

Ranger Report

March

Hello everyone!

Are you ready for spring fishing? I know a lot of you are! With the warmer weather we have had some real nice channel and blue cats caught. The baits used were shrimp and shad. The bass were caught on orange and peach trout baits. The trout bite has been up and down some. The best baits for the trout has been the orange and peach trout dough baits and pink minnows. A few trout were caught on crawlers too. With the trout, fish on the cloudy days and days with a brisk wind that makes a chop on the water. Trout like to feed when they feel safe. Days that are sunny and calm look for shaded areas or areas with cover where trout may hide. Also we need to remind everyone, if you catch a fish like carp, shad or bluegill and don't want it, please throw it back In the lake. The bluegill will grow bigger, the shad will feed our blue cats and the carp will clean the lake. We don't want to see dead and wasted fish on the banks. Also starting in April, all of our bass for one year will be catch and release only. This is to protect our last few years of positive bass breeding. We will reassess the catch and release of bass in one year. We still have the \$.25 cent bounty for all white perch! Every white perch caught must not go back in the lake. Keep them live in a bucket, take them to the bait shop and get paid to go fishing! The rangers will dispose of the white perch once you have turned them in to the bait shop.

Creel Count: Trout-209, Catfish- 19, Bass 3, Total-231