



DATES:	MARCH 16-17, 2024
LOCATION:	SAGINAW RIVER (MOUTH OF LAKE HURON UPSTREAM TO RUST AVE.
BOATS:	150 BOATS WITH 2 OR 3 ANGLERS
ENTRY FEE:	\$550.00 PER BOAT
WEATHER:	WINDY/ COLD (33-51 DEGREES AIR)/ SUNNY ON SATURDAY/ PARTLY CLOUDY ON SUNDAY/ SCATTERED SNOW SHOWERS EACH DAY
WATER CONDITIONS SATURDAY:	MUDDY (UP TO 5" VISIBILITY)/ 44-49 DEGREES SURFACE TEMP/ FALLING WATER (2-2.5' LOWER AT END OF DAY/ DOWNSTREAM WIND/ INCREASED CURRENT FLOW
WATER CONDITIONS SUNDAY:	MUDDY (3" OR LESS VISIBILITY)/ 41-45 DEGREES SURFACE TEMP/RISING WATER-BACK TO NORMAL LEVEL IN MORNING THAN RISING SLIGHTLY DURING THE DAY/VARIABLE WIND/NORMAL CURRENT FLOW
NUMBER OF FISH CAUGHT:	121 SATURDAY/ 109 SUNDAY
AVERAGE SIZE:	4.09 LBS
ZERO FISH BASKETS:	SATURDAY 83 / SUNDAY 97 / BOTH DAYS 62
WINNING WEIGHT:	38.79 LBS (9 FISH) \$12000.00 MIKE DICKERSON/SCOTT SHELAGOWSKI/JASON GALLAGHER
BIG FISH DAY 1:	1 ST 10.65 LBS (KYLE DAHL/JEFF FULTERTON) 2 ND 9.34 LBS (BRANDON SCHMITZER/HUNTER SCHMITZER/JACK MCCONNELL) 3 RD 8.46 LBS (JASON TRAPP/MATTHEW DUBS/JOE KRZYZANIAK
BIG FISH DAY 2:	1 ST 10.21 LBS (ROMEO BOURDAGE/BRENT HOLCOMB/BOB HOLCOMB) 2 ND 9.09 LBS (JOHN GILLMAN/MITCH LUPCKE/KAL USTISHEN) 3 RD 8.70 LBS (SHANE LONEY/EVAN ADLER/AUSTIN CRUM
WINNING TECHNIQUES:	SEVERAL TECHNIQUES WERE USED BY THE TOP PLACING TEAMS INCLUDING HANDLINING/VERTICAL JIGGING/ FLAT LINE TROLLING CRANKBAITS AND CASTING JIGS. MOST TOP FINISHING TEAMS USED AT LEAST 2 TECHNIQUES OVER THE 2 DAYS
BEST DEPTH AND LOCATION THOUGHTS:	5-10' OF WATER. DIRTY WATER AND PRE-SPAWN CONDITIONS PUSHED FISH, ESPECIALLY BIGGER FISH, SHALLOW. SHALLOW DIRTY WATER WARMS FASTER AND CHASING BAIT IS MORE EFFICIENT IN SHALLOW WATER. ALL THE TOP TEAMS MENTIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF SIDESCAN SONAR FOR FINDING FISH, THEN STAYING ON THEM ALL DAY HOPING FOR 2-3 BITES
NEXT TOURNAMENT:	APRIL 13 TH AND 14 TH – DETROIT RIVER