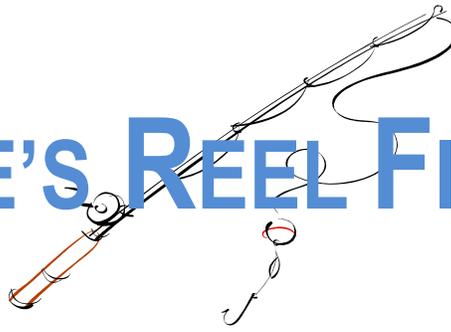


BIG MIKE'S REEL FISHIN'



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.

September 15, 2014

The fall is in the air and this means that the fish are in the Lake and ready to slap on the deck. We just received a big load of rainbow trout from our friends at DFW and I believe we are in for a good fall of fishing. I know a guy who knows a guy that knows someone at the City of Big Bear Lake that is helping a guy get some more trout in the Lake. Can't share all the details but this is big!! Also the Troutfest is on the horizon which means I may find a load of toads for you folks to angle for, I will say you may need a bigger pan for these dudes.

With the lake temp almost completely mixed, control depth fishing is not as critical as it is when we layer, but the same needle fish and Rapala trolling is working well on lead core and fly line. Shore boys and girls are filling the cooler with the magical slip sinker and dough bait rig. (Don't forget light line works best).

Bassers have had another great year of bass fishing and the smallies are growing a little bigger each year. (Seeing some three pounders show up). Tube baits have been effective as well as spinner baits and plastics.

You may have heard the catfish are not shrinking in size or numbers and the spawn of cats was off the charts again this year. This fishery just keeps getting better on its own, but I will take credit. Cut mackerel is a standard go to and anything else that has a real nice funk.

Crappie are hiding deep and suspended as they do this time of the year, bluegill continue to eat mini jigs and worms drug around under a bobber. The bluegill population is beginning to be pretty good with a lot of bigger more respectable fish showing.

Water temp and DO are in great shape for the shape we're in. The water level free fall paused for a minute when the thunder sounded off, but just long enough for me to eat lunch and then down we go again. 10'-10" down as I write this.

Let's hope for a winter.

FISHING TIP OF THE WEEK

As long as summer-like temperatures hold, trout will feed best from dawn till mid-morning, and in the evening. Once the air temperature stays below 50 degrees during the day, best fishing will be from noon till late afternoon.