

## Captain Walt's Log

### *Fox Chain O' Lakes Walleye Update*

**W**alleye fishing on the Fox Chain O' Lakes was a popular option again last year, as you can see from these pictures. We used a variety of techniques including, casting or trolling crank baits and rigging or jigging with live bait. My favorite technique is the famous **Fox Chain Double Rig**, which caught a lot of our walleyes last year. This presentation gives the angler two presentation/bait/color combinations to increase the chances of catching fish. You may even catch two fish at one time! We also catch crappie, white bass and other species using this rig set-up.



Walleyes are plentiful on the Fox Chain and they are protected with a slot limit. The minimum keeper size is 14" long. Anglers may keep three fish in the 14" to 18" range, or you may keep two in that range plus one over 24".



Most large fish are females and their offspring are the future of walleye fishing on the Chain. Fish in the 18-24" protected slot range must be released. We practice **Catch Photo Release** along with **Selective Harvest** and encourage the release of all walleyes greater than 24". We release most all of our walleyes right after we take a quick photo.



Walleyes are plentiful throughout the Fox Chain O' Lakes system. We have caught walleyes on all the Chain lakes along with the upper and lower sections of the Fox River.



I focus my efforts in the most productive areas throughout the year concentrating on current areas around bridges and in the lower and upper Fox River. We are constantly finding new locations and methods to catch walleyes on this diverse fishery.



Historically, our best success for walleyes on the Fox Chain has been between April - June. Spring rains, resulting in high water levels and good current flow enhances your chances for catching some nice walleyes like these 2014 spring fish.



Don't delay, now is the time to schedule your spring fishing trips!