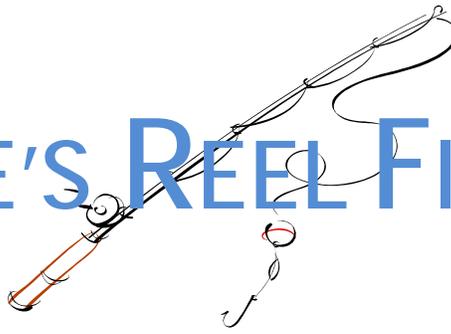


BIG MIKE'S REEL FISHIN'



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.

October 3, 2013

Troutfest is here and it is hard to believe that it has been 10 years already. I can't tell you how great the fishing has been this last month, but I can say that the monster fish are in the water swimming around very hungry. I know they are hungry because I didn't feed them for a week before we let them out of the cage. We released all the fish we have raised in the cages for the last year and purchased many more than we ever have in the past. The weather looks to be great and fishing should be fun!!!

With the water temps dropping like the lake level, the trout have made the move towards the east. They seem to be holding still west of the observatory, but as we cool they will continue east. Fly lining Rapalas and trolling crawlers behind flashers has been scoring consistently. The old power bait on a slip bobber and slip sinker rig is an always "go to". No need to go so deep right now because the lake is mixed and the fish can be anywhere at all, but early in the morning and late when all the boats stop scaring them deep, these big planters love to come up to feed.

Catfish are slowing and bass are coming on strong. I don't think the "basin" will last but it is good now on the structure and rock piles. Tube baits and spinner baits are working well.

Bluegill fishing has been great all year and a nice meal worm for a nice meal will do the trick. The crappie are gone which means they are suspended somewhere that I don't know about.

Take care and have fun and win a boat so you can take me fishing

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike".

FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK

Bring a jacket.

