

Ontario Outdoors

Hurry if you want to catch smelt

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GOOD GRIEF, ITS MAY.

SMELT peaked in Lake Ontario last weekend, and there are still a few around, but better hurry. There are about 2 1/2 million smelt taken in some areas each year, and still enough to feed the Rainbow Trout and Salmon in the lake, but for how long? After the smelt and Alewife are gone what will the game fish feed on? I feel a limit should be placed on the amount of SMELT taken per person.

CHANGING LURES

STOCKED TROUT take several days to acclimatize to the environmental feeding style. Until then, they are difficult to catch, sometimes requiring continual changes of lures or bait. Muskies are spawning in Balsam Lake, or so I have been told. The muskie does spawn a little later than the pike, and we need all the Tigers we can get. They are slow growing and much sought after. The Walleye spawn seemed to go well, and there is hope for a good year class in 1981, when they will be a good size to catch.

A new booklet for the outdoors family, "TENT TIPS" by SHIRLEY TEASDALE. I know Shirley personally and am sure you too will find TENT TIPS a very readable and informative booklet. Printed by Consolidated Amethyst Publications, it is available in book stores.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters is working for us again. Soal Lake and Lake of the Woods is under the gun in regards to the cancelling of the commercial fishing quotas. This will mean the depletion of the game fishery there.

However, the ministry seems to have responded to the Federations efforts, or in the words of the Minister James Auld "I am pleased to report that the Ministry will be implementing quota control of the commercial fisheries on Shoal Lake in 1979. This was established on lake of the woods - 1978". Maybe the Ministry of Natural Resources is finally getting tough with those who rape our resources. Large fines for poachers and some action with commercial netters. There is no longer a need for commercial netters in fresh water lakes, and that is my opinion as well as that of a great many others. When it is considered that the above quota from the Minister was dated December 20, 1979, the news of the waiving of these quotas on April 19, 1979, it seems that the Ministry of Natural Resources is inclined to tell the Sportsmen anything and give the Commercial netters what they want. This question must be resolved in favour of the sportsmen of Ontario for economic reasons if non other.

A lot of money is spent by tourists and locals alike

when fishing. The income from commercial netting is negligible in this day of payments to farmers for not growing certain crops, and considering that the Government paid the netters when the fish were not fit for human consumption, and netting was stopped.

TOUGH STAND

Tough stand?? Of course and thats the way I mean it. Will you stand with me? A five dollar donation will be accepted by the ESSEX COUNTY FISH AND GAME ADVISORY COMMITTEE c-o Ralph Weir, Rte No. 2 Kingaville, Ontario. This will go toward research on the damaging effects of commercial netting and the killing of

fish by GILL NETS and the so-called incidental catches of commercial netters such as RAINBOW TROUT, BROWN TROUT AND THE SALMONS. I will welcome all letters on this subject written to me at 25 Carole Street, Georgetown, Ontario L7G 3X5.

Gather up your "intestinal fortitude" and show where you stand. The warmer weather of this week will go a long way to improve the trout fishing this weekend. The streams were perfect last week, although it was a little cold for good fishing.

Good luck as we have the summer to look forward to in ONTARIO OUTDOORS.



Trout season is upon us once more. Above this fisherman tries his luck on the Credit River by Norval. (Photo by Bob Ollivier)



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