

Got teeth? Anglers land impressive fish

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Talk about impressive fish.

Two anglers, on two different bodies of water, one in a boat, the other wading, caught some very nice fish of two different kinds recently.

Michael Purcell of Pittsburgh's North Shore admits to being an addict. He can't get enough of chasing muskies on the three rivers around the city.

He was out on was such trip in late July, fishing the Allegheny near the city, when he caught a 41-inch, 23-pound fish "just as the sun was going down."

"Caught it from my boat in about 15 feet of water on a large 10-inch crankbait. Successful release," he said.

Meanwhile, Dan Morey was wading at Presque Isle Bay. The Erie man does that quite frequently. Northern pike are a common catch, but only at certain times of year.

"I've been wading for pike in the bay for many years, and typically catch the 30-40 inchers only in spring and fall when they are shallow," he said.

He got what he called "a very nice surprise" in the last days of July, though, when he caught a 37-inch northern on a Rapala minnow.

He, too, released his fish to fight another day.



Dan Morey and his big Presque Isle Bay northern pike.

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