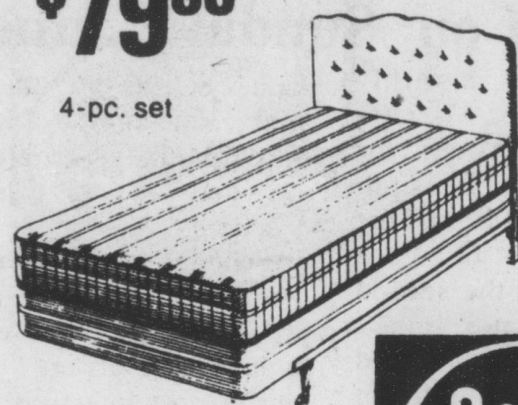


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## Catching smallmouths in the Susquehanna

By J. L. Biesecker

Late spring and early summer is a time of new sunshine, warm rain, growing grass and dandelions, but more importantly, it is also a time for fishing. In spring the fisherman is among the luckiest of men, for available to him is the antidote to spring fever and an excuse for getting out into the open air. This excuse comes in the call of the Susquehanna small mouth bass. (Season opens June 14.)

Since fishermen are sound-minded men, we retreat from the battle against the dandelion and growing grass, responding to the call that comes from the depths of nearby waters.

Available to all of us locally, is the thrill of trying to catch the air climbing, tail walking, head shaking, small mouth bass. Pound for pound, the fighting qualities of our smallmouths are not matched in fresh water fishing, and the mild succulent flavor is among the best of fresh water fish. These bass are bred and hatched free, in the wild, and willing to fight you to frazzle trying to stay that way.

Smallmouths are easy to catch or impossible to catch, depending on their mood. My children have caught them on worms with the most inexpensive of rods, while men in specially designed "Bass Boats" with several thousand dollars worth of equipment often fail.

Bass can sometimes be coaxed into a biting mood any time of the day, in any month of the year, but there are some "best" times. When the water temperature is between 65° and

75° F and when the stream is on the rise, but not muddy, bass seem to feed best. Late afternoon and nights after a sunshiny day also seem to encourage the larger bass into cooperation. My largest bass of the 1974 season was caught at twilight faded into darkness.

Fickle, is the only word that can describe the bass when it comes to suggesting the type of lures they will take. The most successful lures are six-inch black worms with pork-rind, Floating Rapala, Rebel, Flatfish, Meeps and other spinners. Night fishing calls for noisy top water plugs such as Torpedo and Talking Minnow. None of these guarantee success. Today's bass producing lure is often tomorrow's failure. I have wasted many hours insisting the bass accept the lure that had taken their brethren several days earlier. Some days, every lure in the box fails to produce results. I pretend to be discouraged, but actually use my days of failure as an excuse to return to the river sooner than I might have otherwise.

When the artificial lures fail, live bait will often bring in the bass. Minnows are good, Crayfish are better and Hellgrammites are best. Hellgrammites are difficult to find since they are easily killed by pollution, but they are worth the effort expended in searching them out.

In fact, any work that one must do to assist in the catching of Susquehanna smallmouth bass is worth the energy used. When you have experienced the jolt of this green shaft of lightning striking out of the depths, smashing into the lure, sending a tingle through the body and raising the hair on the nape of the neck, you will agree that it is worth the work. After you have come to know and respect our Susquehanna Scrapper, you will also answer his call. He calls you to come test your skills, match your wits and take a chance. The experience will leave you wide-eyed and anxious for more.

See you June 14th on the Susquehanna

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