

## Fishing Report Week Ending 10/23/2020

**Area ponds/lakes-** As water temperatures fall, fishing has been gradually getting slower and slower with fewer numbers of fish per outing. The good news is that the fish you do catch will be significantly larger in size. Small plastic worms fished on a Texas rig and small 2 3/4-foot tubes in crawfish colors on 1/8-ounce jig heads have been the better fish-catching producers.

**Burke Lake Park-** Fishing has been slow for most species of fish. The exception has been largemouth bass and a few walleyes showing up. For bass, target the offshore areas with structure and drop-offs with plastic lures fished on the bottom. Texas-rigged plastics and Carolina rigs have been the better producers. On warmer days shad-colored crankbaits have been productive. Walleye anglers have had their best success on overcast days and night-fishing. If night-fishing, remember to use the 24-hour Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources Access. Walleye anglers have been using 1/8-ounce and 1/4-ounce jig heads tipped with night crawlers and trolling worm harnesses on the bottom.

**Shenandoah River-** No fishing reports this week

As water temperatures continue to drop, remember to fish lures and baits slower and fish with smaller-sized lures. Plan your fishing trips during the warmer parts of the day and try, and fish on days that are on a two-day warming trend.

Our final fishing report for 2021 will be on the week ending Oct. 30, 2020 and will be available next week. We will post exceptional pictures and articles throughout the year.