

Welcome to the Premier edition of the **Junction Newsletter**.

Most publishers send you a letter or card describing their publication, but we felt the only way you could fully appreciate this newsletter was for you to see a sampling of what the coming issues will have to offer. This newsletter is for the fisherman/woman who fishes in the area in northern Wisconsin that encompasses the towns of Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, Winchester, Presque Isle, Mercer and Lac du Flambeau.

The articles will be written by top guides of this area. They will tell you what lakes are the most productive for the month, where to fish, at what depth to fish and what bait to use. You will also receive a detailed map of one of the area lakes each month. Detailed information impossible to find elsewhere.

Keep in mind that you won't receive another issue of the **Junction Newsletter** unless you subscribe.

Here's hoping you'll decide to make the **Junction Newsletter** a part of your reading diet on a regular basis. It could whet your fishing appetite and be the beginning of a super friendship.

Thank you and Take a Kid Fishing.

## Zebco \*\*\* U.S. Crappie Tournament



**FUN FOR  
THE  
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TAKE A KID FISHING

Manitowish Waters, Presque Isle, Boulder Junction and Winchester will be participating in the **ZEBCO/US CRAPPIE TOURNAMENT** in Vilas County this spring.

Locally there will be over \$25,000 in prize money.

1. Manitowish Waters	17 Sponsors	\$13,875.00
2. Presque Isle	9 Sponsors	6,625.00
3. Boulder Junction	7 Sponsors	3,875.00
4. Winchester	1 Sponsor	750.00

There will be another \$40,000.00 made available by National Sponsors!

This will be a tagged crappie tournament. The Tournament will run from May 11, 1991 to June 24, 1991. The entry fee for the 45 day Tournament will be \$6.00.

The **Big Crappie Day**, scheduled for May 11, will feature hourly winners, from 9 A.M. to noon. The biggest crappie, each hour, will be worth \$100.00, second largest will be awarded \$50.00 and the third largest will be awarded \$25.00.

The Grand Prize for the day will include a \$6,500 boat, motor and trailer rig.

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# NEWSLETTER



## HOW TO MARK YOUR FAVORITE FISHIN HOLE

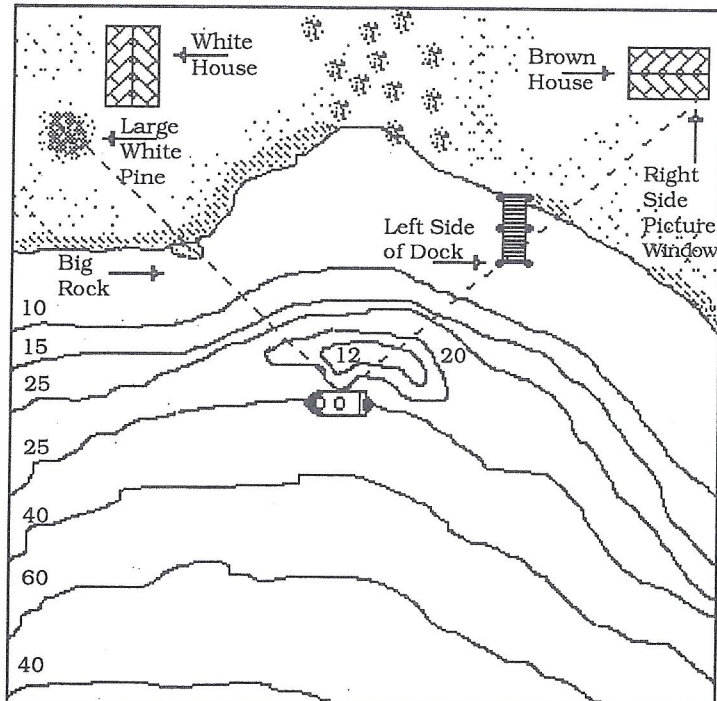
By Bob McClellan

Hundreds of people ask me this question each year. My favorite answer is, "I put an X on the water when I fished here the last time!" or "I put an X on my boat to mark the spot".

Marker buoys are an indispensable tool once you get on a spot, but they aren't really necessary if you know your **RIFLE SIGHTS**. If you fish a lake that has a lot of fishing pressure and you throw out a yellow marker buoy, you might just as well run up a yellow flag and start yelling, "The fish are over here". You'll have lots of competition.

When you have competition on the lake you're fishing, you're better off relying on **rifle sights** to stay on your spots. Line up shoreline objects, one behind the other; the left edge of a dock and the right side of the picture window on the brown house; the big rock on the water's edge and the large white pine, 100 feet behind it, in the white house's yard.

Two rifle sights at approximately a right angle will always do the trick. You can also use one rifle sight and your locator if there is a quick drop or depth change that you are familiar with.



Once you've learned to use rifle sights you can always return to your favorite fishing hole, unless the house burns down or someone cuts your marker tree down. (This has happened to me several times.)

### Bob McClellan-Guide

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## APRIL FISHING

By Bob McClellan

Game fish season for all practical purposes is closed in our area at this time, with the exception of the five lake project just off Hwy M in Boulder Junction, where the season never closes. **Escanaba Lake**, one of the five lake project, is a good place to test your open water skills before the start of the state open water season. Walleye, northern musky and panfish are all present. If you're looking for smallmouth you can try **Nebish Lake** which is right next door. Remember to pick up your free fishing permit at the Escanaba station before fishing in any of the five lake project lakes.

Normally by the end of April our ice is completely gone, and crappies and perch are the prime targets of most fishermen in this area.

Weather is the all-determining factor of where and how the panfish are biting. If extremely warm or above normal the last week of April can be some of the best crappie fishing of the season. Crappies move into the shallows shortly after ice out and can be very aggressive and fun to catch.

An ultra-lite spinning rod & reel, fly rod or even a 12' to 14' cane pole will do. Replace the mono line on your spinning reels with fresh 4# or 6# test mono. (Your line is the cheapest part of your fishing arsenal and the most often overlooked.) It's normally on sale for a penny a yard this time of year.

Small 1/64 - 1/32 or 1/16 oz. tube jigs, maribou jigs, twister tails, beetle spins and willie worms are the hot baits to use in an assortment of colors. White, pink/white or yellow/white are my favorites and normally produce some nice slabs. It always pays to experiment with different colors. A bucket of crappie minnows and small #6 or #8 hooks with a bobber is also a must for spring crappies.

Some good choices for spring crappie are **Round, Little Crooked, High and Upper Gresham Lakes** in Boulder Junction, **Wild Rice, Fawn and Clear Lake** in Manitowish Waters, **Van Vliet Lake** in Winchester-Presque Isle, **Echo, Cedar and Flambeau Flowage** in Mercer, and **Pokegama, Flambeau and Gunlock Lake** in Lac du Flambeau.

Crappies are fun to catch and great eating! So get your gear ready, load up the kids and head North for some fun spring fishing.



## 1990 VILAS COUNTY MUSKY MARATHON

The 1990 Vilas County Musky Marathon tallied 2,033 muskies, with a combined weight of 26,173 pounds and a total length of 6,276 feet. Of the total registered, 1353 were released for the future enjoyment of others.

The two champion musky anglers during the 1990 fishing season in Vilas County were Dick Pronath of Manitowish Waters and Jason Halverson of McFarland, Wisconsin.



Guide John Rossa and Champion Musky Angler, Dick Pronath of Manitowish Waters, with his 40# musky. \*\*Publisher's note - Over the past three years I've spent many hours with customers and friends chasing what I classed as a 40#+ musky on Manitowish Lake. Several customers have had the thrill of his follows on artificial baits and his chops on horse-sized suckers, only to be let down when he let go. No one can be more excited than Dick Pronath. My hat's off and a hearty congratulations on a beautiful musky. **WHAT A FISH!**

## TOP TEN MUSKIES FOR 1990

1. Dick Pronath, Manitowish Waters, WI  
40#, Manitowish Lake, Sucker, 11/30/90  
Registered at **The Junction Tackle**, Manitowish Waters.
1. Jason Halverson, McFarland, WI  
40#, Long Lake, Jerk Bait, 11/7/90  
Registered at Phelps Trustworthy Hdwe.
3. Scott Mancuso, Harwood, IL  
39#, Lt. St. Germain Lake, Rizzo Bait, 6/16/90  
Registered at Jacks Sport Marine
4. Jim Sarci, Homewood, IL  
36 3/4#, Big Crawling Stone, Cisco Kid, 10/14/90  
Registered at Fishin Bum Tackle
5. Mike Simpson, McFarland, WI  
35 3/4#, Long Lake, Jerk Bait, 11/7/90  
Registered at Phelps Trustworthy Hdwe,
6. Jim Weyhraugh, Santa Fe, NM  
35 1/2#, Little Star Lake, Sleight Bait, 10/17/90  
Registered at **The Junction Tackle**

7. Dennis Brunner, Stoughton, WI  
35#, Boulder Junction area lake, Sucker, 9/25/90  
Registered at Northern Highland Sports
8. William Holtsman, Olney, IL  
34 1/2#, Vilas County Lake, Sucker, 11/2/90  
Registered at Long's Taxidermy
9. Karen Borgwardt, Neenah, WI  
33 1/2#, Lac Vieux Desert, Little Joe, 5/20/90  
Registered at Chain O'Lakes Store
10. Dan Hillenbrand, Joplin, MO  
33#, Fawn Lake, Sleight Bait, 10/17/90  
Registered at **The Junction Tackle**
10. Todd Siebrecht, Rhinelander, WI  
33#, Boulder Junction area lake, Sucker, 11/12/90  
Registered at Northern Highland Sport
10. Tim Baerenwald, Eagle River, WI  
33#, Meta Lake, Mepps #4, 8/10/90  
Registered at Chain O'Lakes Store



Guide Russ Sleight, Dan Hillenbrand with the # 10 Musky, Guide Dick Sleight and Jim Weyhraugh with the # 6 Musky of the Musky Marathon.

## THE TOP THREE RELEASED MUSKIES CAUGHT IN 1990 WERE:

1. Matt White, Schaumburg, IL  
52 1/2 inch, Buckatabon Lake, Mepps Lusox, 10/1/90.
2. Ron Froelich, Land O'Lakes, WI  
52 1/2 inch, West Bay Lake, Musky Jig, 8/11/90.
3. Dave Mayfield, Rockford, IL  
51 inch, Vilas County Lake, Musky Jig, 8/13/90.

## RULE CHANGE FOR 1991 MUSKY MARATHON RELEASE CATEGORY

Any musky caught over 45 inches in the Released Category must be accompanied by a photo when registering.



# ..... AREA FISH STOCKING .....

## 1990 FISH STOCKINGS BY DNR IN OUR AREA.

## BOULDER JUNCTION: (WARM WATER FISH)

Allequash	-	116,100	Musky fry
Big	-	1,700	Musky fingerlings
Emerald	-	250	Adult Largemouth Bass
High	-	1,400	Musky fingerlings
Little Crooked	-	300	Musky fingerlings
Little John	-	200	Musky fingerlings
Lwr. Gresham	-	300	Musky fingerlings
Mann	-	200	Adult Largemouth Bass
	-	2,950	Adult Bluegill
Rice Creek	-	8,100	Musky fry
Trout	-	99,420	Walleye fingerlings
	-	2,000	Musky fingerlings
Upr. Gresham	-	18,000	Walleye fingerlings

## (COLD WATER FISH)

Fallison	-	5,000	Brook Trout fingerlings
Firefly	-	3,000	Brown Trout yearlings
Lit. John Jr	-	2,000	Brown Trout yearlings
Stevenson Sprgs.	-	500	Brook Trout yearlings
Wildwood	-	2,000	Brown Trout fingerlings

## MANITOWISH WATERS (WARM WATER FISH)

Alder	-	300	Musky fingerlings
Clear	-	200	Musky fingerlings
Manitowish	-	433	Musky fingerlings
Statehouse	-	180	Adult Northern Pike
Wild Rice	-	400	Musky fingerlings

## (COLD WATER FISH) - NONE

## PRESQUE ISLE (WARM WATER FISH)

Crab	-	1,000	Musky fingerlings
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## (COLD WATER FISH)

Anne	-	1,000	Rainbow Trout yearlings
Cathaline	-	2,000	Brown Trout fingerlings
Papoose	-	4,000	Brook Trout fingerlings
	-	10,000	Brown Trout fingerlings

## WINCHESTER (WARM WATER FISH) - NONE

## (COLD WATER FISH) - NONE

## MERCER (WARM WATER FISH)

\*note: (The following figures were 1990 stocking quota's. Actual number stocked was not available at this time.)

Cedar	-	3850	Walleye fingerlings
Echo	-	440	Musky fingerlings
Fisher	-	900	Musky fingerlings
Flambeau Fl.	-	5000	Musky fingerlings
Grand Portage	-	300	14" + Musky yearlings
	-	75	18" + Musky yearlings
Lk of the Falls	-	600	Musky fingerlings
Manitowish R.	-	100,000	Lake sturgeon fry
	-	20,000	Lake sturgeon fgl.
Mercer	-	300	14" + Musky yearlings
	-	100	18" + Musky yearlings
Moose	-	540	Musky fingerlings
North Bass	-	180	Musky fingerlings
One Man	-	2,000	Largemouth Bass fingerlings
Sandy Beach	-	5,550	Walleye fingerlings
Spider	-	720	Musky fingerlings
Trude	-	1,500	Musky fingerlings
Wilson	-	160	Musky fingerlings
Lk Six	-	7,400	Largemouth Bass

## 1989 FISH STOCKING BY LAC DU FLAMBEAU FISH HATCHERY.

(1990 report was unavailable at this time.)

## LAC DU FLAMBEAU (WARM &amp; COLD WATER FISH)

LAKE	SPECIES	# FRY	# FINGERLING
Big Crawling Stone	Walleye	1,700,000	94,380
Big Crooked	Walleye	300,000	21,586
Bolton	Walleye	400,000	6,900
Fence	Walleye	1,700,000	166,598
	Musky		130
	L.M. Bass		15,000
	S.M. Bass		5,000
	Brn. Trout		18,876
Flambeau	Walleye	1,900,000	57,722
Gunlock	Walleye	400,000	14,664
Ike Walton	Walleye	400,000	83,996
Lit Crawling Stone	Walleye	500,000	5,800
Little Pine	Walleye	500,000	
Little Trout	Walleye	700,000	49,196
Long Interlachen	Walleye		36,928
Mitten	Walleye	500,000	
Plummer	Walleye		12,980
Pokegama	Walleye	2,700,000	16,600
Poupant	Walleye	300,000	3,540
Shishebogama	Walleye	400,000	42,670
Signal	Walleye	300,000	3,540
Statenaker	Walleye		12,980
Stearns	Walleye		12,980
Little Sugarbush	Walleye	500,000	
Sugarbush Chain	Walleye	900,000	29,350
Tippecanoe	Walleye		5,900
White Sand	Walleye	700,000	16,960
	Musky		300
Wild Rice	Walleye		18,880
Adven's Camp Sprg.	Brook Trout		23,945
Mishonagon Creek	Brook Trout		16,000

## (Fish and Game Hearings continued)

If you would like to find out where the meeting in your county is, call your local Hdqts. of the Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources or if you would like to obtain a copy of proposed questions write: **Bureau of Information and Education, D.N.R., PO Box 7921, Madison WI 53707. Phone 608-266-6790**

One of the more controversial questions will be the proposed muskellunge size limit. The D.N.R. wishes to establish a base of **36" as a statewide minimum length**. In category two, they wish to establish a **40" minimum length on specified waters (D.N.R. fish managers have listed 40 lakes in Vilas county alone)**. Last, but not least, they would have special regulations with a 32" size limit on a limited number of waters with documented growth problems or **45" "trophy only" size limit of which they are recommending Trout Lake in Vilas County.**

For 1991 we already have three lakes in our area that will be 40". They are Big Lake on Hwy. K and Allequash Lake on Hwy. M, in Vilas County and Moose Lake in Iron County north of Mercer

If you are for or against the proposed changes, you can have your say and cast your vote the end of April. If you don't vote, you have no one to blame but yourself!

## SPRING FISH AND GAME HEARING

**Monday, April 22, 1991**

The annual wildlife and fish rules hearings are held in every county, in the State of Wisconsin, at **7:30 PM**, the third Monday in April. This is your chance to voice your opinion and vote on proposed rule changes.



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# JUNCTION

## NEWSLETTER

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  - \* What depths fish are being caught at.
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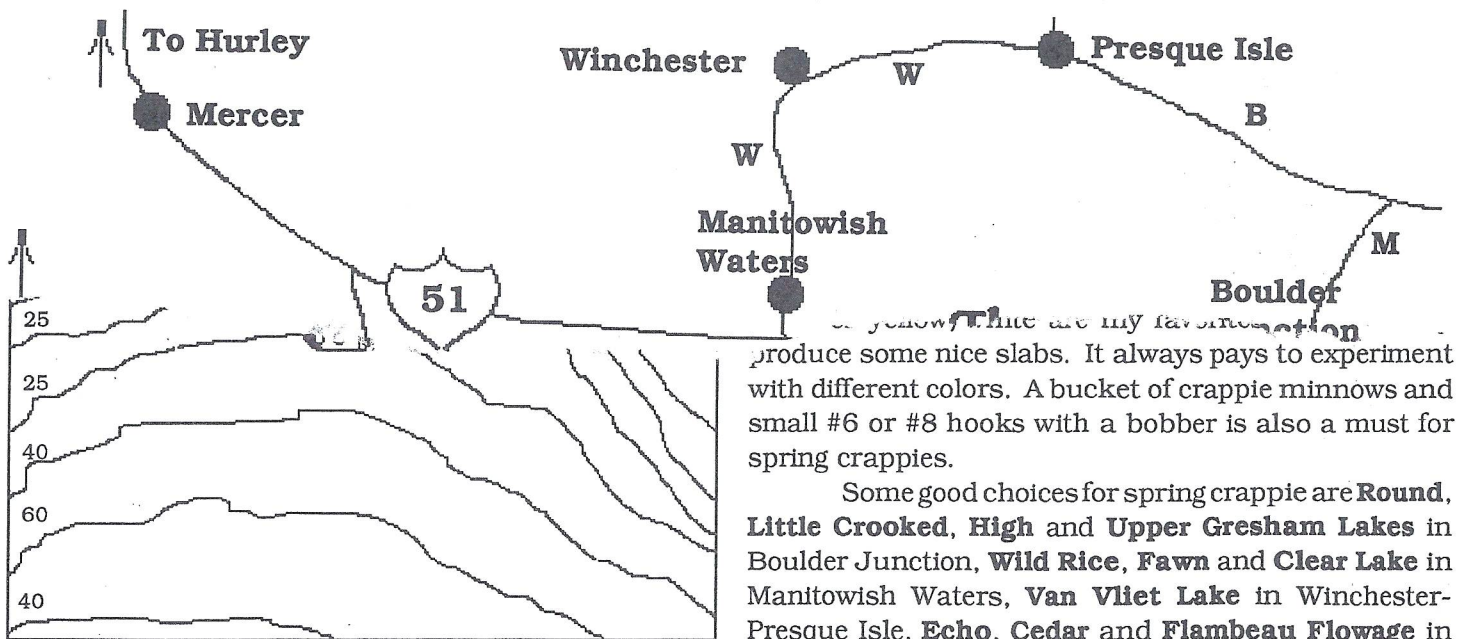
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SIM. BOKERN  
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