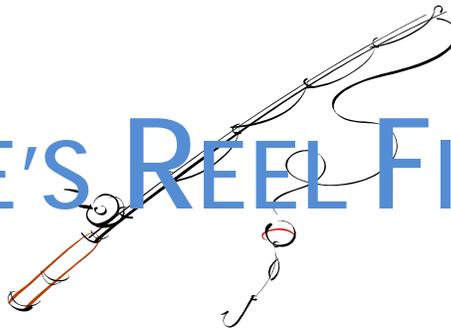


# BIG MIKE'S REEL FISHIN'



*The objective of our fishing report is to provide our lake users with up-to-date information and to help our anglers on what's working where and when. It is important for everyone to remember that fish have minds of their own and everyday is not going to be the same as the last, but being flexible is vital to consistently catching not just consistently fishing. It is also important to remember that the person providing this information is a fisherman himself and sizes and weights vary slightly from the truth depending on how many times the story has been told.*

## August 1, 2013

The fishing this year has been strange to say the least. Some days we are seeing better than normal fish and others, not so much, but I will say that the fishing is staying quite steady in the heart of the slow times. The Lake is mixed up for the most part which means that you can find trout most anywhere, however the temps are much cooler towards the west so if you want to catch cold water fish (trout) go west. Slip bobbing coffee drinkers at the dam are doing well at night along with folks up the road a bit at Forest Turnout fishing from the bottom, both using the dough bait of choice. Trollers are doing the same old thing and doing well on needle fish and stick baits along with the old lead core and big fat flashers with a worm on it. Kind of heavy but kind of effective also.

Bass are still showing in good numbers around the docks and rocks. The smallmouth have turned it up a bit and the crayfish look-a-likes are getting spanked hard. Seeing some good sized fish these days and thanks to all for the catch and release practices that I see more and more often. Take a nice picture and eat a couple nice bluegill and crappie.

Speaking of the bluegill and ever so popular pumpkinseed; they are here to stay and most can find them on any day of the week. Find a weeded edge (if you can find any weeds) or some structure and put the old worm trick to a test and bam, poof, pow, goes the bobber.

Catfish are starting the summer slam and can be caught towards the east with the best of the stankness you can find.

Carp boys and girls where are you at????????? The fish are here and want to be shot at.

Have fun!!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike S." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Check out this  
pumpkinseed beauty!  
Ready for the taking!



## FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK

For inexpensive controlled depth fishing, fill a Cast-a-Bubble up with water until it sinks very slowly. Put on your favorite dough bait or night crawler and cast out and let it sink until it reaches the strike zone.