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# 'Pitchin' The S.D. Shoreline

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When it comes to walleye anglers in the upper Midwest, Ted Takasaki is one of the best, no matter what fishing methods being used or what body of water he'd be fishing on, Ted's going to catch fish!

We had the privilege of fishing with Ted last week on the Missouri River in the Chamberlain area a couple of weeks ago.

The fishing in the Chamberlain area has been excellent as it has been throughout the Missouri system, with good num-



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After last year's floods on the Missouri, there's been some concern as to just how the fishing would be in 2012. It didn't take long for anglers to realize the fishing on the system with all the water going through the dams hadn't negatively affected the fishing; in fact, the fishing this vears is some of the best we've seen.

Our plan was to use live bait rigs (bottom bouncers with Lindy two-hook spinners) and work along a few of the numerous points in the river down from Chamber-

Ted guided his boat along the breaks of he first point moving along the break where his locator showed fish and it wasn't long before Team member Larry Myhre connected with the first fish a

The key to using spinners is to get the boat moving at the right speed ion order to get the spinner blade working properly. If you're going too slowly, your bottom bouncer will drag and snag up on the bottom or your spinner won't spin correctly.

If you're moving too fast the spinner will rise up, taking your bait up out of the fish catching zone.

Ted had the speed down perfectly as on each point we worked with one or two fish coming off of each point we fished. It wasn't long before a fleet of boats



Ted Takasaki of Sioux Falls is pictured with one of the walleyes taken while fishing near Chamberlain.

started making their way down river as the City of Sioux Falls Employees Fishing Tournament was going on and it seemed as many of the tournament boats had the same idea and would be fishing the same

As the tournament boats came into the area, we decided to get out of their way and switched to pulling Lindy Shadings out along a break near the middle of the

Once again, our rods bent over as the aggressive mails attacked our baits and for the rest of the afternoon, we trolled,

taking numerous walleyes with the largest being 19 to 20" range.

Our second day would be a short one, as we would need to pull out about noon to get back for appointments at the office.

We decided to fish the area just below the I-90 Bridge, pitching Lindy Fuzz-E Grubs and their new Whatsit jigs up shallow which had been a deadly method no matter where we'd fished this spring as the method worked from Lake Sharpe to upper Lake Oahe as well as on several of the Northeast South Dakota Lakes.

The key to pitching jigs is to enter the

shallow water quietly and then to work your jig back towards the boat, hopping your jig back along the bottom. When pitching jigs, you'll need to keep your line tight to detect those subtle pickups.

Ted connected almost immediately with Larry and I coming in a close second

When pitching jigs, you never know what you might catch as all species of fish will attack a jig if it comes with sight, some will hit it as soon as it hits the water or right at the boat.

Several northerns did their best to tear up our tackle with their razor sharp teeth; we managed to get some of them to the boat, while others broke us off, swimming

On one cast, just as the jig plopped into the water along the shoreline, Larry connected with a good fish that wouldn't come off the bottom and after a short fight I slid the net under an 8-pound channel catfish.

Later on, I set the hook on a big fish, which stayed down like a walleye, but since I couldn't feel the head shake you'd feel when fighting a walleye, I wasn't sure what I had and after running me from the front of the boat around to the back, we landed a big drum.

Ted knew where to fish and had the methods to take the fish and we ended up with a great show and a good bunch of walleyes for a fish fry.

In order to be consistent fishermen, you need to be productive with numerous fishing methods. Pitching jigs up shallow is one of these methods for taking all game fish before they head for deeper

It's a relaxing way to fish and you just never know what you'll catch while pitching jigs into the shoreline.

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tight. He and his mom reached

When we finally got that fish

up, everyone's eyes got as big as

dinner plates," Clay said. "My

daughter immediately yelled,

'That's a goonch!', which is a

type of catfish (found in south

and southeast Asia) that they

Monsters' one night."

blue catfish waiting.

great trip.

showed being caught on 'River

But their story didn't end

there. A few hooks down on the

trotline, they found a 40-pound

"Before that day, I would

have been excited to catch that

"I had an older guy come up

to me and say, 'I didn't think this

ol' river had that kind of catfish

in it anymore.' But I think there

are more of these big ones out

there than we realize. You just

have to have everything go just

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blue cat," Clay said. "What a

over, slowly worked the giant

catfish to the surface and

flopped it into the boat.

### OUTDOORS DIGEST

#### 2 More Cougars Kill In Residential SD Areas

RAPID CITY (AP) — South Dakota wildlife officials have killed two more mountain lions that

wandered into residential areas. Game, Fish and Parks Department regional wildlife manager John Kanta tells the Rapid City Journal (http://bit.ly/KFwe9r) a young female was shot in Custer on Tuesday evening and an older male lion was killed just north of Rapid City the same night.

Four cougars have been killed by state wildlife officials and Rapid City police in a span of 11 days. Kanta says there is no clear reason for the recent flurry of lion activity near people. He says such spurts have occurred before with no discernible

Some people believe the lion population is bigger than state officials say, and some believe higher kill quotes during hunting season have led to more orphaned young cats.

#### **York County Sheriff Reports He And Wife Saw Cougar**

YORK, Neb. (AP) — Another mountain lion sighting has been reported to the York County

But this one has been confirmed by Sheriff Dale Radcliff, who's the one making the report. Radcliff told the York News-Times (http://bit.ly/MvsOcL) "there's absolutely no doubt, no doubt at all, that what I saw was a mountain

His department has been receiving calls about mountain lions from county residents for more than a year, but none of the sightings has been

Radcliff says he and his wife saw the big cat about 8:30 a.m. on June 20, about two blocks north of York Middle School in York. It walked into a cornfield after it noticed them.

Mountain lions, which also are called cougars or pumas, have turned up as far east in Nebraska

#### Seven Neb. State Recreation Areas Will Allow Fireworks On July 4

Visitors to seven state recreation areas will be allowed to touch off fireworks on Independence Day, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Those visitors should use extra caution with fireworks where extremely dry conditions and high fire haz-

Branched Oak State Recreation Area (SRA) near Malcolm, Memphis SRA near Memphis, Fort Kearny SRA near Kearney, Fremont SRA near Fremont, Two Rivers SRA near Venice, Pawnee SRA near Emerald and Wagon Train SRA near Hickman will permit fireworks from 8 a.m. until midnight on July 4 only. Signs at recreation areas will point the way to fireworks sites and their boundaries will be clearly marked. Use of fireworks elsewhere in state areas or at other times Only fireworks approved for sale in Nebraska

by the state fire marshal are permitted and visitors must pick up expended fireworks and deposit them in appropriate containers. A park entry permit is required for all vehicles

#### **Remaining Big Game Per**mits Go on Sale July 9

ing permits may be purchased beginning July 9 at 1 p.m. Central Daylight Time, according to the Ne-braska Game and Parks Commission.

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

Game and Parks urges hunters to read the 2012 Big Game Guide to become familiar with permits before purchasing them. Permit availability information may be found at OutdoorNebraska.org. Click on Buy a Permit, then Remaining Permits, to learn how many of each permit remains.

Big game permits may be purchased at Out-doorNebraska.org or at Game and Parks permit-

#### **Peregrine Chicks Named Lewis And Clark**

LINCOLN, Neb. — The two peregrine falcons fledged at a nest box atop the Nebraska State Capitol have been named Lewis and Clark, according to the Neb. Game and Parks Commission.

Six hundred votes were cast in the annual Name the Chicks Contest. Game and Parks selected the winning entry, which was submitted by the following falcon fans: Anne Sawver, Boulder, Colo.: Marvin Oltman, Lincoln: Jack and Nancy Soukup, Davey; David Vanek, Irwin, Pa.; Don Alvord, Lincoln; Harper Wilmoth, Lincoln; and Tad Frazier, Lincoln.

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## Mich. Measure Would Require Quicker Asian Carp Action

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — Federal engineers would be ordered to speed up development of a plan for protecting the Great Lakes from Asian carp under legislation awaiting final votes in Congress. The measure would require the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to produce an expedited strategy for preventing species migrations between the lakes and the Mississippi River watershed at 18 potential entry points, including a network of Chicago-area rivers and canals.

House and Senate negotiators attached the provision to a highway funding bill on which both chambers are expected to vote by the end of June. Rep. Dave Camp, a Michigan Republican and member of the conference committee, said the amendment was "an important step to stop Asian carp from devastating the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The Army corps previously said it needed until late 2015 to finish studying the matter. But in May, Obama administration officials said a plan would be ready by the end of next year — similar to the deadline envisioned by the legislation.

However, the administration plan would simply present a list of options for Congress and the public to consider. The measure proposed by Camp and Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Michigan Democrat, would require more detailed proposals — including steps to sever a manmade link between the Lake Michigan and Mississippi drainage basins at Chicago.

Asian carp have migrated up the Mississippi and tributary rivers and could reach Lake Michigan through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal.

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#### **Anglers Land Proof That Mo. Still Has Giant Catfish** fish weighed, they were already one of the droplines stretched

BY BRENT FRAZEE (c)2012 The Kansas City Star (Kansas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Don't assume that all of the legendary catfish caught in Missouri came from the "good ol' days."

True, the Show Me State has a long history of producing huge cats. Riverboat captains on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers talk about fish as big as a man being reeled in.

But in a way, that history is ill being written. Take it from Danny Calvert and Clay Smith, who both landed monstrous catfish in June — fish that turned back Missouri's clock.

First, Calvert and his friend, Bill Gilmore, wrestled a 98pound blue cat into the boat near La Benite Park on the Missouri River. Then Smith and his mother Gladys, struggled to lift a fighting 84-pound flathead into the boat where the Osage River feeds Truman Lake.

Both fish are proof that Missouri still has plenty of river monsters (as the title of a popular television show would say) living here.

"I doubt if I'll ever have another day like that one," said Calveret, 27, of Excelsion Springs. "We were excited enough to catch that 98pounder. "Then we go to the spot where we had put some bank lines out, and we caught a 67-pound flathead.

'I don't know what was going on that day, but the big ones were feeding. Those were two

fish of a lifetime on one trip." Not bad for a guy who was fishing the Missouri River for only the second time.

"I had been trying for the last three years to get a big one, but I couldn't get past 20, 25 pounds," Calvert said. "I had fished at Truman before that and we would always catch fish. But we could never bring a big

That changed when Calvert went with a friend who has a veteran at fish the Missouri River. By the time Calvert went out, he knew to set his trotlines on the current side of the wing dikes and to use large Koi and green sunfish, for bait

When Calvert and Gilmore pulled up to the trotlines, they knew something big had taken one of the baits. The line was headed straight up river instead

of downstream. "When we got that fish in, it took up a lot of the boat, Calveret said.

Little did he know that the boat was about to get a lot more crowded. When they pulled up to the bank lines, one of the poles was bent sharply.

They pulled the big flathead to the surface, and suddenly had two big passengers in their boat.

By the time Calvert had the

tourist attractions. Friends came by to gawk at the fish and dream of the day they would catch something like that.

"That was the trip of a life-time," Calvert said. "You just don't catch two fish like that on the same day.'

Smith and his family also experienced the trip of a lifetime in early June when they went set trotlines near the point where the Osage River joins Truman

Lake. With his mother Gladys. daughter Caitlyn and son Carter in the boat, Clay was trying to bring back some of the magic of his youth.

"My uncle Duke would always take me out and we would set lines on the Osage, near where he farms," said Člay, 35, who lives in Moberly. "I remember him catching some huge catfish, and he taught me a lot about how to do it.

"Still, I hadn't caught anything better than 35 pounds. I knew they were in there, but I hadn't caught them."

Smiths luck changed when he pulled up to his trotline and saw



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