, Grand and Manistee rivers -- to kill larval sea lamprey. Lavis said the agency has increased the frequency of chemical treatments in some rivers, including the Manistique and all major rivers around Lake Erie, in a bid to rein in the lamprey population.

Sections of the lower Muskegon River, from Croton Dam to Maple Island Road, and portions of two tributaries -- Bigelow and Bridgeton creeks -- will be treated at various times from Wednesday to Aug. 14. The agency plans to apply a chemical called TFM to Bigelow and Bridgeton creeks first, followed by a treatment in parts of the Muskegon beginning Aug. 11. Weather conditions and stream flow could affect treatment dates. The chemical treatments are aimed at killing 12,700 so-called transformers, sea lamprey that are expected to emerge from the river bottom this year and begin their journey to Lake Michigan.

A single sea lamprey can kill 40 pounds of fish during the 18 months it spends in Lake Michigan. The parasites then return to streams where they were born to spawn a new generation of blood-sucking fish. The chemical used to kill sea lamprey is nontoxic to most aquatic life, but the treatments have caused minor fish kills in the past. The Fish and Wildlife Service recommends that people limit contact with treated sections of the river for 24 hours after TFM is applied; farmers also should not use the chemically tainted water to irrigate crops.

The parasitic sea lamprey attach to fish. A single sea lamprey can kill 40 pounds of fish during its 18 months in the Big Lake.

Stopping the lamprey

What: Chemical treatment to kill sea lamprey in portions of the Muskegon River and Bigelow and Bridgeton creeks.

When: Wednesday through Aug. 14; the Muskegon River treatment is tentatively scheduled to begin Aug. 11 below Croton Dam.

Where: Newaygo and Muskegon counties.

Why it matters: There are 3 million larval sea lamprey living in the silty bottom of the Muskegon River, below between Croton Dam and Muskegon Lake. If allowed to mature, the parasites will swim to Lake Michigan and attack salmon, lake trout and whitefish.

Precautions: The chemical used to kill sea lamprey is nontoxic to most other aquatic life. Still, biologists recommend that people limit contact with the river during the treatment

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