

Lake Fish Forecast December 2013

We are hoping all had a good holiday season. We are well into winter but the days are getting longer. Weather will be one of the biggest factors for the months to follow.

Yellow Lake Perch

What a reversal of events, last few years more perch than what we could use! Quotas for Lake Erie were far from filled and expire with the New Year. As of now winter has its hold on us. Fishing ships are froze into some of the harbors and ice shoves are preventing others from making it out. There is quality frozen product to be had in lieu of fresh. Manitoba will have their ice fishing season that runs 1/15/14 to 3/15/14. This will help with the lack of fresh perch. Good news is lent is late and Erie will open up by then. Expect pricing to climb to last year's mark.

Walleye

2/4 through 8/10 are holding solid. Expect 10/12 and up to be rationed and limited supplies. Prices could climb on large sizes to equal the prime sizes. Fresh walleye will be limited to open ports on Erie. Very weather related

Canadian Pike/ Sauger

Sauger is holding with limited availability. With previous flooding on Lake Manitoba, roadways were destroyed. This is not allowing access to this fishing area where most of the sauger was harvested. We are hoping for rebuilding of their infrastructure. Same as last year.

Bluegill/Sunfish

We have product of China readily available. This is down in price from previous years. Product is readily available. The Canadian product is still holding strong and quantities are limited. New this is year is Farm Raised Product of USA Bluegill in limited amounts rivaling the Canadian in quality and price.

European Product

Euro perch 20/40 & 40/60 supplies are good. 20/40 gram Zander is still limited. The 40/60 gram, 2/4 ounce, and 4/6 ounce sizes supplies are strong. 6/8 & 8/10 are steady and good supplies also. Prices are up and may climb higher due to pressure on native supplies, the euro and Shipping expenses do to Bio terrorism costs.

Northern

Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation once again has its 11# 4-6 ounce skinless, boneless portions of this Canadian caught China processed product. This is a less expensive lake fish fin fish for the menu!

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