



*Yellow Dog Lodge at Pilote Point*

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## ***5. What lures do the fish bite on?***

Each angler that visited us seemed to have their own preferences and all seemed to do equally well. The local fishermen regularly use a bait harness for catching lake trout. Using 7 inch frozen cisco seemed to be typical. A variety of large spoons and plugs were also used.

Early season to mid summer the Lake Trout can be caught right off or decks or docks, and are abundant throughout the lakes. Catches of 20 to 30 fish per day per person are common. Lake Trout are sensitive to weather, sunlight and temperature. Bring your favorite lures with you or we would be happy to supply you with what you need. When the water temperature warms to 60F the trout will go deeper and jigs and buzz bombs are the best lures, however trout will eat a cisco trolled, use a 4 oz or 6 oz slip weight to get the bait down deeper. When the water temperature drops below 58F the trout run shallower. Late August and September is when you will get the largest size. You can see hundreds of them in the channel between the 2 lakes. They are hungry and will eat just about anything.

Northern Pike are best fished in the early summer when they are concentrated in the shallows, when you can see them and the weeds have not yet grown to the surface. There is nothing more exciting when you can see a "40 inch torpedo" heading for your lure. Once summer heats up the pike are more dispersed and can be caught in deeper water. Pike fight like heck and when aggressive will actually jump out of the water to strike a lure and tail walk across the surface. We have seen tackle if left unattended go overboard with a pike on the end dragging the rod through the weeds.

Don't forget the fly-fishing opportunities as Arctic Grayling are readily available in the area, actually right off the dock beside the lodge! These grayling are beautiful and fun to catch. They are very powerful for their size and can be caught on small spinners and flies. If you are not careful you can hook into a pike feeding on the grayling. Then you are in for a treat, pike on light tackle with no leader!

## **FISHING GEAR**

### **Rods, Reels, Lines and Leaders**

- 6' 6" or taller medium heavy casting rod and reel with 12-20 lb. test mono line (Northern Pike)
- 6' or taller medium light - medium spinning rod and reel with 10-17 lb. test mono or low stretch lines like fire wire (Lake Trout)
- 5' Ultra-light spinning rod and reel with 2-6 lb. test line (Arctic Grayling)
- 9-10 weight fly rod with floating line (Northern Pike)
- 4-6 weight fly rod outfit with floating line (Arctic Grayling)



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- 9-18" 30-65 lb. test wire leaders with ball bearing bushing swivels or titanium leaders with cross lock snap swivels

## **Tackle**

### **Northern Pike** *Steel leaders are a must for pike*

- Crank baits, husky jerks, Bomber Long A
- Len Thompson #2 or Red Devil spoons, green & black froggy, black and white, five of diamonds
- 6" Slug-O, Pork-O, Johnson Silver Minnow, plastic frogs
- Red Eyes, Rapalas, Spinnerbaits, Spooks
- Bucktails, Flippin Jigs, Trailers
- Mepps / Bluefox spinners
- Streamers - Bunny, Popper, Deceivers

### **Lake Trout** *Tied directly to line or snap swivel*

- Wolverine spoons, pearl & red, pearl & black
- Len Thompson #4 platinum series, silver and nickel blue, rainbow trout, fire tiger
- T60 flatfish silver, silver and blue, black with silver fleck
- Kitimat, blue & silver, fire tiger
- Williams wobblers, silver, gold, gold & silver
- Rapalas, super shads, blue and pearl, fire tiger, green and silver
- Luhr Jensen rattling J plugs, silver, fire tiger, glow torpedo
- Bait harnesses for 6" ciscos
- Buzz Bombs, 4 oz cod jigs, 2 oz jigs with rubber worms

### **Arctic Grayling & Lake Whitefish** *Tied directly to line*

- Mepps, Panther Martin or Blue Fox in #00 or #0 (assorted colors)
- Small spoons (assorted colors)
- Dry flies
- Nymphs, bead heads
- Terrestrials
- 1/16<sup>th</sup> oz jigs