

After the unusually cold arctic blast hit us in the middle of November, the weather has been warm for this time of year. We get days and days of balmy, calm weather. Such extremes don't really help someone like me, who's trying to pattern the fish!

Several areas continue to hold tons of bait, much like they normally would in October/November, but not into the middle of December. Perhaps more significantly, the bait is shallow, mid-range and deeper. So, it doesn't really help identify the depth the big trout prefer at the moment.

I and my clients have caught several 28-29 inch fish lately, and missed/hooked and lost a few other big ones. Most bit topwaters. On some days, we're getting lots more bites on the worm. Those are usually the cooler days, with north winds blowing. Water temps, even on those days, often don't dip into the 50s, so that makes things tougher. Water temps in the 50s this time of year usually produce better numbers of big trout, and fatter ones too.

Heading into winter, I am hoping for a return of colder temperatures. Once we hit the second half of Jack Frost's season, warmer water temps won't affect our ability to pattern the fish quite as much.

One thing's for certain, fishing in this warm weather remains comfortable and pleasant, especially compared to what we endured during last winter's raging blasts of arctic air. I still have quite a few days left in all the upcoming months. Best way to book is by phone at 361 688 3714.