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Fall Fishing Has Its Benefits

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It won't be long and we'll be heading into the fall and even though summer started early, it went by quickly. It's that time of the year, the time when kids have heading back to school. As the temperatures decrease, water temperatures will start to cool and fishing will pick up.

With all of these things happening: you can bet it won't be long before the good fall fishing season arrives.

With the water temperatures declining, all species of fish will really start to feed heavily.

When fishing in the fall, best to go with larger live bait.

During the fall, fish are on a mission, trying to fatten up before the freeze up.

Chubs and larger minnows seem to attract the larger fish, out producing the smaller baits.

In the rivers, you'll find the walleye, sauger and smallmouth moving shallow to clean up any remaining baitfish or the crawfish that have survived the summer.

In our lakes, bluegills, crappies, largemouth bass and pike will move into and along the edge of the weeds, picking off insects and of course each other.

Lake walleyes will now be found spread out over the mud flats or cruising the weeds looking for a late season snacks.

This is the time of the year that you should think Green, no I'm not talking about green energy, I'm talking about the greener vegetation.

There are several reasons why fish are attracted to green weed beds this time of the year.

One is, their food source, baitfish will have moved there, another is because this is where they'll find the coolest temperatures because of the shade and the oxygen being given off by the vegetation.

As anyone who has fished these weedy areas can tell you, these areas can be a nightmare to fish as weeds can tangle and eat your tackle as fast as you tie it on.

If you're fishing in the weeds, It's not a bad idea to go with heavier line than usual as once a fish is hooked, they'll dive deep in the weeds and the heavier line al-



Submitted photo
All species of fish, including crappies (as pictured here with columnist Gary Howey), will feed heavily in the fall as they pig out, trying to build up fat reserves to help them make it through the winter months.

lows you to wrestle the fish out of the weeds.

If you're after bass you'll probably be probing these weedy areas with some sort of weedless rig such as a Texas rig or some sort of jig and pig combination.

Fall bass can also be taken by slow rolling spinner bait into pockets in the weed beds or by running buzz baits over the top of the weeds.

With the drop in water temperatures, fish, which are cold blooded, will slow

down, so you'll need to do the same, slowing down the way you're fishing.

Those anglers fishing for panfish should work the pockets and along the edge of the weeds with small tube jigs or a light livebait jigs.

To draw panfish out of the thicker cover they're using this time of the year, try a Slip bobbers, split shot and small hooks tipped with minnows or pieces of night crawlers cast along the weed edge.

This is the time off the year that wall-

eye anglers will be changing from night crawlers back to minnows. You'll want to experiment a little bit with your baits, as all walleyes don't change from worms to minnows at the same time or on a certain date.

Walleye anglers will have good luck working jigs along the edge of the weeds and on the breaks along mud flats.

If you're going to be pike fishing you'll be working the weeds, with a couple of baits that are excellent pike producers this time of the year.

Spinnerbaits ran over the top or along the edge of the weeds is a great fall bait for Northern Pike.

You'll want to hold your rod high and speed crank the bait over the top of the weeds. When you come across a hole or pocket in the weeds, let your spinnerbait drop or helicopter down into the pocket and then hold your rod tip high, while cranking it back onto the top of the weeds.

The pause and slow drop of the spinnerbait will often tempt bass that are buried in or along the edge of these pockets.

The bottom loving catfish will be moving from their summer haunts, deeper holes and head into areas where there's less current. Cat fishermen will need to look for the fish in these holes, working their prepared (stink bait) and live bait rigs in the pockets with less current or in the slack water found behind the dead falls and snags.

No matter what species of fish you'll be looking for, don't over look the slack water pockets just off the current by the dam, as these areas will be visited through out the day by fish cruising the area searching for a meal.

Don't make the mistake that many anglers do during the fall and put the rod and reel away and think only hunting.

Fall fishing produces some of the largest fish of the year with all species trying to fatten up prior to the cold hard winter.

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What A Whopper! Hawaii Woman Reels Half-Ton Marlin

HONOLULU (AP) — A Hawaii tournament fisher fought a 12-foot, half-ton marlin in the Pacific Ocean for more than four hours before she and her teammates got the monster fish out of the water — but she missed out on the glory and thousands of dollars in prize money.

Molly Palmer, 28, would have needed to reel in the fish by herself in order for it to qualify as a valid catch for the tournament, according to rules set by the International Game Fishing Association.

But her team helped her pull the massive marlin aboard — so all the Kailua-Kona angler got was a fish story.

Palmer told The Associated Press that her team wasn't overly concerned about getting disqualified hauling the fish on deck, because they just wanted to land the big catch.

"I didn't come here to set world

records," Palmer said. "I didn't even really come here to win money. I came here to catch fish and that's just what we were there to do."

Palmer's fish weighed in at 1,022.5 pounds, well over the record of 950 pounds for a woman using a 130-pound line, tournament organizer Jody Bright said.

Cheating would have been easy and tempting. The Big Island Invitational Marlin Tournament runs in part on an honor system and Palmer, her captain and crewmates put up roughly \$9,000 to enter last week.

"I've had people try to slide things past me for a whole lot less money, for a less important thing than a world record," Bright said.

"We don't have officials on the field like you do in baseball or football or anything like that," he said. "Everybody's playing on

the open ocean playing field and since there's nobody there checking to see if you stepped out of bounds or any of that sort of stuff there's a whole lot of opportunity to do things nobody would know of."

Palmer said breaking the rules never crossed her mind.

"The question was only can I land the fish or not," she said.

Officials at the International Game Fishing Association were not immediately available late Wednesday.

Bright said most of the fish caught during the three-day tournament were released, while those that died would be sold at market for seafood and marlin jerky.

Neal Isaacs, the boat's captain, said the team knew the fish was big — but not necessarily that big — when they saw it start jumping to free itself from the line nearly 40 minutes after it was hooked. The battle

Harrison Throws Eight Scoreless, Beltre Hits For Cycle As Rangers Blank Twins

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Matt Harrison took a no-hit bid into the seventh and went eight innings for his career-high 15th victory and Adrian Beltre hit for the cycle for the Texas Rangers in an 8-0 win over the Minnesota Twins on Friday night.

Harrison (15-7) didn't allow a hit until Trevor Plouffe lined a solid single to left with two outs in the seventh. That came right after left fielder David Murphy made a diving catch on Ryan Doumit's sinking liner to keep the no-hit bid intact, though Murphy had no chance to get to the next ball hit his way.

Beltre's second career cycle came two nights after he hit three homers in a game against Baltimore.

After an RBI triple in the first inning against the Twins, his first three-base hit in two years, Beltre had an RBI double to cap a five-run second inning that put

the Rangers up 6-0. Beltre led off the fifth with his 24th homer, his third consecutive game with a homer. His single in the seventh inning gave him the cycle.

Over the past four games, Beltre is 12 of 18 with five homers, three doubles and a triple.

The other cycle for Beltre also came at Rangers Ballpark, when he was playing for Seattle on Sept. 1, 2008. Ironically, he had three of his hits that night off Harrison.

It is the sixth cycle in Rangers history. The last was Bengie Molina's on July 16, 2010, at Boston, which was also the last time an AL player hit for the cycle.

Samuel Deduno (4-2) lost his second consecutive start after winning his first four major league decisions. The right-hander allowed seven runs and 11 hits over five innings.

Harrison allowed only two singles, his second consecutive start allowing only two hits in eight innings. The last Rangers

pitcher to accomplish that was Jim Bibby in July 1973.

Harrison struck out five and walked two while throwing 118 pitches.

After walking the second batter of the game, Harrison didn't allow another runner until he misplayed Ben Revere's comeback in the third and threw the ball away. That was the same inning third baseman Beltre fielded Alexi Casilla's high chopper off the plate and threw him out on a close play at first.

Rookie left-hander Robbie Ross worked the ninth to close out the Rangers' ninth shutout of the season. It was the eighth time Minnesota has been held scoreless this season.

Josh Hamilton singled and scored on Beltre's triple in the first, when centerfielder Revere appeared to have the ball within his reach but was unable to come up with it as he ran hard toward the left-center wall. It was Beltre's first triple since July 26, 2010.

then became about whether the boat could position itself to give Palmer enough leverage to reel it in, he said.

She didn't want to give up, but the fish stayed in deep waters and eventually died on the line, drifting directly below the ship, Isaacs said.

"We pushed it, but her husband suggested we get out of the chair before she passed out," Isaacs said.

Angling is as much about math and physics as the open-water adventure. Palmer, at 5-foot-9 and 160 pounds, needed to get the marlin more than six times her size positioned higher in the water to make it easier for her to reel in her line without attracting sharks or breaking the line or any of the boat's equipment.

But she wasn't looking for any excuses. "It was a bad decision that stopped me more than my physical limits," she said.

Diamond Suspended

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Minnesota Twins starter Scott Diamond was suspended six games by Major League Baseball on Friday for a pitch thrown near the head of Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton.

Diamond was immediately ejected after the left-hander's pitch behind Hamilton's head in the third inning of Thursday night's game.

The suspension and undisclosed fine were announced by Joe Garagiola Jr., senior vice president of standards and on-field operations for MLB.

Since Diamond is appealing the suspension, he remained on the Twins' active roster.

Twins catcher Joe Mauer had been hit by a pitch thrown by Roy Oswalt in the top of the third inning in the series opener Thursday night.



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OUTDOORS DIGEST

Ted Nugent Kamp For Kids Sept. 15 In Yankton

The third annual NFAA & Ted Nugent Kamp for Kids will be held in Yankton at the NFAA Easton Yankton Archery Complex, 800 Archery Lane, on Saturday, Sept. 15. It runs from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. This will provide hands-on outdoor experiences for children ages 7-17. The day will include: archery, air rifles, trap shooting, fishing, sling shots, geo-caching and more. Participants will receive lunch, drinks, event T-shirt, outdoor gear and archery accessories.

Ted Nugent's appearance at the camp is planned but not guaranteed.

This camp is limited to the first 200 paid registrations. Participants need to be dressed appropriately for weather and outdoor activities. No sandals; wear closed toe shoes.

Register on-line at www.yanktonarcherycomplex.org. Registration is on now.

For more information, call 605-260-9282.

S.D. River Otter Plan Available For Review

PIERRE — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is offering citizens the opportunity to review a five-year draft management plan for river otters.

The South Dakota River Otter Management Plan is a draft plan on how the state proposes to manage this unique species associated with South Dakota's riparian habitats.

The draft is now open for review during a 30-day public comment period.

"As a state threatened species, this plan identifies specific objectives and strategies with the intent of recovering the state's population of river otters," said senior wildlife biologist Eileen Dowd-Stukel. "Further research, inventory, and surveys will help identify the direction of future management activities."

The draft management plan can be found on the GFP website at: <http://gfp.sd.gov/wildlife/management/diversity/river-otter.aspx>

There is also the opportunity to provide feedback on the plan through that link.

A printed copy of the report can be obtained by writing: River Otter Plan; Game, Fish and Parks; 523 East Capitol Avenue; Pierre, SD 57501. Written comments on the draft plan may be mailed to the same address.

Cougar Found In Nebraska Panhandle Town Is Killed

KIMBALL, Neb. (AP) — Officials have killed a cougar that was spotted in a tree just a few blocks from an elementary school on the east side of Kimball in the Nebraska Panhandle.

The animal was seen Saturday by a man who lives in the area, across U.S. Highway 30 from Gotte Park and a few blocks north of Mary Lynch Elementary.

A Nebraska Game and Parks officer tranquilized the 90-pound male. It was removed from the tree and then euthanized.

Police Chief Mark Simpson says the public was in danger because the cougar was inside city limits. Sam Wilson, of Nebraska Game and Parks, says the cougar was euthanized under the agency's policy on cats that enter a community.

Mountain Lion Euthanized In Kimball, Neb.

LINCOLN, Neb. — A mountain lion was euthanized in Kimball on Saturday, Aug. 18, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. A Game and Parks representative darted and euthanized the 90-pound male after it was reported in a tree in a residential area.

Since 1991, there have been 71 confirmations of mountain lion presence in Nebraska outside the Pine Ridge.

Busy Labor Day Weekend Planned At Indian Cave SP

LINCOLN, Neb. — Indian Cave State Park near Shubert will have activities for all ages, including guided horse trail rides and living history demonstrations, during the Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1-3.

The following trades will be demonstrated: candle, soap, butter and broom making, blacksmithing and wood carving. The museum, where children may make crafts, will be open all weekend.

The Pioneer Longrifle Gun Club will hold its rendezvous Sept. 1-2 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sept. 3 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a buffalo stew feed at 6 p.m. on Sept. 1. The cost is \$9 for adults and \$6 for ages 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Later that night, if conditions allow, there will be a fireworks show at 9 p.m.

Call the park at 402-883-2575 for more information. A park entry permit is required to enter the park.

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