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Manitowoc County **Lake Michigan Creel Report – Week of Sept. 27-Oct 3, 2010**

Weather & Water Conditions: Scattered rain showers, strong winds, and the coldest temperatures this fall along the lakeshore resulted in tough conditions for fishermen. Mid-week rain and scattered showers throughout the weekend left area tributaries high and murky. The water temperatures remain in the 52-55 degree range. High temperatures reached the low 50s, with night time temperatures dropping to the upper 30s. Strong NW winds at 10-20 mph dominated most of the week and contributed to the lack of boater activity and success with 3-5 foot waves. Salmon and trout have really picked up along the lakeshore, resulting in the best fishing yet this fall.

Fishing Report: Pier fishermen off the south pier in Two Rivers reported catching a few salmon, with the best luck coming off of green champs early in the morning. At the dams, very few fish have been hooked legally, but using spawn has produced the most success. The catch on the West Twin remains to be dominated by chinook salmon, but on the East Twin, the catch has been a mix of chinook, brown, and rainbow trout. Floating salmon spawn 4-6 feet down has produced significant amounts of chinook and rainbow trout before noon at the Manitowoc marina, and then the fishing appears to shut off. At Manitou Park on the Manitowoc River, anglers have landed a few rainbows and chinook using green/silver and gold champs throughout the day. Near the mouth of the Little Manitowoc River, several salmon and brown trout have been landed jigging spawn. The Chinooks have been ranging from 14-18 pounds along with a few browns in the 10-12 pound range. Several of the rainbows caught in the Manitowoc harbor are of the Arlee strain ranging from 8-12 pounds

Please remember that hook and line fishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise in the tributaries which began September 15th. If you observe any violations, please call 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367).

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Surface water temperatures are cooling off a little every day. Last weekend it was between 67 - 71 degrees everywhere we went. As of Monday, we have seen it as low as 62 degrees and a lot of cold water lingering 40 feet below at 45 to 51 degrees.

Another problem we are facing is the amount of bait fish in the area. Some of the king's stomachs are just stuffed with their favorite food (alewives). Some of the mature 4 year olds are changing into their spawning colors and when conditions are right, they are starting to stage in front of our river mouths.

Cool City Charters fished everyday this past week and held a modest 7.5 fish per trip average. We fished anywhere from 60 to 200 feet of water, working the bottom two thirds of the water column.

Best baits for us in spoons were Moonshine Lures in their Half Moon series, their Snack Attack, Blue Face and Freak Eye worked great. In Flashers, Bechhold and Son's Fishcatcher flashers in White/glow, UV Silver and UV Kahuna (Chartruse) all did a fantastic job off riggers and pump handles.

Good Luck and Good fishing

Joe LeClair,
Captain of Cool City Charters
