

October - Week 4

Continue to follow the fish back out of the creeks and try to stay with them as they move. The water temperature will now be in the low 70's to high 60's in some places. The rain that we get from cold fronts will really cool the banks of the creeks where the run off enters. Try a Rat-L-Trap® early in the day fished on the banks in the long coves across from Reynolds Golf Course on the main lake. Look for fish to be holding on rocks and stumps early in about 3-5 feet of water. Sometimes fish can be caught deeper on cold days if the Rat-L-Trap® is fished with a “yo-yo” method. This is achieved by ripping the lure up, then letting it flutter down deeper to the fish in the 7-10 feet range. My favorite Rat-L-Trap® color for this time of year is Bleeding Shiner in the 1/2 oz size to match the bait. Later in the day try to catch some fish on the secondary points coming out of the creeks on a 1/4 oz Texas Rigged Zoom® Lizard in Pumpkin or Westernmelon color. Work this bait tight to any brush or trash that you feel. Adding some Bang® Garlic scent and a glass rattle will help dramatically. The fish will begin to bite better with some warm sun during the day and can be caught by crawling a big jig on riprap banks. Try the riprap at Hwy. 44 and look for the fish on the sunny side. Work a 1/2 oz Strike King® Premier Elite Jig in Green Craw with a matching Zoom® Big Saw Caunk. Wind can also play a big factor at this time of year as it can blow snags up on windy points. Try a Suddeth® Big Boss Hawg in Firetiger or Tennessee Shad color. Cast this bait right up into the dirty water created by the wind beating the shore and expect the bite right on the edge of the mud line. This can be a high numbers technique.



Fishing Tip: The phase of the moon seems to play a big role in the feeding activity of bass. Studies have shown that the best fishing occurs within two days before and after the full and new moon phases. Fishing logs seem to confirm this. Try planning your next fishing trip or vacation to coincide with one of these major phases of the moon.

Fishing Lure Recap

- Crankbait
 - Bill Lewis
 - 1/2 oz Rat-L-Trap®
 - Bleeding Shiner
- Jig
 - Strike King®
 - Premier Elite Jig
 - Green Craw
 - Zoom® Big Salty Chunk
 - Match Jig Color
- Texas Rig
 - 1/4 oz Weight
 - Zoom® Lizard
 - Pumpkin
 - Watermelon
- Crankbait
 - Suddeth®
 - Big Boss Hawg
 - Firetiger
 - Tennessee Shad

