

MAY 2022



# metro-west steelheaders

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## May 3rd General Meeting & Speaker

### Metro West Members and Friends,

May's general meeting will be full of activities. First, we will be continuing our line winding opportunity. Please contact Gale Frazee in advance to advise on the number of reels you would like respoiled. Demand has out-timed the extent of our meeting so a Post meeting pick up time will need to be coordinated. This will be the last opportunity for 2022. We will start the process in March & run into May in 2023. CUTCO Jeff Zyck will be offering knife sharpening as well. Jeff collected donations for knife sharpening over the past couple years and donated a \$1,000 at the 2021 Summer Picnic to send kids to MUCC kids Camp for this year "THANKS JEFF!!".

In addition to the general meeting information, our guest speaker will be MWS' own Joey Elliot from the Anchor Bay Fishing Team. "Joey Table Box" recently put on a number of presentations at "Outdoorama". Joey will be talking on "Panfish Secrets". Covered will be Casting techniques and the Gear & Lures to focus with for sheltered waters success.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and there will also be Raffles, refreshments and MWS wear.



Line Winding: Gale Frazee

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# FISHING CLUB



## The "Prez Sez"

### THE PREZ SEZ

WOW, its May already. April was a busy month with a general meeting/swap meet, the Clinton River Clean Up, New Buffalo Coho Tournament and our first Lake Erie walleye tournament. All events were well attended. May will be action packed with a general meeting, two (2) St Joe/Benton Harbor tournaments, one (1) Lake Erie walleye tournament, two (2) Kayak-Small Boat tournaments, American Heritage Girls Club fishing event and our first Salmon In the Classroom release. So lots of opportunity to get outside and participate in club events. **If you have interest in any of this events, contact the event chair or a board member.**

The board is in need of more members to participate and learn how the board operates. This is a great way to get your feet wet and gain knowledge so you can be prepared to run for a board position. Lots of good things happen at board meetings and we need more people to ready to help in the years to come.

Hope to see you at an upcoming club event.

Bob Schulz, Prez

## METRO WEST STEELHEADERS - New Join the



### Henry Nabors- Membership Director

MWS has recently started using a QR Code for Membership signups & renewals

### Join The Club



Scan Code With Cell Phone Camera  
Select your Membership Category  
Select New Membership in "Type"  
Hit "Add to cart"  
Touch "Proceed to Checkout"  
Enter Personal Details  
Select Payment options

**THE METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS MEET THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7pm**

**Open to all members and public - Information below for resumption of physical meetings:**

**LIVONIA SENIORS CENTER AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF FARMINGTON ROAD AND FIVE MILE ROAD -  
15218 FARMINGTON RD, LIVONIA, MI 48154.**



# Metro-West Steelheaders 2022 Banquet

## Sponsors

The following people and businesses have made contributions to this year's banquet.

Please support those that support **Metro-West**

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Zane Billings  
Jay Garrison  
Wilson Marine-Oakland  
Church Tackle  
Chris Nabors  
Marc Traver

Special Thanks to the MetroWest club members, family and friends who made valuable contributions to the success of this year's banquet.

**We could not have done it without you!**  
**THANK-YOU!**





## METRO WEST STEELHEADERS - Sponsors (Continued)



# ANCHOR BAY



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## METRO WEST STEELHEADERS - Sponsors (Continued)



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## MWS-Manistee River, Pier-Beach Challenge-Recap

MWS Event Chairs: Adam Trenz & Eric Braden



What a weekend! From seeing sweatshirt weather on Friday morning before the event.... To seeing cold, rain, sleet, snow and everything else you can think of later in the day, and for the rest of the weekend! Despite the varying weather though, we had a good time, with a good amount of participation from our members!

I started the weekend fishing with a couple of friends of mine on Friday with about an 11:00am start. We made short work of finding some fish, and after dropping the anchor on only about 4 spots, we had hooked 9. We moved around to another half dozen spots and picked off another 3-4 more before we called it "good enough" around 5:30 after the weather changed for the worse and headed for a bite to eat. We then headed over to Trevor's lodge to meet up with the rest of the gang. Members Mark Platt and Leonard Pietila experienced a little bit of a motor issue, and they had a late start hitting the water just as the weather had changed over to "not fun"! I think we all appreciated the warm fire that Trevor had going in the fireplace as we enjoyed our evening and all caught up for the first time in a couple of years.

Tournament morning greeted us with 2" of snow on the ground. I hopped in the boat with Trevor and his buddy Ernie. We poked around a lot of familiar holes, and simply could not buy a bite. After getting the same reports from several guide friends (who are MUCH better anglers than us!), we decided to get out of the cold steelhead weather. Nevertheless, it was a good time on the river, and always a bright side - Ernie was able to learn how to bobber fish with beads, which was a first for him. Members Jay Labban, Fabian Sepulveda and his daughter all fished Suicide Bend/Dam area, and unfortunately had similar results to ours. Mark and Lenard bowed out of fishing after the miserable weather the prior day, hung around the cabin, and graciously deep cleaned! Which turns out, they didn't miss much on the river!

From there we all headed to meet up with our friends of the Detroit Area Steelheaders, and fellow MWS Beach/Pier anglers for the "non-weigh-in"/dinner. DAS was able to pull off another "bragging rights" victory by bringing 6 healthy fish to the weigh-in. DAS also put out quite a great spread of beef brisket, chili, hot dogs, which was enjoyed by all. MWS members then made their way back to Trevor's lodge, and continued to catch up and share fish tales from years passed.

Although we had the weather against us this weekend, a great time was had by all. Special thanks to DAS for kicking our butts again, but being kind enough to feed us! Big thanks to Trevor as well for his continued hospitality! Lastly - thanks to our housekeepers - Mark and Lenard! (haha!)

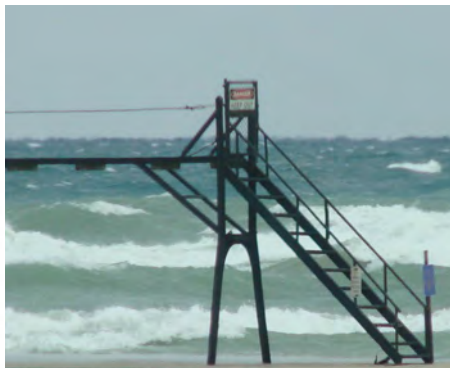
Look forward to seeing everyone next time!

Adam





## MWS-Manistee River, Pier-Beach Challenge-Recap (Continued)



The Manistee Beach-Pier Folks started arriving Thursday afternoon with fairly decent conditions and one Hen landed by Dave Zawacki from the South Pier. Dave provided fresh spawn for the group to tie up that night. Friday AM came early w/ a quick breakfast. Mike Frith, Gus Nelson & Doug Holder got in some rod prep while Dave Z. tied some up some fresh spawn. About 9AM the crew hit the "sheet wall" just north of manmade lake. Bob Schulz landed and released a beautiful hen about 11AM. John Hart caught up to the group about mid-day just about the time the day clouded, the winds picked up. The sleet & 25+ winds arrived about 5PM. My son Taylor & I repositioned down to 5<sup>th</sup> ave earlier in the afternoon in hopes to get some scouting in for the heavier weather due in for Saturday. Fabian Sepulveda & His Daughter Nicki stopped by to see what rigging was being used, but the weather was tough and the sunset without a touch. Everyone rallied back at the house for a great dinner and plenty of evening table talk (No Politics :)). Saturday arrived w/ snow and higher winds the previous evening. There was no major rush for the back door as there was nowhere to hide on the beach or the Harbor. After a good breakfast, Gus Nelson made a break for Middle beach. Sharon Bledsoe & Ed Jones arrived about mid morning and more fish stories were shared until early afternoon. The group agreed it was time to get some air so we loaded up the trucks for the trek to Wellston planned for later that afternoon. We stopped in at "Tangled Tackle" for about an hour and a half thanking the tackle folks for their support in MWS fund raising efforts last year. Many hot rigs & new gear was procured before we departed. Next stop was a newer 2<sup>nd</sup> hand store that opened up just north of Westco. Once again new friends were made and another hour plus was invested in negotiations and new gear procurement (What A Blast!!). When you stop in from time to time this year, please take a minute and let our friends know how much we appreciate their support and businesses for us to visit. We headed east and met up w/ the River boys and the DAS folks for a fantastic meal and some great comradery. Many Thanks to DAS for continuing on the traditions started many years ago. We had a fantastic weekend at the house w/ 11 participants. The concept works well w/ a good time had by all.

Looking forward to more good times!

Eric





## 4/9/22 Clinton River Clean up –Recap

MWS Event Chair: Jay Labban



On Saturday 4/9/22, the MWS partnered with MUCC and the Clinton River Watershed Council to conduct our first river clean-up of the year.

The event was a great success! We had 26 volunteers with many families that supported the clean-up resulting in the removal of about 600 lbs. of trash from the river.

Each year I am amazed at the trash that we collect. This year was no different. We collected 3 tires, 1 pick-up truck running board, 1 orange construction barrel and 2 bicycles.

The clean-up areas that we covered included River Bends and Holland Ponds.

Thank you for all the MWS members that participated in the event including Gus Nelson and Jamie Holbook.

Both breakfast (Bagels by MWS) and lunch (Pizza from MUCC) were provided to the participants. We concluded the event with a discussion of Fly Fishing for Steelhead. I shared the tackle needed, provided a short demonstration of two casts (Traditional / 2 Stroke and Roll) and provided the participants the chance to try casting with a fly rod.

I am looking forward to our next Clinton River clean-up event.





## New Buffalo Coho Tournament Report - April 22, 2022

Submitted by Port Captain Bob Schulz

Well, April weather played a roll in the New Buffalo tournament schedule. With high wind forecasted for Friday and Saturday, a decision was made to move the tournament to Sunday. Even with the schedule change, there were 6 boats. As winds started to relax on Saturday, the Bounty Hunter made it out for a couple hours of pre-fishing and went 3 for 8.

The day of the tournament crews fished primarily in front of the pier or north from 15 to 40 feet of water. All boats were able to catch at least a one person limit to weigh-in. The red Brads ThinFin was working along with many other colors and spoons. Fifty-five fish were caught during the tournament and thirty weighed for 91 pounds.



Last	First	Boat	Place	Total	Weighed	Lbs	Pts	Total	Big Fish	Big Fish	C of Y Place	Pts BF	Tot	Crew
Zawacki	Dave	Salty Dog	1	15	5	17.20	25	42.20	4.25	3.60	12	2	14	3
Abdelnour	Tom	Not N	2	10	5	16.35	25	41.35	3.90	3.55	10	1	11	2
Schulz	Bob	Bounty Hunter	3	8	5	15.00	25	40.00	4.50	3.00	8	3	11	2
Kelley	Dennis	the Menace	4	9	5	14.75	25	39.75	3.20	3.20	6		6	3
Traver	Kirk	Sara Ann	5	7	5	14.25	25	39.25	3.45	3.40	4		4	3
Gagnon II	Bill	Outta Shift	6	6	5	13.25	25	38.25	2.70	2.70	3		3	3
6	Boats	Total		55	30	90.80			22.00	19.45				16

All the attendees were able to stay and fish on Monday also. Fishing was even better with 4 of the 6 boats getting a limit and one boat even landed a 20lb salmon. It was a great fishing trip with good company, good food and lots of laughs. The quote of the trip was provided by Bill Gagnon "If your going to be stupid, you better be tough".

Fun times at New Buffalo! Always great to get out on Lake Michigan in April!!





# Detroit River/Lake Erie Walleye Tournament April 23, 2022 Results

Submitted by Robert Grech & Photos by John Somers



Port Captains Robert Grech/Chris Christoph: First I would like to thank new member, John Milkovich, Director of Toledo Beach Marina, for hosting us and providing use of the ramp at no charge. I also would like to thank Chris and Marsha Christoph for getting that great box lunch together!



What a great day to be out on the water, Almost, A little cool and a little rocky to start, but all registered captains decided to go for it! As the day played on the water died down a little but it got much warmer and that part was very nice. There were 9 boats that participated with a total of 28 fisher-persons and 1 lunch guest.

At 9am fish call, there was only a total of 8 fish caught with 6 of them in Salty Dogs cooler. Things got much better by weigh in (for most) with 55 total walleye caught, 26 weighed at 76.9pounds.

Finally, Thank you to all that participated! Tournament winners: 1st Place: Scarlet Rebel, captained by Shawn Elliot; 2nd Place: Salty Dog Captained by Dave Zawacki; 3rd Place: Mr. Barkie, Captained by Rick Spangler; 4th Place: Eye Blessed, Captained by Phil Jackson

Big Fish: 1st Place: Scarlet Rebel, captained by Shawn Elliot (Caught by Tackle Box Joey Elliot); There was a tie for 2nd place so prize money for 2nd and 3rd was combined and split 50/50. Mr. Barkie, Captained by Steve Spangler (caught by Hunter Spangler); And Salty Dog, Captained and caught by Dave Zawacki. Finally, 4th Place: Eye Blessed, Captained and caught by Phil Jackson.

Last	First	Boat	Place	Total	Weighed	Lbs	Points	Total	Big Fish	Big Fish	C of Y Place	BF	Tot	Crew
Elliott	Shawn	Scarlet Rebel	1	6	6	19.60	30	49.60	5.70	3.00	14	4	18	3
Zawacki	Dave	Salty Dog	2	17	6	18.35	30	48.35	3.75	3.20	12	3	15	4
Spangler	Richard	Mr Barkie	3	24	6	18.05	30	48.05	3.75	3.15	10	3	13	3
Jackson	Phil	Eye Blessed	4	3	3	9.45	15	24.45	3.45	3.45	8	1	9	3
Swystun	Jay	Offshore Outlaw	5	3	3	6.80	15	21.80	3.20	2.35	6		6	4
Traver	Marc	Katie-Ann	6	2	2	4.65	10	14.65	2.50	2.15	4		4	3
Grech	Robert	Smokin' Salmon	7	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2		2	3
Kelley	Dennis	The Menance	7	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2		2	3
Schulz	Bob	Bounty Hunter	7	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	2		2	3
9	Boats	Total		55.0	26.0	76.9			22.4	17.3				29





## MUCC Camp Clean Up-Recap



MWS Event Chair: Marc Traver



### Metro West Members and Friends,

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the following MWS members for helping out at the MUCC Camp workshop. In attendance were; Eric Braden, Tom Cunningham, Gus Nelson, Karen Westphal & myself. We helped clean the main lodge and cut and removed debris around the property. Our sponsored cabin, Wolf Cabin, has received a new roof and new bunk-beds milled from lumber harvested on-site.....pretty cool!!!! Our sponsored cabin houses 14 campers and a counselor. Unless you have seen the camp, you really don't understand what a great place this is. Please, please check it out, it will make you very proud of what our club does.

Mark Traver-MWS Rep to MUCC & Camp Cleanup Chair





## MUCC Camp Clean Up-Recap (Fun Pics)





## MWS - 4/30 & 5/1/22 Benton Harbor-St. Joe Coho Tourney– Invite

MWS Event Chairs: Dave Zawacki & Kirk Traver



A invite to all members for the Benton harbor tournament 4/30 and 5/1. Second year for this early cold water salmon fishing. Kings, coho, lakera, and steelhead are usually at the river mouth or not far out.

We will be docking at west basin marina. Call to reserve a slip 269 983 5432.

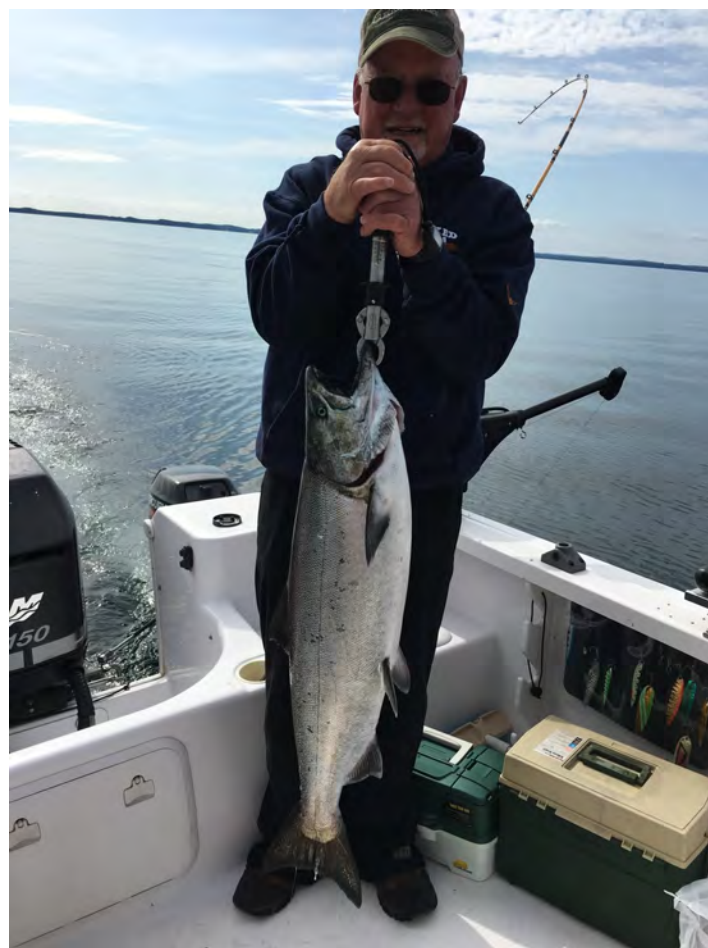
Weigh in at the marina with a lunch on Saturday.

Cost for tournament and meal will be around \$12 to \$15. There will be no meal on Sunday.

Lots of motels close by.

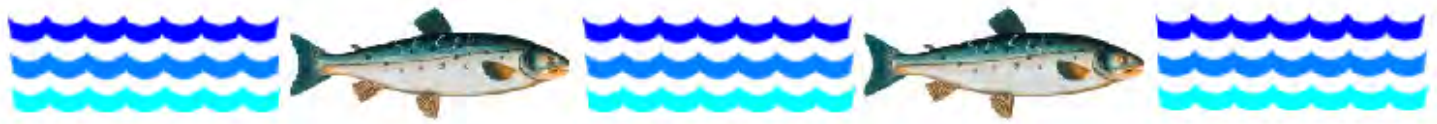
Contact Dave Zawacki 419 343 6567 or

Kirk Traver 517 881 4907 to sign up or additional info





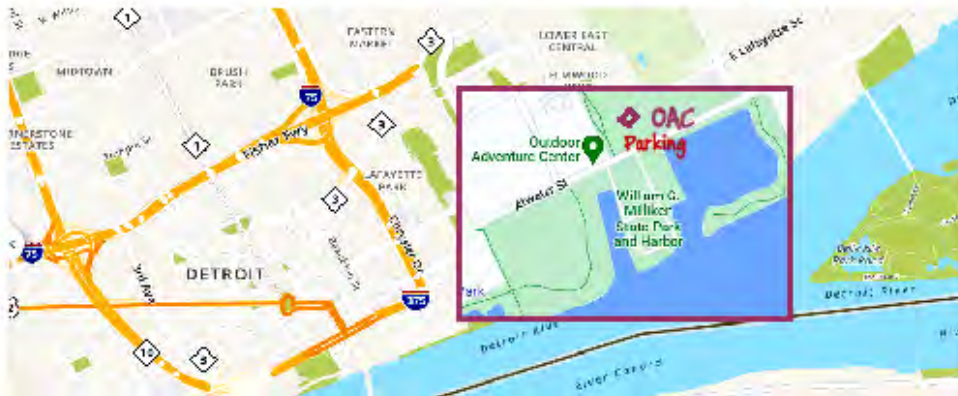
## METRO WEST STEELHEADERS - Munger-4/7 SIC Release



# RELEASE DAY for SALMON in the CLASSROOM 2022

Saturday, May 7th @ 11 AM

Milliken State Park ▷ 1900 Atwater ◁ Detroit



◆ Outdoor Adventure Center  
1801 Atwater » Detroit  
Free Parking for MUNGER FAMILIES

◆ Learn How to Fish  
w/MetroWest Steelheaders

◆ Michigan DNR

◆ Activity &  
Research Tables

◆ Food Truck



## MWS - 5/21 & 5/22 Benton Harbor-St Joe Salmon Tourneys- Invite

**MWS Saturday Event Chairs: Chris Thompson & Dennis Kelley**



We are having a salmon tournament May 21 and May 22 at West Basin Marina, St Joseph MI.

This tournament is a 2-day tournament, hosted by Chris Thompson (Saturday's tournament), Dennis Kelley (Saturday's tournament), Brad Allan (Sunday's tournament), and Mark Platt (Sunday's tournament).

### Contact Info

Chris Thompson - email: [christ@dennysonline.com](mailto:christ@dennysonline.com) / phone or text 734-751-1411 Email is preferred

Dennis Kelley - email: [themenance59@gmail.com](mailto:themenance59@gmail.com) / phone 810-523-8120

Brad Allan - email [btmbksst@gmail.com](mailto:btmbksst@gmail.com)

Mark Platt - phone 248-881-4890

### Location (weigh-in)

We will be docking at West Basin Marina. Call to reserve a slip 269 983 5432. There is a Metrowest club discount for **this** event, so be sure to let them know.

Weigh in at the marina with a lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

Stay tuned for more info about specific details in the weeks to come. These are 2 different tournaments and each chairperson may vary plans slightly. So pay attention to these details as they develop. I wanted to get the announcement out for your fishing planning.

Thank You

Chris Thompson

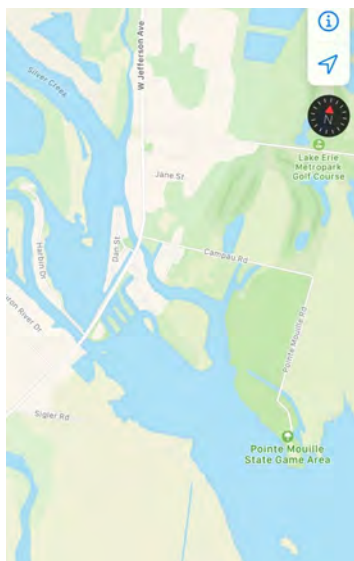
**MWS Sunday Event Chairs: Brad Allan & Mark Platt**





# MWS - 5/28/22 Pt. Mouille' Kayak-Small Boat Tourney– Invite

MWS Event Chair: Eric Braden



## The Event:

Pt Mouille is located off of I-75 at S. Huron River Dr. North on Jefferson Ave to East on Campau Rd to South on Pt Mouille Rd.

**Pt Mouille access Info:** Refer to included map for Launch location.

## Catch Photo & Release Rules:

- Bring Photos on Bump boards of whatever you catch to the weigh-in as relates to edible fish (Basses, Walleye, Pike, Perch, Crappies, Blue Gills, etc.. **No Carp or Sheepshead**).
- Note: 1) You can keep what you catch, but Huron River Fish Consumption Advisory may be a concern with regards to the species & location caught. 2) The event will be based on lengths of fish so any kept fish will still be measured
- Each fisherman submits there best (5) fish.
- The winner and points placements will be based on total lengths of Best catch.
- Places will be based on total length of best 5 fish
- Each person fishes for themselves (Ex: Two person Kayak = 2 entries, three fisherman in small boat = 3 entries, etc..).
- PFD's mandatory
- KAOY & SBAOY Points apply
- Start time: 6:00 AM
- Pull Lines: 12:00 PM

Weigh In: 12:30 PM at the Boat Launch/Picnic area

**Entry Fees:** None for the contest, but \$6/angler for lunch

**Communications:** Group texts will be sent to participants. Sharing of information is encouraged. 9:00 AM Fish call via text if able (Small Water proof gear boxes are available for cell phones/keys, etc.. for around \$10).

**Food:** Basic Picnic fare (Dogs & Sides). Bring a chair in case picnic tables are unavailable.

Send me a note or give me a call if you think that you can make it.

**Event Chair: Eric Braden**

**Cell: (419) 344-2541**

**E-Mail: esbraden630@gmail.com**

## MWS - 6/4/22 Kensington Kids Fishing Outing– Invite



MWS Event Chair: Brad Allan

# Metro-West Steelheaders Free Kids' Fishing Outing

Kensington Metro Park, East Shore Fishing Area

Saturday June 4, 2022

9:00 AM Registration

11:00 AM Wild Animal Show

12:00 PM Lunch Provided by Metro-West Steelheaders

1:00 PM End of the Outing

Free Fishing Gear that you take home, provided for kids 5-16 years of age

Free bait, courtesy of Walt's Crawlers

Free Wild Animal Show by Exotic Zoo

Free Lunch

### Directions:

Take I-96 to Exit 153, Kent Lake Road. Turn East to enter the park. The Outing is at the East Shore Fishing area about 1.5 miles past the Park entrance. Look for the Metro-West signs at the entrance to the East Shore Fishing area. Entry fee to the park is \$10, unless you have a Metro Parks pass.

### Advanced Registration:

Advanced registration is recommended via email, [btmbksst@gmail.com](mailto:btmbksst@gmail.com). Please indicate how many adults and kids will be in your party and everyone's names. Kids must be accompanied by parents or chaperons. We will reply, acknowledging your registration and reserving your fishing equipment. Your registration will only reserve your equipment until 10 am on the day of the Outing. For further information please call Brad Allan, Outing Chairman, at 734-306-2529. Please note there is a FEE to enter Kensington Park, check with the park website for details on the various pass options.



# 2022 CAPTAIN AND CREWPERSON OF THE YEAR Status Report

Submitted by Henry Nabors, Captain of the Year Coordinator

The 2022 Captain and Crewperson of the Year contest has started. Two tournaments have been held - New Buffalo Coho and Detroit River/Lake Erie Walleye! Twelve Captains and 27 crewmembers have participated.

Congratulations Salty Dog Captain Dave Zawacki and Joey Elliott for their lead at this point in the year!

(NM - Non members are not eligible to win until they join MWS)



	Captain of the Year			C of Y
Place	Captain		Boat	Total
1	Zawacki	Dave	Salty Dog	29
2	Shultz	Bob	Bounty Hunter	19
3	Elliott	Shawn	Scarlet Rebel	18
4	Spangler	Richard	Mr. Barkie	13
5	Abdelnour	Tom	Moe Diddley	11
6	Jackson	Phil	Eye Blessed	9
7	Kelley	Dennis	The Menance	8
8	Swystun	Jay	Offshore Outlaw	6
9	Grech	Robert	Smokin' Salmon	6
10	Traver	Kirk	Sara Ann	4
11	Traver	Marc	Katie Ann	4
12	Gagnon	Bill	Rose Bud	2

	Crewperson of Year		Fishing with:	C of Y
Place	Last	First	Captain	Total
1	Manders - NM	Steve	Zawacki, Dave	29
2	Elliott	Joey @	Elliott, Shawn	18
3	Parsoni - NM	Ross	Elliott, Shawn	18
4	Schoolcraft	Brian	Zawacki, Dave	15
5	Zawacki	Chase	Zawacki, Dave	15
6	Braden	Eric	Schulz, Bob	14
7	Lenhart - NM	Steve	Zawacki, Dave	14
8	Baumgartner - NM	Mike	Spangler, Rick	13
9	Spangler	Hunter	Spangler, Rick	13
10	Frazee	Gale	Abdelnour, Tom	11
11	Currie	Elvis	Jackson, Phil	9
12	Jackson - NM	Kyle	Jackson, Phil	9
13	Bustos	Jeff	Kelley, Dennis	8
14	Mangrum - NM	J	Swystun, Jay	6
15	Wright	Jamie	Swystun, Jay	6
16	Crum	Gavin	Swystun, Jay	6
17	Christoph	Chris	Grech, Robert	6
18	Jackson	Phil	Kelley, Dennis	6
19	Traver	Keith	Zawacki, Dave	4
20	Traver	Kirk	Zawacki, Dave	4
21	Traver	Marc	Traver, Kirk	4
22	Derksen	Dan	Traver, Kirk	4
23	Somers	John	Grech, Robert	3
24	Sepulveda	Fabian	Gagnon, Bill	3
25	Platt	Mark	Gagnon, Bill	3
26	Green - NM	Paul	Kelley, Dennis	2
27	Schroeder	Chris	Schulz, Bob	2



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Bob



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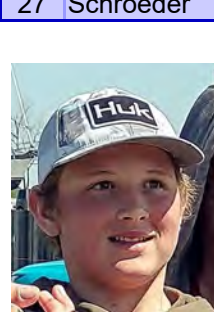
Joey



Brian



Eric



Hunter



Gale



Elvis

Get to know the leaders and learn from them!!

Join the fun at the next tournament and learn more about fishing on the Great Lakes!!



## MSSFA April Executive Directors Report



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### MSSFA

#### Executive Director Report

##### *Dennis Eade*

The proposed state supplemental budget appropriation which contains \$30 million for Fish Hatchery Infrastructure, \$4 million to replace the *RV Steelheader* with a new state of the art research vessel and \$12.4 million to replace equipment within the entire department (Forestry, Parks, Law, Fish, and Wildlife) and another \$652,000 to hire four staff for the Tribal Coordination Unit, has run into a road block in the house appropriations committee with Chairman Tom Albert (517-373-0846) and Rep. Sue Allor (517-373-0833) not on board. I testified at the Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing in Lansing on March 15<sup>th</sup> and it went well. Unfortunately, we need to reach out to Rep. Albert and Rep. Allor to make sure they get behind this historic investment in needed infrastructure improvements within the department. This will set us up for the next forty years of research, rearing and effective management of the resource. Calling your own representative will help as well so refer to the Legislative Action Alert notice on page 13 of March/April issue of GLSFN or look for it in the new edition to use the quick response code link to find your legislator's phone number.

The tribal negotiations are continuing with in person meetings scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. Our attorneys are participating within the guidelines of the "Friend of the Court" requirements. There is a status conference scheduled for later in April with Judge Maloney.

The Lake Huron Citizens Advisory Committee met February 1<sup>st</sup> on Teams. The minutes are posted on our website. The state was over the allowable harvest level for lake trout in MM-4 (Grand Traverse) in 2018 that resulted in a 2019 penalty. Lake Trout jigging continues to be popular, and anglers are concerned that the allowable harvest could be exceeded again because of the 41% hooking mortality that is applied. The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) passed an amendment opening the Saginaw lower river mouth to harvest during the spawning period beginning in 2023 at its meeting on the December 9<sup>th</sup>, however it should not pose any harm to the walleye fishery in the bay. The NRC approved and adopted an amendment to restrict the rainbow trout (steelhead) bag limit to one fish as of 2022 on type 3 & 4 streams. I personally believe that regulations aren't the answer to wild trout recruitment; improving habitat, investing in dam removals to restore trout habitats and lower stream temperatures, encouraging reforestation and streambank protection of riparian areas to maintain temperature regulation, and

## **MSSFA April Executive Directors Report -[Continued]**

steelhead is 158 miles. Whitefish continue to decline in 1836 Ceded Waters while Green Bay populations continue to increase due to the nutrient runoff coming from farms in the lower Fox River basin. In 2023, Michigan will pursue a stocking increase of Chinook up to 1 million. Salmonid effort was down to 556,000 angler hours, which is significantly lower than the goal of 1 million, and the catch rate for Chinook salmon was up in 2021 to 0.083 Chinook per hour.

Kudos to the organizers of the Steelhead Spectacular Seminar Event at D&R Sports Center in Kalamazoo, MI on February 19, 2022. Four great presenters, door prizes, excellent raffle prizes, delicious barbeque luncheon and tons of useful information. All the proceeds went to MSSFA program underwriting. Special shout out to Paul Zelenka, Don Remington, Joe Montella, Alex Fergus, Dave Middleton, Jeff Root and Becky Goettl for all the planning and hard work putting it together. It's time to think about recommissioning our boats for the spring Coho and Chinook run in the southwest portion of Lake Michigan or the walleye run in Lake Erie. We have a great article in this issue of GLSFN to guide you through the process.

Meetings are recommencing and tournaments are right around the corner. The Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources is having a summer-long raffle to help offset the cost of being at the table for the Tribal Negotiations.



## MSSFA February Meeting Minutes

### Minutes to the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 MSSFA State Board Meeting, via Teams

**Attending:** Joe Montella, Dennis Eade, Bonnie Eade, Alex Fergus, John Letts, Gerry Sickon, Rich Chapman, Bob Schulz, Dave Middleton, Paul Zelenka, Don Remington

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 by Dennis Eade
2. Approval of Agenda: **Motion** (Letts) to approve after adding item (8. Action item, D. delinquent member mail list); second (Chapman); passed.
3. Approval of Minutes (Sickon): **Motion** (Montella) to approve; second (Zelenka); passed.
4. Financial Report (Fergus/Eade): **Motion** (Zelenka) to approve; second (Letts); passed.
5. Executive Director report (Dennis Eade): The new year is starting out in historic proportions with a proposed state budget containing \$30 million for fish hatchery infrastructure, \$4 million to replace the research vessel (*RV Steelheader*), \$12.4 million for other DNR equipment, and \$652 thousand to hire 4 staff members on the Tribal Coordination Unit. This means a new cool water rearing facility at Wolf Lake hatchery and a new research vessel with the latest electronics for more accurate trawling data and research into pelagic species development (salmon, steelhead). Many challenges are ahead, but this is a great beginning. Tribal negotiations drag on with little tangible progress. There is a deep concern that hard positions may be at odds with biological realities and the foundations of sustainability. For clarity, the CPMR has published an outline of 3 principal elements that are essential for negotiating a sustainable and equitable agreement. View this outline at ([mssfa.org](http://mssfa.org)). The DNR has finalized a plan for inland walleye management. It can be viewed at ([Michigan.gov/Walleye](http://Michigan.gov/Walleye)) to learn more. Doc Merckel's funeral was held on Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> in Mayville, Mi. It was very well attended by members of fishing related organizations, patients, local friends, and family members. Many stories were shared as a celebration of his life. There will be a tribute in the March issue of GLSFN.
6. Other Reports: None
7. Standing Committee Reports
  - A. Natural Resources
    1. Lake Huron: The NRC passed an amendment that opens the Saginaw River lower mouth area to year-round walleye fishing beginning in 2023. Habitat improvement and dam removal will help Steelhead recruitment more than anything else along the lakes' tributaries. The Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> advisory committee meeting minutes are on our website.
    2. Lake Michigan: Chinook planting will increase this year to 1,000,000 fish.
  - B. Membership Services & Education (Zelenka): D&R Sports event is this coming Saturday at 8:30 am. There will be 5 hands-on presentations and many excellent door prizes. D&R Sports Center has been exceptionally helpful and accommodating.
  - C. Legal & Legislative: The CPMR has a raffle coming up through the MUCC. Progress has been slow but 4 out of the 5 tribes consented to a more open exchange of catch data with the state. There are a lot of issues that have not been addressed yet. The MSSFA dam removal position statement was reviewed. We want to be proactive in lobbying the EGLE, DNR, and legislators to identify obsolete dams that need to be removed. **Motion** (Chapman) to adopt the position statement on dam removals; second (Montella); passed.
  - D. Financial & Audit: No Report until after the budget meeting
  - E. Business Management: will meet after the D&R event

## MSSFA February Meeting Minutes

### 8. Action Items

- A. Fundraising Ideas: Grand Havens' most successful technique for membership retention is to have a board member contact a member that is late. The person has usually just forgot to re-up and are happy to renew. The parents of the kids in the bass club are invited to meetings and many have joined the club. The chapters' webcam on the river gets the most hits. They are trying to find a way to monetize it. The second most hit is the Port Sheldon buoy information. The buoy is managed by Limnotech at a cost of \$15 thousand per year.
- B. History Quest: We recently received a booklet MSSFA published in 1973 from the Lake County Public Library in Merrillville, IN which has several articles we will share in MailChimp notices to directors and can be used in chapter newsletters.
- C. Committee Motions: None
- D. Delinquent member mailing list: reviewed minutes of the June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 board meeting minutes that extended sending GLSFN to delinquent members from 2 months to 4 months due to the pandemic. **Motion** (Montella) to approve returning to two months carry over instead of four; second (Chapman); passed.

### 9. Good of the Order

Holland: Filling board member vacancies.

Metro West: membership is doing well. March 19<sup>th</sup> is their big Sportsmen Banquet. They are trying to iron out tournament liability issues.

Battle Creek: 38 members attended the last meeting and they signed up 8 new members. Trying for a membership of 100.

South Haven: Russ Pomeroy ice fishing tournament is coming up. A Tackle Paluzza swap meet is planned for Feb.26<sup>th</sup>. Spring workshop is planned for March 17<sup>th</sup>. The data buoy off South Haven is well funded with corporate donations.

South West: Started meetings again in January. New board members getting involved. Matt Dianna (DNR) made a presentation at the last meeting. Summer tournaments are in the planning stage.

Great Lakes Bay: Annual ice outing on the bay is this weekend. Signed up 4 new members at the last meeting. March 19<sup>th</sup> is their annual auction day. The Salmon in the Classroom (SIC) program is very strong.

Grand Haven: Their April meeting will have a swap meet. The Bill Rogers offshore tournament is in the planning stage.

Grand Rapids: (Not in Attendance)

Thunder Bay: (Nothing to Report)

State Office (Bonnie): (Nothing pressing at the moment.)

Executive Director (Dennis): Jim Dexter informed Lake Committee members that the State of Michigan DNR facilities will return to being open to the public on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion** by Fergus to adjourn; second (Zelenka); passed

Respectfully yours,

Gerry Sickon

MSSFA Secretary



## MWS Fund Raiser- Update



**Offered by: Robert Grech (989) 205-8054**

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## 2022 Member Service Awards Program



*Submitted by Henry Nabors*

The 2022 Member Service Program will recognize members for the work they do for the Club. The Member Service program awards points for being involved with the activities to help the Club grow; produce income, support conservation/civic projects and events that make the club fun.

There will be nine winners - 1st Prize: two winners of MSSFA/MWS memberships (\$40 value); 2nd Prize: two winners of MSSFA memberships (\$35 value) and 3rd Prize: five winners of \$15 toward membership dues.

Points will be awarded for the services listed. The Chairperson for the event will provide the names of members that assisted with the event. Family members that assist will get points for the member as well.

Winners will be selected by a random drawing:

1st Prizes: Top 3 candidates

2nd Prizes: Top 5 candidates

3rd Prizes: Top 12 candidates

A member can win a maximum of \$40 in memberships from all award programs - ie, the \$1000 Income Award Challenge, etc. Members winning other awards will not be included as candidates in this drawing. Contact a Board Member if there are services that should be added to the list or if you have questions.

If you have a question about the points you are awarded, contact the event Chair - not the score keeper. Henry Nabors will track the points awarded by the event chairs and the Board. Summary reports will be distributed by email. The Drawing for the awards will be made by Board Members after the first of the year and announced by email and newsletter.

<b>Point Awards:</b>	
Sportsman's Banquet Committee	3
Banquet setup or event workers	2
Board Member	6
Comedy Club Chair	6
Show Chairman	6
Show Booth Workers (per 3 hours)	1
Port Captain (Co = 4 each) (Max 8 pts for year)	6
Big Fish Coordinator	6
Kids Outing Chair	6
River/Kayak/Beach Chair	3
Christmas Party Coordinators	3
Salmon in the Class Room (SIC) Teacher and Coordinator	3
Assistance Club above events	1
Food Service for 3 General Mtgs	1
Raffle Coordinator	3
Cooler Raffle Coordinator	3
50/50 Raffle Coordinator	3
Apparel Sales	3
Club Picnic Chair	3
Newspaper Editor per issue	1
Newspaper Article (excl. tournament announcements or results - part of Port Captain points)	1
Board Recognized Service	1 - 3



## 2022 March 8th MWS BOD Meeting Minutes



**Deb Grech MWS Secretary**

### Metro West Steelheader's Board Meeting

3-8-22 R3

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by Bob Schulz

**Present:** Bob Schulz, Eric Braden, Carmen Zirles, Deb Grech, Adam Trenz, Robert Grech, Len Woods, Brad Allan, Gale Frazee, Henry Nabors

**Absent:** Dave Zawacki, Marc Traver

**Guest:** Karen Westphal

**President:** Bob Schulz opened the meeting regarding the minutes for 2-8-2022 Rev 1, The minutes were reviewed and accepted as written. Motion to approve by Robert Grech and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Henry Nabors.

**Secretary:** Deb Grech emailed and distributed the 2-8-22 REV 1 Monthly BOD Minutes.

All were in favor and no opposed and it was accepted as written.

**Treasurer:** Carmen Zirles distributed the Treasurers report for February 1, 2022 thru February 28, 2022.

Motion to accept the report was by Henry Nabors and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Trenz. No opposed. It was voted and accepted as submitted. Discussed the 501C3 and the 501C4 Went over the 2022 Sportsman Banquet Checklist.

**Vice President:** Eric Braden has set up speakers for April and May. It will be Joey Tackle Box and Ashley from the MUCC Camp. There will be a swap meet at the April general meeting.

**Membership Director:** Henry Nabors has requested someone else to do the website updates. The club is looking into a website developer. We also talked about the membership expiration issues regarding the four-month membership extensions. He will send out emails regarding the Membership Service Awards.

The Captain of the Year will be announced in April.

Current membership is 160

General Meeting Attendance is 44

Friends of the Club is 25

## 2022 February 8th MWS BOD Meeting Minutes (Continued)

**MSSFA Rep:** Bob Schulz said they will have a meeting in April, no other updates.

**MUCC Rep:** Marc Traver not in attendance.

**Director: MWS SIC:** Robert Grech SIC said they had \$269.00 in donations at the Outdoorama Show. They signed up 3 new members, 1 renewal. 5 Friends of the Club. SIC and Liability issues for the captains.

Conversations to be tabled for April since we ran out of time.

**Director:** Len woods

**Director:** Adam Trenz took possession of the existing MWS wear and funds. Adam will do a recount of the funds, he believes it is \$170.00. He will take an official inventory of the items we have. Adam will report with both in April.

**Director:** Brad Allan was given contact info for the Howell Nature Center as a possibility for the 2023 Kids outing.

**Director:** Dave Zawacki not in attendance.

**Director:** Gale Frazee, the storage locker will be moved prior to the Sportsman's Banquet.

We discussed a new combination lock. There is a significant savings by doing this, over a \$100.00 per month. Gale will have the spool winder at the April General Meeting if there is enough interest. \$5.00 for 25 lb.

**Guest:** Karen Westphal is in contact with the American Heritage Girls fishing event. They will be having a fishing outing for around 20 girls on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. She is asking the Board Members if they have any poles and tackle that they can use for the day. Karen would also appreciate any volunteers.

**New Business:** Insurance for Inland Commercial Liability Insurance will be discussed further.

The email for our club is [metroweststeelheaders@gmail.com](mailto:metroweststeelheaders@gmail.com). Henry Nabors has requested someone else be the website coordinator. He is pleased that Bob S and Jay L are involved in updates now. The club

will be considering looking into a new website developer to create a new website. Michigan Out of Doors expressed a willingness to tape a show as part of their TV program. More to be worked out on that later.

**Old Business:** Ran out of time, discussion in April.

The meeting was motioned to adjourn by Robert Grech and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Trenz and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Debbie Grech

3-8-2022



## 2022 Calendar \* \* Metro West Steelheaders \* \* Livonia, Mich. \* \*

### MAY 1 Benton Harbor Coho Tournament Marc/Kirk Traver

- 3 General Membership Meeting
- 14 Toledo Beach Walleye Bob Schulz
- 14 Bruin Lake Kayak/Small Boat Chuck Davis
- 21 Benton Harbor Salmon Tournament Sat Chris Thompson/Kruszewski
- 22 Benton Harbor Salmon Tournament Sun Brad Allan/Mark Platt
- 28 Pt Moulle' SM Bass/Walleye Eric Braden

### JUNE 7 General Membership Meeting

- 4 Kids Fishing Outing at Kensington Park Brad Allan
- 4 Lake Erie Brest Bay Walleye Tournament Len Wood
- 4 Sterling St Park SM Bass & Walleye Keith Childs
- 11 Sterling SP Walleye Tournament Fabian Sepulveda
- 11 Grand/South Haven Salmon Pier Event Eric Braden
- 18 Muskie Tourney at lake Hudson Kayak/SB Michelle Braden
- 25 Silver Lake Kayak/SB Keith Childs

### JULY 5 Club Summer Picnic Jim Robertson/Dave Zawacki

- 9 Tippy Dam Back Water Kayak/Small Boat Eric Braden
- 14 Erieau Tournament – Thur. Erieau, Canada Clyde Schoen
- 16 Erieau Tournament – Sat. Erieau, Canada Henry Nabors
- 16 Huron River Kayak (Hudson Mills to Dehli) Keith Childs
- 16 Manistee River Cleanup Day @ High Bridge Roger Hinchcliff
- 28 Ludington Salmon Tournament – Thu Gale Frazee/Tom Abdelnour
- 29 Ludington Salmon Tournament – Fri Marc Traver/Dave Hutton
- 30 Ludington Salmon Tournament – Sat Dave & Kim Zawacki
- 31 Ludington Salmon Tournament – Sun Chair: Marc/Kirk Traver

### AUGUST 2 General Membership Meeting

- 6 Independence Lake Kayak/Small Boat Chuck Davis
- 13 Salmon Tournament – Manistee – Sat Henry Nabors/Dave Hutton
- 14 Salmon Tournament – Manistee – Sun Marc/Kirk Traver
- 20 Lake Tournament – Frankfort Robert Grech/C Christoph
- 21 Salmon Tournament – Frankfort Bill Dodge/C Christoph
- 27 Manistee/Ludington Area Kayak-SB Eric Braden

### SEPTEMBER 6 General Membership Meeting

- 10 Manistee River & Pier Tournaments Adam Trenz River Chair/Eric Braden
- 19 Captain/Crew/River Angler 2023 Calendar Mtg Kelley/Adam T/ River Chair/Nabors/Zawacki
- 23 Manistee River Tournaments Fabian Sepulveda

### OCTOBER 4 General Membership Meeting

### NOVEMBER 1 General Membership Meeting

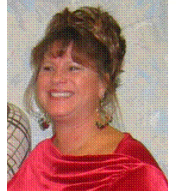
- 5 Manistee River/Pier/Shore Tournaments w DS Dave Zawacki/Eric Braden/Adam Trenz
- 19 PM River Tournament Marc Traver/Adam Trenz

### DECEMBER 6 CHRISTMAS PARTY - HAPPY HOLIDAYS

- 10 Huron River Tournament Hinchcliff/Brown

## BIG FISH 2022! **[Existing Membership: April is the last month to sign Up!!]**

Big Fish Coordinator: Karen Westphal



The 2022 Big Fish contest is underway! All existing members need to be entered by **April**. All new members have 30 days from join date to sign-up!

The cost is \$5.00 for the biggest fish in each category, and \$5.00 for the biggest fish caught over all for the year (Jackpot). The categories are: Wall-eye, Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead Trout, King, Coho, and Atlantic Salmon.

You can also send your entry to "Big fish Contest", 32160 W. 11 Mi. Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Make your check payable to Karen Westphal with "Big Fish" in the memo portion of your check. You can find the Big Fish Rules within this newsletter.

Good luck to everyone!  
Karen Westphal



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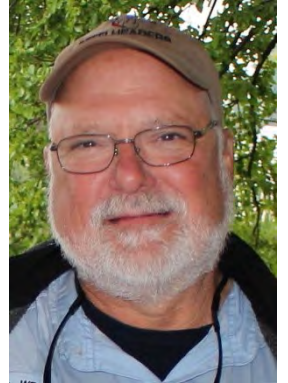


# ANNUAL MWS BIG FISH CONTEST - THREE WAYS TO WEIGH FISH

*Submitted by Robert Grech AND Karen Westphal*

## ***Three Ways to weigh your Big Fish Entry***

- . Certified Scale available at retail establishments
- . MWS Weigh-in Scales used at Club Events  
(used before, during or after a tournament)
- . Handheld Scales with a MWS Seal of Approval



## **Handheld Scale Seal of Approval Process**

1. Bring your handheld scale to a meeting (Jan – April or by appointment at other meetings).
2. See **Robert Grech** to have your handheld scale tested.
3. Scale must be accurate within plus or minus one tenth of a pound for 1 lb, 5 lbs, 10 lbs and 15 lbs
4. If scale passes the four tests, the scale will have been VERIFIED and approved for use in the Big Fish Contest.
5. A Seal of Approval will be placed on the scale.
6. When submitting a Big Fish Entry, a picture must be provided with the fish being weighted on the approved scale with the Seal number showing in the picture.

Submit the Big Fish Application to **Karen Westphal** with pictures of the Angler and the fish and the fish on the HANDHELD scale with the seal showing.



*Submitted by Robert Grech*



**MWS Scale Verification Log (+/- 0.10 or 1oz Required)**

Scale ID #	Owner	Make/Model	Verification Date	1lb Test	5lb Test	10lb Test	15 lb Test	Pass/Fail Expired
MWS001	Adam Trenz	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	2/1/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS002	Robert Grech	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	3/1/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS003	Denny Cheshure	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	3/5/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS004*	Herman Christoph	Hobart 33lb Cap	5/17/2021	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS005	Phil Drum	Rapala 50lb Cap	2/4/2020	0.9	5.0	10.0	14.9	exp
MWS006	John Gusmano	Hobart 33lb Cap	1/2/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS007	Nick Brown	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	1/5/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS008	Roger Hinchcliff	Berkley 50lb Cap	3/10/2020	0.9	5.0	10.0	14.9	exp
MWS009	Eric Braden	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	3/1/2022	0.9	4.9	10.0	14.9	P
MWS010	Richard Schmid	StrikeMaster	1/4/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	14.9	P
MWS011	Roger Hinchcliff	PES 40KG/88lbs	3/10/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS012*	Keith Traver	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	9/13/2021	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS013	Henry Nabors	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	5/12/2021	1.0	5.0	10.0	14.9	P
MWS014	Adam Trenz	PES 40KG/88lbs	2/1/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS015	Richard Spangler	Rapala 50lb Cap	2/4/2020	0.97	4.98	9.98	14.99	exp
MWS016	Richard Spangler	Rapala 15lb Cap	2/4/2020	0.9	5.0	9.9	15.1	exp
MWS017	Dave Zawacki	Berkley 50lb Cap	5/1/2021	0.9	4.9	9.9	15.0	P
MWS018	Jason Kelly	Rapala	4/2/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	14.9	exp
MWS019	Dominic Liparoto	Unknown 50lb Cap	4/2/2020	1.0	5.0	9.9	14.9	exp
MWS020	Scott Gralinski	Rapala 50lb Cap	3/3/2020	1.0	4.9	9.9	14.9	exp
MWS021	Leonard Woods	Berkley 50lb Cap	5/7/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS022	Leonard Woods	Dr Meter PS01 110lb Cap	5/7/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS023	James Brazil	Acorns 100lb Cap	5/7/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS024	Bill Voss	Field & Stream 50lb Cap	5/7/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS025	Dave Edel	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	1/31/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS026	Adam Trenz	PES 40KG/88lbs	2/4/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS027	Ron Bellemore	Rapala 50lb Cap	3/3/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS028	Mike Hartrick	Berkley BT35DS	3/3/2020	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS029	Dave Staniszeski	Romech RM-CSMini	4/5/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS030	Shawn Elliott	Rapala Digital	4/12/2022	0.9	4.9	9.9	14.9	P
MWS031	Bill Gagnon	Berkley Digital	4/10/2021	1.00	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp

MWS032	Dave Hutton	Rapala 50lb cap	4/10/2021	0.97	5.0	10.0	15.0	exp
MWS033	Robert Grech	Rapala 15lb cap	4/22/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS034	Bob Schulz	Berkely 50lb Cap	5/1/2021	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS035	Gus Nelson	Berkley 35lb Cap	1/4/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	14.9	P
MWS036	Herman Christoph	Dr Meter ES-PSO1	2/1/2022	0.9	4.9	10.0	15.0	P
MWS037	Kirk Traver	Berkley BTDFS-50-1	4/5/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.1	P
MWS038	Gary Towns	Rapala 50lb digital	4/5/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS039	Gary Towns	Rapala 50lb digital	4/5/2022	0.9	5.0	10.0	15.0	P
MWS040	Gary Towns	Rapala 50lb digital	4/5/2022	0.9	5.0	10.1	15.1	P
MWS041	Shawn Elliott	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	4/12/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	14.9	P
MWS042	Dennis Kelley	Electro-Samson 55lb Cap	4/23/2022	1.0	5.0	10.0	15.0	P



## BIG FISH RULES AND FORM

- Participant must be a member in good standing, spouse or child of a member of Metro West Steel headers.
- The contestant must be registered before the fish is caught.
- The entry fee of \$5.00 must be paid by the April membership meeting. A new member of Metro West must pay the entry fee within 30 days of the membership registration date to qualify.
- Fish must be caught in Michigan waters or during an official Metro West Tournament in Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, or Canadian waters.
- Fish must be caught by sport fishing method only. All DNR rules apply. During tournaments outside of Michigan, the local sport fishing rules will apply.
- The length of the contest is from Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Each entry must be submitted within 30 days of catch. Entry form must be complete with picture attached.
- Eligible species include Walleye, Coho, Chinook, and Atlantic salmon, Brown or Lake trout, Steelhead trout, and Brook Trout.
- There are two divisions, lake and river; the above species can be entered in either one or the other division, not both!
- In case of a tie, the first fish entered will win. Post mark on mailed entries will be the entry date. Entries can be mailed to: BIG FISH CONTEST/ 32160 W. 11 MI. RD. FARMINGTON HILLS, MI. 48336, OR TO: [kclipper2014@gmail.com](mailto:kclipper2014@gmail.com).
- All money will be distributed equally among winning fish.
- A registered scale with serial number, or the Metro West scale must be used to weigh the fish, and signature of witness must be given.
- One person may win a maximum of two categories.

### Big Fish Jackpot –Separate contest

- Entry fee \$5.00; largest fish wins.
- All regular Big Fish rules apply except for 8, 10, & 12.

(Prizes will be awarded at the Christmas Party)

The April Meeting is the deadline for Big Fish sign-ups for existing members.

If you are new to our club, you will have 30 days from your joining date to enter the Big Fish contest. If you cannot make a general membership meeting, but would like to enter the Big fish contest, you can send your entry fee to:

"Big Fish contest"  
32160 W. 11 mi. rd.  
Farmington Hills Mi. 48336

Existing members entries must be paid by the April meeting, new members entries postmarked within 30 days of joining date.

Make sure you write the check to Karen West-phal, with "Big Fish contest in the memo portion of your check. The fee is \$5.00 for the Biggest fish in all categories, and \$5.00 for jackpot, which is the biggest fish caught over all. If you don't want to enter both categories, please specify which category you are entering. Most everyone enters both Big Fish and Jackpot to increase their chances to win more money.  
Thank you, Karen West-phal

BIG FISH ENTRY FORM			
NAME			
ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP
<b>CATCH DATA:</b>			
Date of Catch:		Fish Species:	
Lake or River Entry:		County:	
Name of Lake or River::			
Method:		Bait Used:	
<b>FISH STATISTICS:</b>			
POUNDS		OUNCES	LENGTH
Registered scale # or Inspectors name:			Picture of Fish Enclosed: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Witness to Weigh In:			Date
<b>I hereby state the above is true.</b> Remember, form must be turned in within 30 days			
Angler's Signature:			Date

# WANTED: Volunteers for open Positions (As revised per 3/8/22 BOD Mtg)

## METRO WEST STEELHEADERS

### 2022 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

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		TERM EXP 2022	TERM EXP 2023	TERM EXP 2023
RECORD MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING	MONEY BANK ACCOUNTS, ATTESTATION AUDIT, BUDGET, FUNDRAISING, DONATIONS, Tackle & 50/50 raffles (Karen Westphal) COOLER RAFFLE (TBD) COMEDY CLUB (Karen Westphal) REFRESHMENTS (Eric Braden)	C/C OF YEAR, CLUB CALENDAR, MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, WEBSITE: PORTS (Gale Frazee) CONSERVATION (Jay Labban)	MSSFA STATE REPRESENTATIVE, BY-LAWS, ELECTIONS	MUCC RERESENTATIVE, TRACKS MAGAZINE (?), MUCC CAMP SPONSORSHIP, KIDS CAMP (Karen Westphal)

DIRECTOR BRAD ALLAN TERM EXP 2022	DIRECTOR DAVE ZAWACKI TERM EXP 2023	DIRECTOR ADAM TRENZ TERM EXP 2022	DIRECTOR LEONARD WOODS TERM EXP 2023	DIRECTOR GALE FRAZEE TERM EXP 2024	DIRECTOR ROBERT GRECH TERM EXP 2024
KIDS OUTING, CHRISTMAS PARTY (Karen Westphal)	BOAT TOURNAMENTS CAPTAINS COMMITTEE, (Dennis Kelley) BIG FISH, (Karen Westphal) KAYAK/SMALL BOAT/PIER & BEACH GROUPS WARM WATER CHALLENGE (Eric Braden)	STREAM COMMITTEE (Adam Trenz)	METRO WEST WEAR (Adam Trenz) UFS (Mark Traver Chris Christoph) NOVI BOAT SHOW (Bob Schulz)	SOUND EQUIPMENT, FISHING MACHINE & TV, TOURNAMENT SUPPLIES (Jeff Bustos) FISH SCALES STORAGE UNIT LINE WINDER	SALMON-in-the- CLASSROOM COORDINATOR, OUTDOORAMA, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, INSURANCE, HAND SCALE VERIFICATION





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