

**Outdoors Briefs:
Mountain Lion Plan
Available For Review**

PIERRE — The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department is offering citizens an opportunity to review a draft of a new five-year management plan for mountain lions.

The South Dakota Mountain Lion Management Plan 2010-2015 describes how state authorities propose to manage mountain lions in South Dakota. The draft is available for review through July 26. Interested residents are encouraged to submit comments on the plan by that deadline.

"Game, Fish and Parks held public meetings earlier this year to inform the public about mountain lion management and gather input on the future direction of mountain lion management in the state," said Tony Leif, Wildlife Division director.

Request a printed copy of the report or submit written comments to: Game, Fish and Parks Department, 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD, 57501.

**Remaining Big Game Permits
Go On Sale July 11**

LINCOLN, Neb. — Remaining big game hunting permits may be purchased beginning July 11 at 1 p.m. Central Daylight Time, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Residents, nonresidents and eligible landowners may purchase deer and pronghorn antelope permits, and residents and eligible landowners may purchase elk permits.

Big game permits may be purchased at OutdoorNebraska.org or at Game and Parks permitting offices.

OF THE OUTDOORS | GARY HOWEY

Good Fishing Available On Missouri

BY GARY HOWEY
Hartington, Neb.

As I poked my head out the door of our room at Cedar Shore on the Missouri River near Chamberlain, I was met by a howling wind along with a heavy rainfall, not exactly what a fisherman, little alone a camera crew looks for when they want to get on the water.

As anyone who lives in the upper Midwest can attest to, this year has been different, as we've had more than our share of water coming into and down the Missouri River.

Even though it's been a different year with a lot of water, when weather allows us to get on the water, the fishing has been excellent, with good numbers and some of the healthiest fish we've seen in years.

On this excursion, our plans were to fish and film in the Chamberlain area with a couple of friends from the South Dakota Walleyes Unlimited, www.sd-walleyesunlimited.org, a group with over 200 members that are dedicated to preserving, protecting, and improving all fisheries within the state of South Dakota.

As we were trying to decide our next move, Woody Tiggelaar (Sioux Falls), one of our guides, gave us a call; he was in the lobby and would meet us for breakfast in the restaurant where we'd meet with him and other guide Rocky Niewenhuis (Corsica) to figure out a plan of attack.

According to the weather report, after breakfast, there would be a window of opportunity that would give us about four hours before the next front moved in.

It didn't take us long and we were on the road heading to the Big Bend Dam at Ft. Thompson where we planned on fishing the fast water using three way rigs with floating Raps.

There were several trailers in the lot when we arrived, as well as several boats at the dock, with most of the fishing being done right below the dam powerhouse.

As we headed for the fast water, I thought back to a couple of weeks ago when several friends and I were up to do some fishing. At that time, the fast water and the area just below the fishing dock on the south side of the lake were the hot spots. On this trip, all that was visible on the dock was the security light pole sticking out of the water, giving me some idea as to how much the water had risen in less than two weeks.

When fishing the fast water on this trip, we'd be using three way rigs, a short dropper line with a four-ounce sinker, helped to keep our rigs in contact with the foot or so of mono tied with a floating Rap or Lindy Shadling.

Larry and I were fishing out of Rocky's boat, while Kyle, our cameraman was filming out of Woody's. On the second drift, Woody connected,

trying into a good walleye, while our boat was tangling with the white bass.

With another storm bearing down on us, we decided to make the move back to Cedar Shore, putting us closer to our home base, just in case the weather turned bad quickly.

We also wanted to give pulling lead-core with cranks a try and it looked as if pulling cranks between the two Chamberlain bridges would be our best bet.

We started our pull just off the south side of the interstate along the riprap; I had two lines out, as did Larry and were pulling Lindy Shadlings and Berkley Flicker Shads

I'd just put the rods in the holders when both began to bounce; both Larry and I grabbed a rod, bringing in two very healthy, but short walleyes which were released to fight another day.

It didn't take us long to pick up several more good size walleyes as well as a northern Pike, which was good as a tremendous storm was moving in from the south.

For the short period of time we were on the water, we ended up with a nice bunch of walleyes and I can't wait to get back up to Chamberlain and Lake Francis Case as the fishing has been excellent with fat healthy walleyes being taken.

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PHOTO: LARRY MYHRE
Rocky Niewenhuis of Corsica is pictured with one of the White Bass taken on three-way rigs in the fast water Big Bend Dam.

OF THE OUTDOORS | BABE WINKELMAN

**On The Hunt For Early Summer
Walleyes In Ontario Shield Lakes**

BY BABE WINKELMAN

I think the prettiest fish in the world is a walleye pulled from a shield lake. They seem to have a rich, caramel color unmatched by any other region in North America. Maybe it's because of the dark water in many of Ontario's thousands of Canadian shield lakes. Or maybe it's simply an extension of the colorful personality you find in Ontario's places, people and attitude.

At least once every early summer, you'll find me in my Polar Kraft prowling for walleyes in Ontario. If you haven't done the same, I highly recommend that you do. And when you're lucky enough to experience it, here's a proven approach to filling your livewell and memories with golden walleyes.

Shallow Thinking

In early summer, the walleyes have just finished spawning. So you'll find them near their spawning grounds which are ideally hard-bottom bays with lots of gravel and some current. The current can be from inflowing rivers and creeks, or from wind/wave action off points and within pinch-points.

Study a good lake map, ask questions at the lodge you're visiting and spend some time searching for potential hot-spot bays. A solid game plan pays dividends.

An ideal shallow bay will be between 4-8 feet deep with a feeder creek and a hard sandy bottom. If rubble and some weeds are mixed in, even better. I'll often begin fishing with a "search bait" presentation to cover a lot of water and find active fish. Trolling with a 1/2 ounce bottom bouncer and a 5-foot snell with a spinner rig and night crawler is a great search bait strategy.

Active Fish Found

After you zero in on reef, flat, saddle or point that's holding active fish, you can switch tactics to improve your catch rate. At this point, I'll grab a medium-action jiggling rod with a 1/16 or 1/8 ounce jig and 6-10 pound monofilament line. Tip the jig with a leech, minnow or half a crawler. From my experience, the best colors in Ontario shield lakes are orange, pink, chartreuse and gold. I think the brighter colors always perform better in that stained water.

Experiment with plastic bodied jigs, hair jigs and "naked" jigs too and find out what the fish are responding to. I really like to use jigs with an attached fluttering blade. In addition to providing some extra flash and vibration, the blade slows down the rate that the jig falls. Active fish like to hit that jig on the drop, so if you slow it down it'll stay in the strike zone longer.

If the fish aren't hitting your jig when you pitch it and let it fall, try dragging it instead. Start with a very slow, steady drag with gentle jiggling. But don't be afraid to throw in some snap-jiggling too. Sometimes that aggressive "snap" incites a reflex bite from a walleye that you wouldn't get with a gentle "pop."

Clustered Fish & Bobbers

I recall a particular Ontario trip when we always seemed to get bit at a particular spot on a big, featureless flat. For whatever reason, the walleyes were really bunched up in that small area. So to key in on them and eliminate the commotion of trolling over them, we

backed off and slowly lowered an anchor. Then we brought out the slip bobber rods and presented small feather jigs with leeches beneath the floats. Man did we hammer 'em!

And there's not much that matches the excitement of watching a bobber go down and knowing it's a big 'eye doing it. Using floats is also a great idea if the bottom is really rugged and causing a lot of hang-ups and broken lines. So give slip-bobbering a try if the fish and conditions dictate it.

Getting There

The first step in experiencing the best shield lake walleye fishing in the world is planning the trip. Ontario makes it easy with their GoFishInOntario.com website. You just go in, specify "walleyes" as the fish you're after, and the website directs you to lakes, lodges and outfitters that can turn your dream into a reality. You can read about the lodges and their amenities, see their pricing and even get great fishing tips that will help you catch even more fish.

Bonus!

While fishing early summer walleyes, Ontario will surprise you with some fringe benefits — namely an abundance of "accidental" fish you'll catch including large and smallmouth bass, pike, muskies and big crappies. It's not uncommon to catch three different species on three consecutive casts. I don't know about you, but I love it when that happens.

I hope you can make the trip soon. Take a bunch of pictures while you're there and feel free to email me some photos at babe@winkelman.com — so I can see how you did!

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OUTDOORS SPOTLIGHT



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Aubree Potts caught this 8-pound channel catfish on June 24.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Lane Mauch caught this largemouth bass on June 24.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
LEFT: Scott Dittmer caught these catfish, weighing between 6-12 pounds, at Lake Yankton.



RIGHT: Garrison Brockberg shot this 22.5-pound snapping turtle with a bow and arrow.

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