

SPRING STEELHEAD CHALLENGE W/DAS REPORT (RIVER SIDE OF LIFE)

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Well, WOW! ... That's a good summary for the weekend!

This was our annual spring fish-off against the Detroit Area Steelheaders held on March 25th.

The weekend started on Friday for us river guys, with all of us rolling into town anywhere between 1:00pm and 10:00pm. For those of us that decided to hit the water Friday, it was well worth the effort! With the first fish coming on the second cast, it was hopeful that it would continue all weekend...

Well, It continued for us until just about dark on Friday, having a few hours of fun hooking plenty amongst our group. However, it did NOT continue as well into Saturday...

We knew the forecast wasn't so great with varying levels of snow based on which forecast model you looked at. But naturally, we went for it! We left the cabin, and got to the water right at first light without a snowflake in sight. That changed quickly within just an hour or two, with snow rates of 1-2 inches per hour.... We decided with the crap weather, we would set up shop, and get a fire going at our "home base". Our group of 5 rotated in and out between fishing, warming by the fire, and gathering wood to keep the fire going, never a dull moment all day! Plus, with all of us rotating our gloves in and out to dry on the fire, we had the wonderful smell of roasting wool/goretex to keep us company!

By the time we were done, we had somewhere around 10" to brush off the trucks! Annnnnnd exactly zero fish to hand.

New member Kenny Tran happened to hook one early in the morning, buuuuuut it was foul hooked and released. Jay Labban brought at couple of adolescent fish to hand, but no adults.

Things were better for the Detroit Area Steelheaders, as several of their members managed to pick one off a piece up at the dam. Naturally, they retained the plaque and bragging rights for another year!

We met up for the weigh-in/dinner, and it did NOT disappoint!

Delicious as always, and good times chatting fishing with a good group of folks. BIG Thanks to DAS for hosting the dinner, and welcoming us to eat with them. Special thanks to the Paradise Brothers for their efforts!

