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Thought someone might benefit from this warm water fishing report from today's Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

Lake Erie: Walleye action had heated up in recent days, with fish 20 to 25 inches and 3 to 5 pounds reported. The best yields were in 50 to 55 feet. Many limits of perch were reported in 47 to 53 feet straight out of Walnut Creek. In Presque Isle Bay, largemouth bass had continued hitting, along with numbers of bluegills in recent days.

Shenango Reservoir (Mercer County): Chuck Main of Ellwood City and Lee Murray of Russelton won Sunday's Keystone Bass Buddy Circuit tournament with a six-fish limit of 13 3/4 pounds. Ron Feits of Butler boated the lunker, a 5 1/4-pound largemouth.

Lake Wilhelm (Mercer County): Numbers of largemouths and walleyes were reported in recent days. The crappie bite was off, although some slabs were caught. Chase Starcher, 12, of Polk caught a 9 1/2-pound, 30-inch carp on a french fry last week. John Petritus of Monessen caught a 19 1/2-inch, 4-pound bass on a plug June 21. Judy Myers of Polk caught a 17 1/2-inch, 2 1/2-pound largemouth and a 20-inch, 2 3/4-pound walleye Sunday on a Hot n Tot. Earl Garrett of New Eagle caught two walleyes, 24 1/2 inches, 4 1/2 pounds, and 20 inches, 2 3/4 pounds, Tuesday. Dan DeFigio of Edinboro boated an 18-inch largemouth and a 15-inch walleye.

Lake Arthur (Butler County): Nicholas Boles, 15, of Butler caught a 7-pound, 4-ounce, 28-inch walleye Sunday on a crawler harness. Numbers of largemouth and smallmouth bass were reported and hybrid striped bass action was steady at night. Crappies were found in 8 to 10 feet on the brush piles.

Pine Creek (Allegheny County): Carl Scholtz of Shaler caught rainbow trout in recent days and said smallmouth bass fishing had picked up. Although many bass were 6 inches, he caught a couple of 10-inchers and a 14-incher running Rapalas through the deeper holes.

Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio rivers: The Lock 3 Bait and Tackle six-man team won last week's PA BASS Federation Nation Western Regional Tournament out of the South Side with a two-day total of 35 bass weighing 54 3/4 pounds. Rick Lane of Pittsburgh (Fort Pitt Bassmasters) caught the tournament lunker, a 5 1/2-pound largemouth. The biggest individual two-day total was caught by Nick Supik of Tarentum (South Hills Bassmasters), with 10 fish weighing 17 1/2 pounds, caught in the Allegheny. The Venture Outdoors Downtown TriAnglers reported good fishing Wednesday from the North Shore. Highlights include Tom Lippert's 21-inch smallmouth buffalo and 19 1/2-inch channel catfish, John Force's 17-inch flathead catfish and 14 1/2-inch hybrid striper, and Rege Fitzhenry's 14-inch flathead catfish.

Youghiogheny River, Meadow Run (Fayette County): Brown Drakes and small Cream Cahills were hatching in recent days on Meadow Run. On the river, tricos and Blue-Winged Olives were coming off, along with big Black

~~Stoneflies and little Yellow Sallies, Light and Cream Cahills, Slate Drakes and Tan Caddis.~~

Youghiogheny Reservoir (Fayette County): A few quality walleyes were caught in recent days by anglers bottom bouncing crawler rigs. Nice numbers of smallmouth bass averaging 15 inches also were reported. Crappies were hitting on fathead minnows around the docks.

Loyalhanna Creek, Mill Creek (Westmoreland County): Craig Nemchik of White Oak landed 24 rainbows and browns up to 15 inches on white sucker spawn in high, dirty flow Sunday and caught 35 rainbows and brook trout in ideal conditions Saturday on Mill Creek.

Peters Creek (Washington County): Nemchik released 22 rainbows and browns up to 16 inches on salmon eggs in low, clear conditions Wednesday.

Raystown Lake (Huntingdon County): Anglers were catching striped bass 8 to 25 pounds trolling spoons off planer boards and downriggers, or fishing live bait -- mostly shad and alewife. Fish were coming shallow, 5 to 15 feet, in the mornings and going as deep as 30 feet when the sun was off the water. A few lake trout were hitting sporadically in 30 to 40 feet.

Little Juniata River/Spruce Creek (Huntingdon County): Tan and Olive Caddis (14-16) were active, along with some size 18 Sulphurs. Cicadas also were present, more in some areas than in others, and were expected to continue for at least two weeks. Bill Spicher and Delores Jennings were the top male and female winners in the Little Juniata Fly Fishing Classic June 20-22. The tournament was sponsored by the Spring Ridge Club.