

## Muskegon Cabelas Shootout

Well, the name says it all. After bad weather Saturday cancelled the fishing, this tournament really did become a shootout. Teams had one day to get their best score. After most of a week of pre-fishing, Team Salmonhead had some big fish pinned down. On Friday, we had 28 fish on and landed plenty to make wonderful tournament box all within tournament times. We had everything it takes to win. But as luck would have it, after the big blow, our fish didn't cooperate and we couldn't get all the fish needed to get a competitive score for when it counted. The team was great. Wife Lori took the helm when the action was hot. Brother Aaron and buddy Mark worked the back of the boat with me. Who ever got to the rod first reeled in the fish as the rest of the team jockeyed rods if necessary and watched the rest of the lines. Not a single mistake was made, but we only got 9 fish into the boat. We had quality fish including a beautiful steelhead that weighed out at 13.70 pounds on the official tournament scales which was enough to lock in a win as the biggest steelhead of the tournament and earn us a check for \$750. In addition to big steelhead, our cooler had enough to muster us an 18th place in the 333 portion. This yielded us a gift certificate for another \$200 to a retailer. After it was all said and done, we almost broke even on the weekend. But more importantly we all had a good time and I got to fish a pro event with my wife. Special thanks go out to the team mother for babysitting the future women and kids champion for the weekend, so that Lori and I could fish.

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