



Oswegoland Fishin' Fools

The Fishin' Line



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The Oswegoland Fishin' Fools is a multi-species fishing club. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Fox Valley Kicker's Club, 1015 Harvey Rd, Oswego.
(take Wolf Rd. to Harvey, just East of the New East High School & go North on Harvey)
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More on Asian Carp

In December, five Midwest states and the Canadian Province of Ontario have filed suit to reopen a case that is more than a century old, to close the Chicago locks and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal that links the Great Lakes to the Mississippi River in order to stop the invasion of the Asian Carp. The Carp eat 40% of its weight daily and grow up to 5 feet long and 100 lbs. Missouri originally sued after Chicago reversed the flow of the Chicago River and began to send sewage-filled Lake Michigan Water towards the Mississippi River. Then in the 1920's, Great Lakes states sued over the diversion. The Courts have sided with the Chicago but that slightly changed in 1967 when the Supreme Court ruled that Chicago could keep taking water but placed a daily limit. At the same time, they ruled that if the water diversion was causing them harm, they could bring the case back to court.



Four species of Asian carp (bighead, silver, grass and black) were first introduced to the U.S. in the 1970's to keep catfish fisheries clean. Ultimately flooding carried all the species out of the fisheries and into the wild. They have found that since the Silver Asian Carp spawns 3 times a summer, other native fish have been spawning less.

Because the fish have numerous bones, they are not easy to fillet. Unlike others around the world, American tends to not eat them. A solution to the problem is to get people to eat them so they can create a commercial market. Heartland Processing, located near Havana, IL has started using Asian carp for fertilizer. In Louisiana, where the Asian Carp has made its home for 30 years, a campaign was launched with the help of Chef Philippe Parola, to teach locals how to cook and eat the fish that have traditionally rejected. They're calling the silver carp "the silver fin" in an effort to make it more appealing and advertising its taste as a cross between scallops and crab meat. Similar to what Louisiana did with the Redfish industry, that was almost wiped off the face of this planet because of its popularity created by Chef Paul Prudhomme; the Silver Carp will make its way to the table in restaurants as well. **If you can't beat it, eat it!**

Club Business

3/1 Club Meeting, Guest Speaker Ryan Conley on Electronics. Also we will be doing our annual swap meet at this meeting, so dig through that tackle box and bring in the stuff you need to. Please arrive 30 minutes early to browse

3/13 Coast Guard boat inspection being held at Dick's in Oswego 9 to 12

3/20 First club event of the year, Illinois River Utica, 7 AM to 3 PM Bundle up and lets get the fishing started

4/5 Club Meeting, Guest Speaker Jay Angel

We want you!!!! If you have any suggestions for speakers this year, please contact a committee member.

February Speaker

During our February meeting our very own Tom Cebula spoke regarding FlyFishing. He showed us examples of flies he tied and some great techniques on catching fish on flies. Thanks Tom for a great presentation.

Fish of the Month

January 2010

Chris Cizek braved the cold temperatures in January won Fish of the Month with a nice 9 inch Crappie caught on Hidden Lake. Nice job Chris.

Keep Collecting



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