

The following is a notification of a "New" North Lake Resident as noted by Dan Aicher;

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I was pulling my wave runner out for repairs last night when I saw a "Dogfish" of Bowfin protecting a brood of its fry. These are rough fish that are bad for the lake. They feed on bait fish and compete aggressively with them. They should be killed if caught. Carp mostly damage the environment by rooting up the bottom and reducing clarity and thereby the ability of game fish to feed. Dogfish simply eat them.

They are nasty if you catch one; I've had them bite lures in half that will survive large muskies. Sharp teeth and powerful jaws the snap like crazy if you get them in the boat. Take a sharp knife and cut vertically between the gills to kill them.

On the bright side there are huge schools of perch fry all over the lake. Great to see them taking off – good eating by themselves and make for fast growth rates for game fish.

Dan Aicher

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bowfin>

