

2026
National Championship Musky Open
Fish Report
(148 muskies caught and released)

Lake Family 1 (40 muskies caught & released)

		Fish							
Date	Time Caught	Length	Lake caught	Bait	Reg #	First Name	Last Name	City	State
21-Aug	6:05 AM	38	Kentuck	Bucktail	1022	Pete	Halbach	Hilbert	WI
21-Aug	6:50 AM	40.5	Catfish	Swim Bait	1314	Christopher	Ness	Eagle River	WI
21-Aug	7:20 AM	34.5	Eagle	Bucktail	1230	Brett	Strasser	West Allis	WI
21-Aug	8:00 AM	39	Kentuck	Medussa	1298	Ben	Klaus	Wauwatosa	WI
21-Aug	8:55 AM	40.25	Scattering Rice	Bucktail	1230	Brett	Strasser	West Allis	WI
21-Aug	10:25 AM	47	Catfish	Lippy Spinner	1116	Tim	Scruggs	Loves Park	IL
21-Aug	10:26 AM	39	Duck	Suick	1263	Andrew	Muntz	St Paul	MN
21-Aug	11:07 AM	39.25	Catfish	Medussa	1095	Camden	Watson	Oshkosh	WI
21-Aug	11:30 AM	44	Kentuck	Medussa	1298	Ben	Klaus	Wauwatosa	WI
21-Aug	11:55 AM	35.5	Yellow Birch	MuskyShop Bucktail	1162	Brandon	Mueller	Waterford	WI
21-Aug	12:00 PM	44.5	Cranberry	Spinner	1045	Bob	Ristow	Estero	FL
21-Aug	12:45 PM	40.5	Cranberry	Top Raider	1133	Darrell	Fritz	Rothschild	WI
21-Aug	12:55 PM	41.5	Catfish	Bucktail	1220	Jason	StreLOW	Ontanogan	MI
21-Aug	1:00 PM	39	Kentuck	Top Water Crookid	1158	Dan	Simoens	Green Bay	WI
21-Aug	1:30 PM	38	Catfish	Shallow Raidor	1141	Mark	Lynch	Hatley	WI
21-Aug	2:02 PM	37.5	Kentuck	Twitch Bait	1256	Daland	Sheahan	Stevens Point	WI
21-Aug	2:55 PM	34	Watersmeet	Spanky Bucktail	1161	Jamie	Mueller	Waterford	WI
21-Aug	3:30 PM	34.5	Eagle	Bucktail	1234	Joe	Wielepski	Wauzeka	WI
21-Aug	4:15 PM	44	Catfish	Mepps Giant Killer	1126	Rick	Weigman	Juneau	WI
21-Aug	4:58 PM	35.5	Kentuck	Twitch Bait	1256	Daland	Sheahan	Stevens Point	WI
22-Aug	6:36 AM	36.5	Catfish	Bucktail	1208	Bradley	Mielke	Campbellsport	WI
22-Aug	6:40 AM	34.25	Kentuck	Bucktail	1224	Dave	Van Schyndel	De Pere	WI

22-Aug	6:50 AM	48.25	Kentuck	Riubber	1325	Zac	Zorn	Oshkosh	WI
22-Aug	7:08 AM	37	Catfish	Bucktail	1242	Justin	Ethier	Allenton	WI
22-Aug	7:42 AM	34	Catfish	Bucktail	1208	Bradley	Mielke	Campbellsport	WI
22-Aug	7:51 AM	43.25	Otter	Bucktail	1106	Rick	Strasser	Waterford	WI
22-Aug	8:52 AM	39	Catfish	Rizzo tail	1237	Matt	McNelly	Stevens Point	WI
22-Aug	9:35 AM	34	Cranberry	Showgirl	1253	Gary	Perepechko	Chicago	IL
22-Aug	10:52 AM	36.5	9 Mile	Black/green Bucktail	1199	Tony	Vauthier	Pine River	WI
22-Aug	11:00 AM	34.5	Catfish	Musky Catcher Bucktail	1075	Kristopher	Lau	Merrill	WI
22-Aug	12:00 PM	40	Catfish	Bucktail	1192	Dougie	Spangler	Columbia City	IN
22-Aug	12:45 PM	35.5	Cranberry	Bucktail	1142	Owen	Lynch	Hatley	WI
22-Aug	1:20 PM	34	Seven Mile	Mepps	1153	Todd	Kurszewski	Iola	WI
22-Aug	1:35 PM	42.75	Catfish	Bucktail	1230	Brett	Strasser	West Allis	WI
22-Aug	3:45 PM	35.5	Kentuck	Jerk Bait	1099	Nick	Starr	Junction City	WI
22-Aug	4:28 PM	35.5	Kentuck	Twitch	1256	Daland	Sheahan	Stevens Point	WI
23-Aug	7:50 AM	36.5	Scattering Rice	Swim Bait	1106	Rick	Strasser	Waterford	WI
23-Aug	8:10 AM	38	Eagle	Bucktail	1234	Joe	Wielepski	Wauzeka	WI
23-Aug	9:20 AM	38.75	Duck	Bucktail	1202	Marc	Groth	Eagle River	WI
23-Aug	9:40 AM	40.5	Cranberry	Bucktail	1130	Brevin	Rach	Wauwatosa	WI

Lake Family 2 (30 muskies caught & released)

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21-Aug	7:52 AM	39.5	Townline	Black Buckertail Soo	2143	Alexis	Kitzman	Rosholt	WI
21-Aug	9:00 AM	34	Virgin	Cowgirl	2059	Forrest	Grassel	Seymour	WI
21-Aug	9:17 AM	38	Virgin	Cowgirl	2059	Forrest	Grassel	Seymour	WI
21-Aug	9:30 AM	35	Long	Doghouse Buck	2005	Darrel	Mack	Rhineland	WI
21-Aug	10:02 AM	40.25	Little Fork	Bucktail	2101	Dave	Schnuell	Little Chute	WI
21-Aug	10:23 AM	34	Round	Wizard	2102	Joshua	Rinkus	Algonquin	IL
21-Aug	10:48 AM	40	Dog	Bucktail	2099	Brian	Griep	Neenah	WI
21-Aug	12:30 PM	37	Little Fork	Spinner	2048	Gary	Renel	Kronenwetter	WI
21-Aug	1:53 PM	40	Planting Ground	Enticer Spinner	2004	Rick	Zwiers	Freedom	WI

21-Aug	4:10 PM	36.5 Deer	Loon color bucher top raider	2125 Noah	Gunderson	Argonne	WI
21-Aug	4:28 PM	39.75 Planting Ground	Swimmin Dawg	2044 Jesse	Braunel	Marathon	WI
21-Aug	4:47 PM	37 Virgin	Spinner	2089 Judy	Szpak	Mequon	WI
22-Aug	6:20 AM	40.5 Big Stone	Bucktail	2027 Bill	Janz	Marshfield	WI
22-Aug	7:05 AM	35.75 Round	Wizard	2102 Joshua	Rinkus	Algonquin	IL
22-Aug	7:42 AM	36 Big	Spinner	2051 William	Leonard	Wisconsin Dells	WI
22-Aug	8:30 AM	45.5 Long	Slowy Slippery Sam	2006 Jason	Wenzel	Spencer	WI
22-Aug	9:00 AM	37 Long	Bucktail	2037 Breckin	Faber	New Glarus	WI
22-Aug	10:05 AM	35.25 Little Fork	Spinner	2084 Terry	Schuelke	Greenville	WI
22-Aug	11:10 AM	36.75 Whitefish	Tube	2075 David	Siejkowski	Racine	WI
22-Aug	11:30 AM	41.5 Big Fork	Spinner	2084 Terry	Schuelke	Greenville	WI
22-Aug	12:04 PM	35.25 Medicine	Shallow SwimminDog	2043 Ashley	Braunel	Marathon	WI
23-Aug	6:15 AM	35.75 Island	Bucktail	2108 William	Dorow	Neenah	WI
23-Aug	7:00 AM	42.75 Virgin	Bulldawg	2058 Gordon	Grassel	Seymour	WI
23-Aug	7:08 AM	39 Planting Ground	Copper Bucktail	2124 Tim	Buehler	Monroe	WI
23-Aug	7:30 AM	40 Long	Bucktail	2087 James	Ledford	Woodstock	IL
23-Aug	8:00 AM	38 Whitefish	Spinner	2090 Steve	Szpak	Mequon	WI
23-Aug	8:45 AM	35 Virgin	Bulldawg	2058 Gordon	Grassel	Seymour	WI
23-Aug	9:01 AM	38 Planting Ground	Slop Master	2063 Jay	Highum	Rochester	MN
23-Aug	9:05 AM	35.75 Laurel	Bucktail	2036 Colt	Nicklaus	Plover	WI
23-Aug	10:25 AM	43.5 Medicine	Bucktail	2025 Dennis	Ezdon	Beloit	WI

Lake Family 3 (26 muskies caught & released)

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21-Aug	6:30 AM	44.5	Big Sand	Giant Killer	3016	Mike	Wierzba	Shawano	WI
21-Aug	6:45 AM	35	North Twin	Janko-Indian	3197	Brian	Adamski	Conover	WI
21-Aug	6:51 AM	39.25	LVD	Fat Bastard	3170	Rosanne	Schneider	Mayville	WI
21-Aug	7:00 AM	40	North Twin	Bucktail	3050	Paul	Sobralski	Eagle River	WI
21-Aug	7:20 AM	36.75	LVD	Mepps	3047	Randy	Albert	Birnamwood	WI
21-Aug	7:30 AM	48.5	LVD	Bucktail	3095	Jeremy	Falkowski	Wittenberg	WI

21-Aug	8:00 AM	35	Big Sand	Custom Berts Bait	3066	Eli	Morren	Oak Creek	WI
21-Aug	8:10 AM	40.25	LVD	Shallow Invador	3108	Don	Grant	Johnson Creek	WI
21-Aug	8:30 AM	42	North Twin	Hot Ticket	3177	Tim	Muscarello	Oak Creek	WI
21-Aug	9:30 AM	37.25	Long	Glide Bait	3121	Nolan	Spader	Oshkosh	WI
21-Aug	11:20 AM	37	Big Sand	Wood Grandma	3091	Tim	Sauter	Phelps	WI
21-Aug	4:56 PM	38	LVD	Bucktail	3160	Andy	Mitchell	Clintonville	WI
22-Aug	6:15 AM	41	South Twin	Bucktail	3088	Jake	Van Schyndel	Little Chute	WI
22-Aug	8:00 AM	45.5	Long	Bucktail	3222	Austin	Kalkofen	Eagle River	WI
22-Aug	8:00 AM	36	South Twin	Bucktail	3212	Jim	Clough	Janesville	WI
22-Aug	8:15 AM	43	Big Sand	Bucktail	3228	Mark	Roloff	Fond du Lac	WI
22-Aug	9:50 AM	43	Big Sand	?	3227	Parker	Roloff	Fond du Lac	WI
22-Aug	10:15 AM	35.25	Big Sand	Bulldawg	3113	Sawyer	Lynch	Hatley	WI
22-Aug	1:45 PM	46	LVD	In-Line Spinner	3033	Doug	Meidl	West Bend	WI
22-Aug	3:00 PM	34	Big Sand	Berts Baits	3066	Eli	Morren	Oak Creek	WI
23-Aug	6:05 AM	38.75	LVD	Big Putsa	3210	John	Rozgony	Crown Point	IN
23-Aug	7:53 AM	36.5	LVD	Medusa	3161	Craig	Verhagen	Sobieski	WI
23-Aug	8:27 AM	37	LVD	Medusa	3161	Craig	Verhagen	Sobieski	WI
23-Aug	9:30 AM	36	LVD	Medusa	3190	Jack	Krause	Stevens Point	WI
23-Aug	10:30 AM	47	North Twin	Bucktail	3115	Mike	Thistle	Watersmeet	MI
23-Aug	10:50 AM	40.5	LVD	Spring Dog	3232	Jakob	Wegner	Madison	WI

Lake Family 4 (15 muskies caught & released)

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Date	Time Caught	Length	Lake caught	Bait	Reg #	First Name	Last Name	City	State
21-Aug	11:00 AM	39.5	Found	Top Raider	4058	Max	Christel	Manitowoc	WI
21-Aug	11:37 AM	36	Little St Germain	Spinner	4088	Clay	Gerds	Fort Atkinson	WI
21-Aug	12:00 PM	38.5	Found	Top Raider	4058	Max	Christel	Manitowoc	WI
21-Aug	3:11 PM	47	Razorback	Swimming Dawg	4064	Erik	Sherfinski	Wausau	WI
21-Aug	3:27 PM	35.25	Star	Bucktail	4107	Charlie	Scott	Phoenix	AZ
21-Aug	4:50 PM	39.25	Laura	Bondi	4101	Chase	Warner	Cornell	WI
22-Aug	6:37 AM	43.5	Plum	Homemade Bait	4009	Graham	Neiman	Fletcher	NC

22-Aug	7:30 AM	40	Little St Germain	Spinner	4085 Doug	Wollin	Lake Mills	WI
22-Aug	9:51 AM	36	Balard	Chasin Tail PT	4101 Chase	Warner	Cornell	WI
22-Aug	2:58 PM	34.25	Found	Soft Tail Phantom	4095 Steve	Peterson	Batavia	IL
22-Aug	4:50 PM	35	Little St Germain	Posidon	4013 Jeff	Raley	Ishpeming	MI
23-Aug	7:30 AM	44.5	Little St Germain	Madusa	4086 Dan	Komorowski	Johnson Creek	WI
23-Aug	10:30 AM	39.5	Little St Germain	Madusa	4086 Dan	Komorowski	Johnson Creek	WI
23-Aug	10:35 AM	46	Little St Germain	Bucktail	4013 Jeff	Raley	Ishpeming	MI
23-Aug	10:47 AM	44.5	Little St Germain	Swin Dog	4055 Till	Olson	Janesville	WI

Lake Family 5 (9 muskies caught & released)

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Date	Time Caught	Length	Lake caught	Bait	Reg #	First Name	Last Name	City	State
21-Aug	8:05 AM	40.5	Sand	Suick	5052	Scott	Bliss	Pewaukee	WI
21-Aug	9:45 AM	35	Little Arbor Vitae	Topwater	5105	Laihr	Worden	Waupaca	WI
21-Aug	1:41 PM	43	Big Arbor Vitae	Suick	5060	Matt	McCumber	Janesville	WI
21-Aug	4:30 PM	40.5	Big Arbor Vitae	Buckertail	5043	Jay	Vandervest	Luxemburg	WI
22-Aug	8:50 AM	41.5	Sand	Fat Bastard	5096	Chris	Ploense	Chippewa Falls	WI
22-Aug	2:55 PM	45.5	Big Arbor Vitae	Bucktail	5058	Eric	Knudson	Phillips	WI
22-Aug	3:20 PM	34	Sand	Bucktail	5094	Vincent	Driessen	Kakauna	WI
22-Aug	4:25 PM	41	Big Arbor Vitae	Black Bucher Bucktail	5044	Ella	Vandervest	Luxemburg	WI
23-Aug	7:45 AM	41.5	Dam	Bucktail	5090	Jeff	Rodgers	Fredonia	WI

Lake Family 6 (10 muskies caught & released)

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Date	Time Caught	Length	Lake caught	Bait	Reg #	First Name	Last Name	City	State
21-Aug	8:05 AM	38.5	Boot	Bucktail	6071	Matt	Mielke	Campbellsport	WI
21-Aug	11:00 AM	36	Snipe	Bucktail	6109	Thomas	Waterworth	Fall River	WI
21-Aug	4:20 PM	48.5	Boot	?	6068	Colton	Kluth	Clintonville	WI
21-Aug	4:38 PM	36.5	Snipe	Bucktail	6109	Thomas	Waterworth	Fall River	WI
22-Aug	7:15 AM	34.5	Boot	Bulldog	6098	Chris	Komorowski	Eagle River	WI

22-Aug	8:05 AM	39 Boot	Bucktail	6067 Jada	Martin	Clintonville	WI
22-Aug	9:30 AM	42.25 Boot	Raddog Spinner	6025 Jeff	Dimick	Milladore	WI
22-Aug	4:00 PM	43.5 Boot	Bucktail	6071 Matt	Mielke	Campbellsport	WI
23-Aug	10:40 AM	35 Snipe	Bucktail	6059 Jacob	Blank	Kakauna	WI
23-Aug	10:40 AM	35 Snipe	Swim Jig	6102 Sutton	Komorowski	Beaver Dam	WI

Lake Family 7 (18 muskies caught & released)

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21-Aug	6:10 AM	35.5	High	Secret Bucktail	7005	Gregg	Hepp	Wisconsin Rapids	WI
21-Aug	7:00 AM	38	Boulder	Topwater	7032	Mark	Lenda	Manitowish Waters	WI
21-Aug	7:00 AM	35	Tenderfoot	Top Raider	7069	Dawson	Engel	Jefferson	WI
21-Aug	7:45 AM	34	Boulder	Bucktail	7063	Casey	McCormick	Iron Mountain	MI
21-Aug	8:50 AM	34.75	Boulder	Topwater	7073	Ben	Wood	Iron Mountain	MI
21-Aug	9:15 AM	37	Tenderfoot	Tube	7039	Tom	Leach	Fond du Lac	WI
21-Aug	9:42 AM	35.25	Tenderfoot	Bucktail	7015	Sam	Sweeney	McFarland	WI
21-Aug	10:35 AM	36.5	Boulder	Double Cowgirl	7026	Patrick	Johnson	Cambridge	MN
21-Aug	12:15 PM	34.5	High	Toad	7067	Nolan	White	Ringle	WI
21-Aug	1:15 PM	38.25	Palmer	Bucktail	7051	Jarrold	Gruber	Kewaskum	WI
21-Aug	2:19 PM	36	Palmer	Mepps	7010	Adam	Burhop	Sheboygan	WI
21-Aug	4:20 PM	36	Little Crooked	Tube	7073	Ben	Wood	Iron Mountain	MI
22-Aug	6:20 AM	43.5	Boulder	Topwater	7063	Casey	McCormick	Iron Mountain	MI
22-Aug	7:30 AM	34.25	Little Crooked	Bulldawg	7006	Lance	Achterberg	Oshkosh	WI
22-Aug	8:30 AM	37.5	Wildcat	Enticer Curly Spinner	7019	Dale	Wetzel	Campbellsport	WI
22-Aug	10:45 AM	39.25	Boulder	Bucktail	7059	Brody	Degnitz	Slinger	WI
22-Aug	1:00 PM	34	Boulder	Bucktail	7072	Jason	Cross	Oshkosh	WI
23-Aug	8:38 AM	34	Wildcat	Mepps	7009	Andy	Burhop	Sheboygan	WI