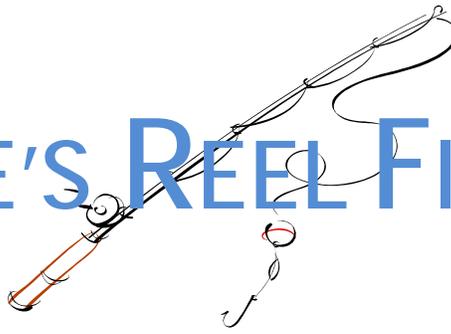


# BIG MIKE'S REEL FISHIN'



*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 30, 2013

I think that global cooling is responsible for the change in fish patterns this season. With the trout turning on in mid-summer and the catfish biting when the water was cold tells me the world is upside down. With that said, folks are doing well on the trout this summer and they have turned on when least expected (I guess that is better than not at all). The spring was slower than I wished and the summer is better than one could ever predict. My buddies Al and Gerry caught limits in a little over an hour last week using the hardware store of flashers and a crawler on lead core a couple colors down. The lake has flipped and the fish can be found from top to bottom depending on how many skiers and rec boaters are scaring them down deep but when it is quiet a Rapala trolled near the surface is working well. The brook trout color is the slayer of the week.

Catfish are being caught in small numbers but not small in pounds. A lot of monsters are showing on cut mackerel and smelly stuff.

Bluegill have made the come-back and wow what is up with the pumpkinseed explosion around here? Dude!!!! These slab daddies' are beautiful and plentiful. The mini jigs in the white with a red head seem to be a no brainer and of course the secret worm and a hook trick is fool proof also. Something about a worm and a hook that makes me want to salute the flag and have a piece of apple pie.

Crappie, what crappie? I have zero reports, but I do know they love to suspend just off some structure somewhere.

The bass are still showing in good numbers and I guarantee they have a crayfish in their belly so maybe a tube bait in smoke color or you can make them mad and throw something loud and obnoxious at them which always works.

The carp hunters left me so the carp boat is filling in the gap but we are seeing good numbers around the weed beds if someone wants to fling an arrow or twelve.

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

### FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK

The couch fishing has been very slow so try using the lake and see if your luck improves.