



# MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS THUMB CHAPTER

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## President's Message

April, 2018

Thumb Chapter,

Now that the calendar says it spring time things are starting to pick up. As I sit here at my kitchen table typing this the wind and snow is trying to tell me a different story. Spring fishing and tournaments are right around the corner and I for one can't wait. I know of one nice King caught this week trolling the wall and another boat I talked to had two Coho and a Brown Trout.

Our second meeting of the year will be held on April 19 at 6:00 due to we will be hosting the 2018 Lake Huron Regional Fisheries Workshops. This is a great opportunity to come out and hear all the latest topics that have been going on with Lake Huron.

Workshops will include information and status updates on topics such as fish populations and angler catch data, forage or prey fish surveys, offshore fisheries and native Lake Trout, status of Saginaw Bay Yellow Perch and Walleye, as well as updates on fisheries management activities, citizen science opportunities for anglers, and a variety of other Lake Huron topics of local interest. So come on out and grab a few hotdogs and a beverage and listen in on what is happening on our great lake. More info can be found online at [www.miseagrant.umich.edu/explore/fisheries/fishery-workshops/](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/explore/fisheries/fishery-workshops/) the meeting is from 6pm till 9pm at the Ugly Fox Hunters.

Our annual fish fry will take place on April 21 at 7pm at the Ugly Fox Hunters. Jim Kucharczyk will be doing the cooking again this year and Pollack will be back on the menu. Dinner will be \$10 for current members and free for anyone that wants to become a new member. If anyone would like to help with cooking give me a call (989) 553-0972. Jim does a lot of fish fry's and his fish is second to none.

The first of the spring tournaments on Lake Huron kicks off on Saturday April 21st. The 2nd Annual Fish to Fight Salmon Tournament is a two day format with the captains meeting Friday night at the Port Huron Yacht Club. Proceeds to this great event go to the St. Clair County Child Abuse and Neglect Council. New this year is that you can launch out of Lexington or the Black River in Port Huron. For more information on this contact Steve Johnson (810) 650-6476 or John Qualls (313) 363-4466 or you can "Like" Fish to Fight Salmon Tournament page on Facebook

for additional information.

The second tournament will be the Harbor Beach Can2Can Salmon-Trout Fishing Tournament. This event is a one day shoot out and will be held on Saturday May 5. More information can be found on line at [www.hbcan2can.com](http://www.hbcan2can.com) or you can call Ben Milosevic (248) 221-0120, Dave Pryor (989) 864-3483 or myself at (989) 553-0972. This is a great event that could bring a 100 or more boats. This is our biggest fundraiser we have as we get 10% of all the entry money, so spread the word.

Other events going on is June 2 is the annual Pro King tournament contact Phil Allen (989) 600-9179 for more information on that. Also on June 2 in the Okuma Dead Eye Challenge. This is a great event for you walleye guys. Brandon Stanton (989) 963-0215 is the guy to get a hold of for this event. June 9 will be our Veterans Outing and we are always looking for boats to take our Veterans out fishing. For more info contact Kevin Ramsey (989) 550-9227. I also have our Pig Roast tickets and if anyone is interested in selling or buying tickets get a hold of me (989) 553-0972. Don't forget to check out our Facebook page we will be giving away a Yeti cup with an Offshore Tackle shirt and hat for one random person who shares and likes our page.

## Upcoming Events

April 19th	Sea Grant meeting at 6
April 21st	Fish Fry
May 5th	Can2Can Fishing Tournament
May 17th	Regular meeting

# 2018 Thumb Chapter Michigan Steelheader's Calendar of Events

## March

15 Regular Meeting 7:30 Uby Foxhunters

## April

19 Regular Meeting 7:30 Uby Foxhunters

21 Fish Fry 7:00 Uby Foxhunters

## May

5 Can2Can Fishing Tournament 6:00 Harbor Beach Marina

17 Regular Meeting 7:30 Uby Foxhunters

## June

2 ProKing Fishing Tournament 6:00 Harbor Beach Marina

9 Veterans fishing outing Contact Kevin Ramsey for details

21 Regular Meeting 7:30 Uby Foxhunters

## July

19 Regular Meeting 7:30 Uby Foxhunters

## August

12 Pig Roast 2:00 Stafford Park

16 Ladies Night 7:30 Uby Foxhunters

## September

20 Regular Meeting and tackle swap 7:30 Uby Foxhunters

## October

18 Regular Meeting and election of board officers 7:30 Uby Foxhunters

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April, 2018



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- Newsletter**– Aaron Pfaff
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- Fish fry**– Scott Stanke
- Pig Roast Raffle**– Bob Golochowicz
- Speaker Coordinator**– Ken Merckel / Brandon Stanton
- Raffle Table**–
- Vets Free fishing day**– Kevin Ramsey
- Pig Roast**– Kevin Ramsey
- Ladies Night**–
- Membership**– Walter Godzwon

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Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Ugly Fox Hunters Club on M-19, two miles south of M-142. Board of Directors meet @ 6:30 PM and Regular meeting comes to order @ 7:30



# 2018 Lake Huron Fisheries Workshop

Ubly Fox Hunter's Club - Ubly, Michigan

Thursday, April 19, 2018

## Workshop Agenda:

### **6:00 Welcome and Introductions**

*(Brandon Schroeder, MI Sea Grant)*

### **6:10 Prey Fish Survey**

*(Darryl Hondorp, USGS Great Lakes Science Center)*

### **6:30 Lake Huron Predator Diet Study 2.0**

*(Darryl Hondorp, USGS Great Lakes Science Center)*

### **6:50 Lake Huron Offshore Fishery Updates**

*(Todd Wills, DNR Fisheries Research)*

### **7:20 BREAK**

### **7:30 Native Cisco Restoration Efforts**

*(Steve Lenart, US Fish and Wildlife Service)*

### **7:50 Saginaw Bay Walleye and Yellow Perch Fisheries**

*(Dave Fielder, DNR Fisheries)*

### **8:30 Fisheries and Lake Huron Management**

*(DNR Fisheries management)*

- Management updates
- Question and answer discussion

### **9:00 Adjourn / Safe Travels**