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Below is a summary of this year's fishing on the southern end of Lake Michigan.

It was another awesome year filled with lots of giant perch, monster Smallmouth Bass and some of the best Salmon and Trout fishing in the world. If we fished together this year thanks again for coming I hope you had a great trip and I hope to see you again. If we didn't fish together this year what are you waiting on!! Some of the best fishing in country is right here in the Chicago land area.

Dates for 2010 are available but I have already filled a lot of the upcoming year. If you are interested in doing some fishing with don't wait all dates will be filled.

## March and April



March started out just like always with awesome Coho and Brown Trout fishing. Most of the fishing was done near warm water discharges where the water was much warmer than the main lake. Casting and trolling were both very good, but catching them casting was the way to go. 40-60 fish days were common. All on light gear (spinning rods with 6lb test line).

April was a tough month with all the heavy winds we had. When the weather was cooperative fishing was great for Perch, Salmon, and Smallmouth Bass. The Smallmouth fishing was spectacular.

There were lots of big fish. The fish averaged 3-4lb but we did have a lot of fish over 5lbs. The best technique was jig fishing in 4-20 ft of water with Poorboy Erie Dater Jrs. The Perch fishing was the best we have ever seen. The Perch were averaging 12-16 inch keepers. That's right 12-16 inches. The best Perch fishing in the world is right here. Salmon fishing was also some of the best we have ever seen. Cohos were just everywhere but the bonus this spring was all the big King Salmon that hit the shoreline. There were lots of fish over 16lbs and lots of action. Trolling was the best method to target these fish



## May and June



The weather was very cooperative and the fishing showed. Smallmouth fishing remained very good all the way thru June. The same techniques as April but we also caught a lot of fish throwing crank baits and Jerk baits. The Salmon and Trout fishing remained very good in deeper water (45-65 ft of water). Trolling was the way to target these fish. The best thing about May and June is all

the action you can have in a day. Most of the fish we were catching were big Coho salmon (4-7lbs). King Salmon were also mixed in the daily catch. In June we were fishing for Perch over weed beds casting spinners tipped with soft-shell crabs. Indiana and Illinois were both good. But one thing that stands out is the awesome fishing in downtown Chicago. Skyscrapers as a backdrop and perch on the line, it doesn't get much better than that. Chicago fishing is something you have to experience.



## July, August, and September



In July and August the Salmon and Trout fishing was on fire. The fish were in deep water (65-100 ft of water). All the fish were caught trolling using either spoons or meatrigs. King Salmon, Coho Salmon, and Steelhead Trout made up the majority of the catch. There were lots of big fish and lots of action day in and day out. On a normal day 15-25 fish were boated every morning. Perch fishing was also very good in

Indiana and Illinois.

In September the weather was terrible. The water temperatures were very warm and fishing was slow. The only type of fishing that was good was the Smallmouth Bass fishing. We were still catching fish everyday and getting some nice ones mixed in. We used the same techniques as earlier in the year, but just a little bit deeper water.

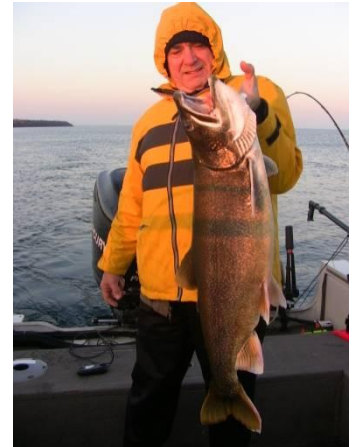


## October and November



In October and early November Smallmouth fishing was very good. October was tough because of all the heavy winds and rain. With all the changes in weather one day would be awesome and the next day we would have to work for them but as a whole fishing was very good. November was different a story. Fishing was great for Smallmouth Bass. I wish I would have booked more Smallmouth trips in November. Since mid-October thru November the Lake Trout fishing has been hot. We are catching

big fish and huge numbers every day. We have caught a few fish over 20lbs and lots and lots in the high teens. This last week we have boated of over 120 fish in 5 trips. That's over 20 monster Lake Trout a day. The only other place in the world to do this type of fishing is Canada and that's a long way away!!



**This is a good guide to what to expect throughout the upcoming year. Dates fill up very fast if you are interested don't wait. Feel free to call me with any questions or comments.**

**Thanks Ralph  
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