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Due to the nature of the Great Lakes, fishing conditions on them can vary daily if not hourly based on wind and rain events. You can also get weekly fishing reports by calling 855-777-0908. Sign up for weekly fishing reports: Get fishing reports sent to your inbox every week! The Channel Cat research vessel is a steel shell fishing traw around a trap fishing operation, similar to the Lake Erie trap net tow boat. It was built for dnr in 1968 by Maybee Boat Company in Point Place, Ohio. Since that time, Channel Cat has served as a working platform for Great Lakes fisheries research. Channel Cat's home port is DNR's Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station located at the Clinton Estuary on Lake St. Clair. As originally built, Channel Cat is 36 feet long. In 1975, the ship was stretched 10 feet in the middle. The current ship length is 46 feet with a 13-ft beam and a total weight of 24 tons. It was originally powered by a Detroit Allison 216 horsepower 6V 53 Detroit diesel engine. In 2016, it was equipped with two Cummins 301 hp QSB6.7 engines. The English Channel has a flight speed of 15 knots. Two fuel tanks carry a total of 380 gallons of diesel fuel. The ship is hydraulic equipped to operate a fishing canal. Instrumentation includes GPS, navigation, radar, sonar, autopilot, EPIRB, sea band radio, and cell phone communications. In addition to the new engine and gearbox, recent upgrades to the ship have included working floor cover and air conditioning (2016). Cat channel R/V conducted fish samples on the waters of Erie, St. Clair/Detroit River System, and Saginaw Bay. The ship's operating season usually lasts from late March to early November. Fish sampling equipment deployed from the vessel includes carrying nets, trap nets, fishing nets and lines. The standard crew consists of 2 captains, a biology student, technician and aquatic assistant. The operating cost of the ship per sampling day is estimated at \$2,000. Walleye is biting in Saginaw Bay and Austin Harbor this week. (Joel Dueck / Creative Commons) Walleye is biting in Saginaw Bay and Austin Harbor this week. (Joel Dueck / Creative Commons) Walleye is biting in Saginaw Bay and Austin Harbor this week. (Joel Dueck / Creative Commons) Walleye is biting in Saginaw Bay and Austin Harbor this week. (Joel Dueck / Creative Commons) DNR Weekly Fishing Report If you are going fishing, please do your part to keep yourself and others safe by following the COVID-19 public health and safety guidelines. Go fishing only if you feel healthy. Practice away from proper society, at least 6 feet from people who don't live in your household. Regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water, or use hand disinfectants. Recent hurricanes and strong winds have slowed fishing efforts, especially on the Great Lakes. Inland lake fishing for bass and panfish should be fair to good. Stream salmon fishing has been very difficult with hot weather. Most fishing people do not want to fish when the spring temperature is above 70 degrees, as it can make catching and release more difficult. All fishing people aged 17 and over must have a fishing permit. Southeast Lower Peninsula Lake Erie Walleye moves deeper and is caught at an altitude of 28 feet or more, especially near Fermi and Landfill with crayfish-colored bait. Very few fishing limits are recorded. Perch anglers were getting a few out of Metro Park and near banana dykes with perch rigs and minnows. Hot ponds are still producing tradies. Detroit River It produces walleye occasionally. Smallmouth bass caught in the mouth and around the islands. Lake St. Clair Walleye is still being caught out near the edge of the shipping channel on the main lake by users of an information-gathering exploit or artificial bait. Small mouth bites are still difficult as the midsummer pattern means larger fish have moved out into deeper water. Try a slow presentation near the bottom in 18-20 feet. Look for gaps in lawn beds and piles of rocks. The musky bite has also been tough. Saginaw Bay Walleye was caught 14 to 16 feet between Sagining and Pinconning Bars and in front of Bay City State Park when trolling a crawler exploiter. Wind conditions restrict fishing in the east. A Walleye couple has been arrested off Quanicassee. Very few boats were recorded off Sebewaing and until Caseville; however, a walleye couple caught in 30-40 feet off Oak Point. Hurricanes and wind winds there are scattered fish. Saginaw River Shore catcher at Smith Park in Essexville fishing catfish and freshwater drums on worms. Port Austin Walleye fishing is good around the lighthouse and west in 25-45 feet with artificial bait and board. Steelheads were also arrested from time to time. Grindstone City A Walleye couple was caught straight out in 25 to 35 feet with an information-gathering or artificial exploit. Lake salmon were caught northwest of the port in 120 to 130 feet with downriggers and spoons. Smallmouth bass was caught near shore by people in kayak casting artificial baits. Harbor Beach Steelhead was caught in 80 feet using a spoon. A Walleye couple was also arrested. Port Sanilac and Lexington Pier caught slowly at Port Sanilac and no reports were given to Lexington. The northeastern Cheboygan Peninsula River Two troughs were opened at the dam. Anglers have captured smallmouth bass, rock bass and walleye when the bottom bounces or drifts deep. The walleye was 15 to 17 inches. Rogers City Anglers are fishing salmon lakes, steelheads, chinook and pink salmon, walleye and atlantic regularly or coho when fishing throughout the water column for 70-120 feet using downriggers, lead cores, copper and dipsey divers with spoons. Hot colors are green, blue, black and white, orange, purple and glow early or late. A few chinook came in very early or very late. Bait fish are being marked both shallow and deep. Presque Isle It continues to produce the same species in 50 to 130 feet with the same colored spoon. A lot of bait fish are marked in 30-70 feet and most seem to be sly about 3-inches long, so match your baits to them. Alpena These targeted salmon and salmon caught a mixed bag of lake salmon, steelhead, pink salmon, walleye and coho regularly when trolling spoons and spin-glo in 80-160 feet off Thunder Bay Island and Wreck Nordmeer. Anglers find walleye, cat channels and freshwater drums when trolling or casting spoons, crankbaits and a crawler. Evening is best. Walleye was also found hovering in deeper waters outside the bay. Thunder Bay River Anglers catch small mouth bass, freshwater drums, rock bass and canal cats occasionally when drifting or floating cows. Oscoda Anglers catches lake salmon, steel heads, pink salmon, walleye, coho and occasional Atlantic or white fish. Most were trolling spoons and spin-glo with or without attractors in the 80-180 feet between Three Mile Park and Au Sable Point. Spoons are most effective. Lake salmon were scattered throughout the water column and most of the silverfish were 20 to 70 feet down. Walleye was sluggish; however, some have been found shallower and others have been made by crankbaits trolling or exploiting. Pier anglers catch freshwater drums, rock bass and smallmouth bass while still fishing, floating or drifting cows. The odd walleye on crankbaits in the evening. Au Sable River Anglers catches freshwater drums, smallmouth bass, rock bass and a few small perch with crawlers in the downstream region of the river. A couple of northern pikes and smallmouth bass were caught by casting spinners and crankbaits in the deeper holes and near the cover. The water temperature below Mio is above 70 degrees and near 80 degrees below the Foote Dam. Houghton Lake Walleye was arrested in the East Bay when trolling a purple exploiter with an informer or leech. A crappie couple was arrested near the southern DNR Launch but not in large numbers. Bluegills have beaten red worms and wax worms along grass beds. Those fishing near the Reedsburg Dam caught a few bluegill, smallmouth bass, perch, crappie and pike. Tawas Walleye acted well off Tawas Point and south towards Alabaster with crawlers, crankbaits and spoons in 50-70 feet plus. Tawas River Fishing is sluggish at Gateway Park, with only a few catfish and freshwater drums caught on cows. Au Gres Walleye fishing is fair as anglers have been spending a lot of time positioning active fish. Boat anglers were heading north toward the charity archipelago and south to Eagle Bay with crawlers, crankbaits and spoons in 35 to 45 feet. Fish are also found right from the estuary and north towards the bell float. Several unexpected perch were also caught. Southwest Lower Peninsula St. Joseph Had great perch fishing. The fish are somewhat scattered but the fishing people working there are catching the limit. Fish have been caught both north and south of the pier in shallow water as 18 feet or as deep as 50 feet. Salmon fishing is catching lake salmon in good quantities in 80-130 feet. The occasional steelhead and salmon are also caught on the spoon. Pier anglers targeting Steelhead were fishing slowly as the water around the pier was too warm. A lot of freshwater drums have been caught. South Haven Perch fishing is inconsistent. Some fishing people are catching a lot of fish while many others are struggling. Fish are being caught in 20-60 feet. Salmon anglers are catching a few salmon lakes in 100 feet or so. The pier catches slowly except for freshwater drums. Holland A combination of salmon and salmon was caught 50 to 100 feet down in 90-180 feet. Salmon hit a series of spoons, flies and meat trusses while lake salmon hit the yellow spin-glo at the bottom. A few freshwater drums were caught casting spoons or using dead bait at the bottom. Port Sheldon Salmon action was hit-or-miss, but a few were found 45 to 100 feet down in 80 to 140 feet when trolling blue and green meat rigs. Lake salmon were caught at the bottom with yellow spin-glo. Grand Haven The Harbor Island Boat launch remains closed. Grand River near Grand Rapids Slow fishing continues with warm water. Some received small catfish. Grand River near Lansing Smallmouth clicked on or crankbaits. Several large-mouthed bass were also caught. Fish near Smithville Dam in Eaton Rapids catch small-mouthed bass. At Tecumseh Park, the bull's head hit between dusk and midnight. Anglers were used to cut up bluegills. Lake Interstate It has been producing bluegills and some nice bass. Lake Ovid It continues to produce a few bass and smaller bluegills for those casting or using crawler. Onshore fishing people are getting a few catfish after dark. Maple River Those who target catfish catch little, but bullhead bites as well. Muskegon Salmon Lake, along with a few steelheads, were caught 45 to 100 feet down in the 90-160 feet. The lake salmon has hit the yellow spin-glo at the bottom. Steelhead had green and blue spoons and green and yellow meat trusses. Muskegon River Hardy Pond continues to produce some walleye. Those caught up by the Reedsburg Dam near Lake Houghton catch bass smallmouth, bluegills, a few perch, crappie and pike. Most have used crawler and leeches. Northwest Lower Peninsula Harbor Springs A few boats going out for bass smallmouth had some luck. Those targeting salmon and salmon are heading north of Harbor Point. A few lake salmon were caught for 180 feet or so. Petoskey Lake trout was caught out of Little Traverse Bay with spoons and rigs 80 to 85 feet down in 90-110 feet. A few salmon were found in the head 50 to 60 feet away. Smallmouth bass was caught out of breakwall. The Bear River is tall and muddy after heavy rains. A few were fishing at the dam but caught nothing. The Bobber Hole at the estuary is slow except for a few bass rocks, bullheads, bluegills and chubs. Charlevoix Boats received mostly lake salmon although a couple came up with the little Chinook. Boats were spread out from 9 Mile Point all the way to Fisherman's Island. Fish are caught at altitudes of 100 to 120 feet; however, a few salmon were found up to 200 feet deep. Spoons and meat trusses are tickets. Channel fishingers have targeted smallmouth bass, but most have been leased back. Several pikes were caught in the canal. Anglers have been used to collect live or artificial data and leeches. Passing bass city catches slowed down in the East Bay with only a few catches in 10 to 20 feet. Lake salmon were caught trolling or jigging. The exotic salmon has been caught but no figures have yet been found. In the West Bay, lake salmon are found along the bottom for 80 to 100 feet. Bass fishing slowed down. A few fishing people tried for perch but had no luck. Frankfort The recent storms have had fish moving. A temperature break was recorded at 50 to 60 feet down. Chinook salmon was found 45 to 80 feet down in 150 to 210 feet and was hit on the meat rig. Lake salmon in the same area and hit the spoon. Lake There is a mayfly gate concentrated at the eastern end of the lake. Water temperatures are in the mid-70s so anglers are fishing 15 to 22 feet down. Bass, perch and and have been reported in low quantities. Manistee Salmon fishing has been hit-or-miss. Some fish are there but the catcher is catching mostly lake salmon. That will change in the next week or two. When the mermaid was able to recognize, lake salmon were found at different depths in 90-150 feet. A few Chinook salmon were caught 40 to 70 feet down in 100 to 150 feet when trolling spoons and meat rigs straight out and south. Manistee Lake Anglers received bass and bluegill on crawlers and leeches. Manistee River Salmon Stream salmon fishing has been tough with hot weather. Most salmon mermaids do not fish when the water temperature is above 70 degrees. Ludington A few Chinook salmon were caught straight out and slightly north off Big Sable Point and south towards Little Sable Point when trolling spoons, meat trusses and some flasher/flying combos. The lake salmon was straight out and south in 70-120 feet. Steelhead was found in deeper water straight out on and off Big Sable Point. Pier anglers catch rock bass and sucker occasionally. Upper Peninsula Keweenaw Bay Anglers fishing Huron, Traverse and Keweenaw Bay had similar success. Jigging for lake salmon is still somewhat produced, while those trolling pick up a few lake salmon and Chinook salmon occasionally. Marquette surface water temperature is very warm for Lake Superior with altitudes from mid to upper 60 offshore and above 70 degrees near shore. A few anglers out trying for lake salmon did poorly, with only one or two fish shooting. Little Bay De Noc Walleye catches the best along the Black Bottom when trolling crawlers or sticking baits along the east coast for 20-30 feet; near Breezy Point right along the break; and a little further south near Circular Island at a distance of 16 to 24 feet. Perch fishing is spotty with only a few catches near the green buoy of the Day River and along the first or second reefs with crawlers or minnows in 14 to 35 feet. There is good bass action near the whitefish estuary when casting plastic. Manistique Weather conditions have limited anglers. Most salmon anglers are still fishing area buoys and heading towards Barques Point at 60-90 feet down in 100-120 feet. Most boats 2-3 fish. Manistique River There are still some wall eyes caught near the high dam spilling over when using batons, jigs, and crawlers. The breakwall is good for the walleye, but many have undersize. Munising There are very few people fishing. Fish slower with just a few lake salmon captured. Fishing off the Anna River wharf has been poor this summer with very few fish being caught. Raber Anglers were catching good of the northern pike along the north coast of Raber Bay when trolling and casting crankbaits or a chrome spoon with a red eye pointing out of the grass bed in the early morning. For perch, the mermaid has been fishing between Big Lime and Little Lime Island for 6-8 feet worms and shiner minnows. Also try a small white rubber body spinner bait near the grass grass. There are no reports of lake herrings in Lime Island. Detour Efforts for Salmon and Salmon slowed down at Detour Reef, as most are targeting lake herring. A few catch Atlantic salmon, pink salmon and lake salmon two miles south of The Detour Lighthouse. Salmon lakes are staged in both directions once you hit the 90-foot flat. East of the lighthouse, go to the first red float, which has structures and bait fish for salmon. Stagger your line from 25 to 40 feet for Atlantics or 52 go 60 feet for Chinook. Fair walleye catches were reported off Sweets Point for those bottom bouncers trolling with glossy colored crankbaits in 8-12 feet off the points and stone shelves. Those anchored and still fished with a sliding bobber and shiners in 8-10 feet also caught the walleye. Drummond Island There are good lake herring productions in the north of the island. Try red or brown tear jigs tipped with a wax worm in 25 feet near Burnt Island, Pigeon Cove, Fair Banks Point and Butterfield Island. Cedarville and Hessel There were no reports of herring at Prentiss Bay or McKay Bay near Cedarville. For smallmouth bass, try the middle entrance of Les Cheneaux Islands or Duck Bay mouth when casting spinners or jigging with an orange tube jig in 4-6 feet. There were no reports of golden perch being caught throughout Cedarville Bay or the canal running parallel to Islington Road. For Hessel, golden perch can still be found near the finger pier at the marina. Many species are small but the catcher has caught larger fish on worms and small white fish or used spinners with rubber stems. Early morning is best. Some nice pike was caught out of hessel fishing dock when using large minnows or 2 creek chubs cranking out the bottom in 8 feet. St. Ignace Pine River fishing people catch walleye when trolling and drifting deep or leeches. A lot of people are young. On the Carp River, the mermaids caught walleye and perch as they drifted worms and leeches out of the sea wall. A few limited catches of the walleye were made in the early morning. This report is intended to give you an idea of what's happening statewide. Updates come from fisheries staff and conservation staff. With over 11,000 inland lakes, Five Great Lakes and thousands of miles of rivers and streams, not all locations can be listed. However, it can be said that if a species is caught in some waters in the region, they are likely to be caught in all the waters in that part of the state that have that species. Species.

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