

8-25, 8-26

Fished in Muskegon both Friday and Saturday all day both days. Friday morning found us in the mud right off the pier heads fishing 25-40 fow with a mud spread. big flashers, glow plugs and spoons to fill things out. 3 on board meant nine rods in the water so do maximize maneuverability, we went with 4 divers and 4 riggers with one core off to the side. Fish were biting but we had a hard time landing them. We finished 4 for 11 in the morning by 9 AM and fished till 230 with only 2 more bites. Bloody clown northport and tiger roughy took the 3 spoon bites. Mother of pearly plugs in size 5 took 4 rips and Flashers and flies took the rest. Northport firefly inside a seaweed fly behind an 11" wonderbread coyote took a couple rips, and mountain dew E-chip and fishcatchers in 8" with Duckhead and Atomic green glow flies took the rest.

Friday night we worked the same water with much less gusto. Only taking 6 rips, we managed 3 to the boat. Northport bloody clown took one rip and so did Northport tiger snapper took one rip. Blue glow with black ladder back J took two rips on the 4 color and the 11" coyote wonderbread with seaweed fire fly took one. We finished with a strong triple at sunset, so that was really fun. One broke off and the other two made it to the boat.

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Saturday morning, I hit the same water, but no one was home. I worked my way deeper and after two hours of trolling found the fish in 65-80 fow. Some silver fish mixed in with the brownies. The same coyote with Seaweed fire fly horsefly took three rips again and a blue glow horse fly behind a glow and blue spinnie took 2 rips. Spoons ruled the roost with the rest of the hits. Blueberry glow took 2, greenberry glow took one, Blue mahi took one and Lemon fire glow took two rips. We finished 8 for 11 by 9:20 and took the first hit at 7:20. Fish were just deeper, but due to a chumming customer, we ran in early. He was tough though, he made it four hours even though he was chumming 10 minutes after we were out. A trooper for sure!

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Saturday night a buddy joined me and we ran back to the morning's numbers with no gusto for two hours again. we slid deeper another 10' or so and lit them up. It was all greens saturday night. One came on an old school northport nailer with white back and green front and one came on a green glow J, and the rest were all flashers and flies. Duckhead horse fly and Atomic green glow horse fly did the damage. They were behind green holo white blade spinnies with crush on the back for 6 rips and behind a chrome and green spinnie for 3 hits. One hit came on little boy blue horse fly behind a trashcan Opti. Finished on a triple to go 7 for 12. At one point we were 2 for 7 in the mid afternoon, so the evening bite was much much more productive. Seeing some good coho this year to round out the catches. Fish were from 9-18# for the evening run and similar sizes throughout the weekend.

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