

# CAPTAIN RALPH STEIGER



## May Summary 2010

As April ended and May began my efforts were focused on smallmouth bass. The start of May was just excellent. The water temperatures cooled back down to about 52-53 degrees and the big smallies went crazy once again. My strategy changed I was spending too much time in shallow warm water and not enough time in deeper colder water. Both patterns were working well for numbers of fish but the deeper water was producing much larger fish. The biggest smallmouth landed was a 5 lbs 5 oz PIG!! We also caught lots of fish over 4lbs. The average fish was over 3lbs. The baits we used to catch these monsters were very similar to April. Poorboy Eire Darter Jrs. were the best. Color choice was about the same. The water was very clear but for some reason darker baits were working better. Steiger's Ice and Copper Candy were the best colors. As May continued the water slowly warmed up and more fish started the spawning motions. Fishing was still good but frustrating at times. There were days where we would see 100-200 fish just swimming around but only manage to catch 12 fish in a full day trip. When spawning is on their mind eating isn't. I will not complain too much though the weather was very cooperative and the fish were most of the time. Below are some pictures from this May on my boat.





Later in May we started targeting Salmon and Trout in deeper water. This type of fishing done by trolling over deeper water and targeting suspended fish. It was a great couple of weeks at the end of May. Lake Trout, King salmon, and Coho Salmon accounted for most of our catch. Rapture Fly meatrigs and John King Flashers caught most of the kings and cohos. We ran the meatrigs on wire dipsy rods. Best meatrigh combos were Glow flasher/Little bride teasers and Blue/Green dolphin flasher/ green hypnotist teasers. The best lake trout bait was a Luhr Jensen Smoke dodger and a Rapture Fly Green Bubble fly on the bottom. Leadcore rods were also hot. 6, 8, and 10 colors of leadcore all worked very well. On the leadcore we were running spoons. Very basic colors. Green and silver and blue and silver were working the best. Below are a few pictures. Lots more Salmon fishing to come!!



More fishing to come in June! I still have some dates open for summer salmon and trout.

Thanks Ralph

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