

Fall Fishing (Ken West Presentation)

Lake Lanier Fall Fishing

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Objective:

To better understand :

- What makes fall fishing so difficult?
- Why are they so hard to catch in the fall?
- What can we do to improve fall fishing success?

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1. Lake conditions / Habitat
2. Striper Movement / Activity
3. Fishing Techniques

Striper Characteristics

Temperature Sensitive

Require DO greater than 2

Light Sensitive – go nocturnal in a heartbeat – happy at night

Nomads – Have no home – wandering around – eating and swimming

Travel Great Distances - 35 mile in less than a week – average 3 miles in a day

They react to changes in their habitat - they have habits

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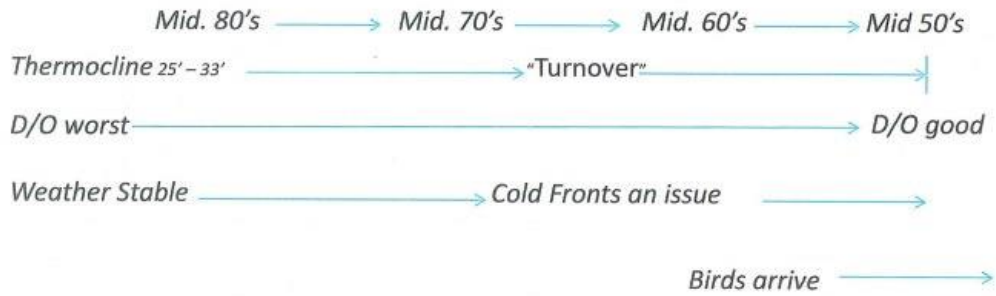
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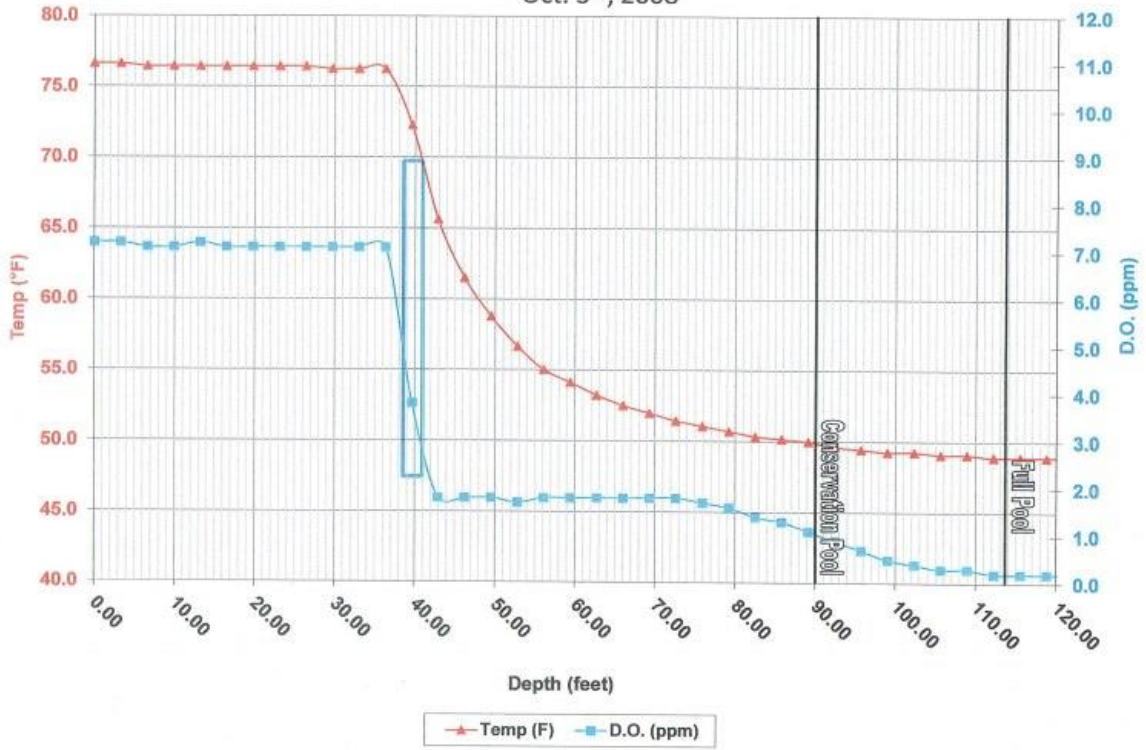
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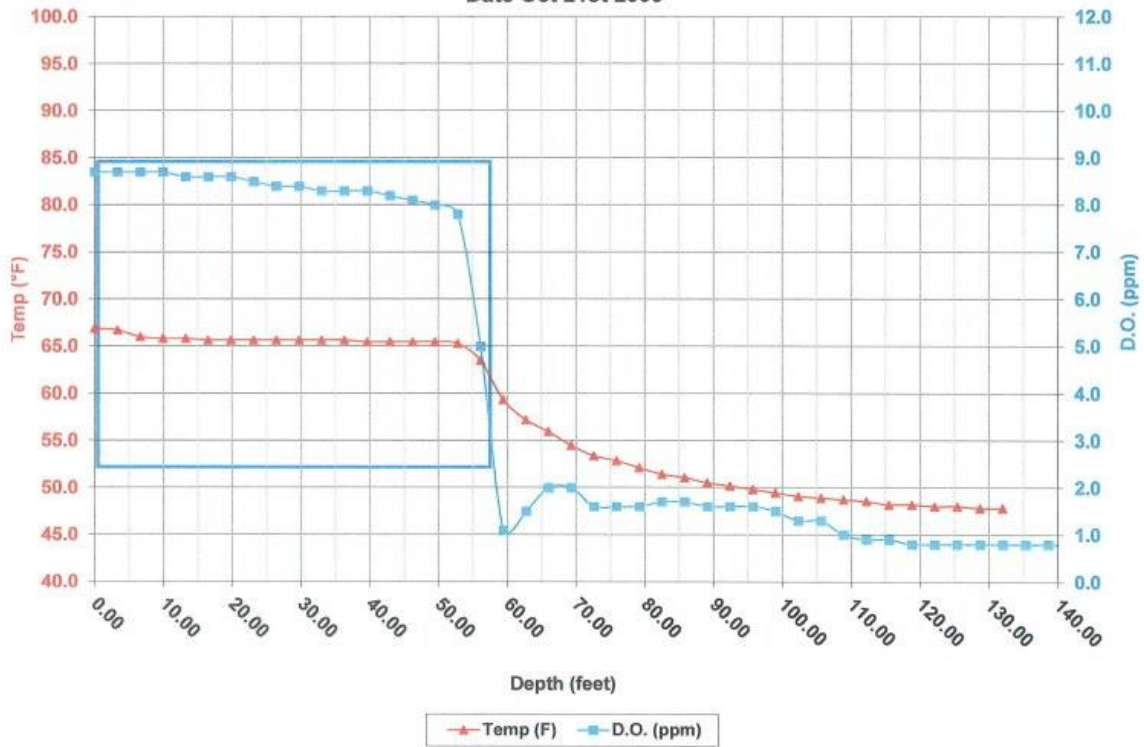
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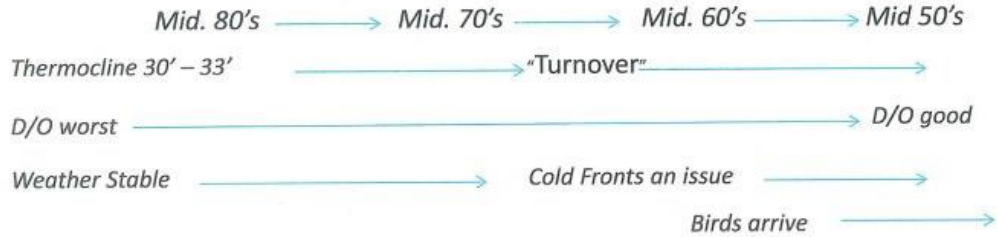
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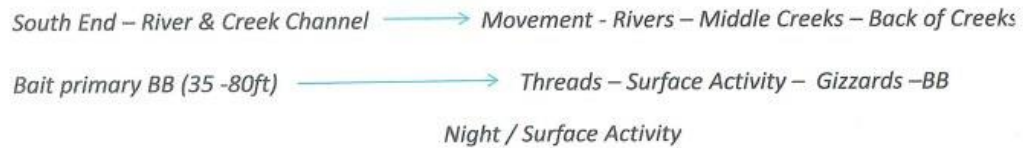
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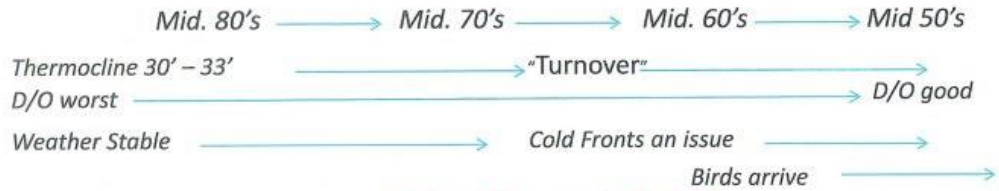
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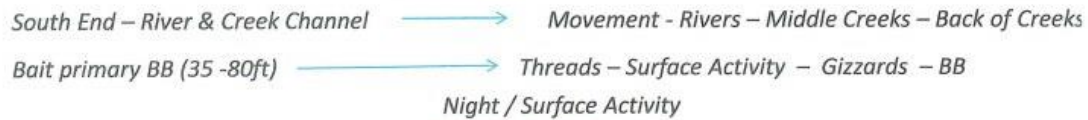
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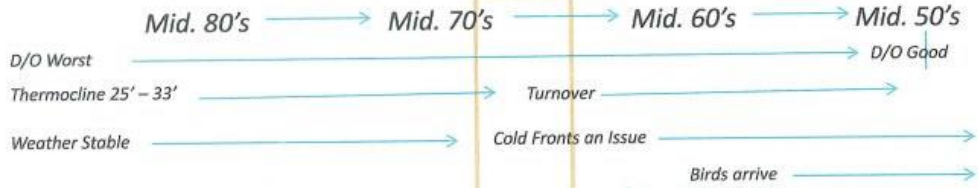
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7 days in October you can catch them anywhere on the lake from 60ft. to top water on anything at any time.

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Mid. 80's → Mid. 70's → Mid. 60's → Mid 50's
Thermocline 30' – 33' → "Turnover" →
D/O worst → D/O good
Weather Stable → Cold Fronts an issue →
Birds arrive →

Striper Movement / Activity

South End – River & Creek Channel → Movement - Rivers – Middle Creeks – Back of Creeks
Bait primary BB (35 -80ft) → Threads – Surface Activity – Gizzards – BB
Night / Surface Activity

Fishing Techniques

Trolling (Lead - U Rigs – Down Riggers) →
Down Rods – Power Reeling - BB → Free Lines - Planner Boards (early & Late) →
(Top Water - Red Fin)
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Tools

Electronics Usage – Find fish – Head down → Find bait – Temp - Heads up - Birds

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Suggestions

Go shallow at 70 degrees

Think patterns and plan – Always ask why – Why here ?

Use all your tools – maps key

Learn their habits

Keep good records

Try something different

Lake Lanier Fall Fishing Summary

Fall striper fishing is the most challenging season

Lake conditions undergo significant changes in a short period of time

Mid October Stripers “pop up” and move

Exploit all shallow water techniques

Have fun