

# Fish Tales Newsletter

## Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen

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### Break Out Party & Juniors Awards - 7:00 pm January 20

#### Upcoming Club Events for 2015:

- *Big Fish Contest*  
1/1/15 - 12/31/15
- *Ice Fishing Tournament*  
1/3, 1/17 & 2/7/15
- *Meeting, Break Out Party & Junior Awards*  
1/20/15
- *Meeting* 2/17/15
- *SAGLSF Banquet*  
2/28/15
- *Meeting* 3/17/15
- *SAGLSF Swap Meet*  
3/21/15

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We hope all of our members and their families have a very happy holiday season, and would like to take this opportunity to wish all a happy and healthy new year and great upcoming fishing. We would like to thank all for the support and assistance for all the events held last year. Our first club meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Outboard Club. We will be honoring our club kids for their participation in our club's fishing contest by awarding trophies for the biggest fish caught in each species' category. Please come out and attend this meeting to show your support for our junior members and the big fish they registered this



summer. As always at our first meeting of the year we will be serving free pizza to our membership and guests. An update will be provided on our upcoming summer events, some new information on our clubs fishing contest, and information on a new brochure and website. Banquet invitations will be

passed out, so you can sign up for the annual awards banquet that night. We are always looking for new membership so plan on bringing a friend to welcome in the new fishing season. Please join us for our "break out party" and first meeting of the new year on Tuesday January 20th 2015 starting at 7:00 pm at the Outboard Club located at 732 Water Street.



#### JANUARY CLUB MEETING

For our January meeting, Brad Engolde, DNR Supervisor, will be talking about net pens, new bait fish, and Rainbow, Coho and Brown trout stocking. Our meeting starts at 7:00 pm. All visitors are welcome.

## Michigan Egg Take Effort

The DNR will be gathering the necessary eggs for the continued production of hatchery fish to support fisheries management objectives for Michigan's world-class fisheries. Fall egg takes will start or already are underway for wild Chinook and Coho salmon and for captive broodstocks of brown, rainbow, brook and lake trout. Chinook salmon eggs are being collected at the Little Manistee River Weir through Oct. 9. Coho eggs will be collected at the Platte River State Fish Hatchery Weir Oct. 15-21. "From these wild egg sources, we plan to collect 3.9 million Chinook salmon eggs and 4.9 million Coho salmon eggs," said Ed Eisch, DNR acting fish production manager. "The number of

Chinook salmon eggs is the same as it was last year, with stocking in Lake Michigan to remain at 2013 levels. Of the Chinook salmon eggs collected, 2.7 million will be used in Michigan while 400,000 will go to Indiana and 800,000 to Illinois. Of the Coho eggs collected, 3 million will be used in Michigan while 1 million will go to Indiana and 900,000 to Illinois. Broodstock egg takes for brook and lake trout are in progress until the end of October at the Marquette State Fish Hatchery. Similarly at Oden State Fish Hatchery, egg takes for brown trout have just started and will continue until mid-November.

Captive broodstock will provide 220,000 brook trout eggs; 310,000 lake trout eggs; 3.3 million brown trout eggs and 1 million rainbow trout eggs. The public is welcome to observe egg-take efforts. You can call the Michigan DNR to get the final egg-take schedule.



## Can you fillet fish at the fish cleaning stations? Yes, but you must consider...

If you are like many of us who like to limit how much waste material you are taking home from the fish cleaning station, you fillet your fish at the fish cleaning station. Then like many of us, you are challenged by others present at the station for doing so. So, here is the law and here is the DNR interpretation of the law:

The stated law:

It is illegal, to transport fish subject to a length limit, unless you keep the carcasses of the fish with the fillet and the skin and scales remain intact (on the fillets) until the final destination is reached to show the fish still meet the length restrictions.

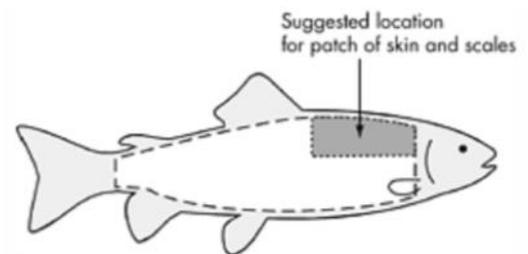
What it states is if you end up with a fillet that is less than the

minimum length (10 inches) in the case of Lake Michigan fish, you must keep the carcass so that you can prove the fish met the minimum length requirement.

What it states is that a representative (warden) from the DNR must be able to identify the species of the fish that the fillet came from. That means that some of the skin and scales must remain on the fillet. It does not state that you must leave all of the skin on the fillet. The skin patch varies from state to state and Canada. Canada and Minnesota require a skin patch that is at least 1 inch square. To clarify what Wisconsin's requirements is regarding a skin patch, a question was submitted to the DNR offices

in Madison to ask them if a skin patch of at least 1 inch square is adequate to transport fillets. Their response is below:

A one-inch square is a little too small for identification purposes. I always recommend something like this:



The response came from:  
Outreach and Marketing – Fisheries Management  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
101 S. Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707

## 2014 Ozaukee/Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Interclub Contest

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The annual Ozaukee vs. Sheboygan Great Lakes Sport Fishermen contest was held on Sunday, July 13 2014 at Port Washington. The weather was good, fishing was good, but catching was 50-50 like it has been most of the year.

The Sheboygan club had six boats entered and they caught six fish totaling 72.5 points, averaging 12.08 points per boat. Joan Bickelhaupt aboard Russ Kleinert's "Get the Net" won the second place women's trophy with a 3.36 pound Lake Trout.

The Ozaukee club had nine boats entered and they caught fifteen fish totaling 235.39 points, averaging 26.15 points per boat. So, the traveling trophy is once again back in the hands of the Ozaukee club. Ozaukee's Bill

Reas aboard his boat "Ruthies Regret" won the top boat trophy with four fish and total of 57.41 points. Willie Rusch aboard his boat "Big Blue" won the 1<sup>st</sup> place men's trophy with a 14.24 pound Chinook. The second place trophy went to Larry Lorenz aboard his boat "Sooner Fishing" with a 10.3 point Chinook. The first place women's trophy went to Ozaukee's boat "Wired" with a 6.54 pound Lake Trout.

Thanks to everyone who fished in this event. Special thanks to Al Larson and Bill Grimm for cooking and making sure the beer was ice cold. The above article was submitted by Jack Peters of the Ozaukee club.

Additional thoughts from Ken Mueller of the Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen.

The interclub contest is coming back to Sheboygan for 2015.

Please consider fishing this event that will likely be scheduled for the second weekend in July. You do not need a large boat to fish this contest. When I am able to fish this contest, I use my 16 ft.

Starcraft open bow fishing boat.

All members who are already fishing the big lake for the season, should be fishing in this event.

Also, this event is put together for the comradity of fishing with our friends from the Ozaukee club. It is not intended to be a heavily

competitive event, but rather a time to together to have fun and earn bragging rights. Speaking of which, we need to win back the traveling trophy this coming year.

I am looking forward to see each and every one of our members at this upcoming event.

## Thank You for your Club Membership!

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The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen club would like to thank all our members for their support and continuing membership. Our organization is one of the longest running sport fishing clubs around the Great Lakes and was even awarded the National Wildlife club of the year for our many community projects. There are so many projects sponsored by our club membership that we would like to remind our membership of just a few that we were involved in over

the years: We maintained the public fish rack and fish cleaning station, provided life rings and boxes, provide free boat rides to the public, hold an annual swap meet, awards banquet, fish contests, donations to maintain the local fish hatchery, informational website, sponsor DNR skills workshop, monthly meetings with guest speakers, donate to kids Coho Derby, promote kids involvement in boating safety, fishing and education. Our club membership

was also involved in making a major donation to help build the Kohler Andrea State Park fishing pond. We added the "Big Fish Challenge" to our yearly fishing contest. We are very fortunate here in Sheboygan, having some of the best trout and salmon fishing in the world right at our doorstep. Please continue to help support our areas Great Lakes sport fishery by filling out your club membership form in spring. Thank you all for your continued support!

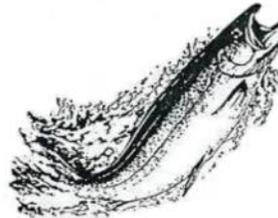
## CLUB BANQUET

Our annual banquet will be held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Elk's Club in Sheboygan. Cocktails being served at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. There will be lots of door prizes and raffles. We will be handing out all awards for the biggest fish caught during the past season. Invitations will be mailed out to all club members highlighting details of this event. We hope to see you all there for good food and fun.



### 13th Annual Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen

## Swap Meet



HUNTING-FISHING-SPORTING GOODS-CAMPING (NO GUNS)

## March 21st, 2015

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM, COST \$3.00**

**Under sixteen free – Set up time 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

Swap Meet at:

Southside Alliance Church  
4321 County Trunk A East Sheboygan, WI

Featuring:

New Products from The Wharf, Angler's Avenue,  
Ziggy Boards and The Bait Box

SAGLSF Salmon Cookbooks available

Bakery-Hot Dogs-Coffee-Soda-Raffle

To reserve a table (\$15.00) must be paid by March 14th

Call Russ at (920) 457-4933

Send Check to Russ Kleinert - 1731 Ashby Ct., Sheboygan, WI 53081

Make check payable to SAGLSF

## Club Fishing Contest

### Adult Chinook Salmon

A Sharpe	28.69 lbs.
J Hemb	23.51 lbs.
J Repphun	21.80 lbs.

### Adult Coho Salmon

A Sharpe	9.83 lbs.
J Gruber Jr.	9.15 lbs.
M Nachtwey	8.1 lbs.

### Adult Rainbow Trout

R Griessmeyer	17.10 lbs.
K Groh	13.81 lbs.
D Kalkopf	12.76 lbs.

### Adult Lake Trout

A Raasoch	18.72 lbs.
M Walsh	14.29 lbs.
T Felsing	14.23 lbs.

### Adult Brown Trout

A Pentek	17.65 lbs.
D Groh	14.24 lbs.
J Sharpe	12.26 lbs.

### Juniors' Chinook Salmon

Abbey Martin	22.57 lbs
Malik Griessman	19.32 lbs
Hannah Martin	16.67 lbs

### Juniors' Rainbow Trout

Hannah Martin	13.17 lbs
Lucas Martin	11.07 lbs
Johnny Buth	9.62 lbs

### Juniors' Brown Trout

Lucas Martin	8.66 lbs
Abbey Martin	6.32 lbs

### Juniors' Coho Salmon

Abbey Martin	7.02 lbs
Lucas Martin	5.33 lbs

### Juniors' Lake Trout

Abbey Martin	9.21 lbs
Johnny Buth	8.44 lbs
Hannah Martin	4.14 lbs

## SAGLSF Big Fish Board

2014 Largest Chinook Salmon:  
28.86 lbs. Trent Goldapske

2014 Largest Coho Salmon:  
3.53 lbs. TJ Endens

2014 Largest Rainbow Trout:  
17.22 lbs. Dawn Fitzmaurice

2014 Largest Brown Trout:  
22.41 lbs. Jeff Thorsor

2014 Largest Lake Trout:  
22.41 lbs. Eric Grittinger

## Presidents Report

December 2014

Hello Club Members:

I would like to open this letter by welcoming our new club members. Our new members are:

Steve Wakefield (Gina)	Jan Grocholski
Norbert Repinski	Dennis Pfeifer (Deb)
Jerry Fetterer (Stacy)	Jonathan Hemb
Keith Meyerdaan	Mark Wiechman
Joseph Miklitz (Laura)	Robert Wiegand (Darlene)



I would like to thank all of our new members for joining our club.

I would like to remind all members that our club meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. There will be no meeting in December. For our January meeting, Brad Engolde will be talking about net pens, new bait fish, and Rainbow and Brown trout stocking. During this meeting we will also be presenting the junior award trophies. Pizza will be served.

For our February meeting, Jerry Fetterer will be talking about bait rigs, flasher fishing and hot new tips to use. For March, there will be a discussion and presentation on using Ziggy boards. For our April meeting, Glen Seger will be talking about their commercial net locations, and hopefully, our Coast Guard Chief will also talk about rules and boating safety.

Our next annual Swap Meet is scheduled for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, and as usual, will be held at the South Alliance Church in Sheboygan. Our Swap Meet keeps getting bigger and bigger, so please remember to reserve tables as soon as possible if you have fishing and/or sporting goods to sell. Tables cost \$15.00 each. There is always new and old, inland and Great Lakes tackle for sale. There are always great deals for our members and the public to find, as well as an excellent opportunity to sell your sporting goods. If you have any questions pertaining to the Swap Meet, or would like to reserve a table, please contact me at 920-457-4933.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy, Successful and Healthy New Year.

Best regards,  
Russ Kleinert  
President

### The Wharf Winter Store Hours

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday thru Friday:  
6am to 6pm  
Saturday: 6am to 2pm  
Sunday: 6am to noon

### Anglers Avenue Ice Fishing Tournament

2 person teams \*Free Entries\*

**January 3rd, January 17th & February 7th**

Tournament Hours: 6:30 am - Noon

HUGE Prizes

Weigh in and awards at Anglers Avenue  
Mandatory Meeting the night before tournament  
at 6 pm at Anglers Avenue

**2015 Big Fish Challenge**  
**Catch a**  
**\$500**  
**Fish this Year**  
**\$1,175 in Cash Prizes**



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