

Lake Fish Forecast February 2016

Lent is approaching quickly! With that I have an updated 2016 Lake Fish Forecast.

The Native Yellow Lake Perch is, and will continue to be, next to impossible to get (if you can get it expect limited sizes and very expensive product). Extremely small amounts are trickling in each week from a variety of suppliers. The fishers are exerting all efforts since the pricing is so strong but there is not enough to fill the demands.

Riverside has plentiful inventories of both the butterfly and single European Perch (20/40 medium and 40/60 large). With the absence of the Native Lake Perch, the European Perch is gaining acceptance with leaps and bounds.

Walleye is still very limited in 6/8, 8/10, 10/12, and 12/14 sizes. The 4/6 has been readily available and the pricing on the 2/4 is starting to decrease.

Sauger in the 1.5-2.5 and 2.5-4.5 sizes is readily available. You may see it labeled as "Canadian Pike" on menu's and be cheaper in price than its close cousin the Walleye. We are selling the 1.5-2.5 Sauger at the lowest prices seen in years! Smelt is also limited this year. But with last year's shortages, we teamed up with our suppliers to obtain a good supply of IQF dressed headless smelt for the Lenten season. Riverside should have a strong supply through the May smelt fry season.

Bluegill supply is solid with pricing holding the same as last year in both Wild Canadian and China Farm Raised. New to Riverside for Lent are Frog Legs. They come in six-5# bags with a case weight of 30#. They come in 2/4, 4/6, 6/8, and 8/12 sizes. They are a less expensive protein you can add to your menu!

This year Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation came out with a 8/10 oz. vacuum packed PBO Wild Caught in Canada Whitefish. It comes packed in an 11# case. They are also promoting a Skinless Boneless 4/6 oz. Northern Pike. This also comes in an 11# case and is Wild Caught in Canada but filleted in China. This firm white meat is a great center of the plate item that is probably the least expensive protein Lake Fish available on the market.

Zander is readily available in all sizes with a steady price... you may even see prices drop!

Under great news...Riverside is proud to be connected with Canadian Suppliers who are Marine Stewardship Certified (MSC). Currently Lake Erie is the only freshwater lake having the documentation for sustainability of its great resource.

Call Paul Becker today to find out more!!

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