

Fishing Notes for April 2011:

We have Bill Schroeder and Mike Davis to thank for our fishing update. Bill is our local DNR Creel Clerk and Mike manages to catch his fair share of perch dinners...

- Ice fishing for 2010-2011 was Good to Very Good, and Excellent for a few fishermen.
- Hessel Bay seemed to be the best general area but Muskie Bay was a close second.
- Good numbers of Northerns were caught in both Hessel Bay and Muskie Bay.
- The summer outlook for both perch and pike is good. A lot of 5 ½" and 6" perch were caught this winter and they should be legal by June.
- Overall many of the 10" to 15" perch didn't bite real well, but in spite of this a lot in this size range were caught. One Master Angler perch was caught from Hessel Bay and from Muskie Bay last season.
- Low water may be an issue for successful perch spawning this spring. If so, this may keep future catches below the level experienced during the past three seasons. Most fishermen feel last summer's fishing was the best since the 70's!