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Higher water temps than 80 degrees almost certainly make things worse for smallmouth bass when the water is polluted. More oxygen demand, algae blooms, and bacteria and fungal epidemics. And lower resistance to combating infections and parasites on the part of the fish.

The bass in the North Susky were probably in thermal refuges and shaded deep water, if they were anywhere. They may have sought out cooler and cleaner tribs, in fact.

I've always thought of water temps over 80 degrees as more along the lines of largemouth bass habitat. Which is all good with me up to a point, although I prefer smallies. But there's plenty of largemouth habitat around already. And they seem to like approximately zero gradient in rivers, so they almost always keep to the frog water.