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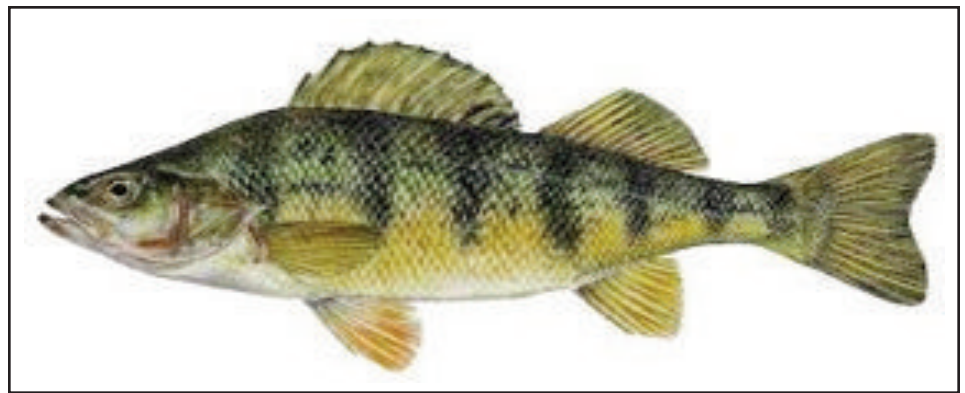
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Perch: The Other Walleye

Courtesy of fishing guide Charlie Worrath
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When I was growing up, just about no one that was a Minnesota resident would ever be caught with a perch on his stringer. Most people at the time would bounce one off the top of their motor, so it couldn't bite again, or cuss and grumble that they got a perch bite, regardless of the size. My dad, who is one of those old-time residents, thinks if it's not a walleye it's not a fish. Although, he will keep a few crappies, and he still ask me at times "are you keeping those grubby perch for people?" But times have changed, and when word got out in the late 70's and 80's about all the perch in our area lakes, along with no limits, people from the surrounding states came by the hundreds. Minnesota residents started to take notice, and started to think maybe all these people can't be all wrong. Now 40+ years later the perch is sometimes preferred over the king of Minnesota fish - the walleye.

Perch begin spawning just before the water temps hit 50 degrees F. Look for them along sparse weeds. They don't like thick vegetation, but prefer transitions from hard to soft bottom or sand where weeds are thin. On lakes like Big Winnie, you'll find the perch this time of year in areas that have a lot of sand grass, usually



a little shallower than the walleyes, although sometimes they'll be mixed together. Use the lightest jig you can get by with in these sand grass areas, even as small as 1/32 oz.; just stay in contact with the bottom. The wind will determine the size of the jig on any given day. Check your jig often to remove any grass you pick up; also you'll want to jig more aggressively to keep the jig just off the bottom and on top of the sand grass. You'll want to cover ground fast at first, until you locate a school, then go back and slowly fish the area. Perch are concentrated until the water temperature climbs above 55 degrees F. You won't want to spend too much time in any one spot until you locate a school of jumbos. These are perch that measure 9 inches and up. Once you find them,

anchoring is a good idea. I've caught a lot more perch along side the boat than fishing away from it at times. They seem to like to concentrate under it, like a dock. I use Northland Gum-Ball multi-colored jigs 1/16 oz. or 1/8 oz. tipped with small chubs most of the time, but you can cast a Rapala Jigging Rap, Northland Puppet Minnow and Northland Thumper Jig with good results.

When the water temps climb to 55 degrees F to 60 degrees F, perch start to spread out into deeper water, making them a lot harder to locate. You'll find them in areas where the mayflies hatch, which is usually deeper water along the edge of structure 25 to 35 feet. Look for the transitions between the hard and soft bottom. I have also found them on the very top of this structure. I vertically fish the perch in that depth with a 3/8 oz. Northland Fireball Parrot colored jig tipped with a minnow or piece of crawler. In both situations, you can pick up a bonus walleye or northern pike, and those deeper pike at this time of year are usually in the larger size range.

Then as the summer progresses around

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Club Calendar

- August 27thNUASF Club Meeting
- September 10thNUASF Social Night at Club House
- September 19th.....Peterman's Fishing Contest
- September 24th.....NUASF Club Meeting
- October 9th.....NUASF Social Night at Club House
- October 29th.....NUASF Club Meeting

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From the President

By Jason Kuester

First things first, I would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped with the Kids fishing contest. Everyone did a great job!!! We had our best turnout ever this year on the river. (252 Happy Kids) Thanks Again!!

I would like to remind everyone about the Peterman's Fall Fishing Contest. The date is Saturday September 19th, starts at noon and goes until the last man is standing. It is on the Minnesota River off of the bottom road by Hwy 4 (watch for the signs). All proceeds go to the EE Mecklenburg Scholarship. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!! (P.S. Bring a camper if you can, there is plenty of room!!!!)

Labor Day is just around the corner, where did summer go? As you all know River Blast planning is under way. The dates for the event are September 4th and 5th. Scott is looking for bartenders to work the beer tent, if you are available please contact him at 507-276-2280 or at yasure@lycos.com We will also be giving the boat away on Saturday night. Please turn in all boat tickets at the meeting or at Riverblast.

Here are some important upcoming events for your calendars. The first event is the Peterman's Fall Club Fishing Contest September 19th. NUASF Ice Fishing Contest is just around the corner. Plans are also being made for the winter fishing trip to Dixon

Summer is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

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July and on, start to look for perch feeding on the young of the year crawfish. Look for deeper rocks 12 to 18 feet. With good electronics, you'll be able to see schools of perch mainly on the very top. Again I like to vertically fish them, with 1/8oz. Northland Gum-Ball Parrot colored jig. You can hold the boat with the trolling motor, or anchor up. Then just drop over the side of the boat and fish straight down.

As summer starts to fade into fall, perch, like all fish, start to put on the feed bag for the long winter ahead. They will move in towards shallower rocks and in and along pencil reeds. These fish can be as shallow as 3 feet this time of year. You'll want to fish fast through these areas, to locate a school, as these area can be vast in size. Like before, when you locate a school, anchoring up is best way to stay on the school, and by now you know I'm a big jig-minnow fan. Jig minnow combo is a great catch-all-species presentation, and you're also likely to pick off a crappie or two at this time of year, or any other species that gets in the way.

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Monthly Meeting July 30th , 2015 Members Present: 40S+

I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Jim Hulke and seconded by Glenn Rasmussen to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

II. Treasury Report

A) Balance \$ 19,396.05

1) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Orin Schultz to except report as read. Passed

III. Old Business

A) Membership update.

1) 169 – 18 due

B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) Lake Michigan – Did well brought 10 fish home

2) Lake Diefenbach – Tony Miller report 28” & 32” walleye, rain out on Tuesday and came home had a great time.

3) Alaska – 30# halibut & salmon were caught.

C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) Heavy rain damaged the driveway again, will need repair. Jason Kuester talking with the county about the issue.

2) Ron Ludewig dragged the driveway before the meeting, Ron and John Rolloff also mowed the lawn.

IV) Other Old Business

A) None

V) New Business

A) Boat Raffle Report

1) Many books are still out. Only \$3600 have been turned in.

2) Boat will be at Dranttel Sales on Aug 15th from 9-12 AM

3) Will be at the Brown County Fair. We will need help at both.

B) Kids Fishing Contest update

1) Jim H. Collected prizes at Running's, R&R, Napa, Retzlaff spent about \$200 at each. Running donated about \$100. Scheele's will give us 50% off our purchases . Haven't heard from Mills Fleet Farm

2) Ads will be placed – Shopper (2), Journal(2), Jim H. will do a piece on KNUJ

3) Ads will run on the Signs by City Hall Parking Lot and at Sid's Signs

4) Will need lots of help Starting g at 2:00 PM

5) Will see if the Police Departments Canine Unit can come down.

C) Handicapped Fishing Outing at Studtmann Pond will be held Aug 4th. Starts at 4:00. Will need about 20 members to help.

D) Food next meeting

1) Hot dogs – Bring a dish to pass

VI) Other New Business

A) Tony Miller thanked members who came to his retirement party

B) Dick Petermann Club Fishing Contest will be held 3rd Saturday of September.

VII) Adjourn @ 8:30

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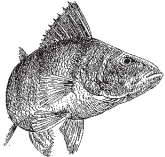

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