

“An Invitation to Metro West Steelheaders”

Metro West Steelheaders (MWS) is a 180+ member “Family Fun” oriented fishing club whose mission is to promote sportfishing. The members enjoy sharing of fishing information with those wanting to learn and educating young people through participation in fishing events throughout the Great Lakes region. The Metro West Steelheaders is one of twelve Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fisherman’s Association (MSSFA) chapters across the state. MWS has been a member of MSSFA since 1978 and is based out of Livonia Michigan. There is something for everyone with fishing events, socializing, environmental education, community outreach, & fund raising. MWS holds approximately sixty events a year ranging from community outreach at shows to (18) Big Lake events on Lakes Erie, Huron and Michigan. The River group holds (10) events on four to five major river systems in Michigan. The Kayak & Small Boat groups hold (10) events in four Lake Michigan ports and multiple inland lakes. The Pier-Beach Groups visit three to four major ports annually. MWS also holds their annual Swap Meet in April. By Species MWS holds (16) Salmon, (23) Trout, (7) Walleye and (9) Perch, Bass & Bluegill events annually. MWS participates at three Fishing Shows (Ultimate Fishing Show, Outdoorama & Novi Boat Show). There are three Social events (Summer Picnic, Kids Fish & Christmas Party) and two funds raisers (Comedy for a Cause & Annual Sportsman’s Banquet). There were over 1400 attendees at these events in 2022.



MWS is active representing MSSFA on the MDNR Cold Water Steering committee and participates in Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) Policy Board meetings and serves on the MUCC Fisheries Committee as well as serving on the MDNR Lake Michigan & Lake Erie Citizens Fishery Advisory Committees. MWS also participates with MUCC and other conservation groups in two annual river clean ups on the Clinton and Manistee Rivers.

MWS sponsors a “Kids Fish” event at Kensington Metro-Park with 200+ kids and related guardians annually. Each child receives a new pre-rigged fishing rod, bait and instruction by MWS volunteers throughout the morning.



MWS holds (10) General membership meetings per year. The meetings are open to the public with expert speakers covering fishing topics as well as MDNR officials and biologists covering the lakes and the environment. Each meeting promotes social interaction and the exchange of information through time set aside for networking. There are also 50/50 and tackle raffles, event updates and fishing reports.

Other fun activities include “Captain & Crewperson of the year” contests as well as River, Kayak, Small Boat, Beach and Pier “Anglers of the Year” contests. There are also “Big Fish” and “Warm Water Challenge” annual fishing contests.



MWS Fundraisers annually support sending up to 20 area children to the MUCC Kids Camp, the Annual Kids Fish at Kensington Metro Park, (6) classes in the MDNR “Salmon in the Classroom” program & donations to fisheries related special programs like the “Clinton River Watershed Council” and the Lake Superior State University Atlantic Salmon project.



MWS has newsletters with a circulation of 2,000+ recipients. Content includes monthly event updates, Upcoming event invites, MSSFA & MUCC reports, technical articles and recipes.



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