

## Dixon Lake Fish Report

**Date:** 3/29/19

**Park hours:** 6:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M. **Time Will Change again April 21st to 8:00pm close**

**Dock closes:** 6:00 P.M.

**Last Plant:** 1,500 lbs. of Rainbow Trout Wednesday March 26th

**Next Plant:** 4,500 lbs. of Rainbow Trout Wednesday April 3rd

**Water temperature:** At surface 60.08 f., 8.31 D.O. @ 10' 60.08 f., 8.12 D.O.

**Water level:** High level, private water craft/fish finders are currently banned.

**Water Clarity:** High (27feet)

**Fishing permits, boat rentals, bait, and tackle** are all sold at the Concessions Stand right next to the Ranger Station in the Lakeshore Area. Anglers **“Must!”** purchase a fishing permit before casting out to catch the big one. If you desire to fish with a second pole, make sure to pick up a second rod permit for an additional \$2. We do not require a state fishing license but do strictly enforce the required permits and fresh water regulations.

**Trout:** March 26<sup>th</sup> was our last stock with a **4,500lb stock coming April 3rd**. Make sure to take advantage! The afternoon of/Morning after a stock are the most productive times to catch your limit. With 6,000lbs of fish we can expect a few weeks of great fishing. In the early morning hours, you can round up a few trout in the shallow waters of Trout Cove and Boat Dock Cove. Although, it is the Buoy Line that you want to put your fishing emphasis on. With two large stocks coming up to close the season out we are expecting larger crowds and tons of fish being caught. A two-pound test set up with a 12 to 18inch leader is recommended. Mini Jigs and Power Worms are being used for the aggressive morning bite while Garlic/Rainbow Power bait and Night Crawlers are the go-to bait when it slows down. Those on boats make sure to check out the Buoy Line if you find that the other areas are not producing well. We do suggest to start your shoreline fishing early as access to deeper water from the shoreline is limited. While fishing from the shoreline, it is recommended to go with the set up listed above. Our next stock is **April 3rd** with a total of **4,500lbs**. The Trout catching limit is 5! **“No Catch & Release of Trout.”**

**Bass Spawning Season is here!!** The Lilac is blooming! With warmer sunnier days we should see the Bass Spawning up close to the shoreline. Sight fishing becomes popular during this time of year and renders great results. The fish tend to become more aggressive while defending their beds and will bite at almost anything. There have been reports of a few 10+lb fish being caught in various areas across the lake. Just a reminder, Bass must be at least 12 inches to keep with a **limit of 2** at this time.

The **Catfish** bite has slowed but, as the water temperature rises it will strengthen. The productive areas have been Jack Creek Cove and the Buoy Line in the early morning and late afternoon before closing. We have seen a healthy ratio of large catfish being brought in each week. Catfish have a **limit of 5** at this time.

**Bluegill** have slowed down and pushed into deeper waters. Mealworms, and cut up night crawlers have been good choices for catching Bluegill in the past few weeks with the majority of them being caught in the early morning and afternoon hours. The Buoy Line is producing large size fish at this time. Bluegill are **limited to 25** of any size at this time.

**There is a ban on private water craft and equipment at this time. Restricted equipment includes; private boats, canoes, kayaks, float tubes, trolling motors, fish finders, anchors, and other equipment that contacts the water.**

**Notable Catches for March: Trout: Tom O’Conner 6.4lb William Drieling 4.75lb**

**Catfish: Jason Pizzarusso 29.2lb      Crappie: Martin Poe 2lb**

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