

# Ranger Report

July 20 – 26, 2014

The fishing on the lake has been hit and miss this week. The catfish must be sleeping in the mornings and afternoon. Maybe 8 or 9 catfish are getting caught during the day. Night time is the right time to catch that big fish. The catfish are waking up about 9:00 pm and biting all night long. The bait that has been working the best are shrimp, liver, and Herschel's homemade stink bait. The raccoons have been raiding the picnic table of the people who have been leaving their food out. So if you are camping out or picnicking and fishing late be sure to put your stuff up at dark.

I think everyone knows that we have white perch in the lake. These fish are considered a nuisance fish by the state of Kansas. If you catch one you are not allowed to put it back into the lake or leave the property with the fish alive. The perch are fun to catch and are excellent to eat. The white perch do not have a creel limit. I'm starting to see some fisherman come out here to fish for the white perch exclusively. Why not? If you would like to try your hand at the white perch population, stop me as I go around the lake and I will be glad to help you.

Next week I'm going to talk about a missed opportunity; the camping situation at the SBEA Lake.

Creel: Catfish – 134, Bass – 17, Crappie – 8, Blue Gill – 45.

We will be stocking the lake on the July 31.