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## Grand Rapids Area Fishing Report 5-16-2011– Jason Green



Another Minnesota Fishing Opener has come and gone. What an incredible feeling to be back on the water again!

Saturday I had the opportunity to take part in the 2011 Minnesota Governors Fishing Opener which was hosted here out of Grand Rapids, MN on Pokegama Lake. Pokegama is a great fishery however, it is a deep, clear and a cold lake that normally doesn't turn on till June.

Knowing this I knew anglers would have their work cut out for them. We finally started marking eyes in 20'-25' of water on sharp breaks but unfortunately were not able to entice any of them. Trying to save the day we were able

to find Perch and Pike in the shoreline shallows.

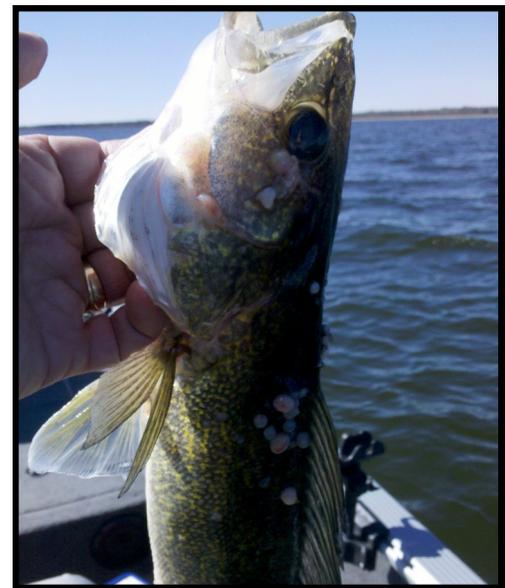
Sunday is when the real opener began for me. For the past several years I have been lucky enough to spend the day on the water with my wife. Like in years past we made our way North to Winnie where we found both the weather and walleyes willing to cooperate.

Unfortunately with the recent cold weather bait dealers are having a tough time getting Shiners but we were able to make some smaller Rainbows work.

Surface temps ranged from 46-50 degrees. Depending on wind we found fish anywhere from 12' to 4' of water. Our best presentation was a Standup Fireball Jig



tipped with a minnow. Most of the time we would just drag it with a slow lift now and then. Often eyes would just suck on the end so thanks to Sara we found feeding them line Rigging style ensured a good hook set with less misses.



*Quite common in the spring, anglers will see Walleye with "Cold Water Warts" or "Spawning Warts". This is actually a virus found in sexually mature adult fish. The warts or tumors can be found on the Walleyes outer skin and the virus itself is not known to infect humans.*

We are off to a great start for the 2011 Open Water Fishing Season. Check back often!!!