

RUN & GUN FOR PERCH

When you are perch fishing, you have to think like you are hunting. What I mean by this is, the perch are not going to come to you, you have to go to them. Perch like to roam, here one day and gone the next. The best way to find them is to use your electronics and motor around until you find them. Perch will hug the bottom most of the time, so you are looking for marks on bottom are right off. The one thing that I have found over the years is if you can find where hard bottom meets soft bottom that is going to produce fish more times then not. Once you have found the school, use a assortment of baits, let the fish tell you what they want that day. The baits I will go to are Shucks Jiggers, Mini jigs and small Kastmasters. Keep trying an assortment of colors until you start catching fish, then you can put on all the same bait once you find the pattern. I use wigglers or minnow heads on these baits. The other go to way of catching jumbo perch is a slip bobber and minnow, small plane hook with a split shot above it. I will use ultra lite rods 5 1/2 to 6 feet long with 3-4# line. You have to be able to feel what is going on down below. I like to keep the rod moving. I am always dropping it to keep contact with the bottom, but there are days they like it dead stick, try both. You can catch perch this way year round, you just have to be willing to move and move some more!! Perch fishing is a great way to get kids hooked on the sport of fishing, so please take the time to take a kid fishing.



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