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## Grand Rapids Area Ice Fishing Report 2-14-2011– by Jason Green



Another weekend on the ice. The wind was a little stiff but you couldn't ask for warmer temps for this time of year. The warm weekend had plenty of families outside. It was a wonderful site to see!

Saturday I teamed up with Greg Clusiau, Blake Liend and my two boys Ryan and Austin in search of a good Gill bite. The morning was a bit on the slow side where we were forced to stay on the move and pick them off one at a time. As afternoon approached our morning cloud cover disappeared and the bite was on. All though finding big bull gills was pretty difficult we did manage to

stumble across a descent Perch bite in 9' of water. Best presentation was a small red Gill Getter tipped with a waxi hooked wacky style worked with a very small twitch, lift and inch and hold, then repeat. Once your jig was off the bottom a foot and a half or so, drop back down and start over. The size of Perch was a little smaller than last week but we did end up with a nice pile of 9"-11".

On Sunday after church I was joined by Pike Fanatic Nathan Huntley, his two boys, Professional Fishing Guide Jeff Sundin and my oldest boy Ryan in search of Monster Pike. We did



end up icing a couple nice pike and perch but the "Monsters" were no where in sight. We targeted 20' areas surrounded by vegetation and rock with deep water near by. Right now it seems Pike are cruising the deeper water and then moving in to feed.

The warm weekend really has made a mess on the lakes. Slush can be found everywhere. We even found a small area of open water. The good news is with the snow melting and settling all we will need is a couple cold nights and traveling will be much easier.