



Captain Walt's Log

Fox Chain O' Lakes Update



Well, it's January and winter is here. Snow is on the ground, lakes are frozen and we dream about fishing open water on the Fox Chain O' Lakes.

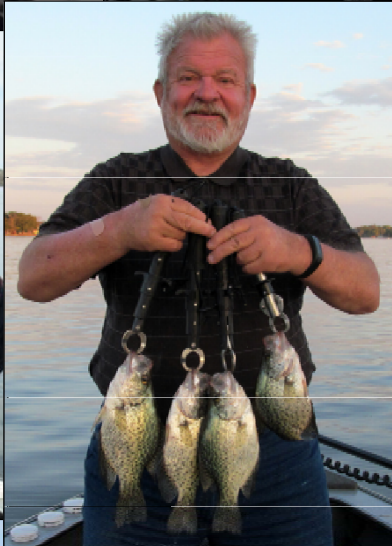
When we fish the Chain, most clients want to fish for the elusive walleye. Sometimes the walleyes cooperate and occasionally we have to defer to an alternate species. Walleye fishing on the Chain is best between the months of April - June depending upon the weather patterns. Early in the year we begin our walleye fishing by pitching a jig/minnow combinations onto

shoreline gravel areas. As the year progresses, live bait rigging is our go to presentation. The last few years we have had success using "Slow Death Rigs" and will continue to experiment this year also.

In 2015, the crappies were a good alternative when the walleyes did not cooperate. Both black and white crappies inhabit the Chain and there are good populations of both species. Crappie fishing on the Chain is also best in the spring and fall, with the months of April, May, September and October being my favorites. Usually we fish for crappies with a live bait presentation. Last

year our largest crappies were in the 13-14" range.

White bass are another good alternative species if the walleyes are not biting. The white bass are aggressive and will hit a faster moving bait. At times we troll baits for them, but usually they are incidental catch to the walleye and crappie when fishing live bait rigs. Our best fishing for white bass is in the fall of the year.





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We hope you enjoyed seeing some of fish we caught from the Fox Chain O' Lakes in 2015. Fishing success on the Chain is greatly influenced by water levels and current as many of you know. All this said, we expect another good year in 2016.

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