

Fishing Report December 4, 2016

During the last two weeks that water temperature went from about 60 degrees down to the mid to low 50s which is a big change. Generally when the water temperature gets in the 50s the topwater bite is gone.

There are still bass in the backs of bays I saw bass feeding in 6 inches of water yesterday from my lakeside treestand. I had a guide trip last week and the week before. Two weeks ago we caught a limit of keeper bass which is not bad and our fish were good sized. Last week we caught 3 keepers and as a guide those kind of trips hurt but sometimes it happens.

Al Linder compared life to guiding when he said "In life you have good days and bad days, when I worked as a guide after guiding 7 days I would have 2 good days 2 bad days and a few average days".

I feel very lucky sitting here thinking about this past fishing season having had so many great clients and having had many more good days than bad ones.

During the last month I have not fished as much due to hunting, catching up on other things, and taking care of others.

In my opinion the winter fishing on Kentucky Lake and all the other Tennessee River lakes starts about mid December when many bass have moved out of the bays and creeks and position themselves on drop offs and ledges then the winter fishing starts to change in February when the bass start to move shallow again. Best baits to throw are jigs, finesse worms, crankbaits, jerkbaits, big one ounce spinnerbaits, and the famous Alabama rig. Bass don't feed as much in the winter but when they do it can be the best fishing of the year! I am looking forward to getting out and catching a lot of big fish this winter!

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