

October 2nd, 2016:

Talked to a group that fished the river this morning and evening and they said it was a little slower but still caught some walleyes. They ended up with 3 nice walleyes in the bucket for dinner. They have been fishing close to our place and were thinking of trying some new spots tomorrow.

October 1st, 2016:

The same group went out to the lake again and fished for walleyes. It seems like they had a good day but did not hear of any big ones being caught.

Another group fished the river and caught a few big sturgeon and quite a few walleyes in the morning. During the morning outing they had many walleyes that were 18-19 inches. They went out again in the evening and it sounded to be a little slower.

September 30th, 2016:

We had a group fish the river and ended up with a few sturgeon and couple of walleyes. They still had fun even though they did not catch a ton of fish. We had another group go to the lake and try for walleyes. They ended up catching quite a few and had pretty close to their limit.

September 18th, 2016:

We had a couple leave today that said they caught a few sturgeon this weekend. They did try for some walleyes too and did not have any luck last night. Since everyone headed home today, Grant and I decided to go for a drive and look for grouse. We only saw one grouse and Grant missed it. We talked to another group that was hunting and they said they had gotten one for the whole day.

September 17th, 2016:

We talked to a group of four guys that had been here since Thursday and they said that they didn't catch a lot of sturgeon but they did catch quite a few species and had a lot of fun. Grant and I (Alyse) were able to get out this evening and try for some walleye as we have heard that the shiners have started to come in the river. Grant caught one sauger and missed one while I never had a bite. We hope to get out again later this week and try the evening bite again.

September 16th, 2016:

We had a group of 6 guys from Wisconsin that just headed home after spending 6 and half days of fishing. They ended up with 4 sturgeon to take home, enough walleye and a sauger for a meal, and said they never caught a bass which was unusual. The biggest sturgeon was 59 1/2 inches.

They said that first few days were slower and the other days they would have a couple of sturgeon on at a time. They had a great time and the weather was only rainy for one morning for them so they were happy to spend most of the time fishing.

We had another group of 3 guys that were here since Tuesday and they ended up with one sturgeon to keep. They said they had pretty good luck this year and caught quite a few sturgeon.

September 8th, 2016:

We have a few groups out sturgeon fishing and sounds like they are catching a few each day. The one group said they have quite a few over the 50inch mark and are hoping to catch at least

one to take home with them. We did get some more rain last night and the river is up a bit from what it was a week or so ago.

August 3rd, 2016:

For those of you wondering we did get 4 inches of rain Monday night into Tuesday morning at our place and in town most people had about 2 inches. Looks like the rain didn't affect the sturgeon bite on the river, a group of 2 guys spent most of the day sturgeon fishing yesterday. They ended up catching a total of 4! The biggest one was 56 inches.

Just talked to a group of 5 tonight and they have been here since Saturday afternoon and have caught 3 slot sturgeon to keep. They said it was a little slow and the ones they have been catching are either too small or right in the slot. They have managed to catch a few over the slot limit also. They have also caught some other species while trying for their sturgeon to keep.

July 27th, 2016:

We had a few groups trying for sturgeon this past weekend and last few days. One group caught 3 smaller ones and lost 3 sturgeon but ended up catching some walleyes too. The other group ended up catching a few keepers which were 46 inches and 49.5 inches and some smaller ones. Both groups said they did not catch many sturgeon per day but they still had fun

April 27th, 2016:

We have had quite a few cool and windy days. The groups we have that are sturgeon fishing got a few yesterday and sounds like today was slower. The current seems to be stronger than it was this weekend and one group said they can still get by with 4oz. of weight. Looks like the weekend it should start warming up.

April 22nd, 2016:

Talked to some groups that left yesterday and sounds like the few groups we had caught about 12 a day with most of them in the mid to high 50s. This biggest we heard of 63 inches. A few guys that fished yesterday evening ended up with 2 for the few hours they were out. Catch and release for sturgeon for the next few days and the Keep season starts on Sunday, April 24th

April 15th, 2016:

Dave caught a 55 1/2 inch sturgeon. Sounds like the sturgeon bite was slow for most of the fishermen. We did watch a boat catch a few in front of the docks.

We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful spring walleye season! We can't wait to hear the stories of sturgeon now.

April 12th, 2016:

Fishing report from Harley's group, "Spent most of the day around Vidas again. Caught somewhere between 35 and 40 walleyes and a couple sturgeon. Biggest sturgeon was 56" and the biggest walleye was 27 1/2." Another group said they never caught a fish, another group said they got 9 of them by Hattie's hole, and another group caught about 20 mainly in the low to mid 20inch range.

April 11th, 2016:

Fishing report from Harley's group, "Fought the wind today up by Vidas. Pretty slow caught

about a dozen or so and one sturgeon biggest fish was 25 1/4."

April 10th, 2016:

Talked to a few groups that fished this weekend and sounds like it was pretty slow for most of the groups. One group that has been coming up for years that fished by Vidas said this was the clearest the water has ever been when they were up during the spring. Groups fished all the way from the International Bridge to Birchdale and it doesn't sound like one spot was better than the others.

April 8th, 2016:

Talked to a group that left this morning and had fished the past 2 days over by Birchdale. They said they caught about 30 fish each day, the water clarity was about 15-18 inches, and they had a water temperature of 37 degrees yesterday. They did not mention any big ones but sounds like the bite is starting to pick up in some spots. They did say that you couldn't be aggressive with jigging and had to be very slow for them to bite.

April 6th, 2016:

Talked to a guy that fished over by Birchdale today and he said the water clarity was about 12-13 inches and was a lot better than in front of our place. He fished for a few hours and caught 3 fish all weighing between 5-7.8 pounds. Other groups said the fishing was very slow and some guys in the groups never even caught a fish.

April 5th, 2016:

The last couple of days have been slow for all our groups. We did hear of a few in the mid-20s being caught but sounds like most boats averaged about 5-10 fish a day. The water clarity according to a few different groups is between 12-15 inches. We did get some snow this evening.

April 3rd, 2016:

Most of groups headed home today and we got a few new ones that checked in. We talked to one group that caught a walleye up by the International Bridge and then they tried by the Rapids and lost one. They said they had a water temperature of 34 degrees. Talked to another group that fished today and they caught one walleye for the day and they were fishing to the East. They plan on trying out by the gap tomorrow. We had a few snow flurries here today that didn't amount to anything. Let's hope for some warmer weather!

April 2nd, 2016:

We woke up to some snow this morning and most groups were slow to get out fishing as it was cold and very windy again. The water temperature went down to 35 degrees a group told us. We heard of a few sturgeon being caught and one group had caught 3 walleyes for the day. No one had told us they thought the river was dirty.

April 1st, 2016:

Today was windy but that didn't stop the groups from going out fishing. We talked to a few groups and it sounded like fishing was pretty slow. One group had only caught 1 walleye and another group had 10 walleyes for the day. Sounded like heading east was better than out by the

gap.

March 31st, 2016:

There was one group that tried by Frontier and all over that area and ended up only catching one walleye. They said the water temp was 38 degrees. Another group headed to the gap and said it was still slow today and caught 5 for the day. Another group reported 17 walleyes they caught near Frontier.

March 30th, 2016:

I did not get any fishing reports. A lot of times we get reports when groups check out and that is when I update the reports.

March 29th, 2016:

The few groups we had in fishing did a lot better today and boated about 15-20 fish for the day and no big ones. They were pretty excited to finally get a fish. One boat watched another group catch quite a few that were in the slot. Water temperature was about 37 degrees and the clarity was still the same. I had to run to International Falls and the Big Fork was froze shore to shore for as far as I could see from Highway 11. The Little Fork was open with some ice by the Rainy River from what I could tell off of Highway 11.

March 28th, 2016:

Walleye fishing was very slow for the few groups we had out fishing. Water temperature was 35 degrees one groups said and clarity was the same (15 inches or so).

March 27th, 2016:

We have talked to one group that just got in about 7:00 pm that fished by Birchdale and Frontier and said that fishing was slow for them. They also said they could see about 15 inches down so the water clarity is getting a little better. This same group said one boat they talked to was fishing in Canada and ended up catching 11 walleyes for the day. A different group went and fished up by the dam and ended up with their limit and caught some northern and bass.

March 26th, 2016:

We didn't hear of any walleyes being caught and that sturgeon fishing was very slow in the afternoon. Some people said the water clarity was getting better by Birchdale.

March 24th, 2016:

We had a group that went fishing up by Pelland today and they ended up with their limits. All the fish they caught were under 20 inches and no big ones. Some group tried for walleyes in this area and didn't have any luck. We had lots of reports of sturgeons being caught today out by the main lake.

March 23rd, 2016:

Talked to a few different groups today that were out fishing and 2 of the groups didn't have any luck and talked about trying up by Pelland tomorrow. Water is still dirty and they are still getting debris on their hooks. Another group of six said they fished to the east and caught their limit for the day and had a fish fry tonight. They said that they had to troll slowly and could only catch the walleye on artificial bait.

March 22nd, 2016:

We didn't have any group fishing for walleye the last few days so we never had a report. One group went out for walleyes this evening and said that they could see their lure about 6 inches down, saying the river is dirty and kept getting debris on their hook. They never caught a walleye. We had a few groups that were up sturgeon fishing and sounds like they are biting. Might be wise to bring some sturgeon gear with if the walleye bite is slow. This is all we know at the moment

March 18th, 2016:

The water clarity was anywhere between 3-6 inches groups said. Few groups have said fishing is tough and didn't get a walleye all day. One group that fished all day caught 10 walleyes.

March 16th, 2016:

We had one group that fished in the snow and they caught 3 walleyes and the biggest was 23.5 and they said all the other boats around them did about the same. It sounds like it was a slow day but they still had some fun. They did not say anything about the rain or snow affecting the water clarity.

March 14th, 2016:

Birchdale Landing is open to all boats and since today was in the low 60s, Grant and I, decided to take advantage of the one day we could both go fishing for a few hours. We were out just a little over 2 hours and had our limit in about an hour. We caught 9 walleyes total: we kept 4 walleyes about 15 inches, let 3 keepers go, Grant caught a 21 inch walleye that was released, I caught a 23 inch walleye that was released, and I also caught a 20 inch northern. For the few hours we were out there we saw some other people from Baudette catch some nice walleyes in the mid to higher- 20s. Yesterday, we had a group that went out of Graceton Beach ice fishing and they said they had a slower day but caught a nice 27 1/2 inch walleye that made up for the bite.