



MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS THUMB CHAPTER

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President's Message

July, 2018

VETERANS FISHING OUTING

On Saturday June 9th, the Thumb Area Steelheaders hosted their seventh Veteran's Fishing Outing. Sport fishermen and women from all over Michigan met early Saturday morning, 46 boats in total, to donate their time and treat 136 local Veterans to a free half day of fishing on Lake Huron. The first wave of about 30 Veterans met at 5:30 am at Waterworks Park in Harbor Beach and boarded a Mid-night Madness charter bus to ride to Grindstone to fish. The rest of the Veterans and boat captains met at 6:00 am and were given rides via golf carts to their assigned boats. There were donuts and coffee at the registration for all to enjoy.

The Harbor Beach Coast Guard took their boat into the harbor to see us off. The Harbor Beach Fire Department hoisted a huge flag near the marina office with their ladder truck, which was an amazing touch to the event. Fishing was great for many, as boats brought in an average of 7 fish, with a total of around 340 fish caught in the event. Fish caught in the event included steelhead, lake trout, pink salmon, Atlantic salmon, chinook salmon, coho salmon, perch, bass, walleye, whitefish, sheephead, and catfish.

There were plenty of great stories to go along with such a wonderful outing. We all met at 1:00 at Waterworks Park for a catered luncheon, filled with food and great prizes. Event tee shirts were given to each Veteran, captain, and first mate. Captains and other helpers cleaned and packaged the fish for the Veterans and Off-shore Tackle donated bag coolers that were given to each Veteran with water and snacks for the trip and were a great way for Veterans to transport their catch home after the event. At the closing of the luncheon, the Huron County Sheriffs Department offered rides to all those interested in

the back of their awesome military 5 ton truck!

This is the largest of all the Veterans Fishing Outings that we have hosted thus far. Many people were involved with the smooth operation of this outing including those from the club and our community. The outstanding support of all who sponsored has given us a chance to give back to those who deserve it the most. Our service men and women and the Thumb Area Steelheaders are truly grateful for all of the generous donations!!!

Thank you again for all who have supported,

Kevin Ramsey, (Thumb Area Steelheaders)

Upcoming Events

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| July 19 | Regular Meeting 7:30 PM |
| Aug 12 | Pig Roast @ Stafford Park 2:00 PM |
| Aug 16 | Ladies Night "Painting with a twist" 6-9 PM @ Uibly Foxhunters |

2018 DNR fish plants at "Thumb Area"

Locations

Caseville- Pigeon River

6,200 Steelhead

Pinnebog River

15,800 Steelhead

Port Austin(Bird Creek)

10,000 Steelhead

Harbor Beach

32,000 Steelhead

Port Sanilac

30,000 Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout

Lexington

31,000 Eagle Lake Rainbow Trout

37,000 Atlantic Salmon(landlocked)

10,000 Steelhead Trout



"Thumb Area Steelheaders" were involved @ all the plants for "Avian Predator hazing operations."

Thanks to all that were involved and helped out with that!

Welcome aboard to our new members;

Sanford Remer
Robert Ksionzek
Jacob Tropea
Mike McLane
Mike Varney
Ray Boswell

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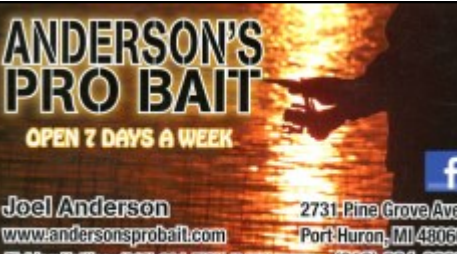
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- Pig Roast**– Kevin Ramsey
- Ladies Night**–
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