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Capt. Tim's Fall Newsletter

2011 Summer Recap

The 2011 summer has come and gone. It was a challenging year on the water with missing fish and abundant bait. We ran our last trip on August 21 and landed 7 kings in 3 hours with my family handling the rods. It was a nice way to end the season.

Overall, the summer fishing season was fun but a lot less productive than past years. Here are some of the numbers. We ran 80 trips with clients, and landed 422 fish. We averaged 5.3 fish a trip which is down from last year. The best day of the year was July 28th when we caught 21 fish. The biggest fish of the year, pictured at the right, was 25.25 pounds. The hot baits this year were Savant's Crusher spoons.

The weather this summer wasn't too bad. We only had a few cancellations due to wind and storms. Water temps were pretty good too with nice thermoclines most of the season. The biggest problem seemed to be a lack of fish. There was a huge Alewife die off in the middle of July and the fish seemed to stop biting and disappear for what was usually the best week of the year. They just didn't want to bite.

The bright spot was definitely the size of the fish. We had a 20lb+ fish on many of our trips. Fewer, but bigger fish was the trend off of Rowleys Bay in 2011.

As in years past, the highlight of my summer was meeting new clients and seeing returning ones that fished aboard the *Reel Addiction* in years past. Fishing is always a great time with good company. Thank you to



The biggest of the year, a 25.25lb king!

all who made 2011 a success!

I will be opening the calendar for bookings after January 1. Be sure to visit our website to book for next year. July always fills up fast!

Most of the leaves are gone in Northern Wisconsin. The muskies are biting and hunting season is in full swing. Ice fishing is right around the corner too! Have an enjoyable fall and winter.

- Capt. Tim



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Great Lakes News

With many fisherman in Door County complaining about the number of fish around this summer, it is ironic that the DNR will be implementing some new technology to assure a healthy king population in the future.

A new tagging and fin clipping machine has been invented that can mark up to 90,000 fish a day.

The machine will insert a coded wire tag and clip a fin to make it easier and more accurate to determine which fish have been hatchery produced and which have been spawned in the rivers surrounding Lake Michigan.

This knowledge will allow Wisconsin's and Michigan's fisheries specialists to adjust stocking with the

hope of keeping the total fish numbers in line with the Lake Michigan forage base, namely the alewives. After experiencing a large die off this past summer, it seems that the alewife population is on the rebound. Hopefully a few more salmon will be added to the lake so fish numbers improve over the next few years.

Recent Photos and Fun



22lb morning king on 300' of copper



A limit, plus one for the captain.



Friends from Alaska with Great Lakes Kings!



Kathy's first legal tournament muskie