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spent the weekend back at my favorite pickerel spot... caught some more... the ones i was catching a couple weeks ago were a bit bigger and put up a much better fight this time around. caught one over 20". however, i had a little more trouble getting them released successfully. i ended up killing two out of a dozen or so caught. this almost never happens to me and kinda bums me out. i'm going to get some longer pliers for the next trip.

on a higher note, i caught MANY nice sized bluegills (in the 1lb neighborhood) and a couple good sized largemouth. its a shallow lake so i don't often target bass here but i know of a deep spot with some structure/cover so i threw a popper nearby. in the course of 20 minutes i caught a 5lb+ largemouth and a 3lb-er on a sneaky pete. the 5 pounder is the largest fish i've caught on any tackle. it was quite an experience. seeing that giant mouth crash the surface and devour the popper. and the fight was intense. he didn't want to come with me. he actually drug my kayak around quite a bit. i finally got him in an he was obscenely large. i didn't have anything to weight him but i think he was conservatively 5lbs. he about swallowed my popper and i got my whole hand in his mouth to dislodge the fly. and released him safely. i hooked a huge one last year on a rubber worm and broke him off in my hands. i'm wondering if he's the same bass a year larger.