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I believe that Spring has finally sprung, and Summer is just about here and pre, and post spawn fishing is now a thing of the past, at least for this year. Now we have to get a little more serious about selecting out tackle and techniques. In this, issue made sure you check out our tackle box section that's filled with a lot of new fish catching tackle and unique products, which the fish and anglers have never seen before that should help you catch all those finicky fish. Here's hoping that you can get a few

more days on the water then you have so far this year and please take the time to introduce someone new to the outdoors.

Please make an effort to introduce someone this year to the great outdoors and take a kid fishing. You will never forget the smile you put on their face.

I want to say is "THANK YOU" to all of our loyal readers and followers. We hope you enjoy this issue as much as you have the others and please let us know what we can do to make your reading more enjoyable.

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I love to wade creeks and fish small ponds and lakes. Fishing knee deep and casting for bass brings back memories of when I was a kid, and it is still one of my very favorite ways to spend a summer day.

Light “finesse” tackle is perfect for this kind of fishing. It resembles ultra-light gear, but the length and the action of the rods are different. The traditional ultra-light tends to come with soft action in a 4 1/2- to 5-foot length. A finesse rod averages 6 to 6-1/2 feet with some in the 7-foot range. It is a little stiffer and more sensitive, and it allows you to handle a good fish more effectively and to deliver a better hookset.

Like ultra-light, finesse tackle employs a small spinning reel and light line. Select a reel that balances with your rod. If it's too heavy it overpowers the rig. Generally, I like a size 10 reel with a high retrieve speed and an aluminum long-cast spool. My Quantum Accurist spinning reel is so small that you can palm it, and it weighs less than 6 ounces, yet it holds 140 yards of 6-lb line, which is perfect for the casting distance and strength I need.

Finesse tackle opens the doors to a wide variety of lures, not just the small jig or feather-weight lures required by true ultralight gear. Here are some of my absolute favorites.

My Four Favorite Lures For Summer Fun

By Bill Dance

Rebel Teeny Wee Crawfish

More than 1,200 species of crawfish live in creeks, ponds and lakes across the country and around the world. A favorite imitation of this preferred bass forage is the Rebel Teeny Wee Crawfish, which runs about 3-feet deep, and the Rebel Wee-Crawfish, which gets down to the 5- to 7-foot depths.

The secret to working this floater-diver is to simulate the erratic action of a real crawdad by imparting a strategic 'stop-and-go' into the presentation. Watch a crawfish under water. He will move fast, then just glide real slowly...dart...then glide.

A steady, constant retrieve will not duplicate that movement (although it does catch fish), so I like to crank the lure down to its designated depth, then stop it. A lot of times I pull it, stop it, then reel three or four turns real slowly, then reel it fast a few quick turns. Always mix your presentation with stop and go, but don't overpower the bait. You want to make it look as natural as possible.

Rebel Frog-R

The Heddon Zara Spook introduced bass fishermen to a technique we call "walk the dog," but, thanks to a short, squatty lure that mimics a crippled amphibian struggling at the surface, we have a take-off of that presentation I call "walking the frog."

The Rebel Frog-R is a bug-eyed little bait without a diving lip or propeller to give it action. It has body mass and surface swimming action that the angler creates. In other words, you have to put life into the bait.

Now, you can't do that with a pool cue. You need a rod with light tip action. But in the hands of a skilled angler, this bait has amazing action that is perfect for pond bass.

No one becomes an expert with this bait all at once. It takes practice and a lot of eye, wrist, and rod tip coordination to produce that side-to-side walking action. I like a "1-2-3-pause, 1-2 pause...then repeat" approach. The hard part is reeling one-half turn at the same time you are bringing your rod tip down. The downward action swings the lure to the side. Raising the rod lets the lure swing back in the opposite direction.

Keep 12 to 14 inches of slack in your line. It takes practice to get the proper cadence and coordination, but walking a frog – or dog – is a technique well-worth learning. When you perfect the technique, that squatty lure will walk the walk and talk the talk.



Rebel Bumble Bug

A bass's daily diet isn't always a mix of just crawfish and baitfish with a little frog leg appetizer. Watch feeding activity in ponds and lakes. You will see that fish eat insects like crazy! Crickets, grasshoppers, mayflies and bees hit the water and struggle side-to-side or go in circles...and bass hit them!

The Rebel Bumble Bug is one of those tiny crankbaits that will catch fish most of the time if you are fishing it in the right location with the right retrieve. It shines when the fishing is slow or when fish are feeding on small food items. It is also great when you are fishing a heavily pressured shoreline, along warming banks in winter and in the backs of coves and hollers in the fall.



The key to the Bumble Bug's effectiveness is the presentation. After it hits the surface, allow it to sit. Then twitch it a couple times, reel it under the surface, and stop to let it float back to the top. Like the bumblebee it is patterned after, it has two wings, so it zig-zags as it rises to the surface.

Rebel Teeny Pop R

Bass fishing is often a shoreline affair. We find pleasure and solitude near the bank as we watch raccoons and snakes and deer. And, with topwater lures, we fish with excitement and anticipation as we watch for a bass to blow up on our bait.

You'll find more than 30 popping/chugging lures on the market. Some are better than others, but one of the most endearing is the Rebel Pop-R. The Pop-R has a baitfish profile and a concave "popping" mouth. Its profile as it lies in the water looks natural, and it is engineered with the whole mouth out of the water, enabling it to walk and pop better. The feathered rear hook looks like a shad tail.



The Pop-R family comes in several sizes, all of common baitfish dimensions. At a mere 2-inch length, the Rebel Teeny Pop R is the smallest.

The key to fishing any Pop-R is to establish a pattern and rhythm. The retrieve I use most frequently is three pops and a pause – pop, pop, pop, pause...pop, pop, pop, pause. A faster, more erratic retrieve is best in late spring when bass are bunched up. At other times of the year, I am inclined to mix my retrieve up, switching off from fast to slow, and varying the frequency and length of the pause.

A Game Plan For Summer Walleyes

By Bob Jensen

The summer of 2014 has finally arrived. Lots and lots of anglers are taking to the water in search of their favorite fish, and for many of those anglers, their favorite fish is that guy with eyes that glow, the walleye. In most areas walleyes are done spawning and are setting up their summer patterns. There will be lots of ways to catch walleyes, but let's take a basic look at catching them in the summer months.

Right now, from early June until the weather gets really warm, jigs will catch walleyes. More and more, we're tipping our jigs with Impulse Paddle Minnow plastics. These baits can be fished fast, and as the water warms, walleyes will respond to fast moving jigs. Fish these baits along weedlines or shallow structure near the areas where the walleyes spawned. Rig them on jigs designed for plastics. A jig with a long shanked hook and a keeper, something like a Rock-It Jig or a Gami UV Jig are good choices. This is not a subtle presentation: You've got to give jigs with plastic lots of action.

As the water warms a switch to spinner rigs is often a good idea. After that first week of extended warm weather, spinners really take off on some bodies



of water. A sign to watch for is when the surface of the water gets covered with plankton or whatever those little green beads of vegetation are. This provides an umbrella that reduces light penetration and makes the walleyes bite. Pull spinners over rocks or flats or wherever there



are baitfish and you'll quickly know if walleyes are present.

This is also a good time to troll crankbaits. Crankbaits allow an angler to cover lots of water quickly and walleyes really like them. The new 4.5 Rattlin' Hornet has been really good so far this year, and the tried-and-true #5 Hornet is a very reliable fish-catcher also.

As summer progresses, a quick approach continues to be good, but there will be times when a slower presentation will be best. If you're seeing fish on the sonar, and especially if they're tightly grouped, a live-bait rig will be maybe the best way to go. Once the fish are found, put a live-bait rig with either a leech or a crawler down there and make them eat it. If you leave either a leech or a crawler, and sometimes a minnow wiggling right on a walleye's nose, it's almost always going to get eaten.

In the past few years we've been using a Puppet Minnow in this situation also. Puppet Minnows were mostly designed for ice-fishing, but what walleyes eat under the ice, they'll also eat in summer. If the water is deep enough to vertically jig, and you've found a group of walleyes, don't hesitate to drop a Puppet Minnow down there and pop it a few times. If they don't eat it, go to the live-bait rig.

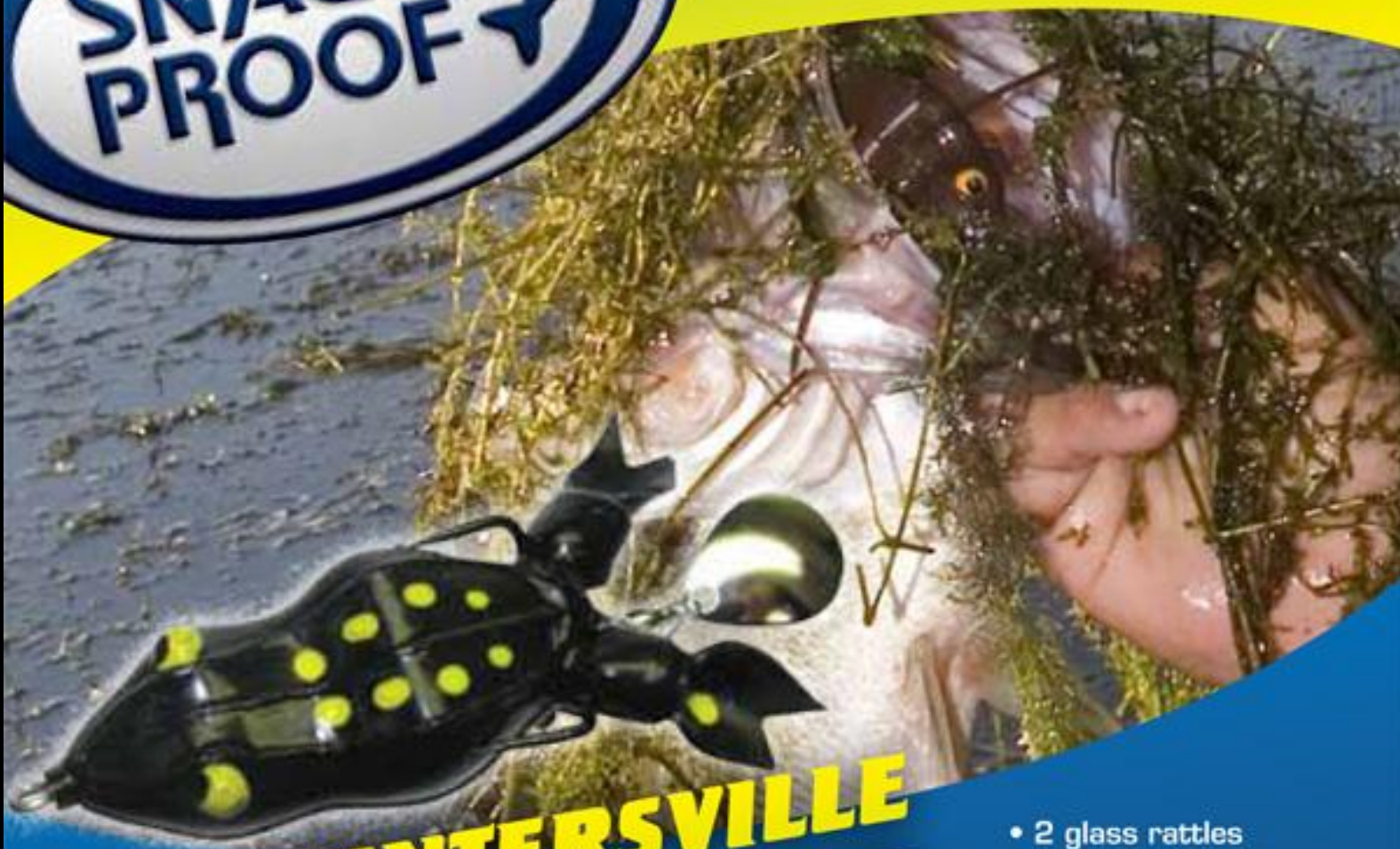
Keep in mind that during the summer there is a lot of bait in the water. The young-of-the-year perch and shiners are now getting to a size that the walleyes will eat, so you are competing with other things to get the attention of the walleye. However, the walleyes are hungry and want to eat. If you give them what they want, they will eat. The fun is figuring out what it is that they want.



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HOW TO CLEAN A PIKE

By Lawrence Taylor

Northern pike are among the tastiest fish that swim in fresh water, but many anglers will never get to enjoy a plate full of pike because they've heard the fish is difficult to clean. The "Y" bone is the reason we don't read more about pike cuisine, but it shouldn't prevent you from enjoying a delicious piece of fish.

Cleaning a pike is easier than you think. Creating boneless pike fillets results in a perfect fish fry, but the firm, cream-colored flesh is awesome baked, grilled, stir fried, broiled, boiled or simmered in mouth-watering chowder. When cleaned correctly you'll get three boneless fillets from each pike.

Key to good table fare is to take care of the catch. Small pike are far-and-away better eating than the big ones. The general rule of thumb is to keep a couple pike in the 20- to 25-inch range and immediately release the bigger girls so they can spread those beneficial genes around. Small ones fit better in the livewell, and they stay alive in there better, too. When surface temperatures are over 65°F, have ice along to throw in the livewell, but harvesting pike for the table is best accomplished in cooler waters, from early fall through late spring.

Photo above: Start by placing the blade behind the head and cutting own to the spine.

Keeping pike alive and dispatching with a "billy" just before cleaning results in a better product. Select a fillet knife with a blade at least 6-inches long. Begin cleaning by laying the pike on its belly. Place the fillet knife against the

back of the head, just behind the gills, and cut straight down to the backbone. Angle the blade of the knife slightly toward the tail, riding right along the backbone, and slice all the way to the tail and remove the top fillet. Place the blade between the skin and flesh, angled down slightly against the skin. Grab the tab of skin behind the blade with a plier or Lindy Fish Handler Glove and pull slightly while sliding the blade along the skin, removing the first boneless fillet.



Photo above: When you contact the backbone, turn the knife slightly toward the tail, and follow that bone all the way down the fish. 2

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With the pike still on its belly, run a finger along the flat surface where the first fillet was removed. You're feeling for the tips of the Y bones, which protrude straight up from the ribs toward the back. Lay the blade along the outside edge (away from the spine) of the tips of those bones and cut down until meeting resistance. The resistance comes when your knife hits the area where the Y bones bend out slightly.

Photo below: Removing the boneless top fillet reveals the location of the top of the Y bones. Here, the knife points to the tops of the Y bones.



Turn the blade slightly outward and follow the Y bones out, then go straight down and through the skin on the bottom of the fish.

Cut through the skin from head to tail, lay the fillet flat and remove it from the skin. Feel the outer surface of the fillet for any bones that were missed and remove them by



Photo above: On the side fillets, use the Y bones as a guide. Cut down at an angle from the top of the Y bones through the skin at the belly of the fish. Remove that side fillet like you would any other fish.

gripping with a plier and slowly pulling them out.

With larger pike in the 25- to 28-inch range, Y bones can be found with the fingertips and pulled out that way—individually with pliers—but smaller pike tend to have firmer flesh and better flavor. Anything over 30 inches, while still tasty, is noticeably inferior for a lot of recipes—especially pickling. Way up North, people crave pickled pike. To make it, the fillets

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Photo above: Remove the side fillets like you would any other fish.

are cubed—another good way of ensuring all the bones are removed. Cubing the fillet into little 1-inch blocks is perfect for stir-frying, soups and chowders, and a variety of baked dishes and casseroles.

Fresh pike should be eaten within 48 hours. If you plan on freezing the fillets, use a vacuum sealer to ensure the fish stays fresh longer.

Another good way to keep air off the fillets is to place them in a zipper-style freezer bag, cover with a few tablespoons of water, fold the top of the bag over and press evenly until all the air is out. When water starts to come out, seal the bag tight and lay it flat in the freezer.

Pike are top-of-the-line predators, and very important for keeping panfish and forage fish populations under control—another good reason for releasing the big girls quickly. Smaller pike are fun to target in

Photo below: Delicious northern pike fillets ready for the fire.

colder water with suspending baits like the Smithwick Rogue on a light steel leader, and so plentiful in some lakes that fisheries departments expand the limit.

Back home, there's more than one way to skin that pike, but the three-fillet method is the best one for enjoying a delicious, bone-free, culinary experience with esox luciosus—the water wolf.



Bass-tastic Trout Tactics

By Mitch Eeagan

Every technique has its time and place. As an example, take the tactics brown trout anglers employ most often.

Fly flingers are fond of unfurling tiny tidbits of spun fur and feather to fish feeding on the surface – this while the pragmatist extracts deeper fish with nymphs and strike indicators. And then there are those who toss hardware like small in-line spinners and spoons, as well folks who nip chunks of nightcrawler onto a bare hook—hard to argue with the efficacy of good ol’ garden hackle.

A lot of fish are caught using these methods. And sometimes even trophy-size trout are seduced from undercuts, lunker lodges and other places where big brownies dwell.

But when it comes to catching the truly big brown trout that live in any river system, a select few have discovered unique schemes that buck tradition and catch big browns – that’s “bass fishing” for browns.

Go big. Go heavy. That goes for rod both selection and baits. Consider it a small fish filter.

But while big fish eat big baits, you also need some power. Like a big bass, a large brown trout will pull you into root systems and into nasty, craggy light-tippet-busting places. Or into the heaviest current and downstream, so if you’re not already in the water, well, you will be.

What big fish eat

There’s no doubting that big browns are the rulers of any river. More than most anglers realize, small trout regularly become dinner for these behemoths.

So, it’s best to use lures and flies that emulate the look and profile of these cannibalized fish. For example, if you’re finding smaller, 7- to 9-inch trout among the undercut banks, pools and riffles where you fish, consider baits to the same scale.

Stickbaits with a wild and wide wobble, like Bomber Long A’s and Challenger Minnows, are by far some of the best baits to use. Personally, I’ll rummage through my Plano tackle totes until I find one that’s at



least 4 3/4 inches in length. A lure this size casts well upstream and under overhanging brush, and is large enough to grab a big brown's attention.

Take one for a spin

Spinning gear is preferred by anglers who cast big baits to browns. But your average whippy, ultra-light-action rod is underpowered for big baits and trophy browns.

Medium-action rods with a little extra backbone near the butt are good for casting stickbaits, as well setting the hook and pulling brute browns from log jams. St. Croix's 7-foot 1-inch medium-power, fast-action Legend Tournament Bass spinning rod is solid contender and my personal favorite.

As for line, 10-pound test in either monofilament or a superline will work just fine. Mono, however, works better in shallow water due to its thicker diameter and buoyancy, which doesn't allow the bait to dive as deep. Superline, on the other hand, will allow a lure to dive deeper; thus is best in rivers with holes deeper than 7-feet. Just make sure to loosen your drag when fishing superline and stickbaits – or choose a rod with a slightly softer tip – as the no-stretch quality of braid can easily rip trebles from fishy maws.

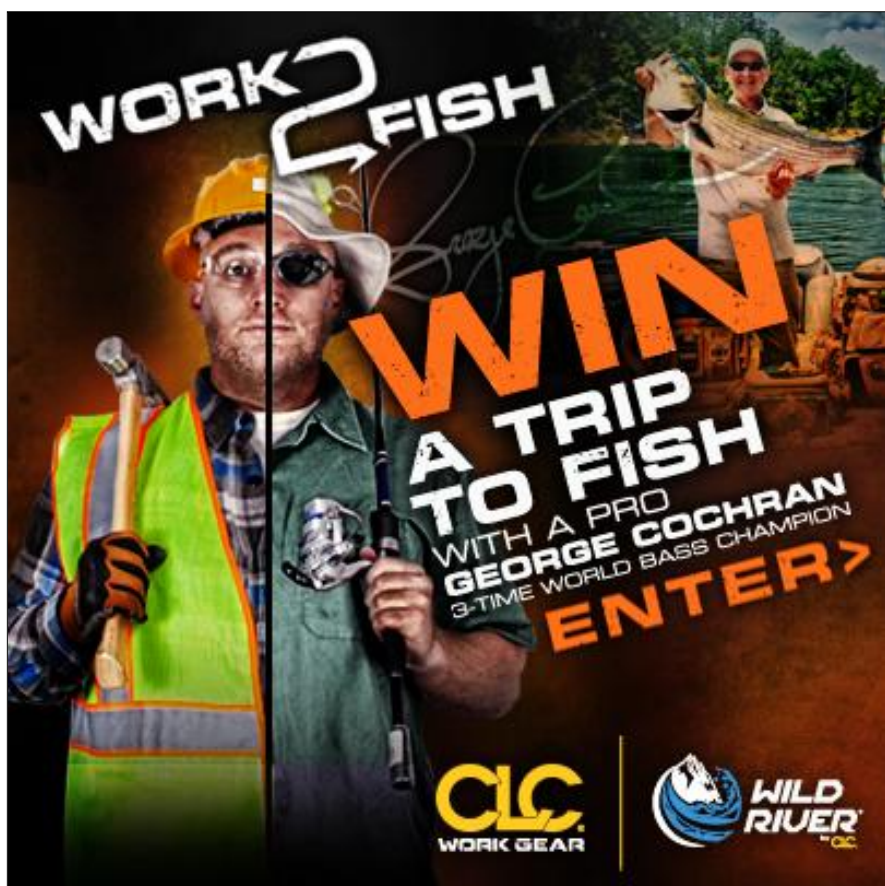
Fly by night... as well by day

It was decades ago when Kelly Galloup—today proprietor of Galloup's Slide Inn fishing resort in Montana, creative bug tier and renowned fly rod designer—was crafting new streamer concoctions within the walls of his fly shop in the Traverse City, Michigan, area at the time. These included the predecessors to his now famous "Circus Peanut", "Articulate Butt Monkey", and the venerable "Galloup's Sex Dungeon" and more.

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What started then as an innovative understanding that big trout eat immense flies on the surface at night (mice and frog imitations) lead to the realization these same brutes really prefer larger than average offerings by day, as well. Thanks largely to Galloup, the large minnow-imitating streamers once only relegated to bass or pike, have become standard fare for big brown hunting.



But unlike the choices anglers who use spinning gear had, with the creation of hefty streamers came the need for gear that not only could handle the big bugs, but the enormous trout that ate these offerings. At the time, there really wasn't anything specialized for such situations.

Subsequently, Galloup was commissioned by St. Croix Rod to help design a family of rods now known as the "Bank Robber" Series – three different 9-foot rods ranging from 5- to 7-weights; the latter working for



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Overall, trophy trout are released right after being caught. But like other coldwater fishes, trout often succumb to post mortality easier than warm-water species; that said, extra care is needed from the point of netting through the release. Keep the fish submerged in

the water and inside the mesh of your net while prepping for photos. Sliding a big trout onto the river bank should be avoided at all costs.

Best fish handling practices include the use of a net designed for easy capture and quick release. Frabill's Conservation Series nets have a bag that allows fish to lay flat, with a treated mesh so slime won't soak in. Hooks come out easily as well.

You get the general idea

Looking to land the biggest brown trout of your life? Beef up.



Whether you cast hardware or fly fish, consider larger-than-average stickbaits or big articulated and double bunny streamers. Just make sure your gear can handle the baits and perhaps the biggest browns of your life!

Mitch Eeagan is an outdoor writer who lives off the land and waterways within the mosquito-fill cedar swamps of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.



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Slight Changes

By Dan Galusha

Every angler has had days when a certain lure and pattern are producing very well. Then in an instant things start slowing down, often to a stop. At this time many anglers think the fish have moved, or completely stopped biting. Perhaps it will take nothing more than a slight change to produce further action.

There are many reasons as to why fish slow down from biting. Most frequent is a change in the weather, or water levels as with a river or tidal areas. However, there are days or areas in which neither has caused this problem. In these instances we must look at the possibility that the only thing needed is a slight change in lure presentation, color, style or depth. The addition of a scent could also be the change needed.

There are a lot of instructions on this procedure, but it may be best to describe the idea by relating the story of a fishing trip I had with one of my fishing buddies, John Francisco of Rock Island, IL.

It was a cloudy and cool, early spring day, much like is also found in the fall, with a bit of wind blowing in to the dam area of the lake. John got the first three bass on small spinnerbaits, but the fish were smaller. As usual, I was switching from one lure to another, experimenting and trying to come up with a pattern to catch bigger fish.

My first hit came on a Texas rigged tube, injected with Kodiak Crawfish Paste, and fished with a slow drag-and-pause retrieve near brush. This was a bigger fish. However, there were no more hits fishing directly in to the brush. After two more fish were caught on the outer edge of the brush near the edge of the dam, I realized they were coming from the deeper, windblown water along the dam, but still wanting the slow retrieve.

A slight switch of lure retrieves, while using the same tube, helped produce this nice bass.





As the summer starts to warm, bass can often be found further out in the lake on drop offs near flats and points. At this time plastic worms and tubes, and jig combinations can work very well, but remembering to make slight changes if the “bite” dies off, can make the difference in changing an average day into a very productive one.

John and I started fishing the deeper water of 8 to 14 feet by dragging the tubes on the bottom. We caught 20-plus bass, until there was a dramatic slowdown. Nothing had changed but the strikes.

While John switched to another lure, I stayed with the black/blue tube. After making a slight adjustment to my retrieve by giving it three slow hops and a pause the biting was back on. John switched back, using my new retrieve, and the results were the same as mine.

Again, after a few fish, there was another slow down. This time I discovered that the fish were still in the deeper water, but didn't want the lure moved. After casting, I would allow the tube to slowly drift downward. As the lure would arrive at, or near, the bottom there would be a slight twitch, and then tightening of the line. Bingo, the fish was on.

In all we caught 32 bass on this day. Slight changes in retrieve were the key. Drastic changes in everything else proved unsuccessful.

If you find yourself in this same sort of situation, no matter what time of year, and there are no obvious changes, such as surface feeding, shad busts, water level, storms, wind, and current, then try the following order of “slight changes”:

- Change speed and/or motion of retrieve.
- Add or remove scent.
- Keep style of lure, but use gradual color changes, such as black to black/blue, or chartreuse to white/chartreuse. In other words, don't jump from solid black to solid neon chartreuse. While this may be the end results - don't start that way.
- Change depth.
- Change lure style. Again, do this gradually. For example, if a tube is the main producer then insert a finesse worm, or switch to a plastic worm, and in the same manner, if a spinnerbait is the main producer add or remove a trailer before next changing blade style and size.

It has always been said that it takes patience to be successful at fishing. While it doesn't always take that long to find the day's best fish producing method, it does take a little self-control to progress through the chain of “slight changes” needed to get back to a successful fishing pattern.

If you have any questions about this or another fishing subject, drop me a line through the Dan's Fish 'N' Tales® website at www.dansfishntales.com. This site also provides links to the Dan's Fish 'N' Tales® You Tube channel, and ODU Magazine's website.

Until next time, get out the water, and enjoy a great day of fishing.

John Francisco shows why one of his favorite lures has been a melon/chartreuse Tickler Tube.



My husband and I have literally snorkeled and fished our way across 3 continents. In the midst of all our travels, we have somehow neglected to take advantage of the abundant scalloping season right here in our own backyard, the waters of Florida's Gulf Coast. Last month when my path crossed with a fellow angler and charter guide on the Homosassa River, I decided to take him up on his offer to try some scalloping.

Often referred to as both a delicious and fun sport, successful scalloping may be achieved by anyone able to swim. Our small group ranged in age from 21 to 70 years old. We were a diverse assortment of anglers from central and south Florida, all on our first scalloping adventure and full of questions. Our charter captain passed a shell around for inspection and gave us the basic "how-to's" of scalloping. The only equipment necessary is a swim mask, snorkel and mesh bag. This year's season has produced an abundant supply of scallops in the gulf waters and he promised us our bag limit in only 3 or 4 hours of snorkeling.

With a 4 mile boat ride ahead of us, we soon found ourselves relaxed, enjoying the sights of indigenous birds feeding along the river's edge and soaking up the hot Florida sunshine. Our captain pointed out several favorite fishing spots along the way as we passed an isolated island that was once a sacred, Indian burial ground. The boat glided easily over flats and through narrow channels as our captain led us to a secluded scalloping site. When we dropped anchor in 6-8 feet of water over marine grass beds and sandy bottoms, everyone eagerly strapped on snorkels and jumped overboard into the crystal clear, 83 degree water.



Shellfish with Attitude

By Nici Haerter



Beneath the surface, there was a burst of activity as fish darted in and out of grass beds and a lone stingray fed on the sandy bottom. Within minutes my husband, Skip, had bagged half a dozen of these highly prized marvels. I spotted a scallop hiding deep in the sea grass and ventured down to investigate. It was standing upright, shell slightly ajar, looking back at me. This was a monster, approximately 3 inches in diameter and I was determined to grab him. Unlike most shellfish, these crafty critters have the ability to propel themselves through the water at times of crisis. Just as I reached for him, he snapped his shell shut and launched himself like a jet engine across the sea bed. I surfaced, took a deep breath and went back down, intent on capturing this renegade. It took me 2 more dives but he ended up in my mesh bag. I proudly surfaced, waiving my prized catch in the air as the other snorkelers

cheered me on. I was hooked! By the end of the day, I had netted 87 scallops. Skip boasted that he was able to scoop up three in a single dive!

After a prosperous day on the water, our return boat trip was filled with excited chatter, all sharing our unique scalloping experiences and discussing recipe ideas for dinner. One snorkeler had spotted a sea turtle lazily swimming amongst us while we foraged in the grass beds. Throughout all of the enthusiastic banter, one common theme continued to surface, we all agreed that scalloping was now on our list of "must-do's" every year!

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Top Picks For Minnesota Trophy Walleyes

By Daniel Quade

Giant walleyes? Minnesota's got them. Around every corner there's an opportunity to catch walleyes, from rich and fertile prairie potholes to the deep, clear waters of the Canadian Shield.

If your goal is taking a trophy, however, fine-tuning your locations and tactics can boost your odds of boating a behemoth in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. To speed your search for supersized 'eyes, we polled a few of the state's top guides for their advice on where, when and how to connect with the fish of your dreams.

"The Rainy River is a big-fish hotspot, especially right after ice-out," said Jonny Petrowske. Hailing from Upper Red Lake, which is legendary for producing mind-numbing numbers of eater-size walleyes, the veteran guide often taps the Rainy when searching for giant fish.

"There's a two- to three-week window after the ice goes out, typically in late March, that's almost a rite of spring for Minnesota anglers," he says. "You have to try it at least once in your life."

Flush with spawn-run fish from Lake of the Woods, the river gives up epic catches of walleyes of all sizes, including trophies topping 10 pounds. In April of 2012, for example, an angler caught and released a 35.1-inch giant that likely would have toppled the current state record of 17 pounds, 8 ounces.

"I like to wait a week after ice-out," says Petrowske. "The first wave of anglers is gone, and the big fish are moving upriver."

While flotillas of fishermen flock to classic locations such as deep holes and corners, he prefers subtler structure on straightaways. Long bars and ridges running parallel to the river are prime lies, particularly the bases of their sides where walleyes often find shelter from the current.

A 1/4 – to 3/8-ounce Lindy Jig is his weapon of choice in normal-current conditions, though he may beef up to ½-ounce heads in heavier flows. He tips the jig with a big creek chub or jumbo soft-plastic trailer.

"Anchor or hold your boat in place with your trolling motor, make a long cast into deeper water and let the current swing your jig downstream until it crashes into the structure and comes to rest in the slack water at the base of the break."

Once the jig settles into a sweet spot, Petrowske pops it slightly to raise it just off bottom, and pulls it ahead about 3 feet. Most strikes come as the jig settles back down, and the only indication often is a heavy feeling when you raise the jig again.

While many anglers abandon the river after the spring run, Petrowske says it's a solid trophy destination all season. During the summer, he trolls Lindy River Rockers on lead-core line in his continuous search for giant walleyes.

Deep Rigging

Longtime Northwoods guide Jeff Sundin goes deep for trophy walleyes.

"Deep-water rigging is a standout big-fish pattern," he says. "Top Minnesota fisheries near Deer River include Pokegama, Trout, Ten Mile and Turtle Lakes. Leech Lake is solid, too, especially Agency and Walker Bays."

Depths run 25 to 45 feet, depending on where prime structure falls in the water



column. Sundin says main shoreline points that taper toward deep-water sanctuaries are ideal.

"The best areas on these points have patches of some type of hard bottom such as gravel or rock," he adds. "Big walleyes spend the day suspended over deeper water, move onto the point to feed, and pause when they hit harder bottom."

Sundin relies on a 42-inch Lindy Extreme RC012 Minnow Snell that sports a #2 red



hook, but if using a jumbo red tail shiner or other big baitfish he switches out the #2 hook for a 1/0, 2/0 or 3/0 light wire hook. A ¾-ounce Lindy No-Snagg Slip Sinker serves as ballast. He keeps the line nearly vertical and moves the boat at .5 to .7 mph. When a trophy takes the bait, Sundin feeds it line and gives it from 10 seconds to a minute or more before setting the hook.

“This pattern produces early and late in the day all season, and all day long at peak periods in June and late summer,” he says.

Summer Trolling

“August is a great time of the year for trophy walleyes on Minnesota’s side of Lake of the Woods,” adds fellow guide Jon Thelen. “The fish slide off into the basin and are vulnerable to trolling tactics.”

His pet program hinges on pulling size 3 Lindy River Rockers (pictured) in shades that mimic shiners and tullibees. He keeps the baits running within a foot of the bottom in 30-plus feet of water.

“You can use lead-core, downriggers or a 4- to 5-ounce bottom bouncer,” he says. “Don’t be afraid to crank your speed up to 2.6 mph, either. The charters can’t idle down slower than that, and they catch fish like they’re going out of style.”

Thanks to protective slots and a fertile fishery, catching multiple trophies topping 10 pounds in a single day is not unheard of, says Thelen.

“If big walleyes are on your wish list, Lake of the Woods should be on your short list of places to fish this season.”

Other top picks include the lower St. Louis River at Duluth, which welcomes incoming giants weighing up to 12 pounds from Lake Superior. Early in the season, ace guide Charlie Nelson vertically works a Lindy Jig tipped with a fathead or shiner along rock and gravel shoals between Boy Scout Landing and the Highway 23 Bridge. Later, a variety of tactics hold water.

The lower Mississippi River is another big-fish Mecca, with the catch-and-release waters of Pool 2 producing monstrous walleyes in the shadows of the Twin Cities. Farther downstream, Pools 3 and 4 are likewise rich in over-sized ‘eyes. And let’s not forget iconic Mille Lacs Lake, where guide Mike Christensen connects clients with wall-hangers from late May well into the ice-fishing season.



How to Score Early Summer Panfish With Underspin Jigs

By Jeff Knapp

Summer's arrival will bring more than just warmer water temperatures. By now submerged weeds will be developed enough to serve as a significant draw to not only larger game fish, but panfish as well. On clear water lakes, healthy strands of coontail and broad-leafed pondweed invite crappies, bluegills and yellow perch. While these fish will sometimes be located right along the edges of this cover, at times they will suspend out away from it a bit, perhaps to separate themselves from larger game fish that may be holding on the edge.

Underspin jigs like Blakemore's Road Runner (a selection is pictured) are ideal for covering these zones. Since the smaller versions are available in sizes from one-sixteenth to three-sixteenth ounce, an angler can tailor things to the conditions of the day. On a clear water lake that has weedlines out to 12 to 14 feet, start out with a heavier version, relying on the faster drop rate to allow the lure to reach greater depths in a reasonable time. On a darker water lake it may be necessary to go lighter, since the weeds only grow out to depths of 5-6 six feet.

Size matters as well in relation to the species present. Crappies have pretty big mouths, capable of accepting a larger lure. Bluegills, however, have rather tiny mouths. If bluegills are the targeted species, and the lake or pond isn't known for holding bronco-sized 'gills, stick to the smallest baits.

Use a fan casting approach to work along weed edges and also open water areas that are within a cast's length of the outside edge. Approach the edges from different angles — pulling up close allows for casts parallel to the edge, while staying back provides a more perpendicular look.

Keep a semi-tight line on the lure's initial fall, since the bait will attract bites at this time. To keep an accurate picture of the depths you are working, count off the seconds you allow the bait to fall. Vary the drop durations, so you efficiently cover different levels.



Over the past few years, pitching or casting to reach shallow walleyes has increased in popularity amongst walleye anglers tenfold. Some fisheries like North Dakota's Devils Lake have long had a casting cult but pitching or casting is no longer as regional or confined to a specific body of water. Especially when walleyes are relating to shallow structure, you can do a lot of damage by casting to the fish.

When we look at effectively fishing less than ten feet of water, there are several ways to skin a cat. Drifting and trolling these locations are options. Often however early in the season, fish seem to bump away from the boat more. Might have to do with clear water often associated with cool water temperatures before algae blooms can stain the water, maybe the metabolism of the fish has something to do with this phenomena. Whatever the reason, it can be tough to drive

right over the top of fish early in the season and casting allows you to focus on a specific area with some precision.



Pitch Count for Walleyes

By Jason Mitchell

While casting or pitching can be very precise and even methodical where you can plant on a specific location, you can also cover water. The best of both worlds for shallow walleyes. Regardless however whether you are fishing blade baits, jigs, swim baits or crank baits on either moving water or still, there are some nuances that can definitely elevate your pitching game.

Like many facets of fishing, speed and mojo is everything. As a guide, I often liked to have everybody in the boat using identical rods, reels and line so that any successful recipe was easier to repeat within the boat. If you and a partner spend a lot of time fishing together, use identical gear. Reason being, when he or she catches three fish in a row, you can watch their reel speed and match up identically. If they are using a completely different reel with different gear ration and spool, you might be reeling much slower for example but still moving faster in the water. Matching up is much more difficult with different equipment so keep some consistency within the boat.

Early in the season, slow methodical retrieves often shine and what often happens after catching a few fish is that inadvertently, we begin to reel faster because of excitement. Force yourself to be conscience of how fast or slow you are fishing and make mental notes so that you can tone back or pick up the tempo with some consistency to match up what is working.

As important as reel speed can be when pitching or casting, there is a whole host of other variables like snaps, pauses, lifts and swings that can make a crankbait, jig, soft plastic or blade bait come to life. These subtleties can only be dialed in on the water with experimentation. What often goes unsaid however and can be as or more important is angle of the cast... how you approach a shallow location and work a lure across the location.

Some anglers preach keeping the boat deep and casting in shallower but throwing perpendicular to the shoreline from deep to shallow is just one angle to present a bait. The advantage of this approach is that you cover different depths. If fish however are holding tight to a specific feature like a lip or cut along the profile of the shoreline or reef however, there are often better angles. One such angle is where you slide the front of the boat into the same depth as to where the fish are holding and instead of casting across the break from deep to shallow, casting along the break so that your bait follows the break. Essentially casting up ahead of the boat where the lure or bait works the same depth for the entire cast along a contour.

What I have found is that regardless of where you fish and where, the angle you approach a spot and the distance of your casts are as important of variables as speed, color, lure, weight or what you do with the rod tip. When fish are tight to shallow structure and hugging the bottoms of lips and dips, a lure has to get to the fish and give them a chance to respond. When fish are aggressive and positioned off the bottom and willing to follow or chase a lure, you can just get close so that situation is much more forgiving.





Also, on days where the fish are cruising off the bottom and looking for something to eat, you can make a short cast at just about any angle near the fish and get bit. As conditions do get tougher, walleyes in particular will often follow a bait or lure a considerable distance at times before finally biting. If you are getting bumped right at the boat repeatedly, that is what is happening. In this situation, longer casts often get bit and one of my

favorite tactics is to back off the spot and keep the boat over deeper water and try and pull the fish over the deeper water with a longer cast. Long casts just give following fish that many more chances to nip before you just run out of room at the end of a retrieve.

There is usually a specific angle that when matched with a specific lure works because of efficiency... staying in front of the fish. This spring, move past the traditional logic of holding the boat deep and simply firing the bait up towards shallower water. There is much more to experiment with that can make you much more effective when pitching shallow water walleyes.

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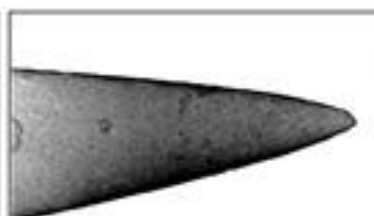
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3 Top Spots for Bomber 13A Trout

By Jeff Samsel

A single glance made me almost certain that the Bomber 13A would be a fine trout producer. I already knew the 13A's slightly larger cousin, the 14A, to have an outstanding action for enticing trout. First cast in a real stream confirmed the bait to swim the way that I had hoped. Third cast brought the more important confirmation in the form of a fat rainbow.

The 2 ½-inch 13A stays shallow and has a wide "X" swimming action. Jerks and twitches cause the bait to erratically dart to the side. The 13A's size makes it ideal for a host of trout fishing situations. It's small enough to look manageable even to a 10- or 12-inch stocked trout, but big enough to draw the interest of large fish.

This little minnow bait's size, shape and action make it well suited for many applications. Here are three trout fishing situations where the Bomber 13A truly shines.

River Bars

The shallow path of a Bomber 13A allows you to swim it over the tops of river shoals and gravel bars, and the bait's wide swing creates great visibility, along with pushing vibrations through the water, to help the fish zero in on the lure.



Cast past the shallowest part of a shoal or bar. Turn the reel handle quickly at first just to get the lure down, and then either swim it steadily just quickly enough to keep it wobbling and down, or work it with gentle rod tip twitches.

If the top of a shoal is less than a couple of feet deep or it has shallow boulders scattered along the top, be sure to bounce the lure off some of the structure. Also be extra ready as the bait crosses any edge where the structure falls off into deeper water.



Work the lure all the way back and watch behind it during the retrieve. Trout are notorious followers. If quite a few fish are following but few will commit, change your retrieve speed or cadence, or change to a different color.

Rising Streams

Rising water activates fish. Higher water commonly brings with it a bit of stain, which along with the added flow, makes fish less cautious. Often the new water also carries an influx of food, or it dislodges food and makes the groceries more available to the trout.



For current lanes broken by boulders or other cover, cast upstream and work the bait with quick, sharp tugs that make it dart erratically. Move the bait just fast enough to keep it down and darting while allowing the current to do the bulk of the delivery work and sweep the bait past key spots.

In streams that have wood as the primary cover, look for spots where the current sweeps beneath the trunk of a downed tree or a cluster of branches, and position to the side and slightly upstream. Cast or pitch so the bait lands just upstream of the tree and hold the line tight so the current pulls the lure under and sweeps it into the brush. Use your rod and reel together to control the distance as you allow the bait to travel under the cover, and be ready to quickly respond with a hookset. This is admittedly a good way to snag a

lure, but it's also an excellent way to draw the ire of a big brown trout.

Still Water

While streams get the lion's share of the attention when folks talk about trout waters, many lakes offer excellent trout prospects, often with fish that are minnow-oriented in their natural feeding behavior. Still waters, therefore, are wonderfully well suited for a Bomber 13A.

If trout are holding in less than about 6 feet of water and are oriented along the bank or using visible, shallow cover, the approach couldn't get much simpler. Cast toward the shore or cover and reel the lure back, possibly adding some twitches and pauses to the presentations.

Often, though, still-water trout are nomadic, roaming flats or a lake's open main basin. When the fish are away from casting targets, trolling provides the most efficient means for covering water and keeping the lure swimming in the zone.

If the fish are high in the water column, troll your lures on direct lines well behind the boat or with side-planers to avoid spooking fish. If the trout are deeper, you can troll the same lures at pretty much any depth by using snap-on weights, lead-core line or downriggers.



'Tis the season.... to fish!

By Tamar Spina

The sun is shining, the water is smooth as glass and I'm finally



sitting, rod in hand and enjoying the silence and serenity. It's been a long winter and being unable to get out fishing has made it feel endless! There's nothing like that first cast of the season to get the excitement bubbling. While I typically hunt out Bass I am up for any type of fishing and luckily I live in Ontario, where we have some of the prettiest waters and best fisheries right in our backyard.



Many already know that Northern Ontario and the Muskoka's are considered to have some of the best fishing in Ontario. Picturesque lakes, clear blue water and friendly folk are just some of the reasons that anglers flock to the region. Depending on when you want to visit and what you want to fish for, you really do have a variety of options. From the Walleye fishing on Lake Nipissing to Bass fishing on Lake Simcoe you can be sure to get your line wet and have a great time hooking a picture worthy fish. The 2014 fishing season for Muskie, Pike, Walleye and Trout are all now open in our zone with Bass opener coming on the 21st of June. To say the excitement is starting to bubble over is an understatement as tackle boxes are being stocked across the region in anticipation.

Early season fishing is always exciting and filled with anglers getting out and reacquainted with the water. The only downfall to early season fishing..... Is the bugs! Northern Ontario lakes and rivers are surrounded with lush foliage, reeds and those pesky flying friends of ours, namely black flies and mosquitoes. These unwanted bugs are prominent in the spring and early summer so be sure when heading out to pack yourself some insect repellent. When it comes to discussing fishing and what to bring and where to go, most websites will forget this important fact which, if unprepared, can definitely dampen even the most avid fisherman's day.

Thankfully that is probably the only drawback to early season fishing. Bugs aren't all bad though. For the more experienced fisherman who has learned how to match the hatch it actually works as a guide to determine what colors and types of baits to use due to the fish coming up to the surface for the many flies and bugs that hatch on the water. Ignore the pests flying all around though and just focus on the water as you don't know if the types of bugs flying around are actively being pursued by the fish. To try this technique of matching the hatch there is a plethora of websites based on state or province to assist you in utilizing this method. A great resource I found and one that you can read more about how to "Match the Hatch" and other tricks is [Fly fishing for Beginners.com](http://FlyfishingforBeginners.com).

So now that you have protected yourself against the forces of nature and you are ready to fish here are some helpful tips on a couple of the fish you can chase. What is the one common factor this time of year? Post-spawning fish! Walleye and Largemouth Bass are perfect examples. They are ready to be chased! They hold true to a pattern that with a little bit of research as to locations can afford you some monster catches and a whole lot of fun. Do you want to hook small and medium sized fish or do you want to find fewer quantities but larger and much feistier? Both are viable options. For example, if you want to find small to midsize Walleye you will want to find areas that produce waves or currents such as the mouths of creek that aid to aerate the eggs and rocky shorelines exposed to the wind as this allows the eggs to settle and be safe from predators. To find some of the larger fish you will want to head to deeper waters which is where Walleye, especially the females, head in search of food.



This same thought process of sticking to the shallows holds true for post spawn Largemouth Bass as they like to linger close to weed beds, fallen trees or abandoned wood and Lilly pad beds. The males will hit with force as they stay close to protect the nests from predators and the bait fish keep both the mama's and the papa's occupied and settled until the weather starts to heat up. As we head into early summer and temperatures start to rise the fish will typically start to head for cover. Docks, boats and undercut banks are Largemouth Bass favorites as the sun heats up the water. One thing holds true for

both these fish though – they will give you a fight and there is nothing more satisfying then landing the “big one”. Even after you throw it back its real size is somewhat exaggerated for the sole purpose of excited story telling.

Overall there are many options for fishing and my best suggestion is to try out a variety of tactics and locations and enjoy the exploration. When you do find a “Fishing hole” that is successful be sure to take note of the type of shores and water you are in so that when you have future trips you can look for similar environments. Many boaters will mark their spots with their onboard electronics but when fishing from shore we can commit to memory what our eyes have found to be a must-fish zone. Another important factor is seasons. They will definitely play a part in what you catch and it is important to understand the governing guidelines that go with that. I like to joke that we typically have two seasons – Ice Fishing and all other fishing but in reality we have several seasons and several zones. It is imperative to protect yourself from being fined so ensure you check out the regulations and guidelines.

Ontario rules and regulations can be found in this document 2014 Fishing Ontario , published by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. It is a comprehensive guide about what the limits are, licensing information and season openers. It really is the best way to get all the information you require when visiting our province. Thinking of Salmon fishing in Nova Scotia or British Columbia? Our other 12 provinces and territories have similar documents and the regulations can be found at the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Website .

To all the anglers from coast to coast I hope you have a great season and Tight Lines!





Fishing in Canada, Eh!

By Heather Reid

Canada is a green and a beautiful spacious open country known for it's fresh and salt water fishing, known to be some of the most pure and untouched waters of the world. It is also not uncommon for vacationers in and out of Canada, to seek refuge on these waters.

For those people who do plan to visit the Canadian waters, you will want to follow the fishing regulations provided. Regulations in the spring for trout, walleye, pike and bass differ in each province; and in each province there are zones which also have different regulations. Within Canada there are 13 provinces / territories, and anglers fishing in any of these provinces need to

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Drop by any of our social media pages to read the stories and view the photos of all our Great Canadian Female Anglers. They





not only look great fishing, but these gals know how to fish. You might even learn a thing or two from some of these savvy anglers. From the baits they use, to what bodies of water they fish, there are no secrets on our pages and the girls like to share what they know.

Some of the amazing women who have been featured on GCFA include, Mariko Izumi, Rebekka Redd and Amanda Lynn Mayhew Hare, just to name a few.

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Catching Bass in Deep Water



By Captain Mike Gerry

The summer heat changes where the bass locate and catching them in their deep summer locations can be tough. If your into summer time fishing you know that when the heat sets in the bass move to the deep water and getting down there and presenting a bait can be tough fishing especially for the novice fisherman. I try to have about 4 options of baits available and try to use them in different deep situations.

My first deep presentation and the bait I love to fish the most is a deep crank bait, SPRO Little John; if I feel I can get it down to the depths it appears the bass are





sitting at, it is my first choice. The reason being is that deep crank bait can stir competition between the bass creating an opportunity to catch a bunch of big fish quickly.

My next choice is a Tight-Line football jig (pictured); there is probably no bait that catches more big fish in deep water than a football jig. The bait is so life like and imitates a crawfish better than any bait I fish. I go to a $\frac{3}{4}$ oz when I want to get to the bottom quickly but if it appears the bass might be suspending some I stick to a $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.



worm the bait raises itself off the bottom and is a great presentation for bottom huggers.

Lastly I like a Punisher Shakey Head, their shakey head has a big hook and allows you to muscle a 5 to 6 inch worm along the bottom and catch good size fish. The advantage of a shakey head is its enticing drop through suspending fish; it wiggles and projects itself downward with enticing movement. Fishing deep summer patterns can produce big fish and lots of them you just have to have the correct presentation.

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Like many anglers, I learned how to live bait rig for walleyes with the bail open and my trigger finger on the line. At the first indication of a bite, the thought process was to let line peel off the spool giving fish line so that they could swallow the bait. Anglers insisted that the less a walleye feels your presence, the better.

There are situations where giving to the fish whether it be by feeding line or pointing the rod tip back when either running live bait rigs or spinner rigs can be the ticket. Especially earlier in the season, the drill often seems to be creeping the rig along and feeding the fish momentarily before the hook set.

One adjustment to make however that can be difficult for some anglers is dragging the fish versus feeding the fish. Around the 4th of July on many bodies of water year in and year out, the water temperature continues to climb and the metabolism of the fish



Loading Up Walleyes

By Jason Mitchell

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climbs. There comes a point where you catch so many more fish by dragging the fish along versus feeding the fish.

Dragging the fish is just that. No finger on the line with the bail open, no worry about the fish "feeling" the angler and no pointing the rod tip back towards the fish. When you get a bite, you simply let the rod load up and drag the fish along until you start to get a few head shakes. Ever had one of those days where the rod holder out fished you... when you were trying hard to catch a fish with the rod you were holding? I know I have.

I think what happens as fish get aggressive is that they simply grab onto the bait and just don't want to give it up if it seems to be getting away. When you drag the fish with steady and constant pressure, the fish just seem to keep choking up on the bait or harness until they hook themselves. This adjustment or change in attitude happens every summer.

Earlier in the season, rigging with live bait can often be considered a finesse tactic. As the summer progresses, I often find that I catch more fish with a more aggressive mindset concerning live bait rigs... power rigging. I often use a heavier walking sinker or bottom bouncer that keeps the presentation close to the transducer of the sonar.

I like heavier snells, sometimes as heavy as twenty pound monofilament so that I can move really fast without the snell twisting up. I often move as fast as a mile and a half an hour but then drop my speed as I mark fish on the electronics. Once fish are deeper than fifteen feet, I feel that I will mark most fish

that are below me. The name of the game is to scoot along fast until you come across another pod of fish. Once you find or mark some fish with your electronics, you can slow down and fish at speeds that might range between half a mile an hour to a mile and a half an hour for rigs and up to two miles per hour for spinner rigs.



One of the hottest rigging trends the past few seasons have been half crawler rigs that utilize a bent hook that causes the half crawler to rotate or cork screw through the water. Most of the half crawler rigs on the market today use a much heavier hook and use two bends on the shaft of the hook which is quite different from the original half crawler rigs we made ourselves from the standard gold Aberdeen hook. I still think the original designs are much better because the hook is lighter and only incorporates one bend so the action on the night crawler is tighter and more of a shimmy at a much slower speed.

Recently I designed a half crawler rig for Northland Tackle called the Crawler Hauler that also has a barb on the hook to keep the night crawler pinned in the right position.

As summer progresses and water temperatures climb, successful rigging for walleyes often begins to morph into something faster and heavier. Feeding and finesses is replaced by dragging and loading up the rod. I often switch from a medium light spinning rod action to a bait casting rod like our Jason Mitchell Pro Walleye Series JM701MC as summer progresses because it is easier to set the hook by just sweeping the rod with the wrist. Be conscience of these different mentalities and rigging options and get comfortable on each end of the rigging spectrum because these adjustments will allow you to keep on catching as the summer wears on.



Editors Note: The author Jason Mitchell hosts the outdoor program Jason Mitchell Outdoors which airs on Fox Sports North at 9:00 am on Sundays and Fox Sports Midwest at 8:30 am on Saturdays. More videos and information can be found at www.jasonmitchelloutdoors.com.

Try A River This Summer

By Bob Jensen

The Midwest is blessed with all sorts of fishing opportunities. Lakes, rivers, ponds, and reservoirs dot our landscape. Wherever you live, you don't need to drive far to wet a line.

Rivers can provide some outstanding fishing action throughout the summer. Actually, rivers can be good year 'round, especially the larger rivers. However, in the summer, small, medium, and large rivers can provide anglers with action from a wide variety of fish species.

Sometimes, in the heat of the summer, lakes can get tough to fish. The fish in rivers however, just keep

eating. Rivers have current, so fish in rivers are constantly expending energy. To sustain their energy, they need to eat more often. Because river fish are almost always fighting the current, they become stronger than their lake-dwelling cousins. They also usually don't grow as fast, although there are still plenty of big fish to be found in most rivers.

Because of the current, it's a good idea to remember that most of the time a fish that wants to eat will be facing upstream. Therefore, it works well to present your bait so it is working downstream or cross current. By doing so, the fish will be able to see it better. Also, any wounded minnow or bug or crawdad will be moving downstream, so this is a very natural presentation.



There are times when working upstream is better. This is most noticeable when trolling crankbaits. Troll crankbaits upstream, going faster as the water warms. A #5 Salmo Hornet is a killer in rivers.

A jig/plastic combination is perhaps the best set-up for catching fish in rivers. In the summer, a Thumper Jig tipped with a three inch Impulse Swim'n Grub is a killer. Thumper Jigs have a small blade that attracts a wide variety of fish, and the plastic adds size and color. Pretty much any gamefish that swims in Midwest rivers will eat the Thumper/Swim'n Grub combo.

If you're a shore or wading angler, look for areas that have deeper water near by. In small rivers, deep water might be only four or five feet deep. Concentrate your efforts on cover near deep water. Walleyes, bass, pike, muskies, trout, pretty much any river predator will hang out around logs, rocks, docks and anything else that provides refuge just waiting for something to eat to go by.

Also, it works best to wade upstream to reduce the chance of alerting the fish to your presence. It also works better to fish at water level instead of being profiled against the sky on the bank above the water.

Rivers are abundant throughout the Midwest. Their inhabitants are willing eaters and strong fighters.

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Unconventional Post-Spawn Strategies

By Brandon Lester

After fish spawn in most parts of the country, and especially around most of the TVA lakes that are close to my home, fish move back out to the main river and get on offshore ledges where they will spend the summer. Conventional wisdom will tell you that the only way to catch a tournament winning bag of fish is to spend hours looking at your electronics and trying to find these hidden schools of fish. For multi-day tournaments, like we fish on the Bassmaster Elite Series, that is probably true, but for the weekend guy who fishes single day tournaments in a local bass club there are other options. While it is true that most fish do head offshore after the spawn, there is a population of fish who stay shallow all the time on most lakes. These fish are widely overlooked by most anglers because they don't exactly know what to look for.



One of my favorite post spawn shallow water patterns is fishing bluegill beds. Shortly after bass get done spawning, normally when the water temperature gets to around 74 to 78 degrees bluegill will move into the shallows and start making their beds to spawn. Big bass know when this is going on and they will often hang around these bluegill beds and take

advantage of the easy meal whenever it becomes available. It is not uncommon to see "wolf packs" of bass hanging around these places and they can be fairly easy to catch once you understand how they set up and what baits to throw.

The best place to start looking for these beds is in the same spawning pockets that bass use earlier in the Spring. Bluegill beds are really easy to spot because they build their beds in big clusters. They almost look like giant honey combs on the bottom of the lake. When you find an active bed be sure to stay back off of it and make long casts beyond the beds. These bass get really spooky in the shallow water this time of year.

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My two favorite lures for working bluegill beds are a Heddon Super Spook Jr. and a green pumpkin Zoom Brush Hog. I Texas rig it with a 5/16oz tungsten weight and a 5/0 Mustad Grip Pin Max flipping hook. Whenever I find active bluegill beds I will cast the Spook in there first to catch the active bass that are looking for an easy meal. If they won't hit the spook I'll make a long pitch with the Brush Hog. In my opinion the Brush Hog looks like a wounded bluegill on the bottom and they just can't stand it.

I build all of my own fishing rods using blanks and supplies from Mud Hole Custom Tackle (www.MudHole.com). My favorite rod for the topwater is built on the MHX HM-MB862 blank. It is a 7'2", medium power rod. I throw 30 pound Vicious braid with the Spook Jr. For the Brush Hog I use an MHX MB904 which is a heavy power, 7'6" rod. I spool up with 20 pound Vicious Fluorocarbon and a 6.3:1 gear ratio baitcaster.



Fishing bluegill beds is a widely overlooked technique, and one that I have kept really close to the vest on my home waters in Tennessee. I have been fortunate enough to have won numerous local tournaments by running bluegill beds in the summer time while everybody else was out fishing 20' deep dragging worms and slinging big crankbaits. It is a very effective tournament strategy that you will often have all to yourself.

What Is In The ODU Tackle Box?



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This is the third annual edition of our ODU Tackle Box. The Tackle Box is a selection of fishing tackle and lures, as well other fishing equipment anglers might want to consider adding the next time they are shopping for their next fishing outing.

You might be surprised in seeing a few new items that you are not familiar with as well as a few items that have been around for many years with success.

CRANKBAITS AND JERKBAITS

Livingston Lures: The Howeller Dream Master Classic is the lure that helped Randy Howell win the 2014 Bassmaster Classic. Ideal for targeting medium-depth structures & strike zones, this crankbait has a compact shape with a wide wobble. At 63mm, it creates savage strikes with its patented combination of sound technology, visual triggers, and realistic swimming action. Livingston's proprietary Electronic Baitfish Sounds, EBS Technology(tm) mimics natural baitfish sounds. It also features 4XX strong, super-sharp, premium Daiichi® hooks.



Rapala Clackin' Magnum. Big Fish eat little fish that swim like a Rapala. A loud Rapala in this case. The Clackin' series extends to the saltwater market with the Clackin' Magnum. Troll slow or fast for unmatched action and sound. Deep-diving lip quickly reaches depth, clackin' all the way with the Signature Clackin' Cadence Rattle.



Rapala BX Jointed Shad. (next page image) The BX Series of lures from Rapala combine the lively, responsive action our balsa lures offer, with the option to fish them in the most extreme, rugged conditions. Recognized by Field & Stream as "Best of the Best" 2013 Lure, they're the liveliest, yet toughest balsa core baits ever. Balsa on the

inside, each is encased with a durable copolymer shell for unbeatable toughness.

Bite Back Lures Cranking Frog Lure: This frog lure is designed with a nose paddle to make it dive 3 feet with legs extending behind to create a tantalizing swimming motion. When



paused, the legs retract and the lure floats

to the surface with a life like suspending posture. <http://www.bitesbackfishing.com/products/weedless-frog-lures/>



Storm Arashi Rattling Square. Based on the Rattling models feature a multi-ball rattle system that precisely imitates the sound of baitfish feeding in the shallows. Key design features previously only found in expensive, custom lures gives anglers a true edge when fishing an Arashi lure. Both models run with a lively rolling action and a pronounced tail kick. Built-in buoyancy to back out of cover with a square lip design for increased deflection is the perfect match

for contacting structure. Premium Black Nickel VMC Hooks.



Storm Arashi Rattling Deep. Packed with features formerly only found in expensive, custom lures, the Arashi™ Rattling Deep swims with a moderate rolling action for the right amount of search with loads of tail kick. Large single knocker rattle delivers low frequency pitch and a long-cast design for increased distance with accuracy. Premium Black Nickel VMC® hooks.



Storm Arashi Rattling Flat. Swims with a tight wiggling action creating maximum flash and vibration. Multi-ball rattle for loud, variable pitch and a long-cast design for increased distance with accuracy. Premium black Nickel VMC® hooks.

Luhr-Jensen Speed Trap. Computer-controlled molding is the secret to the tournament winning Speed Trap. The process creates a very thin-walled, high-action body, which produces maximum vibration while offering incredible balance. This crankbait will not roll over at any speed. Work it slow or burn it over shallow cover,



presenting the bait to the maximum number of fish. Pros have referred to the Speed Trap as the "Limit Getter" for its ability to cover water quickly and effectively. A pros quote in Bassmaster magazine explained, "It's a great search bait. I always have one tied on when I go to a lake I've never been before."



Bill Lewis Vibra Trap - When confronted with heavily pressured lakes and hard to catch fish, the Bill Lewis Vibra Trap is your answer. It allows you to power fish and cover a lot of water under finesse conditions. With the heavily weighted, compact Vibra Trap you can stay back from skittish fish and cast great distances to them, all

while fishing deeper with a smaller profile. Violent strikes are inevitable.



The **Samson DR (deep runner)** is available with or without a leaded bill cap, along with a weight transfer system to increase your diving depth on a single cast to an amazing 14ft or 30 ft with the cap. The Samson line also offers a smaller profile than some of the larger companies. With deep dive and unique textured design, they created the #1 bait to reach the lunkers when they're hiding deep.

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GET YOUR VISION RIGHT ON THE WATER

Vicious Vision Premium Polarized Sunglasses are now available in Realtree® Xtra. These camo sunglasses come in four lightweight TR90 frame styles – Velocity, Vengeance (picture above), Venom and Victory. Built with the outdoor lifestyle in mind, the frames feature a straight hinge, the most durable hinge style, and have soft rubber-grip nose and temple pads to keep the sunglasses in place on your face or even when on your hat. The new sunglasses feature the best polarized lens technology available on the market, Xperio UVTM, and provide the sharpest and clearest vision, maximum UV protection and most scratch-resistant lenses made today. <http://www.vicious-vision.com/>



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Rapala Scatter Rap Crank Deep.

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TOP WATER – HARD BAIT

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Bite Back Lures Lipless Frog. This lipless frog lure is designed to skim the water surface to create a wake. During retrieve, the

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TOP WATER — SOFT BAIT

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BLADES



Persuader Clacker Buzzbaits. Persuader is an All-American company based near California's famed Delta and gaining attention nationwide for their fine array of innovative products. Persuader baits have been winning tournaments throughout California for years but this home

grow n secret is getting out to the rest of the angling nation. Persuader Clacker Buzzbaits are just what the Fish Doctor ordered for fishing around grass, pads, brush, and other tough cover.



The **Bassinova Baits Pro Series EarthShakr**, featured here, is a bladed jig lure with a custom painted head, 3D life-like eyes, and a 55 strand skirt that brilliantly matches its head. The hooks are Mustad Ultra Point with a flat eye jig hook that ensures a solid, roof of the mouth hookset every time. They offer 2 sizes in the Pro Series EarthShakr 3/8 and 5/8 ounce. These sizes allow the angler to deliver the lure to different depths of water depending on where the bass are swimming. We believe our quality, specially designed, hand crafted lures will better equip anglers and give the best options to achieve the best results.



The **Snag Proof Perfect Buzz** goes where the standard buzzbait can't go, and has the durability that other soft plastic toads and frogs can't match! Buzz it, twitch it, pause it—it floats, pop it, chug it, and hang on! Heavy cover like, Lilypads, Bullrush, Tullies, Saw grass,

Pond weed, Hydrilla, Elodea etc., are the perfect environments to fish the Perfect Buzz in, around, over and through! <http://www.snagproof.com/>



Red Dirt Bait Company spinnerbaits have a very unique wire, which not only gives off a tremendous vibration, but they are more durable than standard stainless steel spinner baits or buzz baits. Their wire consists of approximately 70% titanium, and these elements combined with some of the best components on the market create some of the toughest baits on the market. Please visit their site at www.reddirtbaits.com

Stanley Vibra-Wedge Spinnerbaits. Designed to deliver maximum thump and vibration, the Stanley Vibra-Wedge Spinnerbait produces more water displacement than any other spinnerbait on the market.

Featuring two of Stanley's most innovative designs - Vibrashaft wire and Wedge blades - the Wedge blades are specially designed and taper in thickness, allowing them to emit the thump of a Colorado-blade, as well as, the flash of a standard willow blade.



The **Strike Zone Ledgebuster** was a well kept secret of deep structure anglers for years, until it eventually gained quite a reputation for itself with major tournament wins, including the 2000 Bassmaster Classic. Designed for fishing deep offshore structure and channel breaks in 10-20 feet of water, the Strike Zone Ledgebuster gets to the deep strike zone faster and stays their longer.

SOFT PLASTICS

The swimming wiggle of the [Pro Point Lures Crunch Minnow](#) is a perfect match to its 4 1/4 inch size. Don't be fooled, this little guy catches Big Fish! That is why we equipped it with a heavy wire 3/0 Daichii hook. The hook is molded into a 1/4 oz painted weight that reflects a colored hue as the lure wiggles through the water. Casting like a bullet, the lure detail and airbrush quality of the Crunch Minnow is second to none!



TRIGGER X



Trigger Slop Hopper. Rig this Texas-style on a heavy wire VMC® wide gap hook and hold on. It effortlessly hops through the heaviest slop or can be fished below the surface like a swimbait in open water. Twisting, rolling and hopping this one is truly unlike anything you or the fish have ever seen before. Top-to-bottom dual or solid colors.



The **3.5" Maniac Cut'r Bug** is one of the most versatile Lures on the market. The rigging methods and techniques are almost unlimited. This bait is most commonly used

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These astoundingly productive, garlic and salt infused softbaits take live-action technology to the next

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Xzone Lures is a Canadian soft plastic lure manufacturer known for making baits that consistently

produce tournament-winning bags north of the border. A proven bait in the goby-rich waters of southern Ontario, the **Xzone Slammer** has helped skyrocket the popularity

of the drop-shot rig. Molded from a durable yet pliable

plastic, the Xzone Slammer is lined with ribs, offering a life-like and natural undulation. Impregnated with salt, fish bite and won't let go.



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Roboworm FAT Straight Worm. Precise computer-designed color layering and a smooth, straight profile make the



Straight Worm by Roboworm a finesse staple. The super supple plastic produces an undulating, living action that can't be beat. Roboworm's exclusive Salt Release System emits a burst of salt at the bite, locking the fish down. Tremendous fish-catching action combined with a powerful salt explosion encourage fish to keep coming back for more!



Chompers Twin Tail Grub. Chompers Twin Tail Grubs are premium-quality soft plastic baits that are impregnated with powerful garlic and salt flavors. Twin Tail Grubs produce a tournament-winning action and their ultra-soft plastic bodies make them irresistible to bass and other game fish. Finely detailed and durable, they come in the latest colors.

INLINE SPINNERS AND SPOONS

Snag Proof Curly-Q Weedless Inline Spinner. Burn this bait through weedy areas in your favorite body of water without fowling its action. Target fish that other fisherman leave behind! The teardrop body shape and curly tail give it terrific action and looks alive in the water as it swims behind the spinner. The durable, soft, hollow body stays weedless through the bushiest weeds and feels natural to the big bass, pike, trophy speckled



trout, and unruly redfish that bash into it - then you've got' em!
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Jake's Stream-A-Lure. Light and agile by design, even the novice angler can achieve precision placement with Jake's Stream-A-Lure. This inline spinner's uniquely-shaped, free-spinning blade rotates on the retrieve, creating the thumping sound, vibration, and flash necessary to attract fish in rivers and streams. Its weighted brass or silver body helps keep the Stream-A-Lure down in the water column, even in fast water.

Swirleybird Spinner has the perfect size, imitates baitfish well, casts easily, and maintains its attractive qualities from the time it hits the water until the end of the retrieve. These attributes make this lure especially good for anglers of all ages and skill levels in most parts of the world, for almost any fish, and at anytime of the year. While most fishermen are still out chunking their bulky hardware in the wrong places, the thinking fisherman can use a “secret lure” that is far more appealing to the finicky bass. It is called a “Swirleybird”, and it was originally designed to catch post-spawn bass. <http://www.fishinglanier.com/Swirleybird.html>



Bites Back Spoons have the most flash and best flutter action of any spoon available today. The leaded hook and spoon combination results in a lure that rides the wind for a long cast and dives quickly to the deepest fish. The hole in the spoon blade allows a column of water to pass through as it falls which enhances the glide and wobble of the blade. The fishing line is attached directly to the hook and does not hamper or restrict the action of the spoon blade.

<http://www.bitesbackfishing.com/>

Thomas Spinning Lures Buoyant Spoons.

When a moderately slow retrieve is employed, the Buoyant Spoon produces an erratic, wobbling action that imitates the



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TROLLING LURES

It is difficult to imagine going fishing in Canada - or Anywhere else in the World for that matter - without a **Canadian Wiggler** or two in your tackle box. Canadian Wiggler is unlike any other lure on the market today, in that it is a Hollow Metal fishing lure - MADE OF BRASS. This



Unique Hollow Construction ensures almost Indestructible Quality meant to last a lifetime. Canadian Wiggler fishing lures come in Original Series, Rattler Series, Floater Series and Sparkle Plus Series.

Luhr-Jensen Kwikfish. There are two types of crankbaits in the world, those with a tight baitfish shimmy, and the Kwikfish. Kwikfish are full-throttle, wide-action, leave-no-doubt lures that challenge game fish small and large alike. Their aggressive action forces a response from fish, often generating the most savage strikes imaginable. Small sizes target trout, the middle range steelhead and silver salmon, and the largest king salmon and lunker lake trout.



MUSKY BAITS



Blue Fox's Vibrax Super Bou Spinnerbait features twin Colorado blades combined with Marabou, hackle and Flashabou fibers to create a hard thumping action with high vibration and flash. The Super Bou Spinnerbait's large profile emulates mature bait, a characteristic that's sure to attract a trophy catch. Size 8 rear blade.

The **Bondy Hot Orba** is made for slow rolling down long points, open water casting over offshore structure on pelagic prey lakes, down deep drop offs and along weed edges just about anywhere. Featuring trademark Bondy Bait Co. quality with thumping #8 Colorado blades, stainless wire, tough split rings and Mustad hooks.



Hildebrandt Double Flash™ Musky Spinner. Whether it's fished fast or slow, Hildebrandt's Double Flash Musky Spinner's combination of a pulsating tinsel skirt and twin, size 8, Hildebrandt Sure Spin blades gets a muskie's attention and keeps it until they strike. At 2 oz., you can make long casts and cover lots of water. The lure's large profile



attracts big muskie from distances, and the double flash makes them strike.

WALLEYE BAITS

The new Marianne Huskey Signature Series of the **Matzuo Kinchou Minnow** is ready to shake, rattle and go! These beauties have Marianne's approval for top producing colors and feature the wide wobble action and bloody red gills that grab the attention of your monster trophy fish. Additional features include a perfectly balanced, arched body, with complete thru-wire



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V-T2 Livewell Ventilation System. In tournament conditions the heat is on, and not just at the weigh-in. That's when your livewell needs to live up to its name. The patented V-T2 is double-trusted to allow continuous oxygen flow and provide an escape route for heat and metabolic gases. That's why more anglers are turning to the V-T2 Livewell Ventilation System by New Pro Products.

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construction, and a chambered body with unique high resonating stainless steel rattle bearings and super sharp Matzuo® trebles.

Salmo Deep-Diving Bullhead Lure. Ideal for trolling, the Bullhead has become a favorite for walleye anglers. Tremendous wobble for low-profile bait. This deep-diving model will get down in the rocks and other bottom structure to perfectly imitate a fleeing bullhead.

Cotton Cordell Jointed Wally Diver. Cotton Cordell's most popular walleye lure, the Wally Diver, now has even more fish-enticing action with the addition of a jointed body. Like the original, the jointed Wally Diver gets down in a hurry and has a tight wiggling action. The jointed body adds motion and suggests a crippled baitfish, which triggers strikes even when fish are unwilling to commit to other lures.



HOOKS

[Tru-Turn® Blood-Red Bass Worm Hook.](#) Truly a hook that does what they say it will do. It's hard to miss fish when they strike at the hook! Tru-Turns' Blood-Red Worm Hooks feature a dark-red finish that simulates the gill flash of feeding fish and stimulates the natural feeding response of gamefish. Features: Sproat design, Ringed eye, Two slices, Spear point and Blood-Red finish.



[Daiichi "Butt Dragger" Hook.](#) W Daiichi combined the CopperHead™ hook with the D.O.A Pinchweight™ to make a killer combination. The weight design does not impede the bait with extra hang-ups and strikes. The bend at the front of the hook allows more hook to penetrate fat plastics. Weight can be moved forward or carefully removed and cut to custom size. Available in 3/0 (4 per pack), 4/0 (3 per pack), 5/0 (3 per pack).



The **[Daiichi Fat Gap Worm Hook](#)** sets the standard for a sharp, long lasting hook. This hook features medium wire construction, great for tubes and plastics. The Bleeding Bait color triggers a feeding response in fish, simulating gill flash and injured, bloody bait. With their exceptionally high-carbon steel construction, Daiichi hooks exhibit correct shape, extreme hardness and razor-sharp points. The lengthy tempering process each hook undergoes gives them just the right amount of flex, so they hold fast when under heavy pressure.



VMC Wacky Weedless. The Wacky Weedless sports a finesse hook with a wire weed guard that lays into the hook, allowing the bait and hook to seamlessly swim through vegetation. Turned down, resin closed eye positions the bait properly for maximum action and no slip-offs.

TACKLE BAGS AND BOXES

Tackle Tek Nomad - Lighted Camo Backpack. The Nomad is Wild River's soft tackle "single solution" bag. It has an integrated LED light system that allows you to see into the bag or your work area when natural light gets scarce. It also features a large upper storage area with a removable divider which can convert this bag to a full-size backpack for holding larger items. The Nomad has the capacity to hold up to six 3600-series and four 3500-series trays.

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Tackle Tek Rogue - Stereo Speaker Bag. The Rogue is Wild River's unique



stereo speaker bag for the tech angler. The integrated audio system is designed to work with iPod®, MP3 players and other portable audio devices, like your smartphone, to output quality stereo sound. The multi-function Rogue can also hold up to five large 3700-series, two 3600-series and two 3500-series trays.

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Plano Guide Series Waterproof Boxes. Constructed from strong and durable poly-carbonate material, the Plano Guide Series Field Box 1449 is a waterproof case designed to provide unparalleled protection for your important and expensive gear. Its Dri-Loc seal ensures it stays air-tight and leak-proof, and each box also features padlock tabs for a secure hold, as well as, a soft rubber lining to prevent your valuables from sliding around. Don't leave anything to chance - keep your cell phone, camera and other expensive gear safe with the Plano Guide Series Field Box 1449.



WEIGHTS AND BOBBERS



Salamander Sinkers inline is the most versatile sinker on the market. Use it in current for drift fishing and bottom bouncing for all types of fish. The new standard in sinker fishing. Great for bass, salmon, steelhead, trout and walleye. Snag resistant and Lead Free. Excellent with ultra-lite tackle for panfish. Used for casting, drift fishing, with floats and trolling. Keeps bait in the fish strike zone. Works with all types of bait.

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The **Picasso Pro-Metal Worm Weights** are an excellent alternative for anglers that demand better performing weights than pure lead - but don't want to pay the extra money for tungsten. Made by combining lead with much harder metal alloys, the Pro-Metal Weights offer greater sensitivity and a better feel of the bottom than their lead counterparts.



The Picasso Pro-Metal Weights are also coated with the same high quality Duraseal chip-resistant coating used on Picasso's tungsten weights, and previously on Tru-Tungsten.

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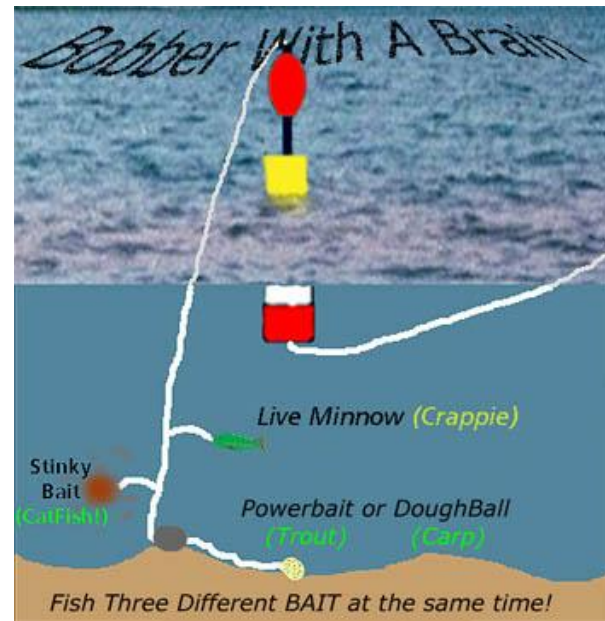
- Use for casting, drifting, trolling.
- Great for bass, crappie, salmon, trout, walleye and other fish.
- Fish areas that are out of bounds for conventional sinkers.
- Keeps the bait in the fish strike zone
- Use with all types of bait.

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Lunker City Wacky Weights. Lunker city's new Wacky Weight provides anglers rigging their plastic baits "wacky style" with the means to quickly and conveniently add as much weight as conditions dictate. The Patent Pending LunkerGrip cones firmly anchor the weight in the soft plastic lure without distorting or tearing the plastic. Just insert the appropriate sized Wacky Weight into the nose, tail, or both ends of your plastic bait as conditions and the mood of the fish dictate.



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APPAREL - GLOVES

Glacier Glove Sun Protection: Whether you are fishing during the cool morning hours of the spring months, or during hot summer days, the [Abaco Bay](#) and [Ascension Bay](#) are the gloves of choice. Each of these sun products is created to extend your outdoor experience. Glacier Glove has made a commitment to upgrade all their sun products to 50+UPF, the maximum protection available. [Abaco Bay](#) (left): Is a fingerless design made of Dr. Shade™ PolyElastane / Spandex fabric. Breathable and Quick Drying. The comfort and versatility of this glove is what makes this glove so

appealing. This glove isn't just for fishing. You can use it for hiking, running, driving, and just a nice walk on the beach.

[Ascension Bay](#) (right): Is a fingerless design made of Dr. Shade™ PolyElastane/Spandex fabric with a synthetic leather palm. Breathable & Quick Drying. The [Ascension Bay](#) is one of the most versatile gloves in their product line, and even though it was designed for fishing, they have received a lot of positive feedback from people who are using this glove for hiking, running, cycling, and kayaking.



[Tailin' Toads](#) are fingerless fishing gloves geared towards a wide array of outdoor enthusiasts. Mostly used by anglers right now, these gloves provide protection for your hands from the harmful UV rays of the sun. They are lightweight and come in tons of different colors. The material is rated for UV 50+ protection and is easy on the skin.

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