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Yes, at drop offs into deep water in near shore areas. Also at major creek mouths in some cases. Additionally when rivers are a bit high and moderately turbid. Finally, inshore movement occurs nightly at dusk and the fish may be within range more frequently on cloudy or rainy days. At dusk they will come right up onto shallow shoals. Mass movement may occur ten minutes after most anglers have left, so if you are fishing at dusk, stick it out until dark. They are light sensitive, but have excellent vision in darkness and in turbidity. They are the ideal fish to fish for in conditions when other fish species might be less likely to bite. They do not like rapidly falling water temps though (cold fronts)' which willoften drive them off shore when just the day before they were all over the shoreline. Finally, high, muddy rivers put the fish right along the shoreline...day or night. Finding a place to stand can be tough in those condition but you have to be creative. I know a place on the Susky where anglers take advantage of this pattern by standing on a boat ramp. Last week we were electrofishing walleye from two to five ft of water at night, all within casting distance of shore.