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Scrounger - Versatile and Successful

By Editorial Staff

One classic bait that should be a standard in every angler's tackle box is the Luck "E" Strike Scrounger. "Extremely useful when bass are deep, inactive, and water temperatures are cooler, a Scrounger can make even a novice a better fisherman" says professional angler Larry Nixon, winner of the 1985 Bassmaster Classic.

Nixon, who has won more than \$1.6 million on tour, throws the Luck "E" Strike Scrounger and swears by it. The Scrounger is likely the most versatile lure in the world. It can be fished as a traditional jig-head, a swimbait and can even be thrown as a crankbait around stumps, weeds, and other cover. Nixon added, "It

Larry Nixon



In The News

Livewell invention aids fish survival

SHELBYVILLE, Ky. — A little company in rural Kentucky has quietly developed a product that could drastically reduce delayed mortality in bass following tournaments, especially during hot weather.

The easily installed V-T2 has no moving parts and creates an open air exchange when installed in the center of a livewell lid. A 3-inch sleeve protrudes into the water, directing air into, through and out of the livewell

to cool, oxygenate and remove harmful gases.

Judy Tipton said that she and other tournament anglers developed the simple and inexpensive (\$44.99) ventilation system of out a desire "to keep our bass alive and healthy."

"Even though we often got through the weigh-ins without a dead fish or penalty, it was obvious that the health of our fish had declined greatly and the prospect of survival was low once they were released,"

said the director of research and development for the manufacturer, NewPro Products.

Tipton recalled an August tournament on Barren River Lake.

"The release area had hundreds of dead fish floating," she said. "Anglers were knee-deep in the water, attempting to resuscitate struggling fish."

"It was horrible. I remember thinking that I am ashamed to be a part of this. As much as I love fishing and competing in tournaments, I was not proud to be a tournament angler that day."

Realizing that there had to be a better way, she and her associates developed the V-T2. They recognized that a closed livewell system creates water-quality problems by holding in heat and harmful gases and limiting dissolved oxygen.

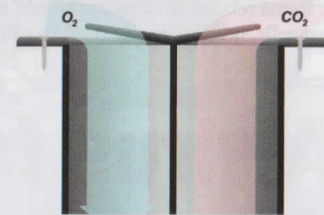
"Aerators are great and needed," Tipton said. "But to save on battery power, they usually run

on a timer. Fish need continuous oxygen flow the entire time they are in the livewell.

"Interval aeration creates a roller coaster of oxygen levels and a very unstable and more stressful environment."

By opening up the livewell to the atmosphere, the V-T2 utilizes natural processes to cool, oxygenate and remove harmful gases. For more information, visit www.newproproducts.com.

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Opening the livewell to the atmosphere lets oxygen in and expels harmful gases.

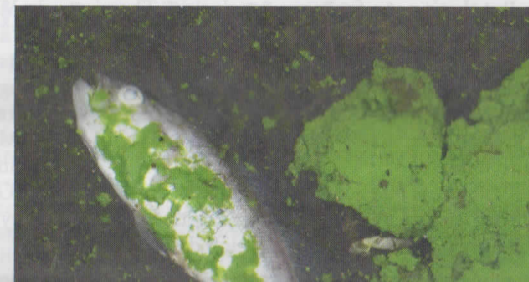
Algal blooms take big toll on lakes

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Traditionally a problem in the Midwest and around the Great Lakes, harmful algal blooms (HABs) are a growing problem nationwide, according to the National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Regional Center. For example, Kentucky officials found toxic algae at four lakes during 2013, for the first time ever.

"No one wants a green, sick lake," said

147 locations. While New York led the way with 50 warnings, a bloom covered Florida's St. Lucie River and Indian River Lagoon with fluorescent green slime, killing fish, dolphins, manatees and birds.

In an attempt to increase public awareness of this problem, the center teamed with Resource Media to release a report, "Toxic Algae: Coming



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