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DISTRICT REPORT

Lake Erie: Perch fishing was outstanding and the walleye bite fair to good with both species coming in 55 feet of water out from Walnut Creek and off the point. Anglers were catching largemouth bass in Presque Isle Bay, with crappies and bluegills hitting in Misery Bay and Marina Bay, and a few walleyes by the yacht club after dark.

Allegheny River (Warren, Forest counties): The river was yielding walleyes, 18 to 28 inches, muskies up to 45 inches, northern pike, small rainbow trout and brown trout up to 19 inches in recent days. The Conowongo Creek tributary was producing smallmouth bass to 18 inches, and the reservoir was giving up walleyes, pike and perch.

Shenango River (Mercer County): Anglers were catching numbers of crappies in mixed sizes in the main channel and on brush piles amid low angling pressure in recent days. Hybrid striped bass were hitting from 6 p.m. on, as fish chased bait close to shore. Smallmouth bass, hybrid stripers and a few northern pike were hitting in the tailrace of the Shenango Dam.

Lake Wilhelm (Mercer County): Some decent crappies and nice numbers of bluegills were reported along with a few walleyes and lots of largemouth bass. Deborah K. Seybert of Grove City caught a 15-inch, 1-pound, 7-ounce crappie on a Tadpolly. Vera Yost of Robinson caught a 25-inch, 5 3/4-pound walleye on a worm harness July 4. Andy Cersosimo of McKees Rocks caught an 18-inch, 2 1/2-pound largemouth bass on a purple worm Sunday. Earl Garrett of New Eagle and Bob Danlovich of Homestead caught two walleyes, 20 and 22 inches, Wednesday.

Neshannock Creek (Mercer County): Recent rains gave the stream heavy color mid-week, though conditions were expected to improve. In warming water, trout were best targeted in early morning, and smallmouth bass throughout the day. For more, visit www.ncflyshop.com.

Tamarack Lake (Crawford County): Anglers were catching muskies at this popular muskie impoundment in recent days.

Woodcock Creek Lake (Crawford County): The lake was yielding smallmouth bass in recent days, while smallmouths and a few walleyes were hitting below the dam.

Canadhota Lake (Crawford County): This natural lake was yielding bass in recent days.

Pymatuning Reservoir (Crawford County): Warm, calm water slowed the daytime walleye bite earlier this week, although night-time anglers were making nice catches. Two anglers caught walleyes 21 to 26 inches Tuesday night by anchoring in 3 1/2 feet and casting topwater baits to weedbeds. Crappies were coming on minnows in deeper structure and big bluegills were hitting. Numbers of channel catfish, white bass and largemouth and smallmouth bass were reported. A 19-inch smallmouth was taken Tuesday night. Seven muskies were released in last weekend's local muskie tournament, with a 42 1/2-incher taking first place.

Lake Arthur (Butler County): Bob Sarnese of Prospect caught 10 crappies totaling 14 pounds, including two 2-pounders and the rest averaging a pound. Two anglers caught a 10-pound, 27-inch hybrid striped bass on the west side of the Route 528 bridge and a 27-inch walleye, Saturday night.

North Park Lake (Allegheny County): Tyler Wild, 14, caught a 5 2-pound, 20-inch largemouth bass by the boathouse Wednesday afternoon.

Allegheny River: Jim Kopolovich of Duquesne caught a 30 1/2-inch, 10-pound walleye on a shiner from shore at the Highland Park Dam late Saturday afternoon. The Venture Outdoors Downtown TriAnglers landed 32 fish off the North Shore Wednesday. Highlights included Tom Lippert's 17-inch channel catfish and 24-inch carp, John Force's 14 1/2-inch smallmouth bass and Joey Kielar's 14 1/2-inch freshwater drum.

Ohio River: Numbers of walleyes, saugers and smallmouth bass, mostly in average sizes, were reported Tuesday, although water was high and murky and some anglers reported difficulty accessing their favorite spots.

Youghiogheny Reservoir (Fayette County): John Spittal of Ursina reported the worst fishing in a month Monday, although he and Park Nicklow caught four bass 13 to 18 1/2 inches and 10 crappies 9 to 13 inches. The river fished well last weekend, following the July 4 trout stocking. Anglers were catching nice numbers with many 11-inchers, at the tailrace.

Loyalhanna Creek (Westmoreland County): Ideal water conditions Sunday in the Delayed Harvest section yielded some beautiful fish up to 20 inches on a white jig.

Raystown Lake (Huntingdon County): Excellent catches of striped bass 10 to 25 pounds were reported mid-week on Calypso Clackamas Wobblers (large silver and silver-chartreuse spoons) trolled off planer boards and downriggers in 12 to 25 feet of water.

Spring Creek (Centre County): Flow was a little off-color Wednesday. Most anglers have been fishing cicadas in recent days, which made nymphing effective. TCO Fly Shop recommends Green Weenies, Cressbugs, Pheasant Tails and Hare's Ears, or throwing ants and beetles.

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