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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING – MONDAY JANUARY 26, 2009 – 7:30 PM  
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 – 7:30 PM

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM THE  
OFFICERS AND  
BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS  
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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN SEPTEMBER 2008:

BONNIE LOCKLEAR	DAN O'KEEFE	CHUCK PISTIS
JOHN SCHLEINZ	EVERETT WOODWORTH	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN OCTOBER 2008:

TIM BORGELD	DANIEL DODGE
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

JOHN BALL	DAVID ELLIOTT	RONALD LARSEN
GENE RILLEMA	NORM VAN SICKLE	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN JANURAY 2009:

ROBERT CUNNINGHAM	MIKE HERRICK	STEVE PHILLIPS
ANDRIS SALKA	HENRY SLUIS III	NORM TOW

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MEMBERSHIP YOU  
WILL NOT RECEIVE A MONTHLY  
NEWSLETTER! RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP  
ON TIME!**

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN FOR MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED: BOB ANTZAK, DICK GROMKO, IRV BYKBE, JOHN GARDNER, DRIAN BOOMSMA, TONY NIKODEMSKI, JIM LARSEN, JOHN STAUFFER, DAVE ANDERSON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE NOMINATED CONTACT VIKKI GUILS AT 616-677-3442 OR SEE HER AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. THERE ARE 4 THREE YEAR TERMS. THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE FEBRUARY 2009 MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

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## 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 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

STEELHEAD	JUSTIN GARDNER	24"	05.01
	ZACK STREK	23	INCH
WALLEYE	BLAKE HENDRICK	04.12	21 INCHES
CHINOOK	ALEX WOLF	16-08	
	BLAKE HENDRICK	14-07	
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JUSTIN GARDNER WITH HIS STEELHEAD

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2008

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

1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30.
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. THE 2009 CONTEST IS NOW UNDER WAY.
5. DICK GROMKO AND TONY NIKODEMSKI REPORTED THE MEETING PREP IS GOOD.
6. THERE WERE NO UPDATES ON MEMBER BENEFITS OR MEMBERSHIPS.
7. PROGRAMS AND MINI CLINICS ARE SET THRU MARCH 2009.
8. KRIS GUILLES REVIEWED MUCC ISSUES.
9. BUD POTTS AND BOB STREK OUTLINED THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT.
10. THE GRSP IS SUBSIDIZING NEW SUPPLIES FOR THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT.
11. THE MANISTEE OUTING IS SCHEDULED TO AUGUST 8, AND THE BOARD MEETING IS AUGUST 3, 2009.
12. VIKKI GUILLES COVERED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS.
13. KRIS GUILLES WILL HOST THE ICE FISHING OUTING.
14. DAVE NOWICKI REVIEWED THE SPORT SHOW.
15. THE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS PLANNED.
16. BOB STREK MOVED TO CHANGE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE TO \$.35 PER MILE. THE MOTION PASSED.
17. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 24, 2008

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 BY PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI.
2. VIKKI GUILLES READ THE SECRETARY'S REPORT FROM THE OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. BOB STREK GAVE A TREASURER'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. SPECIAL GUESTS WERE WELCOMED.
5. CHILDREN 14 AND YOUNGER WERE GIVEN CAPS AND A FISHING LURE.
6. A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO DICK GROMKO AND BOB ESTELLE WHO ARE RECOVERING FROM A FLASH FIRE AT THEIR HUNTING CAMP. WE ARE VERY THANKFUL THEY ARE STILL WITH US.
7. FISHING REPORTS WERE SHARED.
8. STEVE HEINTZELMAN RECAPPED THE FISHING PARTNERS MANISTEE OUTING.
9. BUD POTTS AND BOB STREK UPDATED THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT.
10. CHRIS EDWARDS AND BILL NEWELL ARE SCORING THE BUCK CONTEST.
11. VIKKI OUTLINED BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS.
12. DAVE NOWICKI ASKED FOR COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS ON SCHEDULING THE MANISTEE OUTING. IT WAS VOTED TO HAVE A 2 WEEK BREAK BETWEEN THE LUDING AND MANISTEE OUTING.
13. JOHN STAUFFER IS OFFERING SHIRTS AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
14. NORM VAN SICKLE ANNOUNCED THAT ON JANUARY 28-31 THE TEXAS HOLD EM IS RESCHEDULED AT THE KENTWOOD BISTRO.
15. BOB ANTZAK IS TAKING FISH WEIGHTS FOR THE YEARLONG CONTEST UNTIL DECEMBER 1. GET IN THE 2010 CONTEST AFTER DECEMBER 1.
16. BILL ISENBERG GAVE A PRESENTATION ON RADAR/FISH FINDERS AND OYHRT BOAT ELECTRONICS.
17. THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WAS HELD AND THE WINNER WAS IRV BYKBE.
18. STEVE HEINTZELMAN CONDUCTED THE TACKLE RAFFLE AND 50/50 DRAWING.
19. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

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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.

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### 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. THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE IN SICK BAY JIM FRIELINK, BOB ESTELLE.

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## GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS BUCK CONTEST

THE CONTEST WILL RUN FROM OCTOBER 1, 2008 THRU JANUARY 1, 2009 AND WILL CONSIST OF TWO DIVISIONS, BOW AND GUN. ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS. ENTRY FEE IS \$5.00 PER DIVISION AND MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE SHOOTING THE DEER. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE LEGAL BUCKS TAKEN IN COMPLIANCE WITH DNR RULES. AFTER TAKING YOUR BUCK, CONTACT YOUR CHAIRMAN TO GET THEIR RACK SCORED. SCORING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: 1 PT. PER INCH OF OUTSIDE BEAM DIMENSION TO THE NEAREST 1/8 INCH AND 1 PT. PER EACH ANTLER POINT (1" LG.) CASH AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN IN EACH DIVISION AS FOLLOWS. BIGGEST RACK 50%, 2<sup>ND</sup> BIGGEST RACK, 30%, SMALLEST RACK 20%. AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE JANUARY 2009 AWARDS MEETING. ENTRY FEE CAN BE PAID AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS OR MAILED TO THE CHAIRMEN, CHRIS EDWARDS, 114 HIGHLAND, ROCKFORD, MI. 49321, 616-863-6943 OR BILL NEWELL, 1122 PINCKNEY ROAD, SARANAC MI. 48881, 616-897-6949. PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS. GOOD LUCK.

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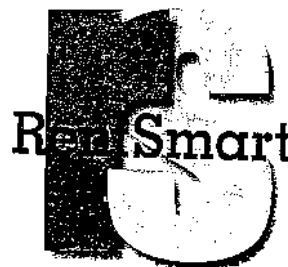
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## CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY

ON DECEMBER 8, 2008 APPROXIMATELY 130 MEMBERS AND FAMILY ATTENDED THE CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY. GOOD FOOD, REFRESHMENT WERE ENJOYED BY ALL. THE CHILDREN ENJOYED A VISIT FROM SANTA. THE CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUZI MERDZINSKI FOR ALL HER HARD WORK IN PLANNING THE PARTY, GETTING DOOR AND RAFFLE PRIZES. THANKS TO TONY MIKODEMSKI, PRESTON KUKS, AND JOHN BALL FOR PREPARING THE MEATS THAT EVERYONE ENJOYED. THANK YOU TO ALL AUTO CARE, RED HOT IN, AL & BOB'S SPORTS, RENT SMART, FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE PARTY. THANKS TO ALL THAT ATTENDED AND ENJOYED THE PARTY.

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THE CHAPTER HAS AS FISHING PARTNERS PROGRAM, TO GET MEMBERS TO FISH WITH OTHER MEMBERS, AND TO HELP NEW MEMBERS GET INVOLVED WITH THE CHAPTER. TO GET STARTED IN THE PROGRAM WE NEED YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND THE TIMES THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO FISH. DO YOU HAVE A BOAT? NEED A PARTNER FOR THE RIVER, LAKE, ETC, NEED A CREW MEMBER FOR YOUR BOAT, NEED A MEMBER TO FISH A CHAPTER OUTING, TEACH NEW MEMBERS HOW TO CATCH STEELHEAD AND SALMON, ABLE TO TAKE OTHER MEMBERS OUT FISHING. CONTACT JIM LARSEN AT 616-453-4779. JIM WILL PUT MEMBERS TOGETHER SO THEY CAN LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES AND MEET OTHER CHAPTER MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT JIM AT THE ABOVE PHONE NUMBER.

### 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 POTIS, 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 2008	BOB FIEBIG
SEPTEMBER 2008	DAVE VAN MALE
OCTOBER 2008	LARRY MAREK
NOVEMBER 2008	IRV BYXBE

ATTEND THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS, INCREASE YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A MEMBERSHIP.

### CHAPTER CLOTHING

THE CHAPTER NOW HAS CHAPTER SHIRTS, CAPS, ETC. FOR SALE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE SOME CHAPTER CLOTHING CONTACT JOHN STAUFFER AT 616-453-1327 OR VIKKI GUILLES AT 616-677-3442. THEY CAN GIVE YOU THE DETAILS ON WHAT CLOTHING IS AVAILABLE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS AND THE PRICES. SHOW YOUR CHAPTER COLORS, PURCHASE CHAPTER CLOTHING.

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## YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST

### BIG LAKE

STEELHEAD -	VIKKI GUILLES	10-09
	KRIS GUILLES	10-01 T
	BEN WOLF	08-10 T
BROWN TROUT -	CHRIS NIENHUIS	10-01 T
	NELSON NIENHUIS	08-00 T
	TRAVIS KORT	06-08
LAKE TROUT -	STEVE PHILLIPS	18-03 \$50 T
	RICH WILSON	11-04 \$30 T
	TRAVIS KORT	10-07 \$20
COHO -	STEVE WIERSMA	08-15 \$50 T
	STEVE PHILLIPS	06-13
	ZACH STREK	06-08 \$30 T
	DICK GROMKO	04-06 \$20
CHINOOK -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	23-07 \$50 T
	JERRY AVERY	22-00 \$30 T
	SALLY JO WILSON	21-12 \$20
WALLEYE -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	09-02
	VIKKI GUILLES	06-06 \$50 T
	BOB STREK	03-07 \$30 T
	<u>RIVER</u>	
STEELHEAD -	MIKE WOOD	11-03 \$50 T
	JON HENDRICK	10-06 \$30 T
BROWN TROUT -	WARREN GALINSKI	03-01
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
COHO -	WARREN GALINSKI	07-08 \$50 T
	GARY PERDEW	07-02 \$30 T
	NORM TOW	05-11
CHINOOK -	WARREN GALINSKI	16-07
	MATT SCHALK	16-06 \$50 T
	NORM TOW	14-09 \$30 T
WALLEYE -	BOB STREK	06-15 \$50 T
	AL DAVIS	06-00 \$30 T
	BOB ANTZAK	03-13 \$20

THE 2008 CONTEST IS NOW OVER THE FINAL STANDING ARE LISTED ABOVE. "T" = TROPHY. TO ENTER THE 2009 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 10377 WHITEWOOD DR. WEST OLIVE, MI. 49460. REMEMBER TO ENTER EVERY FISH YOU CATCH, IT MAY BE A BIG WINNER.

## GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
26 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

FEBRUARY 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
7 ICE FISHING OUTING 7:00 AM  
23 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

MARCH 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
7 ANNUAL FISHING TACKLE SALE AT DIAMOND HALL  
18-21 SPORT, FISHING, AND RV SHOW - DEVOS PLACE  
18-21 SPORT, FISHING AND RV SHOW FISHING CONTEST  
26 SPRING RIVER CONTEST 6:00 A.M. GRAND, ROGUE, MUSKEGON RIVERS  
30 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

APRIL 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
20 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM AT SOUTH HAVEN  
27 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

MAY 4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
16 CHAPTER BIG LAKE CONTEST - GRAND HAVEN 6:00 AM  
18 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

JUNE 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
19-21 CHAPTER WALLEYE OUTING  
29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

JULY 6 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
20 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM AT GRAND HAVEN  
22 CHAPTER FAMILY PICNIC 6:00 PM JOHNSON PARK SHELTER HOUSE  
25 CHAPTER LUDINGTON OUTING

AUGUST 3 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
8 CHAPTER MANISTEE OUTING  
29 CHAPTER BIG LAKE MEMORIAL CONTEST  
31 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

SEPTEMBER 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
29 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

OCTOBER 1 CHAPTER DEER CONTEST BEGINS  
5 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
19 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM GRAND RAPIDS AT DIAMOND HALL  
26 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL  
31 CHAPTER FALL RIVER CONTEST 6:00 AM, GRAND, ROGUE, MUSKEGON RIVERS

NOVEMBER 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
7 FISHING PARTNERS MANISTEE OUTING  
30 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL  
30 2009 CHAPTER FISH CONTEST ENDS

DECEMBER 1 2010 CHAPTER FISH CONTEST BEGINS  
7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL  
14 CHAPTER FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00 PM DIAMOND HALL

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2008 CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY



Federal legislation that would require ocean freighters to disinfect ballast water before entering the Great Lakes will die at the end of the month, forcing lawmakers back to square one next year on the politically divisive issue.

The U.S. House of Representatives in April passed legislation requiring all transoceanic freighters to sanitize ballast tanks before entering U.S. waters. It would have required all freighters by 2015 to install treatment systems capable of killing all living organisms in ballast tanks, including pathogens.

But the legislation ran into a brick wall in the U.S. Senate. Critics blocked a vote on the legislation because it contained a pre-emption clause that would have prevented individual states and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from adopting tougher ballast treatment standards.

The bill will officially die when the current congressional session ends Dec. 31. Congress is expected to revisit the ballast water treatment legislation next year, but some officials familiar with the negotiations predicted the proposed treatment rules will remain paralyzed by politics.

"I'm pretty pessimistic about the chances of Congress passing national ballast water treatment legislation," said Steve Fisher, executive director of the American Great Lakes Ports Association. "I think the House of Representatives will pass the legislation but I don't think it will pass the Senate. I haven't seen any change in the political dynamics."

The federal legislation was the most comprehensive effort to stem the flow of invasive species sneaking into the Great Lakes in the ballast tanks of transoceanic freighters. Foreign ships have imported more than 60 invasive species into the lakes since the St. Lawrence Seaway opened in 1959. Those species cause an estimated \$200 million damage annually in the lakes.

U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, said he is optimistic that Congress and the administration of president-elect Barack Obama will pass federal ballast water treatment standards.

"Invasive species are one of the greatest economic and environmental threats to the region because once introduced, they are nearly impossible to eliminate," Hoekstra said.

Jennifer Nalbene, campaign director for the environmental advocacy group Great Lakes United, said Congress made significant progress this year on ballast treatment standards.

"Everyone wants to see this problem solved, and there is enough common ground that we should be able to solve this in the next session of Congress," Nalbene said. "It's clear that we need a strong national ballast treatment standard and a timeline for implementation -- we have to get treatment systems on ships."

New invasive species are currently being discovered in the lakes at the rate of one every seven months.

The U.S. and Canada recently adopted rules requiring every transoceanic freighter destined for the Great Lakes to flush ballast tanks with sea water before entering the St. Lawrence River. Studies have shown that procedure reduces the number of viable organisms in the tanks by 95 percent.

Treatment systems that use filtration, chemicals, heat and pressure chambers can kill an even greater percentage of organisms and pathogens in ballast water.

Michigan and several other states have adopted their own ballast water regulations, creating a variety of rules. The shipping industry wants a single national standard to avoid creating confusion and logistical problems for shippers.

Fisher said he believes states like Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio -- where most transoceanic ships discharge ballast water -- are on the right track in developing treatment standards. Those states recently adopted similar regulations based on ballast treatment standards proposed by the International Maritime Organization.

Given the recent state laws passed in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio, Fisher said it is likely all ocean freighters plying the Great Lakes will be required to have ballast treatment systems on board by 2016.

## YEARLY CHAPTER FISH CONTEST RULES

1. THE GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER FISH CONTEST IS DEVIDED INTO TWO SEPARATE CONTESTS, BIG LAKE AND RIVER. YOU WILL SE COMPETING AGATNST FISH CAUGHT FROM THE SAME WATER THAT YOU FISH. HAPBOR LAKES (MUSKEGON, MANISTEE, ETC.) ARE TO BE CONSIDERED BIG LAKE WATERS.
2. THE CHAPTER FISH CONTEST WILL RUN FROM DECEMBER 1, TO NOVEMBER 30, OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
3. ALL FISH CAUGHT MUST BE LEGALLY CAUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FISHING REGULATIONS. NO FOUL HOOKED FISH ALLOWED.
4. ALL FISH ENTERED IN THE CONTEST MUST BE CAUGHT BY THE ENTRANT, AND MAILED OR HANDED INTO THE CONTEST CHAIRMAN, WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF BEING CAUGHT.
5. ONLY GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE CONTEST.
6. ALL LAKE CONTEST FISH ENTERED MUST BE CAUGHT FROM A BOAT LEAVING AND RETURNING TO A MICHIGAN PORT ON THE SAME DAY. ALL RIVER CONTEST FISH MUST BE CAUGHT IN MICHIGAN WATERS.
7. FISH SPECIES IN THE CONTEST WILL BE: LAKE TROUT, STEELHEAD, BROWN TROUT, COHO SALMON, CHINOOK SALMON, AND WALLEYE.
8. TROPHIES WII BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST AND SECOND PLACE FINISHERS IN EACH CATEGORY IN BOTH CONTESTS.
9. NO MORE THAN (1) ONE TROPHY, AND (1) ONE CASH PRIZE PER PERSON WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH CONTEST.
10. CASH PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED FOR THE HEAVIEST TROUT, HEAVIEST SALMON, CHINOOK AND COHO, AND HEAVIEST WALLEYE IN EACH CONTEST.

<u>TROUT</u>	<u>SALMON CHINOOK</u>	<u>SALMON COHO</u>	<u>WALLEYE</u>
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11. A PRE-REGISTRATION FEE OF \$5.00 PER FAMILY IS REQUIRED. THIS IS PAYABLE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OR BY MAIL. YOUR CONTEST BEGINS UPON RECEIPT OF THE ENTRY FEE.
12. AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF THE LEADERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER. WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED THEIR TROPHIES AT THE JANUARY MEETING.
13. ALL FISH ENTERED WILL BE JUDGED BY WEIGHT ONLY.
14. TO ENTER A FISH: FILL IN THE ENTRY FORM. IF POSSIBLE TAKE ANOTHER STEELHEADER (WITNESS) AND GO TO A CERTIFIED SCALE, (BAIT/MEAT MARKET) FOR WEIGH-IN. PORTABLE SCALES ARE NOT ALLOWED. IF YOU CANNOT GET A STEELHEADER TO WITNESS THE WEIGH-IN, TAKE THE FORM AND FISH TO HIS HOUSE AND HAVE HIM SIGN THE FORM. FILL OUT THE FORM SO HE CAN IDENTIFY THE SPECIES. DO NOT SEND IN AN INCOMPLETE ENTRY FORM.
15. MAIL ENTRY TO: BOB ANTZAK - 10377 WHITEWOOD DR. - WEST OLIVE, MI. 49460

### OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER STEELHEADERS YEARLY FISH CONTEST

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SPECIES ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION CAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CAUGHT \_\_\_\_\_

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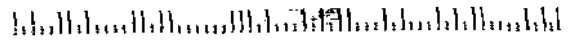
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