

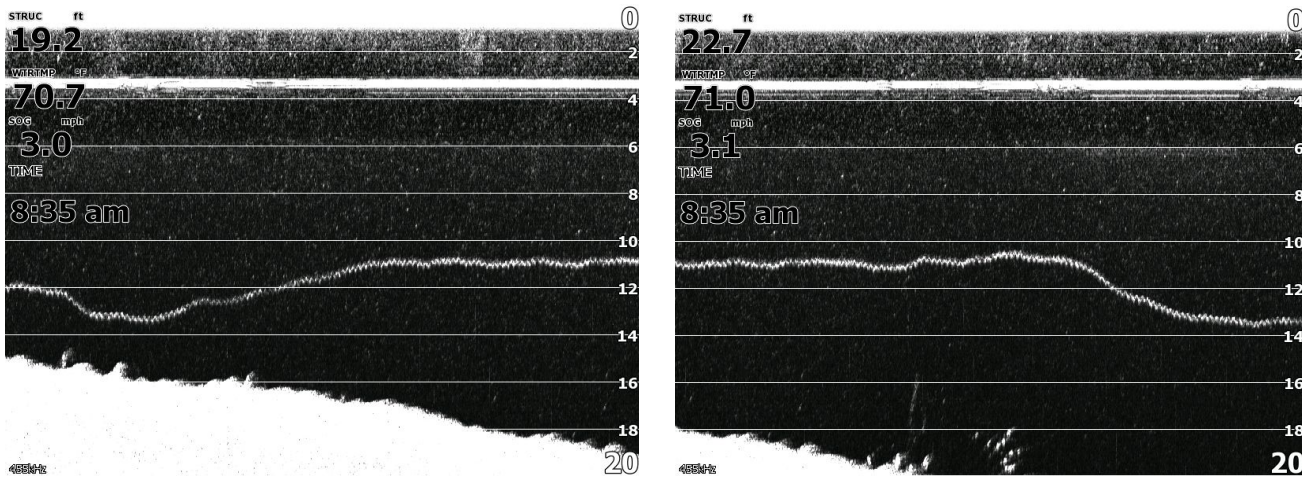
## Notes on the Livid Fish

I use a 24' pontoon boat to fish out of a lot. I also have a 21' Charger bass boat that I like to fish out of also. The pontoon boat though is a trolling machine. If I want to troll for walleye or crappie I can get the speed down to 1.7 MPH. I sometimes troll for muskies up to 6 MPH. I usually only troll 4 rods regardless of the number of people I take out, Pomme de Terre has a lot of stuff to get hung-up on; brush piles, standing timber, broke off under the water line, and other stuff.

I started using the Livid Fish 9" a couple of years ago and have had fantastic luck with them. In 2015, using only two of the Livid Fish, walleye and bluegill colored, my clients and I had a great week, having 19 fish on and landing 12 of them including a double. All this was when the water was 17' high and no one else was even fishing for any species. Pomme de Terre is a Corp of Engineers lake and is subject to high water sometimes as high as 25' as we had in December of 2015.

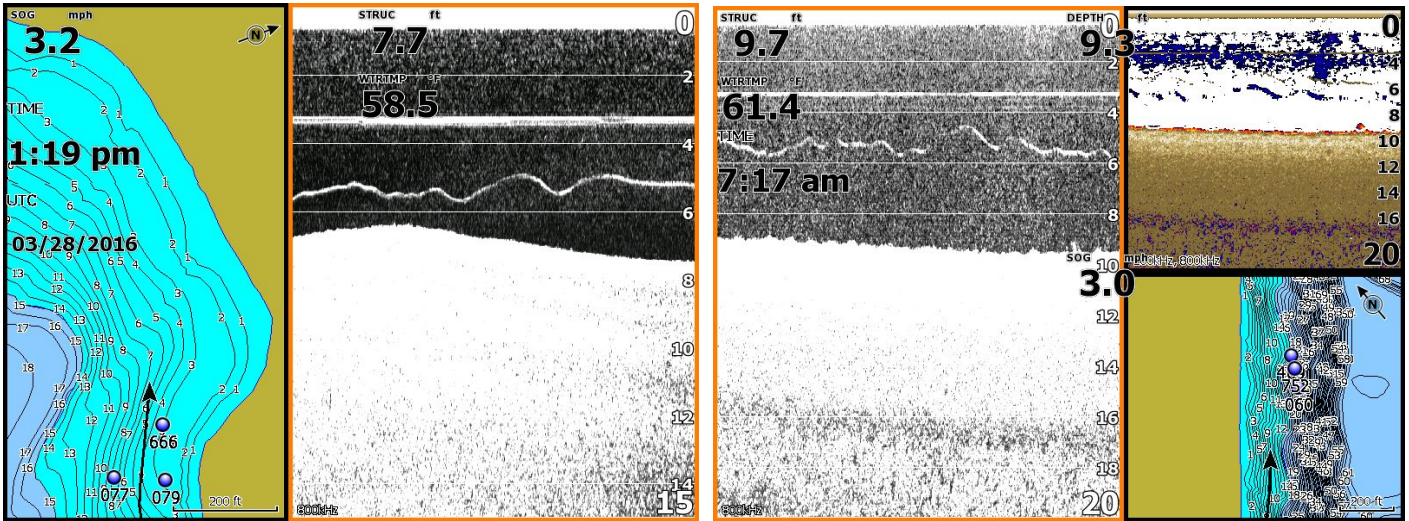
This year in 2016 I did not fish that much in the spring due to doctor visits and the fact that I could not get to my pontoon boat until the end of February due to the high water. I had an operation in May and just really started fishing for muskies around the end of May. I only went out for a couple of hours every other day and ended up with 4 muskies in a week. I started guiding again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June and then on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June. On the tenth of June we ended up with a 41" in the boat caught on a Fire Tiger Livid Fish. The four fish that I caught myself were all caught on a Livid Fish, different colors.

The following is what I have discovered with the Livid Fish. When I use the pontoon boat for trolling I put a rod in the rod holder at the front of the boat and let it back about 20 feet. The following is a picture of what I see on my depth finder, a Lowrance HDS 8 with side imaging, the lure is a 9" Livid Fish and is being trolled at 3 MPH, the up and down that you are looking at is controlled by simply turning the boat either left or right.



If you look close you will see that the line above is jagged, that is from the movement of the Livid Fish.

The following is from the 7" Livid Fish and you will see that the jagged line is a lot smaller but there is a lot of movement. I took my youngest grandson out trolling with the 7" because we were trolling in shallow water and he ended up with a 39" muskie. We were trolling next to the dam at the time. The up and down movement is just from the Livid Fish and I really like the way it does that.



I also use weights and Sea Strikers to get the lures down deeper. I can't use a 9" Livid Fish with the Sea Strikers because the lure is too big but the 7" works great. When the screenshot on the right side was taken we had very calm water and it is showing what I think are fingerlings after the spawn.

I asked Corey if he could add another eyelet to the front of a Livid Fish and this was the result of that and I am very pleased with it. When I was trolling at 3 MPH and I had 90' of line out I was dragging bottom in 15' of water: at 100' of line I was dragging bottom in 16" of water: at 110" of line I was dragging bottom at 17' of water and at 125' of line I was dragging bottom at 18' of water.

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