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GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER MEETING – MONDAY MAY 19, 2008 – 7:30 PM
SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 – 7:30 PM

MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING PROGRAM

BOB DUKESHERER

NOSS'A MARINE PROGRAM

BOB DUKESHERER IS FROM NOAA'S MARINE PROGRAM. BOB'S PROGRAM WILL BE ON MARINE FORECASTING. SOCIAL HOUR IS FROM 6:30 PM TO 7:30 PM WITH REFRESHMENTS AND LITE LUNCH. THE MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30 PM. BRING YOUR UNUSED FISHING TACKLE TO SELL AT THE SWAP TABLE. *BRING YOUR FAMILY, FISHING BUDDIES, SIGNUP A NEW MEMBER. SEE YOU ON MONDAY MAY 19, 2008.*

NOTE: THIS MONTHS MEETING IS ONE WEEK EARLIER DUE TO THE MEMORIAL HOLIDAY:

NOTE:

IF YOU NEED A MEMBERSHIP CARD, ATTEND A MEMBERSHIP MEETING OR SEND A SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO THE CHAPTER POST OFFICE BOX LISTED IN THIS ISSUE. IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS UP TO DATE YOUR CARD WILL BE SENT TO YOU.

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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.

EDITORS NOTE

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE PUBLISHED IN THE "TROUT TALK", SEND IT TO US BY THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH THAT YOU WOULD LIKE IT PUBLISHED. SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO DAVE NOWICKI, 2471 ANCIENT S.W., WYOMING, MICHIGAN, 49519 OR CALL 616-532-7727, OR E-MAIL polander@hotmail.com

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS
GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER
P.O. BOX 1474
GRAND RAPIDS, MI. 49501

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE _____

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

MATT SCHALK	STEVE ROMSEK	ROBERT BLOOM
ED SCHURMAN	GUY BRANDT	SCOTT MAYNARD
WILLIAM GARRETT	VIKKI GUILLES	

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN MARCH 2008:

STEVE HEINTZELMAN	BRYAN MORRISSEY	SHAG TRENT
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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRED IN APRIL 2008:

CHAD BARTLETT	MARK BECKHAM	BOB BLASKIS
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BRUCE DAVIS	SCOTT DEGRAAF	RYAN GILBERT
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JOHN STAUFFER	LAWRENCE STENDEL	RALPH WHITE
RAY VANZYTVELD	MICHAEL VERBEEK	
CLARENCE WHITE		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE THIS MONTH:

HENRI BOUCHER	R.J. POEL	BOB ROWE
ADAM STARR	DANY VANDERLUGT	GREG THEBO
DAVID ZIMMERMAN		

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN MAY 2008:

BOB ANTZAK	RONALD BLOOM	JAMES FRIELINK
PETE GARCHOW	STEPHANIE STREK	PETE GARCHOW
PAUL RICH	ANDREW WISNIEWSKI	

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

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LONGER AN ACTIVE MEMBER, AND CANNOT
PARTICIPATE IN CHAPTER EVENTS THAT REQUIRE
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

**A BAD DAY FISHING
IS ALWAYS BETTER
A GOOD DAY AT WORK**

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.

CORRECTION

IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF THE TROUT TALK BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES. MARK AND DIANE VENEMA WERE INCORRECTLY LISTED AS THE EMBROIDERY CONNECTION. THE CORRECT NAME OF THEIR COMPANY IS CASUAL THREADS. SORRY FOR THE WRONG INFORMATION. EDITOR.

CHAPTER PICNIC

THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 16. THE PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT JOHNSON PARK IN THE SHELTER HOUSE. EACH FAMILY IS ASKED TO BRING A DISH TO PASS THAT WILL SERVE 8-10 PEOPLE ALONG WITH THEIR OWN TABLE SERVICE. THE CHAPTER WILL PROVIDE THE FISH FOR THE FISH FRY AND THE REFRESHMENTS. THERE WILL BE GAMES, RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZES ETC. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH THIS YEAR'S PICNIC CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT DAVE NOWICKI AT 616-532-7727 EVENINGS. ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF TROUT TALK.

LUDINGTON OUTING

OUR CHAPTERS ANNUAL OUTING TO LUDINGTON MICHIGAN IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26. THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE OUTING IS DICK GROMKO. FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, CONTACT DICK AT 616-455-1336 OR SEE HIM AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

MANISTEE OUTING

THIS YEAR'S MANISTEE OUTING IS SET FOR SATURDAY AUGUST 2. AT THIS TIME THERE IS A NEED FOR A CHAIRMAN FOR THIS OUTING. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CHAIR THIS OUTING CONTACT STEVE HEINTZELMAN AT 616-791-7009 OR SEE STEVE AT THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2008

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

1. PRESIDENT DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPTER THE SECRETARYS REPORT AS PRINTED IN THE CHAPTER NEWSLETTER.
3. BOB STREK GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
4. BOB ANTZAK REPORTED ON THE CHAPTER YEARLY FISH CONTEST.
5. DICK GROMKO IS LOOKING TO ADJUST FOOD FOR THE SUMMER AND BUDGET EXPENSE FOR MEETING FOOD.
6. STEVE HEINTZELMAN ASKED FOR BAIT TO SUPPLEMENT RAFFLES.
7. RENEE DACIS WILL HAVE MEMBER BENEFITS PRINTED IN THE STATE PAPER.
8. BOB STREK UPDATED NET PENS AND OIL SPILL IN GRAND HAVEN, AND VADLE RELEASE FROM NET PENS IN MUSKEGON.
9. DAVE ANDERSON GAVE FOLLOW UP ON PROGRAMS AND MINI CLINICS.
10. JIM LARSEN REPORTED ON MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. PROGRESS IS BEING MADE.
11. BUD POTTS UPDATED SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMS.
12. JIM LARSEN IS GETTING INTEREST IN FISHING PARTNERS.
13. DAVE NOWICKI REPORTED ON THE NEWSLETTER.
14. VIKKI GUILLES REPORTED ON GRSF AND CAMP FOR KIDS SIGN UP.
15. JIM LARSEN OFFERED INFO ON TEXAS HOLDEM OPTION.
16. STEVE HEINTZELMAN LISTED OPTIONS ON LUNA PIER.
17. KRIS GUILLES REPORTED THAT THE FISHING LEAGUE IS CANCELLED. NOT ENOUGH BOATS TO HAVE A LEAGUE.
18. BOB STREK AND CHRIS EDWARDS WILL RUN THE BIG LAKE OUTING.
19. THE CHAPTER PICNIC WILL BE CHAIRED BY KRIS & VIKKI GUILLES. JOHN GARDNER WILL HANDLE THE GAMES.
20. THE LUDINGTON OUTING WILL BE CHAIRED BY DICK GROMKO.
21. THE MANISTEE OUTING HAS BEEN NAMED THE RON PLEKKER MANISTEE MEMORIAL OUTING.
22. GREAT LAKES LEVEL STUDY FORUM WAS ATTENDED BY BOB STREK AND BUD POTTS, INFORMATION WAS RELAYED.
23. SPORTSMEN FOR YOUTH DAY WERE FLYERS WERE CIRCULATED AND MEMBERS WERE ENCOURGED TO ATTEND AND HELP.
24. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M.

VIKKI GUILLES SECRETARY

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 28, 2008

1. DAVE NOWICKI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. VIKKI GUILLES READ THE SECRETARY'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS READ.
3. BOB STREK GAVE A TREASURER'S REPORT AND IT WAS ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.
4. NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE WELCOMED.
5. MARY JANE BELTER INVITED PARTICIPATION IN SPORTSMAN FOR YOUTH DAY IN SEPTEMBER.
6. FISHING REPORTS WERE SHARED.
7. CHILDREN 14 AND YOUNGER WERE PRESENTED WITH A HAT.
8. HENRY ZEMAN WAS INTRODUCED AND GAVE A PRESENTATION ON PHOTOGRAPHY.
9. BOB STREK IS IS COLLECTING E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR STATE UPDATES.
10. BUD POTTS GAVE A TALK ON THE SALMON IN SCHOOLS PROJECT.
11. BOB STREK AND CHRIS EDWARDS ARE HOSTING THE BIG LAKE OUTING TO BE HELD MAY 17, 2008 AT 6:00 A.M.
12. DICK GROMKO IS HOSTING THE LAKE ERIE OUTING TO BE HELD IN JUNE.
13. THERE WILL NOT BE A FISHING LEAGUE THIS YEAR, DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST.
14. BOB STREK RECAPPED THE SPRING RIVER CONTEST. FIRST PLACE WON BY MIKE HARVEY. SECOND PLACE WAS RON LARSEN.
15. HAROLD SEVERENCE FROM THE COAST GUARD AUXILLARY PRESENTED A SAFETY PRESENTATION ON BOATING.
16. THE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING WAS HELD AND THE WINNER WAS VIKKI GUILLES.
17. THE TACKLE RAFFLE, 50/50 RAFFLE WERE HELD.
18. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.

VIKKI GUILLES, SECRETARY

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

AL DAVIS
1950 GRAND RIVER DRIVE
ADA, MI. 49301
616-363-3564

7) THE 2008 CONTEST BEGINS DECEMBER 1, 2007 AND ENDS ON NOVEMBER 30, 2008.

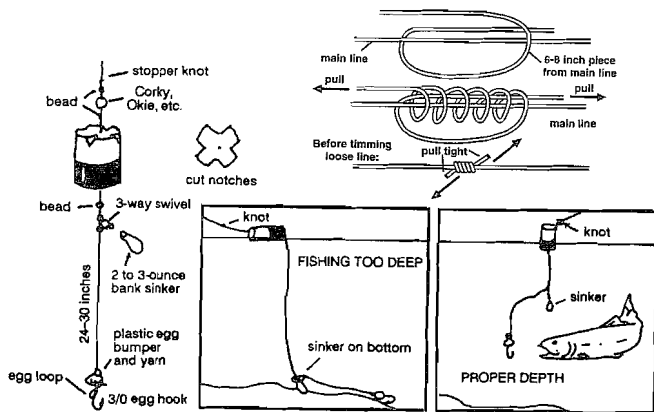
2008 SMALL FRY CONTEST ENTRIES

STEELHEAD

ZACK STREK 23 INCH

WALLEYE

BLAKE HENDRICK 21 INCHES 4.12LB.



BAIT: shrimp, roe, cured prawns & scent

BOBBER FISHING FOR CHINOOK: IT WORKS!

One of the sneakiest, deadliest, almost-unfair spring Chinook getters ever devised is bobber fishing. In two to three weeks, or whenever the slabs start moving into the Clackamas, you can drive up to High Rocks Park or any of the deep holes above there and see a field of bobbers happily dancing downstream. Suddenly one will disappear and pandemonium will break out, the bobbers will start racing for the sideline, someone's mono will cut a wake down the river, and some guy will start hollering his lungs out while hurdling lawn chairs on his way downstream.

It works. Fish strikes are easy to detect. It allows you to fish for suspended fish and use eddies and backcurrents to work parts of the river no other drifter can touch. And snagging is difficult.

Fishing instructor and tackle pro Rick Paradzinski has it down to a science. (From the Portland Oregon area).

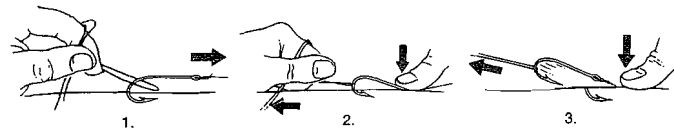
REMOVING THE HOOK

If you're a fisherman, the odds are you'll get hooked by a fish hook at least once in your lifetime. To help you remove the hook, we've provided several tips below.*

Of course, the basic rule of thumb is this: if you have a hook embedded in your skin and can't free it after gentle manipulation, grit your teeth and push it through.

After the wound has bled freely for a couple of minutes, wash gently, clean with alcohol and cover with BandAid. And finally, be sure to keep your tetanus shots up-to-date.

*The tips provided apply to routine hook removal only. If a hook is seriously impaled, a physician should be contacted immediately.



The Standard Method for hooks impaled in loose skin

1. Loop 20 or 30 lb. test line around curve of hook and grip firmly.
2. With thumb of opposite hand, press hard on the head of the hook.
3. Guide barb back along the pathway of entrance, then quickly snatch it out!

GRAND RAPIDS STEELHEADERS 2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY	17 CHAPTER BIG LAKE CONTEST - GRAND HAVEN 6:00 AM 19 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
JUNE	2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL 20-22 CHAPTER LAKE ERIE OUTING 30 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL
JULY	7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL 21 REGION II MEETING 7:00 PM GRAND HAVEN HOST AT GRAND HAVEN 16 CHAPTER FAMILY PICNIC 6:00 PM JOHNSON PARK SHELTER HOUSE 26 CHAPTER LUDINGTON OUTING
AUGUST	2 CHAPTER MANISTEE OUTING 11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 7:30 PM DIAMOND HALL 23 POWDER PUFF CONTEST 7:00 AM 25 MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:30 PM/SOCIAL HOUR 6:30 PM - DIAMOND HALL

LAKE ERIE OUTING

JUNE 20,22, 2008 IS THE DATE FOR THIS YEARS LAKE ERIE OUTING. THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE OUTING IS DICK GROMKO. TO SIGN UP OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT DICK AT 616-455-1336 OR SEE HIM AT THE MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

STEELHEADER CHAPTER LAKE ERIE WALLEYE OUTING CONTEST

1. DATE: JUNE 20,21,22, 2008
 2. ENTIRE LAKE OPEN.
 3. BOAT CAPTAIN MUST BE A PAID MEMBER, INVITED GUESTS MAY FISH.
 4. STARTING TIME, OPTIONAL.
 5. ALL FISH MUST BE REGISTERED BY 7:00 PM FRIDAY, 6:00 PM SATURDAY, AND 1:00 PM SUNDAY.
 6. OUTING FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE) \$10.00 PER BOAT.
 7. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED, ALL FEES PAID PRIOR TO OUTING.
 8. CATCH MUST BE WALLEYES ONLY.
 9. MICHIGAN LEGAL LIMIT APPLIES.
 10. ALL FISH MUST BE LEGAL (MICHIGAN) SIZE.
 11. ALL FISH MUST BE LEGALLY CAUGHT.
 12. TWO RODS PER PERSON.
 13. ALL WALLEYES ENTERED WILL BE JUDGED BY LENGTH 1,2,3 BY CONTEST CHAIRMAN.
 14. WEIGH-IN SITE TO BE SELECTED BY CONTEST CHAIRMAN.
 15. PRIZE MONEY, \$10.00 PER BOAT PER DAY.
 16. 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.



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hot spot 1. Place on a given stream or lake, usually known only to locals, where fish can be found. 2. Place in the center of the palm of the right hand of a local where money may be placed to help find 1.

BIG LAKE CONTEST

On May 17th we will be holding our annual Spring Big Lake Contest. The rules for this outing can be found in this newsletter and on our website. The weigh in and cookout will be held at Rycenga's Marina. Rycenga's is located at 1053 Jackson St. Grand Haven, MI 49417. To enter the marina use the last drive in the Rycenga's complex. Skipper Bud's Marina is right next door so if you pass it you have gone to far. To sign up call either Bob Strek (616) 453-3109 or Chris Edwards (616) 863-6943.

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 WEIGHRD 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 OFFICALLY 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.

FISHING PARTNERS

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.

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COHO -	NO ENTRY	
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY	
WALLEYE -	DARRYL HIGHWAY	09-02

RIVER

STEELHEAD -	JON HENDRICK	10-06
BROWN TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
LAKE TROUT -	NO ENTRY	
COHO -	NO ENTRY	
CHINOOK -	NO ENTRY	
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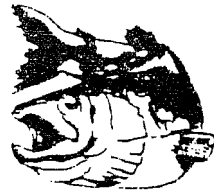
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